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SYPHILIS EMERGENCY IN MILWAUKEE

The Division of Health in cooperation with Gay Peoples Union has launched an emergency program aimed at dealing with the second major outbreak of syphilis among gay males in Milwaukee this year. About 16 new cases of syphilis have turned up in gay men in the last month.

Beginning August 5, a representative of the Division will be on hand every Monday evening at regular GPU meetings to answer questions and take blood samples for free testing. Ms. Louise Fabinski of the Division said, "We can assure complete confidentiality in this manner and we will take no histories of sexual contacts at the meetings." The Division hopes to train several GPU members to continue to take samples at meetings.

In addition, those persons who wish to have their blood tested during regular clinic hours at the Department of Social Hygiene, Room 110, 841 N. Broadway, need only ask for Louise or Ken to avoid the long wait in line.

Mr. Fred Martich who does contact interviews with infected persons said that the epidemic has been prolonged for two reasons. First, infected persons have failed to recognize the "early warning" signs of syphilis. The signs to look for are lumps in the groin or sores near or on the penis or anus. Even a pimple in these areas must be suspect. A sore might also appear on the lip or tongue and be mistaken for a cold sore. If you have one of these signs, get a blood test immediately and even if it is negative, get another in 2 or 3 weeks, just to be sure.

The second reason for failure to bring the epidemic under better control is because infected persons frequently do not cooperate fully with the Department. They just cannot or will not "remember" who their sexual partners were. Martich pointed out that the Division does not take sex contact histories from persons who are not infected. In addition, the name of the person who supplies the contacts is never

revealed. Without such a list, he said, the Division has no way of discreetly contacting those who might also be infected and need treatment.

Remember that the gay community has the power to stop this epidemic since treatment is relatively simple. Let's not be fooled, however, into thinking we can do it ourselves. We need the excellent staff of the Division of Health. Together we can stamp out V.D. in the gay community in Milwaukee.

INMATE FILES GAY MAG SUIT

Chicago. On August 2, a three-judge appeals court panel overturned a decision by Federal Judge Robert E. Tehan in which he threw out a suit brought by a prisoner at the State Prison in Waupun against the warden, Ramon L. Gray.

The prisoner, Ronald Terry, had sought permission to receive six homosexual publications. The warden had granted permission, warning Terry not to pass them around to other inmates. When Terry did pass them around, they were confiscated. The inmate then sued the warden, charging violation of his civil rights. He sought \$500,000 in damages.

In dismissing his suit, Judge Tehan said, "The conduct of the defendant in restricting the free circulation of the literature in question among the population of the prison is not so unreasonable as to constitute a grievous loss to the plaintiff." Terry appealed the dismissal.

The panel's decision means that the suit must be returned to the federal court in Milwaukee for further hearings.

It is believed that GPU NEWS was one of the publications involved since Terry has long had a free prisoner's subscription.

PRESBYTERIAN GAYS ORGANIZE

Louisville, Ky. Presbyterian Gay Caucus (PGC) met here for the first time during the 10 day period of General Assemblies of the United Presbyterian Church from June 16 to 26.

Co-ordinator of the new gay caucus is the Reverend David B. Sindt, who now lives in Chicago. Presbyterian Gay Caucus offers membership to any member of a United Presbyterian congregation willing to work, in Mr. Sindt's words, for "change within the denomination of the injustice it perpetuates against people on the basis of their sexual orientation."

Elected Moderator of the General Assembly was the Reverend Robert C. Lamar of Albany, N.Y., who has previously affirmed his

willingness to vote for ordination of gay clergy. Candidates also answering in the affirmative were the Rev. George H. Pike of Vancouver, Wash., and the Rev. William R. Johnston of Murraysville, Pa. Those answering in the negative were the Rev. John L. Botes of Ridge Manor, Fla., the Rev. James U. Angell of Clairmont, Cal., the Rev. Marshall W. Simpson of Putnam, Ill., and the Rev. Malcolm F. Stewart of Jacksonville, Ill.

Presbyterian Gay Caucus can be reached by writing them at PO Box 2073, Chicago, Ill. 60690.

Nancy Krody of Philadelphia participated with the Rev. Mr. Sindt in a panel discussion at a workshop on "New and Emerging Life-Styles for Women and Men."

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MR. SAUGATUCK SELECTED



Photo: Chicago Gay Crusader

Saugatuck, Mich. — On July 13 and 14 Saugatuck Lodges presented its annual Mr. Saugatuck Contest. Seventeen contestants, described by the owner of the lodges as “the most beautiful men in the mid-west,” competed for the title and prizes.

The new Mr. Saugatuck is Michael Lanerri, 20, of Chicago. He also recently won the title of Mr. Broadway Sam’s and Mr. Carol’s Coming Out Pub in contests at those Chicago Bars. He was crowned by the recently selected Miss Saugatuck, Mel Powell of Milwaukee.

The first award, in addition to a trophy and medallion, included an all-expenses paid round trip to Miami Beach with accommodations at the Marco Polo Hotel. Mr. Lanerri will represent Saugatuck Lodges in the Mr. David contest which will be held August 4, 5, 6. The winner of the Mr. David Contest will receive an all-expense paid trip to Europe.

FIREFIGHTER DENIED JOB

Elk Grove Village, Ill. David C. Gardner, 28, was recently denied a position as a fireman in this Chicago suburb because he admitted to a single homosexual experience at 19. He told the examiners that he had accepted \$50 “to let a homosexual do his thing,” and that he was ashamed of his action.

Gardner, now married, had passed all written examinations and his other qualifications for the position include the fact that he is a registered nurse and has taken college-level firefighting courses.

Village Fire and Police Board Commissioners Gayle B. Bantner and Dr. Alan J. Shapiro bluntly stated that the homosexual act was the only reason Gardner was not hired. Commissioner H. Robert Goldsmith felt that Gardner was being treated unfairly and cast his vote in favor of the hiring.

Said Commissioner Shapiro, “The sooner this whole thing is dropped, the better off we will be.” Gardner requested a public hearing which did not reverse the decision because, he said, “Everyone knew the only thing between me and the job was to pass a lie detector test. I would have everybody know the truth than to have them think I’m a liar.”

ACLU BIENNIAL MEETING

Milwaukee. The American Civil Liberties Union held its national biennial conference at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on June 13-16. Three “frontier areas” were discussed from a wide variety of viewpoints in different meeting sessions. Several members of Gay Peoples Union attended the sessions.

The first area was that of victimless crimes. The debates covered pornography, obscenity, censorship, prostitution, and consensual sodomy. The following statement was voted as a recommendation to the National Board of ACLU for policy-binding:

The ACLU opposes the definition of behavior as criminal when such behavior, engaged in either alone or with other consenting adults, does not in and of itself harm another person, or directly force such person to act unwillingly in any way. Examples of behavior that should be exempt from criminal prohibition include, but are not limited to: gambling, attempted suicide, sexual relations, or the introduction of substances into one's own body. Further, the ACLU opposes involuntary institutionalization and/or treatment of consenting adults for engaging in such behavior. Nothing in this policy is to be construed as placing the ACLU in opposition to reasonable regulatory restraints, such as already exist with respect to the produc-

tion and sale of food, liquor, cigarettes, penicillin, insulin, methadone, aspirin, etc., except that no restraints of any kind should exist with respect to private sexual relations between or among consenting adults.

The National Board has 18 months to respond to the recommendation.

The second area of concern was that of the growing threat of science to civil liberties. Debates here also covered a wide range of topics including: behavior modification as found in schools, hospitals, prisons and orphanages; fetal and chromosomal research; computerized data banks containing personal statistics; and, of course, pollution control.

The third area of concern dealt with the rights of children. The debates concerned the rights of children in relation to the rights of parents, schools, foster parents, etc. Legal rights and personal rights such as rights over the body and sexual rights were also discussed.

Many well-known national civil rights leaders were present and the representatives from Gay Peoples Union took the opportunity to point out that gay rights overlap in every one of the three areas under discussion.

EDITORIAL

It has been said, by uninformed people, that Gay Peoples Union and GPU NEWS are both male-dominated and sexist. It is true that there are more men than women in GPU and the articles of incorporation and by-laws make no provisions which guarantee women a position of leadership. They are, however, written without reference to gender and in non-sexist terms. To guarantee a specific number of positions to women regardless of qualifications would in itself be sexist and might hamper the work of the group.

GPU has nine offices to be filled each term. Currently two talented women served on GPU's 5-member board of directors and both the vice-president and the secretary are also women who work very hard for the group. It just happens,

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then, that four out of the nine offices are currently being filled by women. Furthermore, last year's chairperson of the board happened to be a woman. Abilities and willingness to work seem more important than gender to the membership when selecting officers.

Indeed, movement leaders from other cities when visiting in Milwaukee have been impressed with the fact that GPU is "co-equal and co-sexual." Morris Kight of L.A.'s Gay Community Services Center said that he was pleased that GPU is dealing with sexism in a "loving way."

Now, let's take a look at GPU NEWS. There is, indeed, more male oriented material than female oriented material in the publication. However, the charge of "tokenism" is unfair, considering the fact that each issue contains as much material directed towards women as we can find. The women's editor, Jai Brett, is constantly beating the bushes for more material. The quality of the women's articles that we print is higher than that of almost any other gay publication, including, we believe, some that are directed solely to women.

Some people have charged us with sexism because we sometimes print tasteful male nudes. We do not see that this charge holds water because we see nothing about the human body, either male or female, of which we need to be ashamed. We have printed female nudes and will do so in the future.

Because articles about the lesbian view are so difficult to obtain, many gay publications have given up and are now directed solely toward the gay male. GPU NEWS has no intentions of becoming a male only publication or a sexist one. It is up to women to provide articles from the woman's viewpoint. If you are a woman, you can help GPU NEWS by either writing articles or by badgering your women friends who can write until they submit articles to us.

FEEDBACK

GPU NEWS:

I've heard of your organization from a friend and I would like more information. I come from Korea and to me an organization such as yours seems like a miracle! In Korea, persons who are gay are harrassed brutally and an organization such as yours would be destroyed. Please also send me information about your newspaper.

Yours Truly,
Chong Taek Bae
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Friends:

I write in response to your article "APA Victory Insecure Yet" (GPU NEWS, June, 1974, page 2).

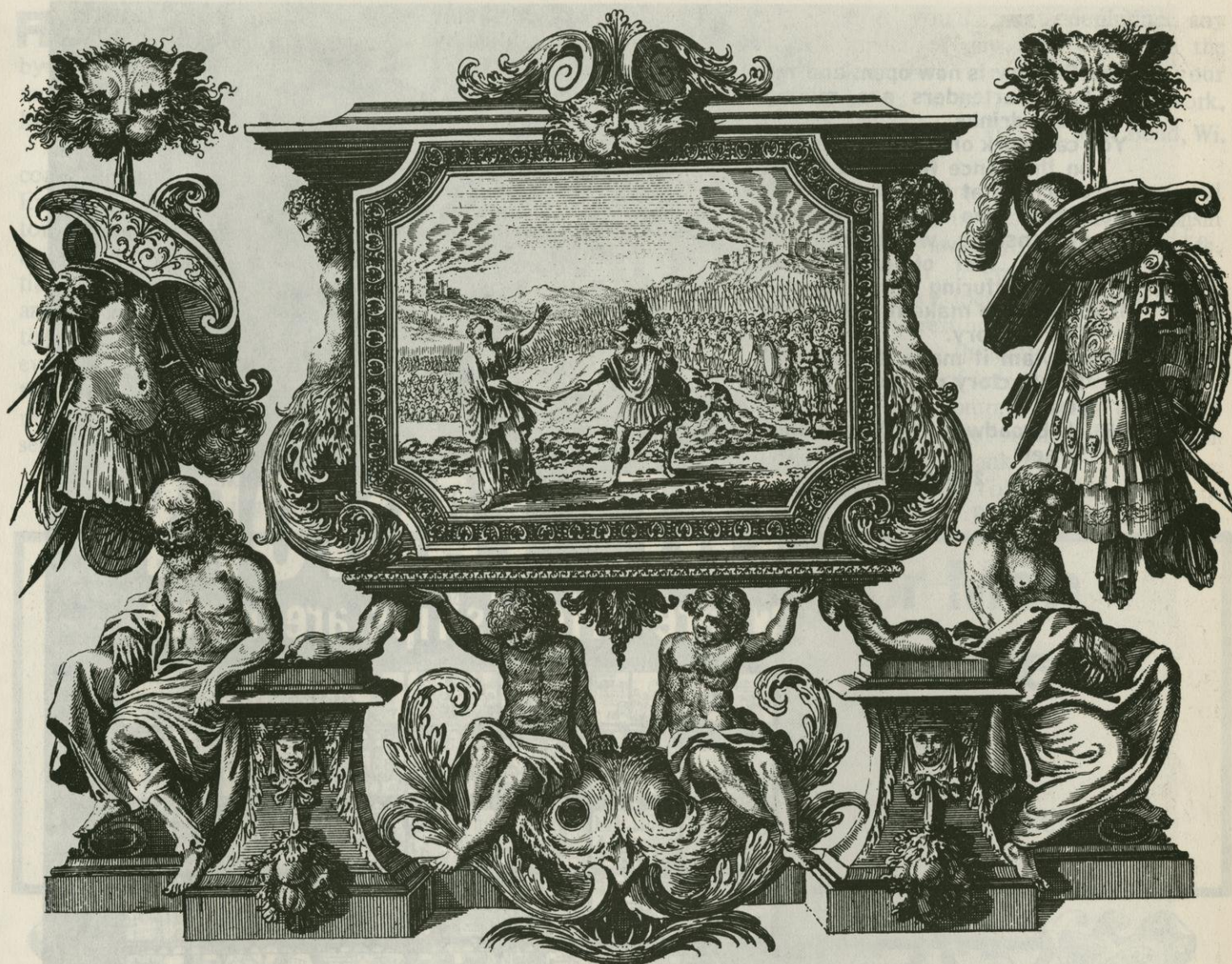
The quotation attributed to Dr. Judd Marmor ("I was burned by these people (NGTF) but never again") seemed to me to be so out of character and so non-representative of what I believed to be his views and sentiments that I wrote to him to inquire as to whether he had actually made any such comment and, if so, in what context. His response, in full, received today, is:

Thank you for your note of June 26. I had already received a call from Ron Gold about this same quote. I am completely at a loss to account for the statement attributed to me. I never made the statement nor was I ever interviewed by anyone about the mailing in any context in which I could possibly have made such a statement. Moreover, the remark does not correspond to any feelings that I have with regard to NGTF, so I could not possibly have made it. I can only conclude therefore that the statement is a total fabrication!

I do not know your sources of misinformation, but you should check them more carefully before uncritically accepting what you are told.

Much more important: There will be no revote on the resolution

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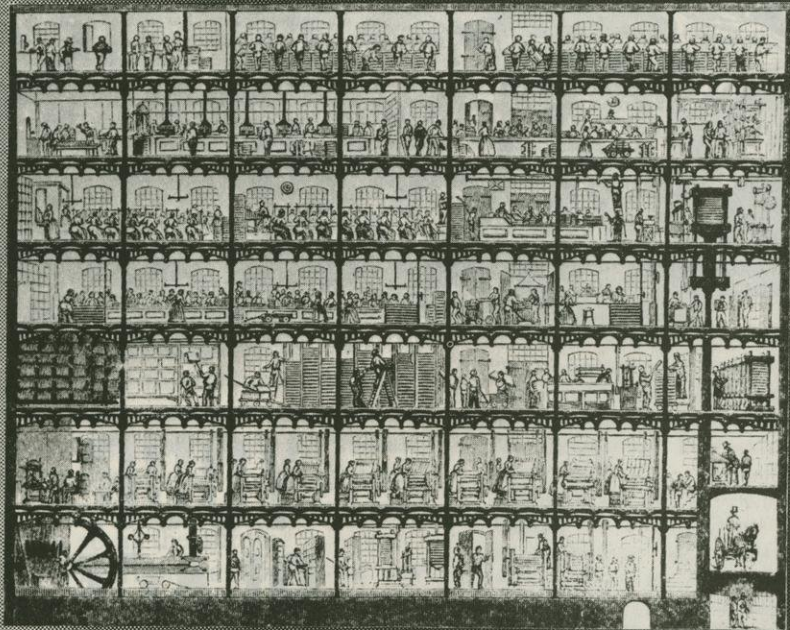
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FEEDBACK (from page 4)

by the APA Board of Trustees removing homosexuality from the listing of mental disorders.

The matter was scheduled to come up at the meeting of the APA Executive Committee in Washington on June 21-22. They took no action now, nor did they defer action until later. Dr. Socarides (I am told) withdrew his complaint to the Ethics Committee (or whatever) alleging improper conduct of the referendum. Therefore the matter is dead! Our victory IS secure!

Cordially,
Franklin E. Kameny
Washington, D.C.

Editor's reply: National Gay Task Force also checked with Dr. Marmor and has informed us that he did not make this statement. Our writer quoted the San Francisco Gay Crusader who either misquoted or fabricated. Our apologies to true friend of gays, Dr. Marmor.

Dear GPU NEWS:

Please send my compliments to everyone on the staff of GPU NEWS for doing an excellent job in putting out a fine paper. In response to a letter you printed in your FEEDBACK column from Kaye R., I did not find any of your advertisements to be "vulgar," including the one mentioned in her letter. I found that one to be especially beautiful and also in very good taste. I don't think any pic-

ture you'd print depicting any aspect of gay love would be the least bit vulgar. Please tell your artists to keep up the good work.

Sincerely, Terry B., West Bend, Wi.

Brothers: Sisters:

I'm living and farming up and over here in west central Wisconsin ideally away from the city life. However, an empathy with city life gay news, local and national, would be interesting. The need to share ideas and thoughts with other gays is always of interest. Does any network of communication exist so I could find out if there are others in my area? Thank you.

Yours in life,
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BEER BUST TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS



by Harvey Lawrence

Group sex has recently come into vogue in the United States, along with its "pop" vocabulary of words like "groupie", "love-in", "sexual encounter group", etc. This rather new innovation in sexual fulfillment can be tried in about as many situations as there are sexual positions. Some are truly as new as the modern trend toward sexual permissiveness, while others date from ancient times. Group sex can also be categorized according to place, number of participants, relationship of the partners to each other, gender of the participants, amount of homo and/or hetero sex practiced, and the durability of the group as a social unit.

Yet, while it is fascinating to pursue the beautiful possibilities (and *volumes* have already been written for both popular and scientific consumption), little attention seems to have been given to sex between married couples and a third partner. Even the "pop" vocabulary has failed to provide a word or phrase which matches the precision of the French, who knowingly call it "*menage a trois*".

Literally translated "household of three", *menage a trois* has commonly come to mean a love triangle; a sexual entente for three. Mutual attraction is the key to distinguishing this triumverate from the type of open ended trios which have figured in so centrally to some of history's great crimes of passion. The mutual attraction found in these family affairs has taken on a new significance for gay couples who like to kiss-and-tale, as well as for gay singles who prefer the challenge of uneven numbers. Families such as these are no accident.

A Family Affair

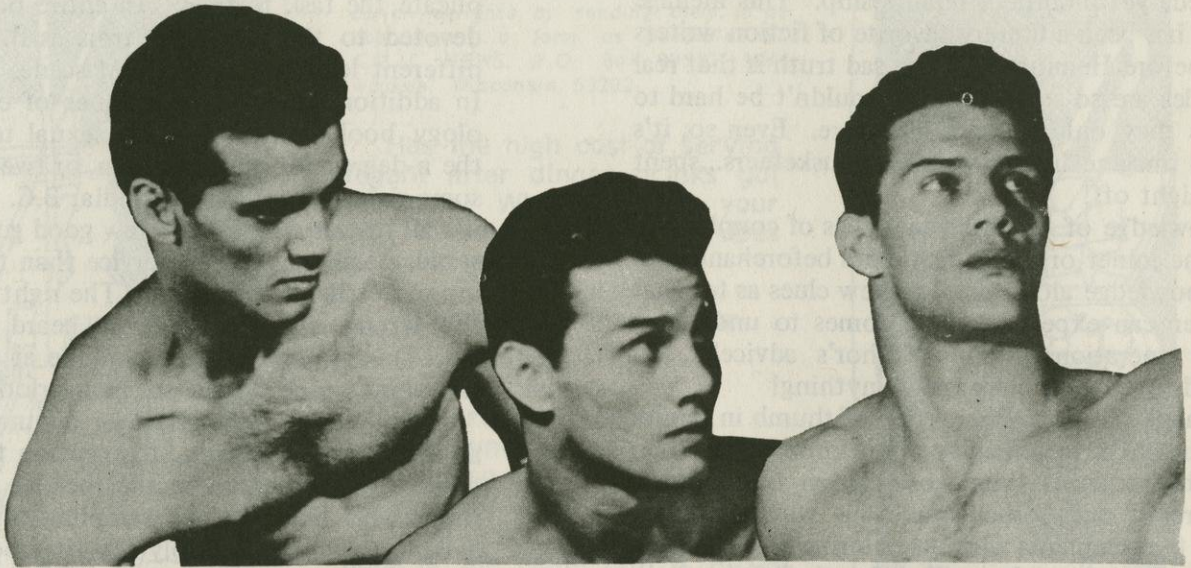
Their formation can often require the skill of a diplomat and the cunning determination of a jungle cat, if the outside third partner is to succeed in his efforts. However, a basic overview of "menagerie" construction can save the novice from blunders and *fois paux* which might end an affair on the orphanage steps.

Perhaps the cardinal rule of three-ways is to remember that the couple involved determines the ground rules under which the "family" will function. This is more easily understood if the third partner remembers the fine difference between joining and being accepted. Since the couple is already relating to each other within a complex structure of levels, an outsider should not expect equality, since sex and perhaps friendship are only two levels out of many. The outsider is being invited to share in the relationship and should never think that he is joining of his own accord. Keeping this important distinction in mind will make the difference between being treated as a welcomed guest or rejected as a threatening intruder.

As an intimate partner and not an objective observer, the joiner may become involved involuntarily in a jealous power-play at which time it is best to bow out gracefully. Before dashing for the nearest exit, however, there are a number of overtures which can be made if the difficulty appears temporary or situational.

First, an attempt should be made to remove all three people to a neutral level, preferably a social one. Going to a movie together, dining out at a favorite restaurant, throwing a joint party, or similar activity could serve as a good pressure valve. Such a diversion might appear secondary and inconclusive, but it will buy time for the afflicted partner, since jealousy often indicates a fear of change, uncertainty about a personal worth and position in a relationship. This tactic may be employed in conjunction with, or following, another which is to devote additional attention to the jealous partner. If the jealous partner is the less desirable of the couple, this latter approach will require exceptional devotion to duty over sexual preference. The over-favoring of a sexual bias by a joiner often underlies the actions of an envious lover, in which case the burden is squarely on the shoulders of the joiner. Thirdly, a re-evaluation of the relationship will determine if the joiner has broken the cardinal rule and thereby introduced the element of uncertainty himself. This

....A Case for Three Way Sex



could range from trying to exceed the sexual context of the affair for a more intimate one, to involving the couple in more time consuming activities than they desire. Playing hard to get often proves far more successful than the hard sell.

This doesn't mean that the joiner has no alternative than to act defensively, because there is a time and place in which to lay siege on an unattached couple. Knowledge of several different types of adoptable couples is important, however, to winning at sexual subversion.

Perhaps the most common couple is the one which hunts as a pair. Seldom seen apart, this couple can usually be heard in running dialogue as they evaluate the attractive prospects in their immediate vicinity. Their domain may be strictly limited to parties or run the range from bars to beaches. This couple is often the hardest kind to attract and hold since the joiner must be almost **equally** appealing to **both** lovers. Too much arousal in one or the other can introduce the intruder syndrome mentioned earlier. Barring this disruption, the joiner may well experience the ultimate in double pleasure. This couple is also the most restless and may tire quickly of a familiar face.

Less visible, yet almost as common, is the couple in which one lover does the hunting, but both share in the feast. Couples in this category employ a wide assortment of tactics and are more permanent in maintaining family unity. Some of these couples will appear similar to the "team couple" mentioned first, but may take turns giving

into each other's personal favorite. 'Should the joiner be fortunate enough to attract both lovers equally, the chances for a durable relationship can increase to a point of near certainty. On the same order, a joiner may find himself walking into a den of uncertainty since a lone lover may conceal his intent until he has his prize safely home, at which time the joiner finds the bedroom scene written for trio, not duo. Imagine the pleasant surprise!! (Imagine the unexpected disappointment!!) Since one of the lovers (not always the hunter) may have a deeper personal attraction for the joiner chances for a durable relationship are good. If both lovers separately bring home the "goodies", the chances are even better, since emotional intrusion is less feared in this more flexible situation.

Less common and more involved is the adoption of a joiner (in the nearest literal sense of the word) by a long established couple. Here, age plays a key role since "parental" motives often rank close to sexual motives, with age differences between joiner and couple averaging about 10 years. These relationships are perhaps the most durable and well rounded, if the joiner is not robbed of his individuality and self-respect by a patronizing couple.

True equality as an individual is lowest of all cases, but emotional involvement is also the greatest of any type mentioned so far. Calling this trio a family would not be an exaggeration, except by the strictest definition.

Trios which evolve over a long period and out of a non-sexual association are rare. A classical example exists where a couple attached themselves to a

mutual ex-lover, with very satisfying results. In some cases, a trio of close friends will transcend the temporary isolation when two friends turn lovers and then reunite with the third comrade in a renewed, yet modified, relationship. This menage a trois has been a literary favorite of fiction writers since before Hemingway. The sad truth is that real examples are so scarce that it wouldn't be hard to believe they only exist in literature. Even so, it's fun to imagine how the Three Musketeers...spent their night off!

Knowledge of the different types of couples will help the joiner organize his tactics beforehand, but this knowledge alone provides few clues as to what a joiner can expect when it comes to under-the-covers operations. This author's advice? Go dressed for dinner, but expect anything!

Perhaps the first general rule of thumb in family bedmanship is to remember that, more often than not, the joiner is there to heighten the couple's pleasure of each other—much the way a catalyst unites two elements without entering into the final bond. Some couples will make their intentions very obvious and never permit sex between only one lover and a joiner. Others will pair off a lover and the joiner, while the other lover watches nearby or waits his turn. Keeping this rule in mind may help a joiner to prevent a case of over-involvement, which is a very real problem in cases of strong mutual attraction.

Should one lover prove to be particularly fond of a joiner, a certain exclusive intimacy may be allowed. In other cases, it may be enjoyed on a catch-as-can-catch basis. Semi-exclusive arrangements may go so far as to provide separate, but equal, time for both lovers. This is typical of couples of long standing who are sexually estranged, but still devoted companions. This can offer the best of both individual and group relationships, with the joiner strapped with the responsibility of seeing to it that things don't get out of hand. Rivalry can have rather awkward ways of pinning a joiner in embarrassing situations. Here again, sexual sensitivity is important to remember, for without knowing it, a joiner may violate an exclusive sexual privilege (not to mention the lover). Trespassing on sexual sensitivities should not become a preoccupation because most couples who swing have long since lost the symbolic sexual associations found in more exclusive and restricted relationships. If a transgression is made, it is better to act as if it had no particular significance other than general sexual enjoyment instead of letting one of the lovers make an issue of a joiner's overzealousness. In this way a joiner's motives will be less suspect.

Because there are several different types of couples seeking joiners and vice versa, it's nearly impossible to write a winner's guide to co-marital bedmanship. Individual personalities even complicate the task further. An entire book could be devoted to the menage a trois as it functions at different levels of the S & M scene, for example. In addition, there are a number of excellent sexuality books which describe sexual techniques to the n-degree for one, two, ten, or twenty partners; some dating from ancient India, B.C. But perhaps it's all just as well since a few good guidelines may stand a joiner in better service than the memorizing of detailed sex patterns. The right technique in the wrong place (who ever heard of a *wrong place*?) is as good as no technique at all. There is one point which should not be overlooked.

Be it a one night stand or a running life-long affair, it is only sporting to mention the very high divorce rate common in the menage a trois. For those who like just the sampling of life's sexual delights, divorce is simply the time between families. For others, it's an end to dreams of greater personal fulfillment. In the latter case, if the joiner is suddenly kicked out of the family tree, the rejection can smart and leave a slightly bitter aftertaste. Remembering that deep emotional involvement is a principal no-no is of little comfort to a joiner who naturally associates good times with good people. Families in which a joiner *does* reach that ultimate glory and becomes a third lover are more plentiful in song and story than in real life. But who can really blame a guy for trying.

Does this mean that all good deeds will come to naught? On the contrary. A joiner may find good friends in these relationships, although he may never reach his ultimate goal in intimacy. As often as not, a family will dissolve because the couple has parted and not because the joiner has been rejected in favor of some other desirable individual. Joiners have often become not only primary sex partners, but chief confidants to both lovers, making them very valuable companions for all occasions.

Another nice thing about the menage a trois is the way in which it reawakens a sense of belonging; a feeling of deep human closeness strangely absent in our crowded urban society. Perhaps it goes deeper, to tribal rites and all the wonderful mysteries of sexual attraction. Might there even be Freudian undertones of incest taboo? Regardless, the menage a trois is unique to all other forms of group sex, as a fascinating expression of sexual fulfillment and provides numerous possibilities for personal discovery, for both couples and singles.

Other pages of our publication offer "food for thought"; this feature will offer simple, easy to prepare recipes for all occasions. Our readers are encouraged to share their favorite epicurian delights by sending them, in as abbreviated a form as possible to: G.P.U. NEWS, P.O. Box 90530, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202.

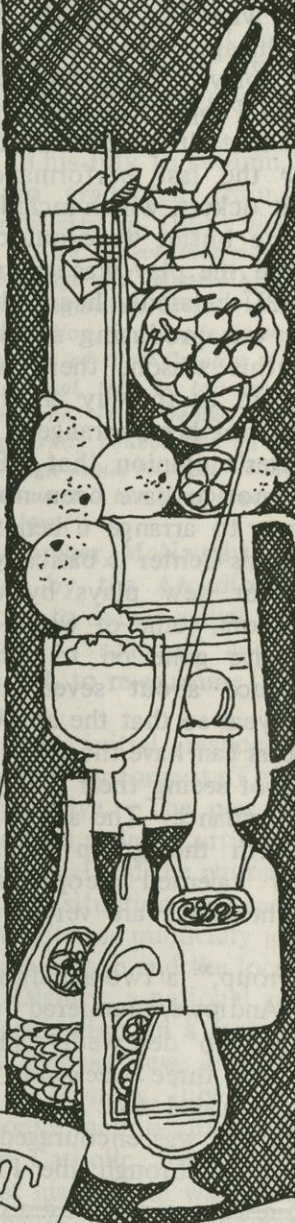
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- 1 pound lump sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon coriander

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THE GAY GOURMET

REVIEW

by Sam Edwards

Last year when Playwright's Center in Chicago produced Joe Malzack's play "Discover the Dawn," Gay Peoples Union was so impressed that it purchased the house for the last performance. The benefit tickets, which included a champagne buffet were quickly sold out and the play was superb.

When GPU belatedly heard that the center was producing another gay play this season, there was some concern as to why another benefit had not been arranged. It is this writer's opinion that GPU was lucky not to have been notified in time to arrange a benefit.

Playwright's Center is basically a workshop for new plays by unknown authors, some of whom in the past have gone on to fame. They produce about seven new plays each year so that the authors and directors can have the practical experience of seeing their work in actual performance. The actors associated with the group include some very talented people and most of the plays are very well done.

"The Group," a two-act drama by David Andrews, premiered July 12 and ran to deservedly small audiences for three weekends instead of the usual six.

Mr. Andrews was encouraged to write his play through the Play-

wright's Prison Program, an outreach of the group. He has been in prison at Menard, Illinois, for five years, serving a sentence for murder. Under the guidance of the Playwright's group, he rewrote his play several times and the group finally decided to produce it, even though he could not be present at rehearsals and performances. Then the problems began.

Even though there are only three persons in the cast, casting problems arose immediately. You see, the plot revolves around a drag queen and "her" male lover of four years who has found himself a "real" woman and thinks he wants to be freed from the relationship in order to marry. To make casting even more difficult, the lover is white and the drag queen and "real" woman are black.

Finally Bob Curry, one of the group's most talented actors, accepted the drag role. His performance was excellent, considering the lines he had to work with, and prevented the play from being a total disaster.

The drag and "real" woman fight over the lover, ad nauseum, each trying to prove that he/she "understands" and "loves" him more than the other. The lover vacillates between the two in almost despair because he is so unsure of his own sexuality. The drag tells him he is gay and the woman tells him he is not and must prove it by leaving the drag for good.

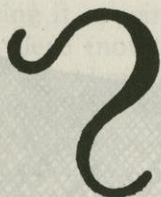
Male homosexuality is equated



with femininity over and over as the drag and the woman go at it hammer and tongs each claiming to "understand" the "woman" in the man. The author is obviously very confused about gender and the characterizations suffer accordingly. The dialog is stilted and unreal and the lines are long-winded preachments about femininity and male homosexuality that have no basis in fact.

The characters are so far removed from real life as to be totally lifeless. Drag queens and their lovers almost never suffer from such illusions about gender. To prove that the lover is gay and therefore feminine, the drag performs the male role in bed for the first time in the four year relationship. The author doesn't know much about drag queens, I guess. It is my observation that the bedroom role has very little to do with the role played outwardly in these situations.

Guess who gets murdered? Right! The drag, of course. When the lover then breaks into tears and says "She really loved me," the woman calls him a "homo" and



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flees the scene. The lover calls the police to report the murder and says, "You see, the three of us women...." The curtain mercifully falls on the worst gay drama I have ever seen.

Let us hope that this fiasco does not prevent Playwright's Center from continuing their work with prison playwrights. They might be well advised to consult the gay community when they do another "gay" play.

CATHOLICS DROP PRO-GAY COLUMN

Detroit, Mich. The Michigan Catholic, the newspaper of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit, has dropped the nationally awarded weekly column of Brian McNaught, a gay activist. Litigation in this case may become the first test case

in Circuit Court of Detroit's new city charter which prohibits discrimination because of sexual orientation.

In his July 15 column, McNaught (who graduated from Marquette University in 1968) wrote:

"If we believe that man was made in the image and likeness of God, then all men, regardless of sex, color, or sexual orientation, are made in the image and likeness of their Creator. If the Creator is normal, then so too are His mirrored creations. If we believe that God is love and firmly believe that all men are called through Jesus to share in that love, how dare we tell the homosexual that he may not love?"

Further, McNaught called the action by the Archdiocese of New York to defeat a civil rights bill for gays a "scandal" and urged the church to re-examine its moral theology.

The initial response to this column by some staff members was supportive. The news editor suggested a series of articles on the homosexual and the church.

The situation changed when McNaught was publically identified as a gay person and the local president of Dignity, a national gay Catholic organization, in a feature article in the Detroit News July 6.

On Monday, July 8, Ms. Margaret Cronyn, acting-editor of The Michigan Catholic, informed McNaught that his column was being dropped because it was "detrimental" to the paper.

The official reason which has been given for the discontinuation of McNaught's column is that of space limitations. However, when three other columns were dropped for this reason in June, McNaught was assured by the editor that his column would not be similarly dropped. In fact, Ms. Cronyn has stated before witnesses that the pri-

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in a well
deeper than knowing.
Loneliness,
well of ache,
the absence of regularity;
time which holds its breath too
long
translucent castles of wanting.

Feelings, duality:
Sureness: I am a woman who likes women
Not a man.

My eyes see through
my fingers:
I touch the Others I meet
seeking a Touch back-
reaching for light in
courtyards where the sun
sometimes comes.

I am outside, but inside
I crawl in farther to see myself
stagger out,
with no woman save myself,
and the Others who come my way.

In the morass, in the deeping
I will go ever down, though
it is a go-ing up: Proud:
this well, trembling well,
my life is Well
well is/in me
I am it/is I
loving it while I
tunnel through Another's society
But: never
'Someone bring me a ladder.'

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the trundle of a diesel truck
chewing gum
she lives
on Winston-100 cigarets
toast
coffee laced with life.
 2. I sprawl in
the shotgun seat of
a Willis Shaw tractor.
Perfumed with vinyl lubricant,
Woman's Lib button
glinting wickedly in blue
arc-lights.
Curling into myself
for the indefiniteness of it all.
 3. Laughing:
Because of a grope night
spent with gold-toed
Cowboy boots,
airconditioned underwear,
bluejeans worn to bed.
Impassive:
the time grows deeping
to a battleship coloured sky
flakes of wind
dust concrete ribbons.
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are lined and stacked
as so many derelict
schooners.
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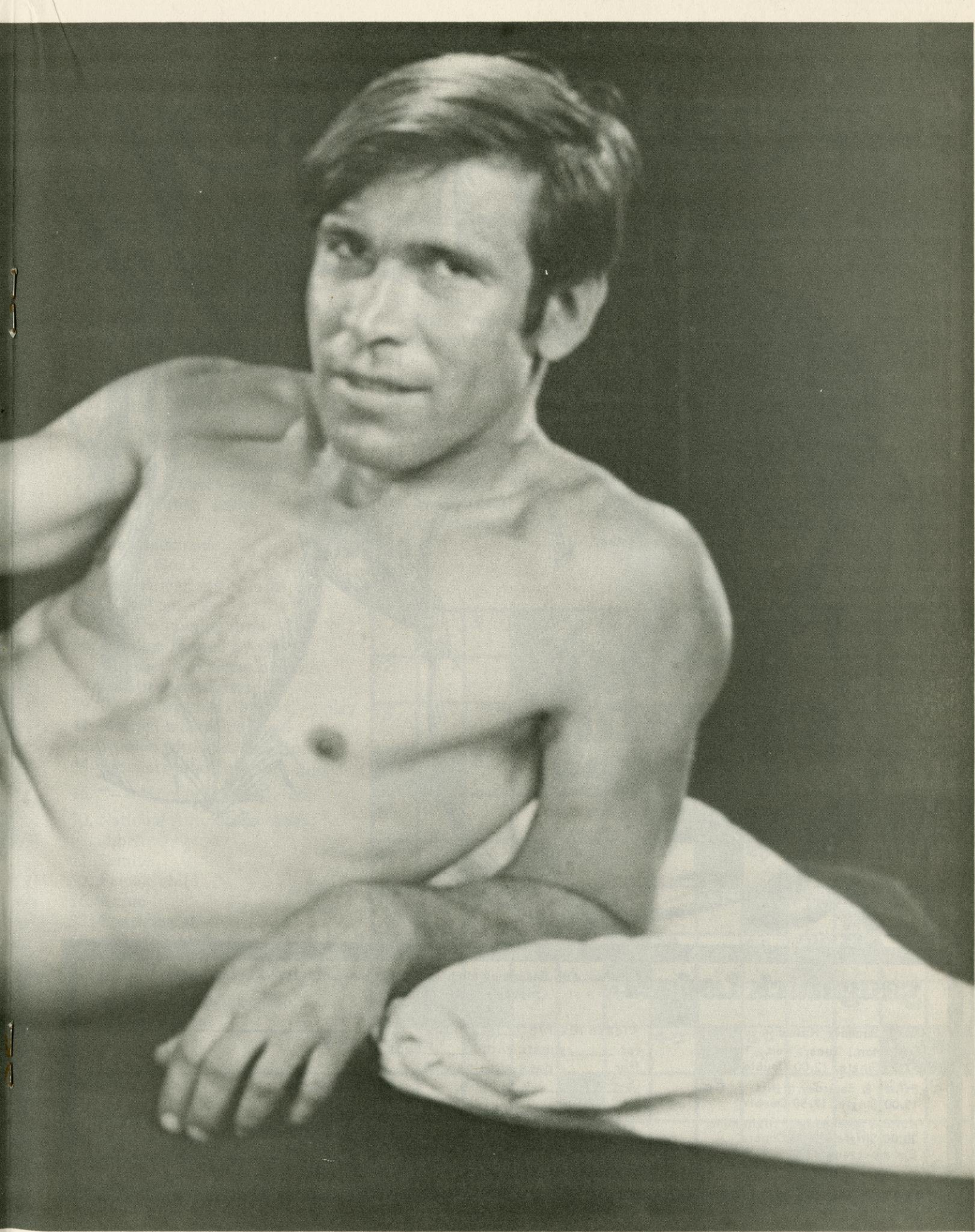
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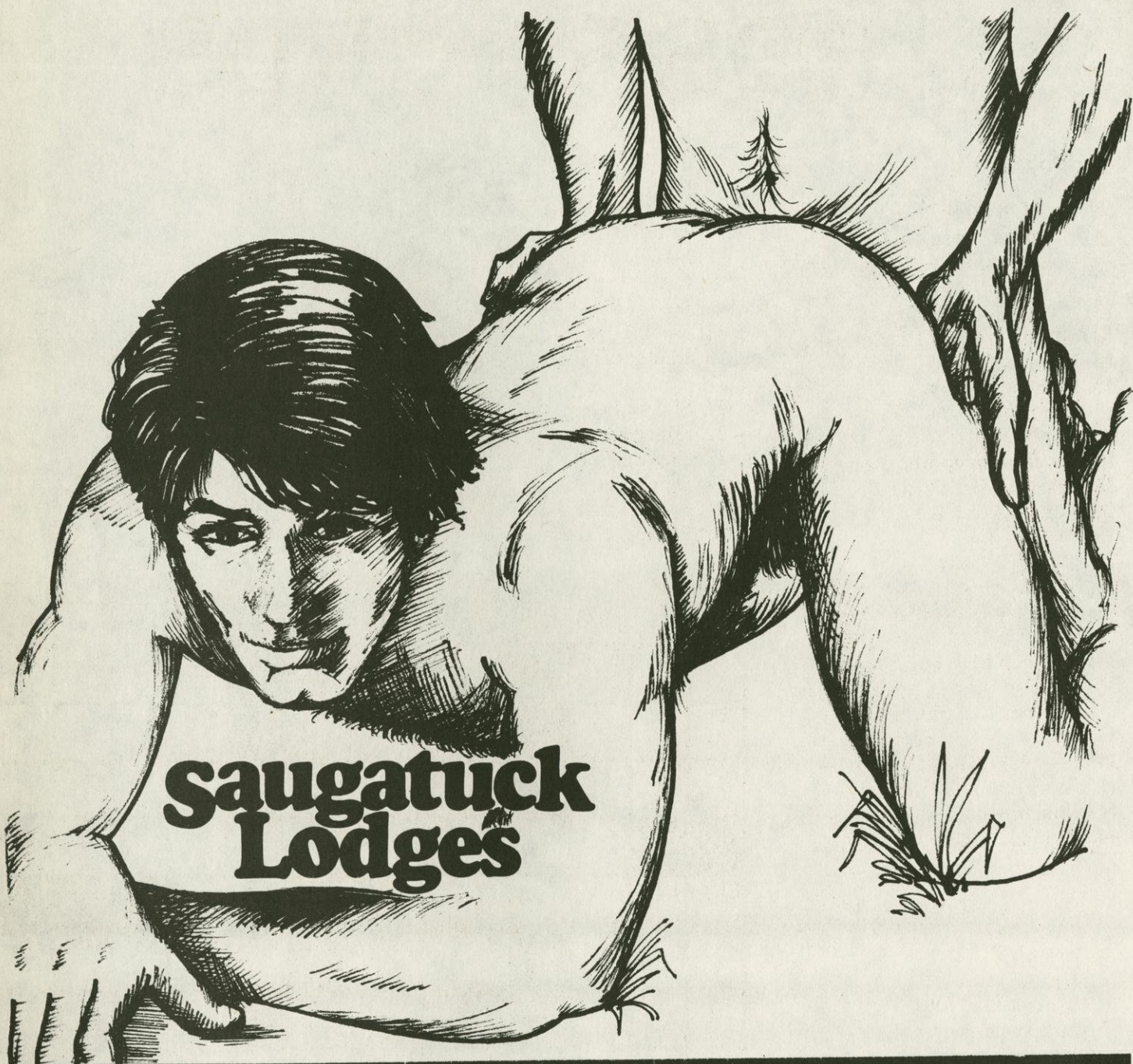
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13. Son of Ronan: Irish myth
14. Woman's name
15. French policeman
17. Minor prophet
18. Twelve: abbr.
19. — fly: an aphrodisiac
21. Woman's Greek island
24. Here or this: Latin
25. Person
26. Male nickname
28. Skin: Greek
32. Female parents of four-footed animals
34. Dry, combining form
36. The line formed by sewing together two pieces of cloth
37. One of the Astaires
39. "— Woman of Chaillot"—a play
41. Married woman in Spain
42. Woman who lives in a shoe
44. Lesbian author: see 46 across
46. "— Woman" by 44 across
50. National Automotive Assn.: abbr.
51. Semite
52. Female child
56. Adore
57. Comedia del —
58. Adjective suffix
59. River to the North Sea
60. Prognosticator
61. Students for Democratic Society: abbr.

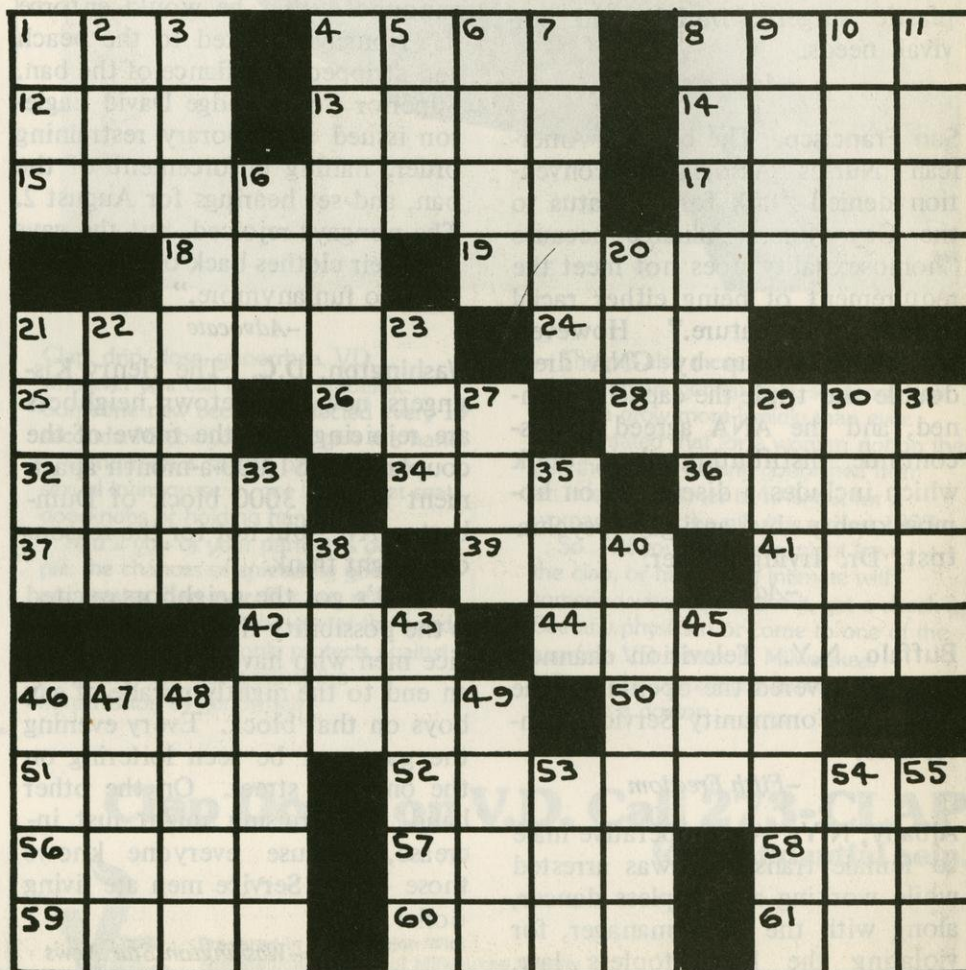
DOWN

1. Insect
2. One: Scottish
3. Adjective describing an attractive masculine woman
4. Woman warrior

5. Roman household god
6. Butches and —: slang, variant spelling
7. The glottal stop consonant
8. Struts
9. Half: prefix
10. Son of Seth
11. — rag
16. Daughters of Bilitis: abbr.
20. Help
21. She was raped by a swan
22. Minced oath
23. The weaker —
27. Democrat: abbr.
29. States again
30. French husband

31. "— — For All Seasons"—(two words)—a play
33. Drool
35. Male sheep
38. Old Testament judge
40. Peril
43. Early 20th century artists & writers who defied tradition
45. College cheer
46. Female title of nobility
47. God of love
48. Satisfy fully
49. Nasal passage
53. Indian tribe
54. The same: in prescriptions
55. Nurses

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HERE&THERE

Moscow. Sergei Paradzhanov, 50, a Soviet film director, was arrested in Kiev in December and recently sentenced to 6 years in a labor camp for homosexuality and incitement to suicide.

—*Gay News*

Miami. Scores of children watched as local businessmen and officials competed in drag for the title "ugliest girl" during the festivities at the Youth Day pageant.

—*Mirage*

New Orleans. The National New Orleans Memorial Fund has raised \$17,900 in the past year to aid the victims and survivors of the Up Stairs Lounge fire that claimed 32 lives. About 72% has been spent so far on hospital and medical bills, plastic surgery, burials and survival needs.

—*Advocate*

San Francisco. The biennial American Nurses Association convention denied "task force" status to the Gay Nurses Alliance because "homosexuality does not meet the requirement of being either racial or ethnic in nature." However, workshops set up by GNA drew double and triple the capacity planned, and the ANA agreed to discontinue distributing their book which includes a discussion on homosexuality by anti-gay psychiatrist, Dr. Irving Bieber.

—*Advocate*

Buffalo, N.Y. Television channels 2 and 7 covered the opening of the new Gay Community Services Center here.

—*Fifth Freedom*

Albany, N.Y. A pre-operative male to female transsexual was arrested while working as a topless dancer, along with the bar's manager, for violating the local topless law.

However, an attorney contends the dancer is still technically male and therefore cannot be charged with breaking the law.

—*Mirage*

San Francisco. Police Chief Donald Scott threw out the first lavender, glittered softball in the 2nd annual baseball game between the Gay Twin Peaks and the Cops of San Francisco. And, to the delight of some 2000 fans, the gays whipped the startled cops 9 to 4.

—*Bay Area Reporter*

Los Angeles. Before the city council passed its ban on nudity in public, Venice Beach attracted only a small number of nude sunbathers, mostly gay. L.A. Police Chief, Ed Davis, had demanded the ban and announced that he would enforce it. Nongays flocked to the beach and stripped in defiance of the ban. Superior Court Judge David Eagleson issued a temporary restraining order, halting enforcement of the ban, and set hearings for August 2. The nongays rejoiced, but the gays put their clothes back on. Said one, "It's no fun anymore."

—*Advocate*

Washington, D.C. The Henry Kissingers' new Georgetown neighbors are rejoicing over the move of the couple to a \$1,000-a-month apartment in the 3000 block of Dumbarton Ave.—but not for the reasons one might think.

What's got the neighbors excited is the possibility that the Secret Service men who have arrived will put an end to the nightly parade of gay boys on that block. Every evening the gays can be seen loitering on the one-way street. On the other hand, the cruising might just increase, because everyone knows those Secret Service men are living dolls!

—*Washington Star News*

U.S.A. A new in-depth survey of 6,000 male executives will soon be published by Crowell, Inc. **Executive Life Styles: A Life Extension Institute Report on Alcohol, Sex and Health**, written by Dr. Harry J. Johnson, puts to rest a lot of myths concerning sexuality. For example: bald-headed men are not more virile, having intercourse less frequently than thick-haired men. Short men are not more sexually active than tall ones.

The survey also shows that the corporate world is not closed to gays. Some 4% of the executives interviewed said they were homosexual. "Homosexuals reported a materially higher frequency of intercourse than heterosexuals," reported Dr. Johnson (23% of all homosexuals reported having sex more than twice a week, compared with 18% of all heterosexuals).

—*Business Week*

Detroit. The Michigan Supreme Court has agreed to hear a challenge to the state's "gross indecency" statutes. The statutes have been used frequently in gay arrests, but are considered constitutionally vague by Michael Howell, 27, who was charged after allegedly forcing a woman at gunpoint to perform fellatio on him.

Judge Susan Borman of Detroit agrees that the law is vague, but insists on a ruling by the Michigan Supreme Court before deciding the case.

—*Advocate*

U.S.A. Bette Davis will be the subject of a future Dick Cavett show.

—*Chicago Gay Crusader*

Cherry Grove, Fire Island. "Les Girls" is the somewhat surprising name of the "bar for the liberated Woman" which opened this summer in this super-gay resort area.

—*Chicago Gay Crusader*

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TO
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London. Schering Chemicals Ltd., whose policy is "to operate a successful business that, through research into new products, makes a positive contribution to humanity," has announced their new drug, Androcur, designed to meet the problems of male patients suffering from hypersexuality and sexual deviations. However, the drug has been particularly disappointing in the treatment of homosexuals. While the sex drive in gays had been reduced, the direction of libido had remained unchanged, and only two gays had "reverted to heterosexuality."

-Gay News

Elgin, Ill. Two Elgin State Hospital doctors were ordered to pay \$1,500 each to two former patients, 16 and 17 years of age. The two boys had brought a damage suit for being strapped to their beds naked in 1970 as punishment for allegedly being caught in a consensual homosexual act.

-Chicago Gay Crusader

St. Louis. A man wearing bell-bottoms and platform shoes was arrested here on a charge of "masquerading as the opposite sex." The ACLU has taken his case.

-Mirage

Washington, D.C. The first federal gay civil rights bill was filed in Congress May 14 without much ado. Designated HR-14752, the legislation would add "sexual orientation, sex, or marital status" to the list of anti-discrimination characteristics in the 1964 Civil Rights Act. The measure, sponsored by U.S. Reps. Bella Abzug and Edward I. Koch, was immediately assigned to the Constitutional Rights Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee and, because of Watergate, etc., stands little chance of any consideration whatsoever this year.

-Advocate

New York. Over 300 Jewish college students adopted a resolution supporting gay rights legislation and called for the Jewish community to acknowledge and accept its gay members and "open its doors to their full participation." The action took place at the 1974 conference sponsored by the North American Jewish Students Network, an umbrella organization for Jewish college and communal groups across the United States and Canada.

-Advocate

Hackensack, N.J. The Hackensack City Council has proclaimed June 28 as "Gay Pride Day," the second community in the nation to adopt such a resolution. The first was East Lansing, Michigan.

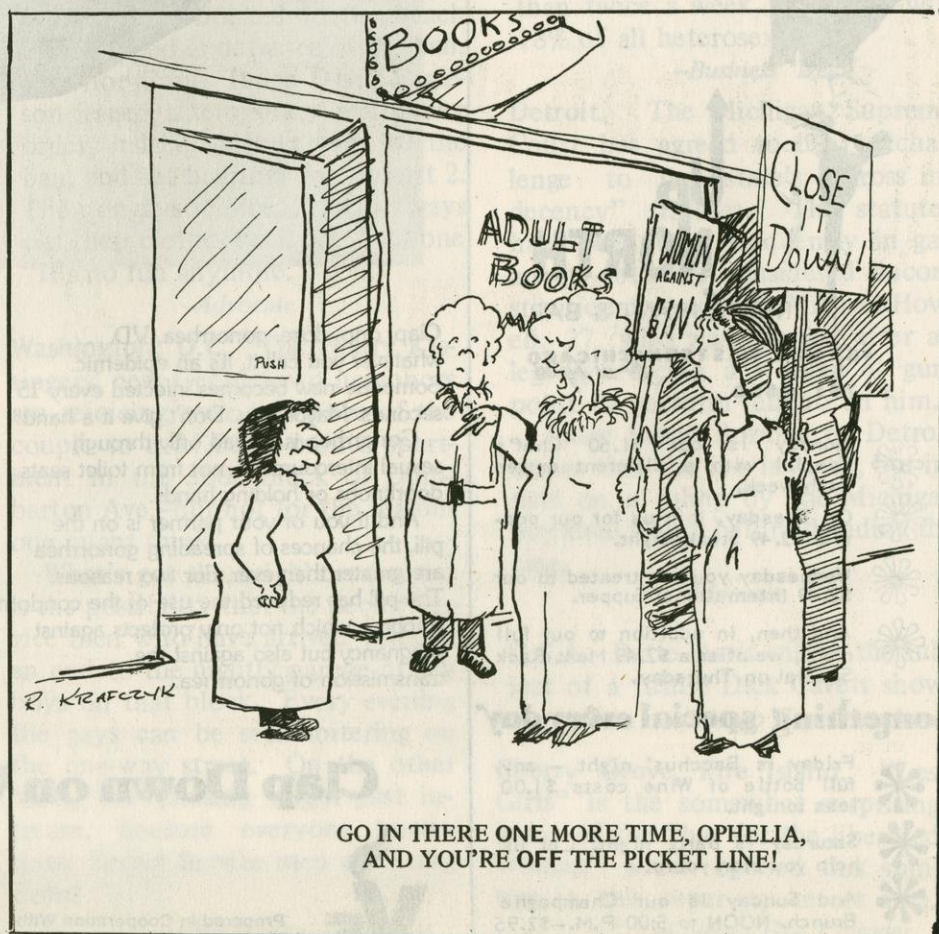
-Gay Scene

California. The Lavendar Panthers, the gay vigilante group, has officially disbanded. It was announced that the reason was due to police terrorist tactics. The Panthers, a third of which are women, have instead joined with various radical leftist groups to form the People's Guard.

-San Francisco Crusader

Lancaster, Pa. Two nongays, one a minister, the other the editor of an "alternative" newspaper, have brought a class-action suit to halt the local police practice of drilling holes in public restrooms to peep at occupants. Lancaster's Police Chief freely admitted the practice. The plaintiffs brought the suit at the suggestion of gay friends.

-Advocate



GAY CATHOLICS MAKE PROGRESS

by Jim Kepner

As a non-Catholic who has counseled many distressed Catholic gays, I've been heartened by that church's amazing progress since Vatican II. So I jumped at the invite to speak on "Gay Liberation History" and on "Metropolitan Com-

munity Churches' Ministry to Gays" at the June 3-8 Bergamo/Marianist Conference on "THE GAY CHRISTIAN" held in Dayton, Ohio. Still, I was unprepared for the sylvan comfort of the meeting hall—or for the outpouring of positive gay love.

I'd like belatedly to share the

Bergamo experience (scheduled for a repeat next year). But first an incident which occurred at our Los Angeles Christopher Street West Carnival: two young nongay Latinos asked two clerically-garbed Minnesotans, "Are you priests? and are you gay?" Non-plussed by affirmative answers, they went off muttering, "It's not possible!"

Does their puzzlement seem naive? Even anti-gay Catholic journalist Michael Novak said in the May 31 *Commonweal* that "some percent of those drawn to the celibate life are latent homosexuals." As some of us know, many a choir-boy has learned that not all priests are fully latent. But suppressed desire and a bit of guilty practice are a far cry from priests publicly affirming gayness. Except for the small, non-Roman denominations to which our Minnesotan friends belong, most of us, even two years ago, would have been astonished to hear any priest or nun admit to being gay.

Not far back, Catholic gays going to confession ran a high risk of encountering hysterical homophobia, utter condemnation, even an order to leave the church—which many did. It seemed to a multitude of them that either their gayness or their faith had to go, unless they could ignore the apparent contradiction and not let their religious side know what their erotic side was doing. Thousands were demolished by unbearable guilt, and it was the rare individual who could accept being gay because of the Catholic position.

The advent five years ago of *Dignity*, a group of self-accepting gay Catholics who insisted on remaining in the Church, seemed almost too much to believe, but *Dignity* now has 2000 members and 22 chapters nationwide (several new ones were germinated at Bergamo).



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As Dignity's national secretary, Fr. Tom Oddo of Boston said, "We don't wait for the church to say it's OK (for gays) to receive the Eucharist....We don't wait for the institutional church to catch up in its theology....We will assist the church by going ahead and doing it."

This attitude which set the conference tone is increasingly the feeling of gay Catholics nationwide. It reflects the Vatican II view that the Church consists of the believers, not of the administrative hierarchy and buildings. Gay Christians are rightly saying, "We are the Church, just as much as heteros are!"

Fr. Norbert Brockman of Bergamo Center designed the conference to "develop a Ministry to Homosexuals." As intended, most of those present were priests, sisters or brothers in orders, or campus ministers, several of whom are already working specifically with gays. The first night, most spoke only of their assignments with gays. Later most spoke proudly of their own gayness.

I've been an ardent admirer of the late Pope John, who so radically humanized the Church, and a close observer of ecumenical trends in this once monolithic structure, but this conference was an eye-opener and an inspiration. I'd expected that most participants

would be guilt-ridden and resistant to any liberalization of theology.

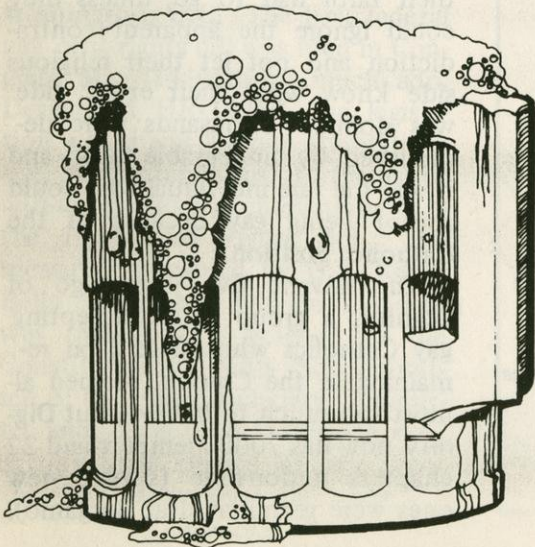
The tone was set by the prior appearance of Novak's *Gay is NOT Liberation* article and the earlier Catholic Bishops' pronouncement, *Principles To Guide Confessors in Questions of Homosexuality*. This document might have seemed liberal ten years ago. It sticks to the traditional position that genital sexuality exists solely for procreation and for expressing conjugal love. While urging confessors to be understanding and mildly supportive of persons with homosexual urges, it flatly denies the acceptability of a gay life-style. The Bergamo conference started where Novak and the bishops' memo left off.

Dr. Kameny of Washington Mattachine, a non-Catholic, gave his standard hard-hitting account of the gay employment rights struggle. I described, with notable gaps, the 100-year history of the modern homophile/gay movement, as well as the history, styles and problems of MCC groups.

Boston "street priest" Paul Shanley sounded the main theme by saying "respectable" Catholics who accuse him of saying "Gay is good" misunderstand him. "I am saying gay is better! In fact, I think gay is best...for gays. We have to help people to be what they are." Shan-

ley's assignment for many years has been with alienated youth and his adoption of their life-styles has infuriated conformist Catholics in Boston. From the 1950's "juvenile delinquents" to the late 60's hip and drug culture, he has moved almost entirely into work with gays. Asked if he feels uncomfortable with outcasts, Shanley replies heatedly that he **prefers** being with those who get shoved aside by "good Christians in their mad dash to heaven.... I think the worst indictment I could make against Catholic priests is that they no longer eat and drink with sinners." He shrugs off the pressures put on the chancery to censure or remove him. The fact that the late Cardinal Cushing once castigated him publicly and later apologized has given him an aura of untouchability.

When Father Daniel Pilarczyk enunciated by assignment the trad-



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itional theological stance that homosexual acts are morally sinful, but that the Church should work to reconcile, not condemn, Shanley said "that kind of acceptance is Alice-in-Wonderland talk unless you personally would place a known gay in a parish position." Kameny called Pilarczyk's compassion "patronizing, degrading, dehumanizing."

The Rev. Richard McCormick, S.J., of Georgetown U., fared better. His theology was less hard-shell and he emphasized pastoral counseling more, urging priests to play a supportive role, even to the extent of performing some sort of commitment ceremony for gay couples, so long as it isn't called marriage. Still, he felt that all persons should strive for the heteronogamous ideal. He fails to see the fundamental immorality of pressing unsuited persons into marriages which, predictably, are fre-

quently harmful to all concerned. The Church bears heavy moral responsibility for the sin of marriages which are certainly not made in heaven.

At lunch that day I summed up in the following prayer what I suspect was the feeling of most participants: "We none of us deny that we sin. We sin against ourselves, against the earth, against God and against each other even while we try to express our most sacred love...but we will not accept the view that the very heart and spirit of love which is in us—different as it may be from the love familiar to others—is less than loving, beautiful and creative...."

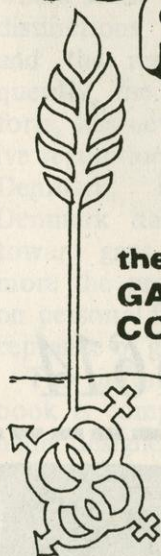
This, of course, remains the crux of the gay Catholic's dilemma. Church conservatives express horror at any mention of homosexuality and Church liberals too often focus the discussion at the level of sex acts alone, as if love and relatedness were not as much a part of the gay scene as of the hetero scene. The Church is a long way from really validating gay love and personhood. I think it would probably be unwise to push too fast for a definitive statement from the top.

Still, even on these ultimate issues, there has been surprising progress with several leading Catholic

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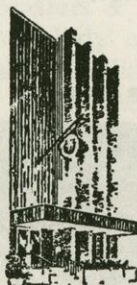
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REVIEW

by Louis Stimac

Male Homosexuals (Their Problems and Adaptations)

by Martin S. Weinberg and Colin J. Williams

Oxford University Press, N.Y.

As the title states these two researchers for the Institute of Sex Research of Indiana University deal primarily with the study of male homosexual adaptations. It is a major work which seems second only to Kinsey's original research. The authors accept the fact that there are many styles of "being homosexual" and they pose the question: "Do some homosexuals adapt more easily than others to their homosexuality?" Then they ask: "If so, what are the social conditions for these more successful adaptations?"

Three societies were chosen to

provide a variation in the reaction of society—the United States, the Netherlands, and Denmark.

The authors say of the U.S.A.: "The United States, in terms of its laws and public opinions, is one of the most anti-homosexual of modern Western societies." They classify the Netherlands and Denmark as relatively liberal. Weinberg and Williams present their data in three parts: patterns of relating to the heterosexual world, patterns of relating to the homosexual world, and psychological problems.

The study begins with the United States and quotes Kinsey: "There are practically no European groups, unless it be England, and few if any cultures elsewhere in the world which have become as disturbed over male homosexuality as we have here in the United States." The Study finds that the Judeo-Christian tradition is the initial cause of this disturbed feeling. Puritan beliefs which profoundly influenced the culture of the United

States add to it. Finally the negative affect resulting from the absence of the Napoleonic Code is presented. One of the important differences between America and Europe is that gay sex behavior is a crime in most states whereas in the Netherlands and Denmark it is not. They explain that Napoleon and his Napoleonic code of laws has influenced European sex laws, and this influence has helped the homosexual community.

In the United States they focused on gay life as seen in New York City and San Francisco. The field work was done between 1966 and 1968 prior to the Stonewall Rebellion. This research was followed up in 1970 with more intensive field work. Areas explored are enforcement of laws, gay bars, homophobic organizations and the division of the cities by homosexual bars.

Research in the Netherlands indicated tolerance but not acceptance. The position of the Dutch homo-

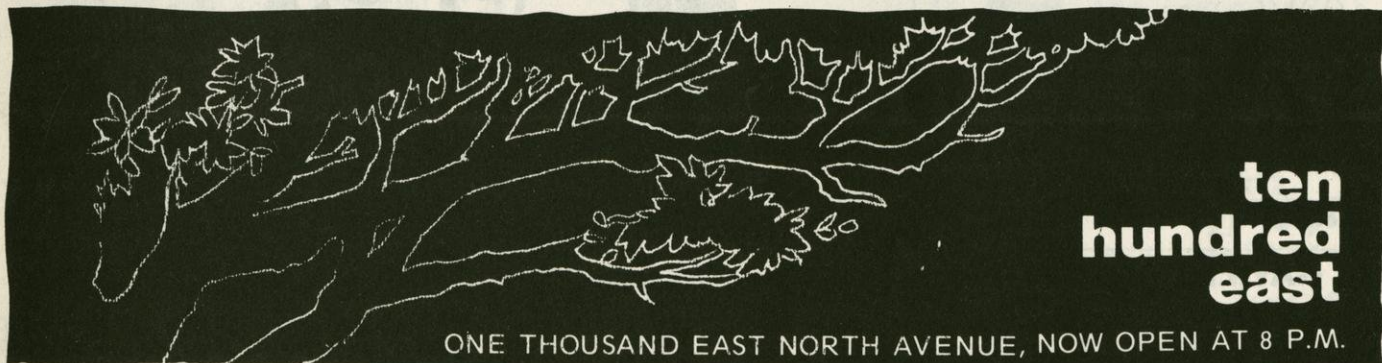
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sexual has been improved by efforts of the ruling elites, not by the attitudes of the ordinary citizen. The Dutch were affected by the Napoleonic Code of 1809 which states that homosexuality between consenting adults is not a punishable offense, an adult today being anyone over 16, if heterosexual, over 21, if homosexual. The problems caused by homosexuals in Amsterdam are said to be caused by those not actually residents of Amsterdam. Foreigners who are caught are told to leave the country. Entrapment is not practiced.

Amsterdam is the home of one of the largest and most influential gay organizations in Europe, C.O.C. C.O.C. is acknowledged as a private homosexual club by both the police and the public. The Amsterdam police have helped the organization establish branches elsewhere in the face of opposition.

In Denmark their study was confined to one city, Copenhagen. The authors feel that a lack of solid popular roots for the Christian faith would seem to be one of the major distinctions between Scandinavia and the rest of Europe. Consequently, the church, despite its efforts, has never achieved an effective regulation of sexual behavior in Denmark. Like the Netherlands, Denmark has a relative tolerance toward gays, but this tolerance is more the product of the emphasis on personal freedom rather than acceptance of gay behavior.

The information found in the book is compiled from a questionnaire designed by the authors and then distributed through mail to organizations, clubs and bars. The questionnaire itself is printed in its entirety in the back of the book.

We learn that the European homosexual was found, on the average, to be more involved with the public aspects of homosexual life than the American homosexual. However, in spite of the greater oppression felt by Americans: "The most unexpected result is that, con-

trary to the widely held belief that greater societal rejections leads to greater psychological problems, virtually no such differences appeared between American and European homosexuals." We may conclude that for many homosexuals, problems of self-acceptance and psychosomatic symptoms may not be any more prevalent than for the population at large. Paul Harvey, a radio news commentator, cited the book by quoting their findings that, homosexuals are just as healthy as heterosexuals (or to use Paul Harvey's word, "straights").

Topics such as loneliness, appraisal of one's social competence, and commitment are covered as well as passing as straight or being known as gay. As a practical consideration they advise the male homosexual to consider rooming with another homosexual. They feel that in general it is best not to live with one's own parents. They add this thought: "The homosexual should also remember that his sexual needs are only one aspect of his life and should think about the nonsexual features of the city he is considering before he decides to move." This admonition is given in case anyone reading their book decides to move to one of the cities studied in order to get involved in the homosexual world. They feel that their most salient finding pertains to the beneficial effects of a supportive environment.

As with Masters & Johnson, the work is a scholarly effort and as such reads at times like a sociological text. A few of the chapters are easy to skip and difficult to read since they are statistical studies replete with graphs. **Male Homosexuals, Their Problems and Adaptations** should be read by anyone seriously interested in the topic of male homosexuality. The distinct advantage of having proper data can never be overstated. The authors expand our factual horizons.

(Mr. Stimac is a former member of the Board of Directors of Gay Peoples Union).

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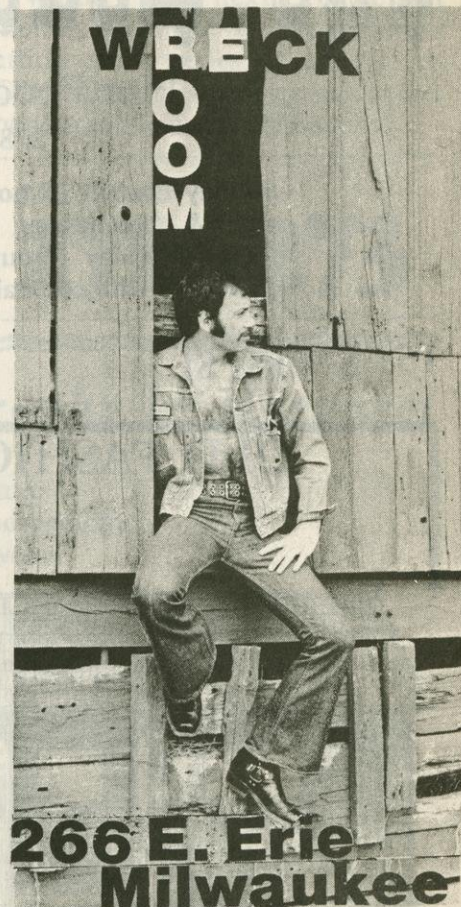
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journals. Commonweal, U.S. Catholic and National Catholic Reporter have all taken forthright stands.

For some gay Catholics liberalism is no answer. Like many fundamentalists in MCC, they want validation only in the "old time" forms. That showed in some of the deeply moving masses held during the conference. Experimental liturgies are sometimes stiff in the joints, with both communicant and congregation uncertain of the new wordings. Nevertheless, some participants were deeply moved. Perhaps what is needed is always to provide both traditional and experimental liturgical options.

Only four women were present. They castigated the prevailing patriarchy of the Church, as well as the male God-concept, but there was none of the acrimony which has marked many recent comparisons of the problems of male and female gays. Not all the males seemed familiar with women's problems, but none seemed hostile or closed-minded.

Best input on many issues came from Milwaukee representatives of the Salvatorian order's Gay Ministry Task Force, one of whose resolutions was recently adopted by the National Federation of Priests. Paris Baldacci particularly emphasized the need of gays to break the habit of defensiveness and assert the positive spiritual qualities of

their gayness.

Until Fr. Brockman's discussion of celibacy for gay priests, I didn't realize the dimensions of that question. I'd regarded celibacy as a relic of the Church's anti-sexual past, grounded more in the social conditions of medieval Europe than in scripture. Several testimonials of the sacramental nature of the vows of celibacy changed my views. In taking the vow, a priest or nun becomes symbolically the bride of Christ. One young brother's explanation of the sometimes erotic images that this symbolism can evoke produced a responsive chord in most of those present. Protestant gays see an erotic parallel in the love hymn, *I Come To The Garden Alone*.

The Conference was joyous, relaxed, and happily free of the vague resolutions which often characterize such gatherings. Speaking for myself, I can say that I'm still nursing a love affair for just about every one I met there.

Jim Kepner has been active in the gay movement for 21 years. He was one of the founders of One, Inc. of Los Angeles and is a past president of that organization. He devoted much time to their early publication One Magazine.

Last November he visited Gay Peoples Union in Milwaukee, giving several of the lectures that he gives regularly at One Institute. (See GPU NEWS, January, 1974)

This fall he will teach two non-credit gay courses at UCLA, one on gay history and one on gay literature.

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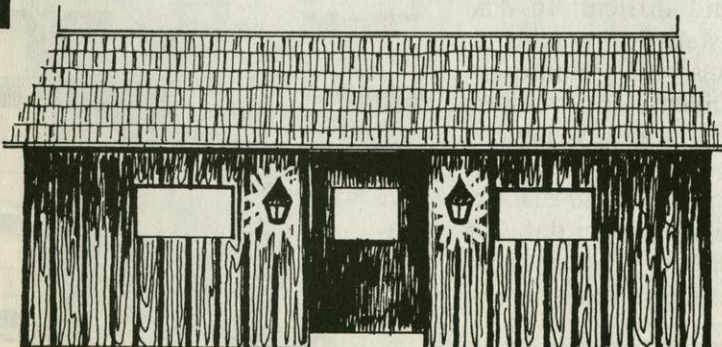
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GRAPEVINE: a lesbian-feminist action core

It has long been the policy of GPU NEWS to print articles, letters and statements of gay groups other than Gay Peoples Union, our parent. Milwaukee's lesbian feminist group, Grapevine, has submitted the following article about their organization which we are happy to present to our readers. In order that our readers not be confused, we would remind them that Gay Peoples Union also has many lesbian members, including some who are also members of Grapevine.

For about seven months, a group of Milwaukee lesbian-feminists have been gathering on Thursday evenings at 8:00 pm at the Women's Coalition, 2211 E. Kenwood. Many of us had been members of an open, general lesbian discussion group which had been dwindling in size and interest in the previous months. As feminists, as well as lesbians, we felt a need to place our energies in the direction of the struggle for women's rights, as well as lesbian rights.

This is how Grapevine: a lesbian-feminist action core was begun. Since then, we have met to work and struggle towards creating a group in which collective effort is productive and in which group consciousness is a reality. We not only hold our meetings in an open, collective manner which allows for vocal participation and human growth, but we have also, as a group, gone on two camping trips. One camping trip was semi-structured in the direction of getting to know one another in situations other than the usual environments of meeting and bars. The other camping trip was for the planning of a lesbian workshop on August 24.

We are occasionally going to break our meetings into two sections: business and discussion. For the discussion half, we choose a topic or read an article and share

ideas so as to reach, collectively, an ideology for Grapevine, as well as for personal growth and development.

We have started several committees and projects:

A group of us offer counseling for lesbians through the women's crisis line (964-7535).

A literature committee has been organized. We have compiled a short bibliography of lesbian-feminist literature and are working toward a more complete one, including what is available in Milwaukee and where it can be found.

We are corresponding with women's audio-visual groups throughout the country in an attempt to get lesbian tapes and films to share with the lesbian and feminist communities in Milwaukee and surrounding areas. (The dates for any video tape showings are usually printed in the *Amazon*.) We are also starting a communication system with other lesbian organizations in the country.

We are participating in the development of a gay community center.

Grapevine members are actively involved in the planning of a city-wide weekend of events for Women's Rights Weekend, August 23 to 26. We will be having a lesbian workshop and caucus on Saturday the 24.

We are gathering a list of local doctors who are responsive to lesbian patients. Women who would like to help us in establishing this referral list may do so by obtaining a questionnaire from us at the Women's Coalition on Thursday evenings.

In addition to these projects, we have been sponsoring monthly women's dances on the first Saturday of every month at the Women's Coalition (8:30 pm).

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mary reason for discontinuation is McNaught's homosexuality and pro-gay position.

Attorneys for McNaught are currently investigating the best avenues for litigation. They may go through grievance procedures within Archdiocesan structures, and then test that decision—if it is negative—in the Circuit Court as a test case for Detroit's antidiscrimination clause in its city charter.

A number of public gestures are planned to dramatize McNaught's situation and to demand some response from the Archdiocese, which has remained silent to this point.

Among them is a Mass of Solidarity which will be celebrated Monday, September 2, 10 a.m. at Most Holy Trinity Church (Michigan Ave. and Lodge Freeway) for persons of all faiths, gay and nongay, to witness their support for gay civil rights. This will be followed by a

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march to the Chancery offices.

These activities will be attended by Catholic gay activists from around the country. Dennis Crowley, Br. Grant-Michael Fitzgerald and Paris Baldacci, members of the Salvatorian Gay Ministry Task Force in Milwaukee, who will be in Detroit for a national coordinating meeting of Catholic gay activists, will be participants.

An audience with John Cardinal Deardon has been requested. The Cardinal has not yet responded to the request.

The Forker Motorcycle Club, Milwaukee's recently formed co-sexual motorcycle club, is planning its first run for the Labor Day weekend. The group, formed in late June, now has 9 members, including both men and women, as well as two pledges.

The run will be to the Wisconsin Dells area. For more information about the club and the run, contact Jay Garland at 362-2778.

Some gay people who like to ride bicycles are going to have their first outing on Saturday, August 17, with Sunday, the 18th, as a rain date.

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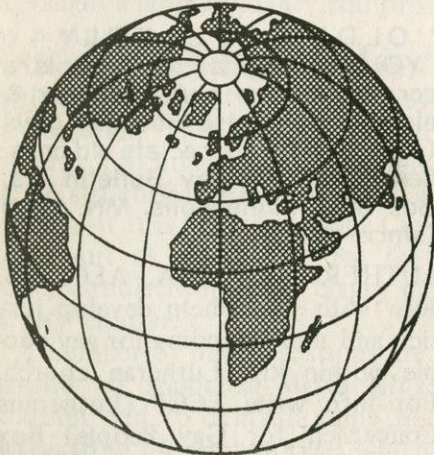
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