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A News Letter of Sorts..... !

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GLO = GPU

The Gay Liberation Organization has become the Gay People's Union, GPU. The change was voted by membership recently at a special meeting to distinguish GPU which has evolved its own unique stance as a Gay Liberation Organization from less responsible and/or other Gay Liberation organizations.

GPU will continue with the same membership list, same stance of responsible and mature involvement in and for the Gay community that has marked it off from other groups. The term People's Union is felt to identify the group and its work with the American tradition of Populism and Unionism: responsible and effective organization by Americans for their rights. This would set us off from those who might feign a pattern learned from other than the American political experience.

Strange Pseudo-Rape of GPU

A group of persons attempted to meet at the UW-M Newman Center, onetime site of our meetings, in the name of GPU - really of GLO, the usurpers did not know we had changed our name - week before last. Their object: to take over the organization and to prevent Fr. Joe from speaking on campus for Gay Lib. They were then to publicize this rape and present the Gay community with an accomplished coup d'etat of its truly representative organization. This facile attempt to subvert by illegal and uncouth means is typical of the fascist tendencies of our would-be revolutionary Sisters and brothers. It failed. Good. On to important matters...

GPU Counselling

Our counselling service has been doing a booming business. Among the more interesting of our contacts has been one with a high school student who is working with some 50 (!) students in his school doing proto-Gay Lib counselling. That's hard to believe, but is an indication that things are indeed changing. Other high school people have told us of their honesty about being Gay and of the positive response of their friends though parents and school authorities, their minds firmly fixed in 1955, are put up-tight.

The Church for "All" People finks

The CAP, which has refused repeatedly to allow Gay dances at its allegedly open facility has written us to let us know that individual Gays are welcome at its other programs. This is a typical liberal cop-out. Individual polite non-embarrassing homosexuals are welcome to our (first person possessive) events but don't expect us to serve the Gay community or to aid it in any meaningful and embarrassing way. "If a man asks you for your class, tell him not to be embarrassing." !

On Gay Liberation

the views of a male college student:

Of all the struggles by oppressed minorities in America, few read more heroically than the struggle of the homosexual to win his basic human rights. His struggle is heroic because it is fought almost without the support of the press, public opinion, or legislative action. Tall indeed are the Gay heroes who break the silence of oppression to take their cases into the light of day and fight for the rights of all Gay People. Yet, even in a court victory, our heroes seem still to be losers. Once they step into the light of self-respect, they stand to lose their jobs, their friends, and the love of their families and relatives who are still cowering in the darkness of ignorance, fear, and self-righteousness.

No struggle could be more unique in character or universal in scope. Even the Movement at large has failed to encompass the Gay drive for Liberation. Although the Movement has championed the Mexican-American, the Puerto-Rican, the Black, and Women's Lib, these united struggles have until most recently failed to support members of their groups who are also Gay. The persecuted Blacks rally together to fight for freedom; yet, what if a member is both Black and Gay? This issue is fast becoming a major one with Gays in the Movement. If continued, this double standard will make the government's credibility gap look like a hair line crack by comparison.

The Gay Movement is truly universal for it knows no color, race, creed or sole political doctrine. This does not mean the Movement is unreliable, but rather that it provides a basis for uninhibited identification with the universal struggle of all men against oppression of every form. Imagine the hellish life of a homosexual, Chicano female who is a disciple of Che and rejects religion as well as a tool of the establishment. Though she may win all other freedoms, the last will be her freedom of sexual preference; one of the basic drives of the human person.

Thanks to our brave Gay Sisters and Brothers who have taken their battles to the courts, many Gays now have a little more courage to fight their battles, both public and private. We are tired of being beaten, robbed, and killed while the police are busy elsewhere using entrapment techniques to pad their arrest quotas. (entrapment is police enticing people into illegal sexual overtures and then arresting them - ed.) We're through with police harassing our bars, looking for pay-offs. We've had enough of social stigmas which cast us as child molesters, degenerates, and destroyers of Human dignity. An end must come to sociology and psychology courses which class Gays with addicts, prostitutes and the mentally ill while the Movement is trying to educate the unaware public. No more will we be barred from equal rights, jobs, political office, or our own social activities. The Gay Movement is on the move and we're freedom bound!