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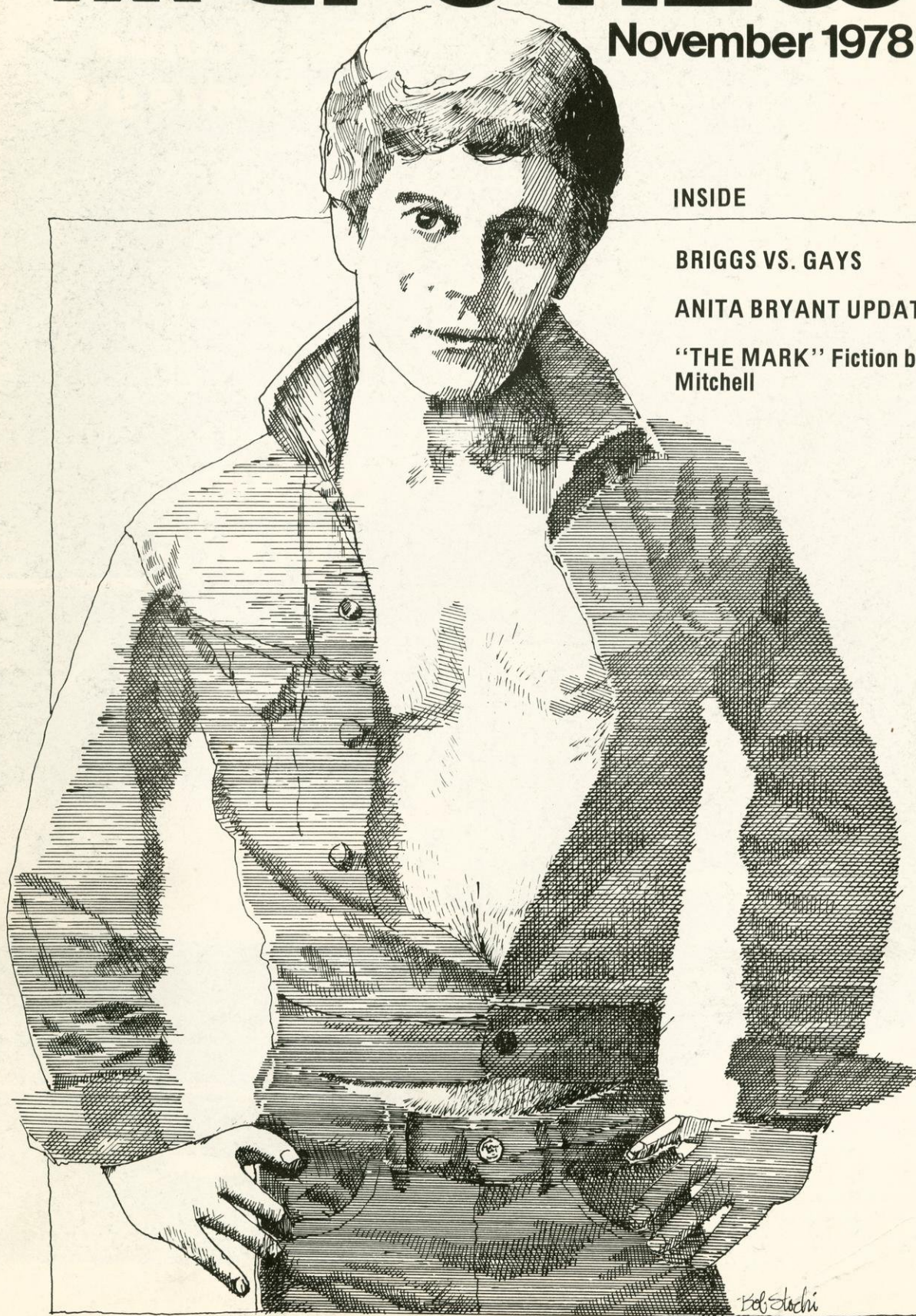
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR GRNL

Washington, D.C.—The Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) announced in October the appointment of Steve Endean to the position of Executive Director of the organization. Endean's responsibilities include the broad areas of legislative advocacy, fundraising, and administration. Although GRNL has had an office manager in the past, the new appointment marks the first time that it has employed an individual with broad authority and responsibility over the lobbying efforts.

Endean served for six years in the Minnesota State Legislature as the lobbyist for civil rights for gay people. He also served as the lobbyist for the successful passage of the Minneapolis and St. Paul gay rights ordinance. Other past work in the gay movement includes volunteer service during the final weeks of the Dade County Campaign, assistant campaign manager



in the efforts against repeal of the St. Paul ordinance, and general lobbying for Americans for Democratic Action (ADA).

When asked about his expecta-

tions for GRNL, Endean commented: "Our top priority will be to build a strong lobbying presence on Capitol Hill. That includes a wide variety of things such as the education of Congresspersons and their staffs on gay concerns, showing them that support for civil rights for lesbians and gay men is not equivalent to political suicide, building a strong and large constituent network, and gaining and increasing the support of progressive and public interest lobbies. In view of the recent referenda and the growing conservative trend, I am sure that we face an uphill battle. While passage of the legislation is certainly not likely in the immediate future, passage of controversial legislation never comes quickly. The building of a strong lobbying effort now will allow us to move effectively for passage when the political climate once again improves."

HOLTZMAN BILL FRACTURED

Washington, D.C.—Persecution of homosexuals has been omitted from Congresswoman Elizabeth Holtzman's bill to deport Nazi criminals from the United States, and to deny entry to such persons. When the bill was first submitted more than two years ago, David Thorstad (then President of the Gay Activists Alliance) elicited a promise from Holtzman that she would amend the bill to include mass murder of gays when it came up before the House Immigration Subcommittee.

In response to a recent query, Holtzman indicated, in a letter dated August 4, 1978, that unsuccessful efforts had been made to amend the bill to include sex and to broaden it to cover any alien engaging in persecution for any reason. She also noted that she had made no effort to include "sexual orientation"

According to Holtzman, the

changes were rejected primarily "on the advice of the Justice and State Departments which felt that they would go beyond the substantial body of case law and other precedents now available to guide the administration of the bill." Several NYC gay organizations have expressed disappointment, not only that gays were left out of the bill, but that a promise to the gay community was broken.

"The gay community," Thorstad noted, "regards the persecution of homosexuals in Nazi Germany as a subject of the utmost seriousness—especially today, when voices are being raised in America urging the same fate. . . Indeed, the 'final solution' to the Jews was first carried out against homosexuals. Today holocaust curricula are being added to many school study programs, yet any mention of the homosexual holocaust is being left out of them entirely."

ILLINOIS POLL

Chicago, IL—A survey jointly sponsored by institutional and research groups at the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana campus indicates that 58% of those with a position answered "no" to the query, "Should the rights of homosexuals be protected by law?" Only 42% answered "yes", but 24% of the sample of 10,000 Illinois residents surveyed did not have any opinion on the matter.

The research survey, entitled "Illinois: Today and Tomorrow", showed that support for gay rights was greatest in Chicago, where 57% favor laws which would protect the rights of gays. In sharp contrast, only 27% of persons living in the non-metropolitan areas of the state support gay rights.

People between the ages of 24 and 35 were most in favor of gay rights. Only 29% of those over 65 years of age supported gay rights legislation.

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MKE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

by Roger Durand

Milwaukee, WI—Being confronted with the issue of short hair at its regular October 5 meeting, the Board of Fire and Police Commissions decided to grab a few when it came time for several gay people to appear before them. Representatives of the gay community had been led to believe that they would be allowed to speak before the Commission.

The nationwide publicity given to the firing of police officers Linda Velasco and Gordon Patterson for allegedly engaging in unlawful cohabitation has given Wisconsin gays an opportunity to show that the present sex laws can be used by the police to get anyone—even their own. What better way to express this than before the Commission, right? Wrong.

Leon Rouse sent a letter to the Commission crouched in vague economic terms on behalf of several unnamed organizations requesting time to appear and speak before the Board. Whether or not this was granted seems to be a matter of opinion. However, the "Communication from Leon Rouse" was placed on the agenda as the first order of new business.

There certainly was no doubt in Rouse's mind that he and others would be allowed to speak. He invited representatives from Gay Peoples Union, Milwaukee Area Gay and Lesbian Coalition, Wisconsin Alliance for Sexual Privacy, and Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union to accompany him to the meeting.

An unscheduled event turned out to be the highlight of the evening, however. Jerome Dudzik, President of the Milwaukee Police Association, paraded Police Officer Karen Gierzycki before the Board. She had been told that her recently cut hair was not short enough. The Board did not want to get into her hair anymore than they wanted Rouse and his entourage to get into

theirs.

The Board had now discovered, either by observation or investigation, that Rouse was not before them on behalf of "unhappy taxpayers." Chairman Gilbert Jewell informed him that he would not be able to address the Commission "on any matter pending before the Board," nor would he allow this to "be a forum for any cause." He told Rouse if he kept to those conditions he was free to speak. This maneuver rattled Rouse and he never quite recovered.

Chairman Jewell tersely informed him that the Commission had, "never received a complaint from any homosexual on the police force." He added that he knew of no regulation prohibiting the recruitment of homosexuals.

SUIT FILED AGAINST LAPD

Los Angeles, CA—A major and extensive lawsuit has been filed against the Los Angeles Police Department for allegedly spying on numerous political and religious organizations during the early 1970s. The Department was at the time under the leadership of Chief Ed Davis, who was more recently an unsuccessful candidate for governor of California.

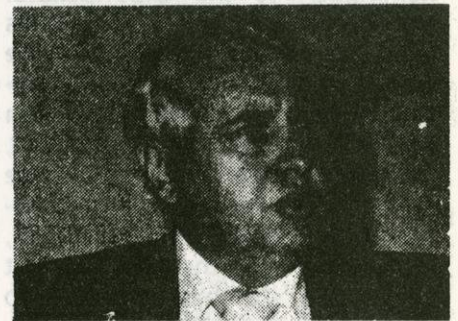
A recently published list from LAPD's Public Disorder and Intelligence Division indicates that almost 300 organizations were placed under surveillance between 1971 and 1975. The list includes three gay organizations: the Gay Liberation Front, the Gay Community Alliance, and the Gay Community Services Center.

The suit is being brought up by a group called the Citizens Commission on Police Repression, with supporting briefs planned by a number of gay and women's organizations. The gay organizations will also appear as plaintiffs with other groups, including the L.A. Chapter of the National Organization for

The last statement visibly rattled Police Chief Harold Brier who had shouted, "That's right," when Rouse claimed he would be fired if he were a police officer and it became known that he was a homosexual.

Jewell chose not to recognize Rev. Jude Michaels from the Wisconsin Alliance for Sexual Privacy, but did listen to a well-presented broad plea from Eunice Edgars, Executive Director of Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union, to consider homosexuals as a legitimate minority and institute a program for their recruitment into the police and fire departments.

The representatives from Gay Peoples Union arrived ten minutes after the meeting had been adjourned. It's probably just as well.



Former LAPD Chief Edward Davis

Women, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the First Unitarian Church.

Dick Higson, executive director of Gay Community Services Center, was not surprised to learn that the center appeared on the police surveillance list. "After the abuses of Watergate and such, this is no surprise," he said. The plaintiffs will not only challenge the LAPD's alleged right to spy on political and religious organizations, but they will also seek punitive damages for each organization named in the suit. The American Civil Liberties Union Gay Rights Chapter in Los Angeles will also assist in the case.

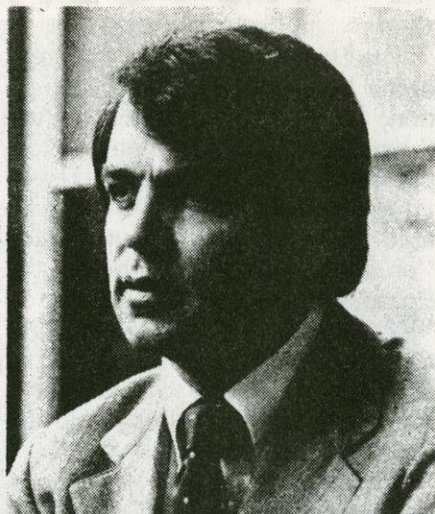
NOBLE LOSES PRIMARY



Elaine Noble

Boston, MA—The September Massachusetts primary election brought surprises and non-surprises to gay voters in the state. Chief among the latter was the defeat of Rep. Elaine Noble for the Democratic nomination to the U.S. Senate. Noble had had financial difficulties from the outset. Reports on file with the Elections Commission indicate that she raised less than \$38,000 through mid-September, not appreciably more than she raised in the race for state representative (\$23,000) two years ago, and far less than the \$300,000 that she stated she had expected to raise. Noble was the only openly gay person running in the primary. The local gay community struck a diversity of reactions to her campaign, ranging from enthusiasm through apathy to opposition: also a great difference from her 1974 campaign, when thousands of gay women and men worked tirelessly.

Noble placed last in the five-way race. There was some comfort to gay voters in the fact that former Conservative Caucus Director Howard Phillips, for whom Anita Bryant did radio and television commercials, did almost as poorly (a distant fourth). The final tally showed Paul Tsongas with 35% of the vote, Paul Guzzi with 31%, Kathleen Alioto with 20%, Phillips



Paul Tsongas

with 8%, and Noble with 6%.

Tsongas showed broad electoral support, carrying smaller cities and towns as well as liberal communities. He even carried the Kenmore Square-Fenway area of Boston, Noble's own representative district, and was endorsed both by Americans for Democratic Action and some gay organizations in the state. Noble went to the Great Hall at the Faneuil Hall Market where Tsongas was holding his own victory celebration.

On the Republican side of the fence a Bryant-warrior was also defeated. Conservative radio personality Avi Nelson, one of the executives of Anita Bryant's "Save Our Children" campaign, was defeated by incumbent Sen. Edward W. Brooke. Nelson had received support not only from Bryant, but from the Coors Political Action Committee and Joseph Coors himself.

Both party nominees have agreed to sponsor or cosponsor a Senate version of the Federal gay rights bill if elected in November. Much to the delight of gay voters also, Suffolk County District Attorney Garrett H. Byrne, veteran scourge of civil libertarians and strong opponent of gay rights, was also defeated for renomination by Newman Flannagan, who was his assistant for 17 years.

SEMINARIAN WINS

Lexington, KY—Circuit Court Judge Charles Tackett has ruled here that the Lexington Theological Seminary of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) must award a master of divinity degree to a gay student who completed degree requirements in 1976. The court ruled that David Vance is entitled to the degree, noting that the seminary should "let students know what is expected or what will result in denial of a degree or admission."

Vance had sued the seminary for breach of contract. The ruling suggests that, if a theological institution intends to deny degrees to gays or even to atheists, it should declare the policy in its catalogues and bulletins with sufficient clarity.

LAMBDA LEGAL FUND

NYC, NY—After a period of five years in which it functioned with all-volunteer staff, the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has established the position of Executive Director. The post has been filled by attorney Barbara Levy. Lambda has recently received grants from the Aetna Foundation, the Playboy Foundation, and the Eastman Family Fund, in addition to CETA funding for a full-time staff position.

The increase in funds and the addition of a second staff member, Ms. Linda Barr, has already enabled Lambda to begin the expansion of services to the gay community. According to Levy, "the funding will first be used to meet office expenses and litigation costs in our major cases. We then hope to initiate several new projects."

Contributors, or potential contributors of time or money, may contact Barbara Levy at: **Lambda**, 22 East 40th Street, NYC, NY 10016 [Telephone (212) 532-8197].

GAYS WITH PROVINCETOWN REPS

Provincetown, MA—Beginning in late August, gay residents and visitors have attended several meetings with Provincetown police and city officials. The wave of meetings was spurred by charges that the police do not adequately protect gays from harassment and assaults on the streets. Chief Meads, under fire for not quelling the fears of late-night harassment, declared that, if street assaults were on the rise, they are not being reported to police. Gays have charged that police "freeze up" when dealing with gays, and that at times they go easy on nongays who assault gay persons.

"The police are just picking up anyone they feel like," said Sidney Wordell, a local realtor who accused them of arbitrarily arresting innocent gay men. "The whole makeup of the tourist crowd has changed," he added. "It's no longer a family town, and sooner or later we'll have to admit it."

Paul Christo, chairperson of the Provincetown Finance Committee, said that the issue of street crime

has become a gay issue. "It's the gay community and visitors who drop a lot of money here. Everybody knows that. It's possible in this jet age to go anywhere. If Provincetown's attitude is changing because society's pressure is swinging the pendulum to the right, this is an alarming situation. We count on the gay dollars. Make no mistake about it."

To compensate for what he described as an increasingly poor image of Provincetown among gays nationwide, Christo and other local businessmen have formed a steering committee for the Provincetown Business Guild, which will try to promote tourism among the national gay community. Christo estimated that more than half of the prime income-producing property is in gay hands. "People are staying away," Wordell commented, adding that the town has lost over \$40,000 in commissions because gays are nervous about the atmosphere in Provincetown.

Town Manager Charles Cobb, who as commissioner of public

safety, is the police chief's superior, promised to discuss the issues again with Chief Meads. Although the selectmen noted that the harassment problem was not an exclusively gay one, they conceded that police were generally insensitive to gay issues. Some representatives called for affirmative action to hire gay officers as an appropriate hiring policy for a "third world community."

Faced with the problem of harassment, the town council had earlier initiated a policy which compelled all restaurants to close by 2 a.m. A local Superior Court judge issued a preliminary injunction restraining the town from enforcing the controversial new policy. The injunction was issued at the request of Howard Johnson's and Cafe Blase, two of the restaurants which claimed that the policy was ruining their business. Several gay establishments also issued similar complaints. The injunction covered all of these also; and, though it is a temporary injunction, hearings are not expected until early January.

GAYLINE GOES NATIONAL

Detroit, MI—**Gayline**, a daily recorded news events reports in Detroit, is called by thousands of gays in the metro area daily. They call for local and national news pertinent to the community on several phone lines operated by the service. Owned and operated by Brian W. Hadley, **Gayline** derives its revenue from the sale of spot advertising, much in the same manner as commercial broadcasters.

Since its inception in Detroit in June of 1978, **Gayline** has achieved considerable financial success. "On many occasions we find ourselves completely sold out of time," Hadley notes. "Commercial broadcasters are required by the FCC to operate 'in the public interest, convenience, and necessity,'" and **Gayline** will abide by the



same standards." **The Detroit News**, the city's major daily newspaper, in a recent story called the city's gay life probably the "most closeted in the nation." Gay newspapers, social, and liberation organizations have met with regular failure; but **Gayline** appears to have worked.

Gayline is now being syndicated nationally. Hadley is selling his

services to potential investors interested in starting a similar service in their own cities. For a flat fee his staff will purchase and install all necessary studio equipment, telephone services, and provide the groundwork for local public relations. Hadley will record **Gayline** for each city, and maintain a close liaison with the local owner for local news and information. The program will continue origination in Detroit daily, and be sent over network lines to each city subscribing.

Initial investment for a **Gayline** service should range approximately four thousand dollars. The **Gayline** number in Detroit is (313) 345-4180. **Gayline** may also be contacted at 940 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48203.

GAY NATIONAL SWITCHBOARD OPEN

San Francisco, CA—The Gay National Educational Switchboard (GNES) opened in October and now provides WATS (toll-free) service to the entire United States. The number to call is 1-800-227-0888 (California residents call 1-800-652-1442). The GNES staff emphasizes that the WATS number will never appear on the phone bill of the caller.

GNES is currently open from 2 p.m. until midnight in all four time zones. Hours of operation will be expanded when additional funding becomes available. To operate GNES 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, the WATS service alone will cost \$100,000. Once the hours are increased, GNES will have the capacity to handle upwards of 8,000 calls per month.

Several thousand calls were received during the first several weeks of operation. These originated from such diverse places as Park City (UT), Chattanooga (TN), Macomb (IL), Florence (MA), and Atlanta (GA). In total, calls came from 34 of the 50 states. "The need for our services could not have been more clearly demonstrated," said Mignon MacNichol, Volunteer co-ordinator for GNES.

The initial advisory board members are Alan P. Bell (psychology, Indiana University, Institute for Sex Research), Evelyn Hooker (psychology), Richard Green (psychiatry, SUNY-Stonybrook), Judd Marmor (medical psychology, Johns Hopkins University), Pepper Schwartz (sociology, University of Washington), Wardell Pomeroy

(Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality), William Simon (sociology, University of Houston), Phyllis Lyon (Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality), and Verne Bullough (history, California State University-Northridge).

All calls received by GNES will be logged anonymously and computer-collated. Analysis and correlation will enable the advisory board to evaluate level and types of services provided. As data is made available, it will also be used as the first broad-based nationwide assessment of the need for services able to deal sensitively with gay persons.

GNES can be contacted by writing Box 3627, Rincon Annex, San Francisco, CA 94119. Their business phone is (415) 543-4574.

SHERIDAN SQUARE BILLBOARD

NYC, NY—Two large billboards overlooking Sheridan Square in Greenwich Village have been posted with a gay rights message which reads: "We urge all New Yorkers: Contact Your City Council Members. Tell them you want Intro 384 passed." Intro 384, the city's most recent proposal for a gay rights bill, would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or preference in jobs, housing, and public accommodations.

The message was put up by Citizens for Gay Rights Legislation, a lobbying committee supported by prominent New York figures, many of whom are also named on the billboard. They also show a telephone number—212-242-0245—which offers a pre-recorded message from the New York Political Action Council suggesting further action and providing information on the progress of the bill.

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SECURITY CLEARANCE FOR CROOK

Oak Ridge, TN—On Tuesday, September 12, following an effort of over 16 months by his personal counsel, Dr. Franklin E. Kameny (Washington, DC), Alvin R. Crook, a chemist employed by Union Carbide, received a security clearance from the Department of Energy's Oak Ridge installation. The manner of resolution indicates a breakthrough portending simplified and more rational and favorable processing of gay-related security clearances in the future.

Crook applied for his security clearance from DOE in early 1977. A preliminary government investigation indicated that he was gay, had served as a bartender at a gay bar, and had also used drugs on various occasions. With Kameny, Crook attended an investigative interview in June of 1977. He was asked about drugs and his homosexuality, and unequivocally stated his intention to continue homosexual activity. He stated that, since he was open in his gayness, he had no fear of disclosure, and also indicated that he had long since ceased use of drugs. He did refuse to supply information on the **kind** of sex acts in which he was engaged, on the grounds that similar questions

are not posed to nongay applicants (oral and anal sex among heterosexuals is also illegal in Tennessee).

In November of 1977, a "Letter of Notification" was issued by DOE alleging that, because of his presumptively criminal conduct (in violation of Tennessee's sodomy statutes), and because of the possibility of blackmail for homosexuality, he could not receive a security clearance. A formal response to the letter was filed in late January, 1978, and a hearing was requested. Kameny's request for a **voir dire** of jurors at the hearing was subsequently denied (a **voir dire** permits the challenging of jurors on the basis of prejudice).

In March of 1978 Kameny sent a letter to DOE Secretary Schlesinger, informing him that five high-ranking DOE officials (they were named) were habitual sex criminals: heterosexuals whose activities were in violation of state laws.

In mid-August, Counsel for DOE offered a "negotiated settlement" without hearing, though Kameny had urged an open and public hearing. Counsel agreed to back off from all issues except the "blackmail" problem. After intensive negotiation, Kameny filed letters and

affidavits from a number of persons attesting to Crook's open gayness.

After receipt of most of these items and promise of the remainder, Department Counsel and the Director of Security came to Washington from Oak Ridge on September 6, met with DOE security officials, informed them that Oak Ridge considered the susceptibility to blackmail submission to have been favorably resolved, and returned to Oak Ridge "with the security clearance in their pockets." The clearance was formally issued in October.

According to Dr. Kameny, the newly-formed DOE is revising all of its regulations (including security) with a view toward modernization. These revisions in the case of gays rely heavily upon testimony which Kameny presented in July to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and which have since been distributed to several other government agencies. Kameny notes that gay persons who are not closeted may now expect to receive security clearances more or less routinely, from DOE, as well as from the Department of Defense in industrial security clearance cases.

WEDDINGTON REPLACES CONSTANZA

Washington, D.C.—Sarah Weddington, a soft-spoken attorney and advocate of abortion rights, will replace Margaret (Midge) Constanza as the White House's top assistant on women's issues. Weddington, who is 33 years old and has served as general counsel to the Agriculture Department for a year, gained national attention in 1971 by successfully conducting an abortion suit in Texas which led to the Supreme Court's striking down that state's prohibition against abortion.

Constanza, who resigned in August because of differences with other key Presidential assistants,



Margaret (Midge) Constanza

announced that she has no plans to return to Rochester, where she had been Vice Mayor and a member of the City Council prior to her appointment by President Carter. In a television interview taped for later release in August, Constanza noted that she quit the White House staff because she believed that she would soon have to speak out publicly against President Carter's own inaction in dealing with women's and minority rights.

Constanza added that she would probably campaign for the reelection of Governor Carey in New York before returning to Washington.

NEW DADE COUNTY PETITION

Miami, FL—Gay activist Bob Kunst has begun an effort to place a new antidiscrimination ordinance on the November ballot in Dade County, even though voters last year overwhelmingly rejected a similar ordinance in a referendum vote launched by Anita Bryant. There has been much vocal opposition to Kunst's move both locally and nationally.

Ruth Shack, the Metro Commission member who drew up the original ordinance, angrily attacked Kunst when he brought his proposal before the Commission in September. "You don't speak for anyone but your own monstrous ego," Shack told Kunst. "You have already polarized the county. You are only going to open wounds that have just begun to heal."

Over 10,000 signatures were presented to the County Attorney in Kunst's initial submission of a request for a referendum. Six thousand of those names were not accepted, because they were either duplicates or unregistered; but Kunst expressed optimism that he



Bob Kunst

would be able to collect the additional signatures required in the thirty-day period allotted to him. He claimed that over 70% of the gay community supported his efforts.

Not only will Kunst be trying to get a measure which would prohibit discrimination in housing and employment based on sexual preference, but he is also seeking three other referendum questions. One question would establish nude beaches, another would establish free bus service for the disabled, persons on welfare, and persons

older than 65. The third issue would establish a commission to study victimless crimes (including prostitution and homosexuality) to determine whether all such crimes should be decriminalized.

In related events, members of Kunst's organization flew to California in September with representatives of New York's National Gay Task Force to establish a working relation with the organizations presently fighting the Briggs Initiative there. Several California gay leaders urged members and organizations to avoid any strategy collusion with either Kunst or the NGTF. A press release issued by the Homosexual Information Center in Los Angeles noted that the NGTF had a 100% record of losses in all of its campaigns, and that "gays should realize by this time that the strategies of this organization are worn and ineffective." The policy statement went on to suggest that, if NGTF wished to run a campaign, they should do so in their own state (New York), where homosexuality is still illegal.

ADA FOR GAY RIGHTS

Washington, D.C.—The liberal watchdog organization, Americans for Democratic Action, has officially adopted a favorable position on the issue of gay rights. ADA announced that sexual orientation and voluntary sexual activity between consenting adults "are not proper subjects for government intervention."

A press release relating to a recently adopted policy states that all anti-discrimination laws should "explicitly include prohibition of discrimination against gay people, who should have an unobstructed opportunity to achieve their full potential as human beings and to have total equality under the law." ADA adds that sexual orientation must cease to be a criterion for employment, and that it must also cease to provide grounds for exclu-

sion from immigration or the granting of visas to the United States.

ADA pledges to "support in as many ways as possible on the national, state, or chapter level, the fight against the repeal of gay oriented civil rights laws."

ROBINSON FILM

London, UK—Gay Switchboard in London has received a visit from Tom Robinson in September, complete with a Granada TV crew for filming. It turned out to be the first day of filming on a documentary about the Tom Robinson Band. Granada is hoping for a full ITV network screening of the film, which will be shown late this year or early in 1979.



The crew is in the process of filming a number of scenes from gay activities in and around the London area, including the work of London's national Gay Switchboard. Producer Chris Pye and director Mick Gold also plan to send film crews to concerts throughout the forthcoming TRB national tour.

NEW CUBAN PENAL CODE

Havana, Cuba—The newly written Cuban Penal Code includes a number of specific sex crimes concerning homosexuality. There is, however, no law prohibiting consensual homosexual acts between adults, nor any indication that the new law will mark a return to the 1960 policy of camps for gays. The statutes, all under the heading of "Crimes against the normal development of sexual relations, and against the family, childhood, and youth," are reminiscent of the laws of other Eastern European communist regimes, though generally less restrictive than those operative in the Soviet Union.

Article 345 of the new code prohibits pederasty with violence, and sets the age of consent at sixteen for males and twelve for females.

ANTI-GAY BILL IN NJ

Trenton, N.J.—State Senator Joseph Maressa (D-Camden) has formally introduced a bill which would make homosexual acts between consenting adults a crime with penalties of 5 to 10 years imprisonment and/or a \$7500 fine. Senator Maressa noted that he wants gays "driven underground. . . I want young people to realize that it's wrong."

The proposed Senate Bill S1276 states that "A person who engages in deviate sexual conduct or who causes another to engage in deviate sexual conduct is guilty of sodomy and commits a crime of the third degree. For the purposes of this section, deviate sexual conduct means sexual intercourse **Per os** or **per anum** between persons of the same sex."

The bill would be incorporated into the ongoing revision of New Jersey's criminal code, which presently offers no prohibitions on sexual conduct between consenting adults. Maressa had earlier introduced a strong anti-pornography bill, but this was pocket-vetoed by New Jersey Governor Brenda Byrne.

Pederasty with violence is punishable by imprisonment (5-20 years) or death. Article 350 deals with public scandal, and provides a fine of about \$270 for any of three offences. The first of these is "engaging in a scandalous manner in the practice of homosexual acts, or displaying this conduct in an ostentatious public manner, or soliciting another person for the purpose of satisfying homosexual desires." The remaining two deal with public lewdness and the sale or distribution of pornography. Article 358, on the corruption of minors, provides imprisonment (3-8 years) for leading a minor into prostitution or homosexuality. The next article provides a 3-9 month sentence for either failing to prevent or failing to notify authorities

Bryne told Philadelphia's **Gay News**, "I hope the code will be adopted as is, with all prohibitions on sexual acts removed—then we'll deal with **Senator Maressa's problems**." Maressa has received support for the anti-gay measure from a group calling itself the Ocean County Chapter of the Eagle Forum, which is also actively working against the Equal Rights Amendment. New Jersey's earlier laws dealing with sexual conduct between consenting adults were declared unconstitutional by the New Jersey Supreme Court, which ruled (**State V. Saunders**) that the Legislature has no jurisdiction over the private **heterosexual** acts of citizens. The court added that sex between consenting adults is a personal choice, and that any criminal law against such acts "mocks the dignity of the offenders as well as the enforcers."

Several New Jersey rights organizations have mounted an anti-Maressa campaign, and are publicly urging members and supporters to write to their legislators in opposition to S1276.

in such instances, or for committing any sexual acts in the presence of minors. Article 360 provides a sentence of 3-9 months for helping a minor acquire alcoholic beverages. Interestingly, while the age of consent for sexual conduct is 16 or 12, the drinking age is 18.

Cuba has recently increased its tourist trade, and reportedly the new code was drawn up to prevent Cuba from reverting to its "pre-revolutionary vice-ridden" character. The view of Cuba's old-line Marxists is that homosexuality is part of a package of "bourgeois decadent" practices which also include drugs, prostitution, and gambling. Though the laws in the new code are less severe in principle than some presently on the books in some of the United States, it should be noted that most Cuban laws are enforced.

LESBIAN FICTION CONTEST

Toronto, ONT—The **Body Politic**, Canada's gay news journal, has announced its sponsorship of the first fiction contest for Lesbians in Canada. Judges for the contest are two of Canada's best-known writers, Jane Rule and Marie-Claire Blais. First prize is Canadian \$400, and publication in **Body Politic**.

The Great Lesbian Fiction Contest will be for short fiction by lesbians with lesbian-relevant themes. Entrants must be citizens or residents of Canada. Manuscripts should be 2500-3000 words, submitted in duplicate and on double-spaced 8½ by 11 paper. Submission deadline is January 2, 1979.

Entries should be mailed to: The Great Canadian Lesbian Fiction Contest, c/o **Body Politic**, Box 7289, Station A, Toronto, Ontario M5W 1X9.

DOUGLAS DISCHARGED



Colorado Springs, CO—A 25-year-old Fort Carson soldier, who claims that the Army has delayed his request to leave the service because he is gay, pressed his case by showing up at the mess hall in a black evening gown, heels, and a wig. The incident, which occurred in September at the 1-2- field artillery mess hall, was reported in a story in the **Colorado Springs Sun**. The soldier, Staff Sgt. Little B. "Bill" Douglas, could not be reached for comment.

The newspaper said that Douglas, a six-year army veteran, had been assigned as shift leader in the mess hall where he staged the protest. Army officials said that they were working as fast as possible to review his case, but that they had not received his cooperation in the discharge process. Douglas refused to provide notarized statements from individuals with whom he had had sex because he believed that the Army request for these violated his civil rights. Army officials claimed that they needed the statements in order to "prove" that



Douglas was homosexual.

At the end of September, a spokesman at the base near Colorado Springs confirmed that Douglas had been granted an honorable discharge.

RIGHTS AFFIRMED IN MINNEAPOLIS

Minneapolis, MN—The Minneapolis Civil Rights Commission has committed itself to including the concerns of the gay community in its efforts. Though the civil rights of gays are currently protected by the Minneapolis Civil Rights Ordinance under the term "affectional preference", the policy statement by the Commission came in the wake of the anti-gay referendum in St. Paul.

At a July meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to also include gays in its research and defense of discrimination. "The bottom line is that we wanted to demonstrate... the commitment of the Minneapolis Civil Rights Commission to the protection of all protected classes, including the gay community," said Mary Ellen Tisdale, a commissioner, "We are not go-

ing to waiver in the commitment."

Some of the consequences of repeal votes and anti-gay actions have already been felt by gays living across the river in St. Paul, where at least one landlord has publicly announced his intent to evict "any and all gay tenants". Spencer Blaw, office coordinator of the St. Paul Tenants' Union, announced that gays who have been threatened with eviction should contact the union. Despite the repeal of the gay-rights clause in the city's rights ordinance, the Tenants' Union has announced that it will fund litigation and constitutional challenges to any eviction efforts in the wake of the repeal.

The Rev. Richard A. Angwin of Temple Baptist Church in Minneapolis led the fight to repeal the St. Paul ordinance. Though many gay

organizations feel that the repeal has had as many positive effects as negative ones for the gay community in the twin cities, some gays and their sympathizers continue to picket Angwin's church on Sundays. In the meantime, the Target City Coalition, a gay rights organization headquartered in Minneapolis, is urging gays who live in St. Paul to move across the river to Minneapolis. Brad Golden, coordinator of Gay Pride, an offshoot of the coalition, said that human rights advocates should "spend their dollars in cities that do not sanction discrimination against gay people." According to Golden, many human rights advocates have written to announce their intent to move from, and boycott, St. Paul. Golden said that he didn't think a big move would happen, all at once

ANITA BRYANT UPDATE

Crusader Bryant has chosen the Federal Communications Commission as the next target in her ever-widening anti-gay campaign. Angered over an FCC decision which requires that local television stations consult with gays in programming local broadcasts, Bryant has sent an "urgent" appeal to followers of her Protect America's Children organization in order to raise an again unspecified amount to enable her to "hire a Christian legal staff right away."

Throughout her newest financial appeal, Bryant refers to "Christian" lawyers who will be employed to "fight immoral decisions like this FCC decision," to stop "so-called gay rights laws", and "to establish a legal network to come to arms in any city—maybe even yours."

"Your special gift can save America from the same turmoil experienced in Sodom and Gomorrah, and in the Greek and Roman Empires, and in England today," she cautions. "I need your largest and best gift possible if I am to go on fighting against such growing immoral forces in America."

Bryant closes her appeal by telling her followers that she wants to protect them from the "present onslaught of militant homosexuals." As has become her practice, she also includes a letter from a "reformed homosexual" (this time a lesbian), who blames homosexuality for a straight man killing a police officer after discovering that his wife was having an affair with the "reformed" lesbian. [Editor's note: Nobody on our staff could figure this out either.]

In the meantime, attorneys for the plaintiffs in the Hillsborough suit have filed their closing briefs in the suit against Bryant. As reported in the September issue of GPU NEWS, the suit charges Bryant, Briggs, and four others with conspiracy to deprive Robert Hillsborough and Jerry Taylor of



Anita Bryant

their civil rights.

As we go to press we have also learned that Ms. Bryant is tentatively scheduled to appear in Milwaukee sometime in January at a downtown movie house which has recently switched from X-rated films to religious films and programs. Another X-rated film house is directly across the street and an adult bookstore is only a few doors away. This appearance should be interesting and we will provide more details if and when we have them.

FILMS NOT OBSCENE

Baltimore, MD—In an ongoing trial for obscenity, a psychologist from Johns Hopkins University has testified in federal court that films showing homosexual acts are not obscene. Dr. John W. Money, testifying for the defense, said that the films "pass on the underside of the borderline" of obscenity.

"When you look at the movies carefully and know the tradition in the city," Money claimed, "it is possible to say there is consenting agreement between the young males and the old males. There is a tradition present in every large city, in certain areas. . . that young people can enter into some kind of friendly arrangements with older people that involve sexuality."

Money testified that he would draw the line in determining ob-

scenity when there is no agreement among the parties to the sexual acts, adding that he saw no unwillingness on the part of the youths involved to participate. He added that "young people are very frequently deprived financially. . . they teach each other they can find friendship, affection, and some improvement of their circumstances in life. . . and it will all be finished by the time they are fifteen." Because gender identity is fixed by the age of five, Money said that he did not expect any of the young men in the films to become gay.

In the trial, William Moulton Inglis is charged with 22 counts of conspiracy to produce and distribute obscene materials. Prosecution witnesses have charged that Inglis "recruited boys" from Baltimore to perform in the films.

GAYTHINK IV



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Los Angeles, CA—GayThink IV, the fourth annual west Coast Gay Academic Conference, was held here from October 27-29 at the Student Union of California State University at Los Angeles. The conference, the largest western regional gay conference sponsored by students, had as its central theme the education of society and the use of gay organizations in providing information on gay lifestyles.

LAMBETH REPORT

Canterbury, UK—The Lambeth Conference, the ten-yearly meeting of Anglican Bishops from all parts of the world, has issued an official report which speaks of "the need for a dispassionate and deep study" of homosexuality and "the need for pastoral concern for gay people."

As part of a resolution on human relationships and sexuality, passed by a show of hands at the conference, the Bishops stated: "While we re-affirm heterosexuality as the scriptural norm, we recognize the

need for deep and dispassionate study of the question of homosexuality, which would take seriously both the teachings of Scripture and the results of scientific and medical research. The Church, recognizing the need for pastoral concern for those who are homosexual, encourages dialogue with them."

A footnote was also added to the section of the resolution dealing with homosexuality which "noted with satisfaction" the studies and programs being carried out by some Anglican churches. The

Church of England Working Party on Homosexuality, which has been chartered since 1974, is expected to make its official report to the Archbishop of Canterbury this Autumn.

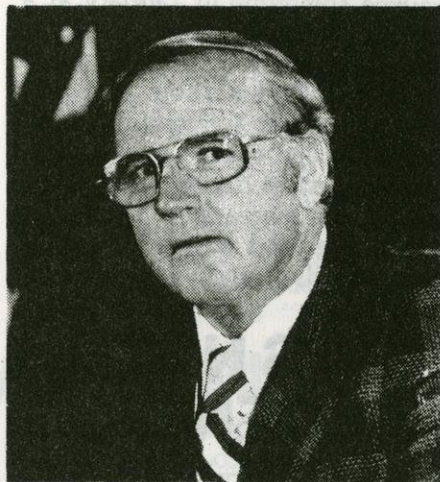
The Lambeth Conference also passed a resolution calling on "all governments to uphold human dignity; to defend human rights... the right to be housed, freedom to work, the right to eat, the right to be educated; and to give human value and worth precedence over social and ethnic demarcations, regardless of sex, creed, or status."

BOSTON SUSPENSIONS

Boston, MA—In an historic move which is certain to have wider ramifications, Boston Police Commissioner Joseph M. Jordan has suspended three Boston police officers in connection with the beating of three gay youths (reported in last month's GPU NEWS.) The action follows a series of disciplinary hearings by the Internal Affairs Division (IAD).

Policemen Thomas Clifford and John Gillespie were found guilty on all four charges: physically and verbally abusing the gays, failing to submit incident reports, and submission of false statements both to their commanders and to the IAD. Lt. Ralph Maglio was also found guilty of neglecting his responsibilities as duty supervisor and of making false statements to IAD. Jordan ordered a one-week suspension for Maglio.

Representative Barney Frank, who first brought the incident to the attention of police officials, had the highest praise for Jordan. "I think it's terrific," he noted. "It should have a tremendous effect, because it shows that the Commissioner will not tolerate abuse—even if the victim is a runaway gay teenager in drag." Deputy Supt. Richard J. McKinnon, commander of the Bureau of Administrative Services, was the hearing officer



Boston Police Comm. Jordan

during the proceedings, and also recommended suspension of the officers.

This is the first time in recorded history that Boston police officers have been disciplined for abusing gay persons.

LUTHERAN MEETING

Springfield, OH—Homosexuality, apartheid, disarmament, and world hunger were the principal agenda issues for delegates to the ninth national conference of the Lutheran Student Movement, meeting at the end of September at Wittenberg

University in Springfield.

Over 300 persons representing 78 colleges and universities met for the week-long assembly. Keynote speaker was Dr. Elizabeth A. Bettenhausen, Lutheran Church in America secretary for social concerns. Speakers also included Dr. Paul A. Wee, general secretary of Lutheran World Ministries, and Dr. Ronald R. Hetzler, executive secretary of Associated Church Press.

Addressing the issue of homosexuality, the conference adopted a position paper urging "love and acceptance, not just of homosexual persons, but of the entire community of Christ." Also adopted was a resolution condemning American corporate support of South Africa's apartheid policies, and a vote approving boycott of the Nestle Company, the largest producer of infant food formula marketed in Africa.

In a close vote, the conference adopted a resolution supporting the Equal Rights Amendment and the efforts to extend its time limit for ratification. Julie Grothe was elected LSM president for the coming year. She has served two terms as the Lutheran Movement field secretary, and is a first-year student in the Master of Divinity Program at Luther Northwestern Seminary.

FEEDBACK

Dear Friends,

Only procrastination has caused the delay in sending my renewal check. GPU NEWS has become a very important part of my life. In fact, the only source for serious, complete information on the national activities of gays like myself. I only wish there were a group in my area (other than a college-oriented group). Since I am in my middle years the chances for dialog would be minimal.

Please continue the wonderful service you are rendering so well at present. Many thanks.

J. Roberts

Lake Park, Florida

Friends at GPU NEWS,

Allow me, please, to congratulate you on the quality of GPU NEWS. It has been level-headed, thoughtful, tasteful, and quite informative, paying attention to both the difficult struggles the gay community has facing it and the positive, freeing things which are taking place. Graphically, the magazine is a delight—fine layout, excellent choice of typestyle, high-quality offset, and some stunningly good covers!

I am consistently amazed that best gay periodical being printed today comes from Milwaukee!

Most sincerely yours,

Lawrence Gold

Madison, WI

Dear GPU NEWS,

Your review of the sex-therapist ethics guidelines was bad. The guidelines themselves are very bad. I just received my copy of them from the M and J people. According to the guidelines a person may be denied a practice in sex-therapy if the person's sexual history is somehow suspicious. This is left entirely open by the guidelines, which means that when it is filled in, in practice, that clause could very well be used against perverts (gays and the rest). I'm not even sure that a good case could be made out against a person who has a history of child-molesting. S/he might very well be a good counselor for potential (or actual) child-molesters.

A.S.

Dallas, TX

GPU NEWS:

We were delighted to read your review of **Lesbian's Home Journal** (August issue). We feel it is of utmost importance that Women's press get reviews in the many gay and Women's journals and magazines. Your review was a very positive step in that direction. If we don't support ourselves, no one will.

Sincerely,

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Editor, GPU NEWS:

We hope that you will not think us carping if we correct some slight errors in your report of our founding meeting at Coventry, in your October issue.

(1) In the article "Greece Back to Junta", page 4, the picture captioned Page Grubd, was in fact a photo of Page's colleague in COC (Amsterdam) Rob Pistor.

(2) The list of people described as "co-ordinators" is slightly misleading also, as there are no individual co-ordinators as such, the main functions being divided between various rational organizations. For example—Information Secretariat: CHLR, Ireland, Finance: COC, The Netherlands, and Conference Administration: CHE, England and Wales.

Yours in gay solidarity,
David Norris and Edmund Lynch
for International Gay Association
c/o CHLR

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Dublin 4, Ireland

Dear GPU NEWS,

I heartily agree with R.A. of Roanoke, VA, who loved your September cover. I wish you'd come out with a purchasable reproduction suitable for framing. And I disagree with J.F. of Milwaukee, who thought they'd look better in long hair. Never!

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NEW QUADROPHONIC SOUND

EDITORIAL

With so many issues devoted to news of setbacks in the gay community, it is a distinctive pleasure to be able to scan this issue and see that two major news items are not just good news, but really great news.

Dr. Franklin Kameny is one of those figures who will without doubt be credited as pivotal in the history and growth of the gay movement in our time. Unlike many others in the gay movement, he is not always in the front-line news. He is what can best be described as a plodder—downright stubborn in his commitment to justice for all, and preferring slow and careful progress to headline-grabbing stunts. The new policy of the Department of Energy (DOE), reported in our news pages, is a dramatic step forward. It also represents two years of his life which Kameny has squandered on gay persons collectively. We are all in his debt. His strategies in securing a new policy for gay employees on the part of DOE involved careful persuasion, perseverance, and a refusal to back down in the face of obvious injustice.

A second news item worth special attention is the opening of the Gay National Educational Switchboard (GNES). One glance at the computerized dumpsheet of zip codes for our own subscription list reinforces a fact which we should always keep in mind: gays are not located only in the ten or twelve big urban settlements of our nation. They are to be found in every community, small and large, urban and rural, north and south, east and west. Telephone counseling and hotline service, which until now has been supplied (if at all) by gay organizations in urban communities, has been selective at best. It has also suffered both from lack of adequate funding and of trained and competent counselors. GNES promises to end that situation by making available to gays

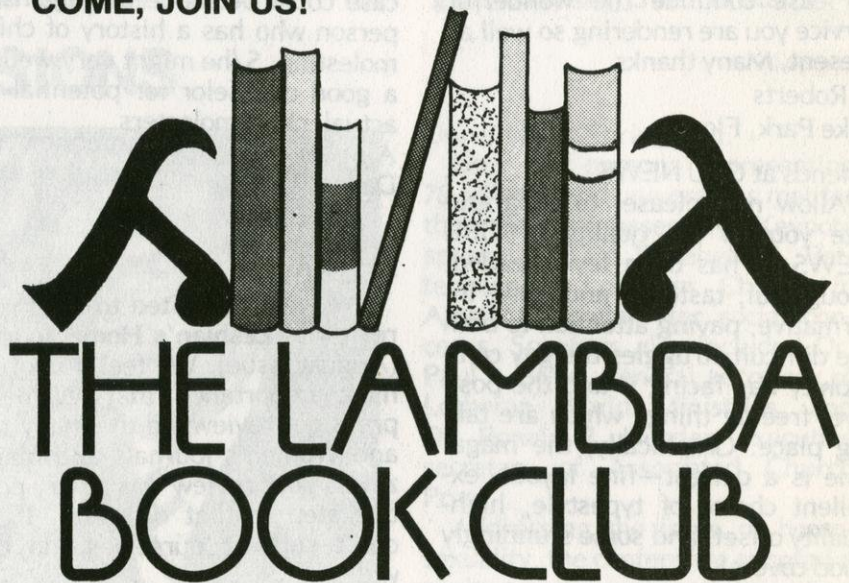
everywhere sympathetic and supportive assistance by competent and well-trained gays.

If you need help, counseling, or information, we urge you to phone GNES at their new WATS number [1-800-227-0888, California residents 1-800-652-1442]. Their services are anonymous and free, but we all know that nothing in life is free. If you can afford to send them a donation to carry on their work,

please do so (the address is given in the news article). We shall be providing updates and progress reports on their services in future months.

In the meantime, faced with some good news on several fronts, it behooves us all to avoid inertia and inaction. There is much to do. Some day GPU NEWS may see an issue which is packed cover to cover with good news.

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Briggs versus Gays

---Proposition 6

by John Prentice

Editor's Note: We have published monthly Briggs updates, but the final wrap-up prior to the referendum deserves a larger summary article with some commentary. In the next issue, we will provide a report of the voting results with some analysis.



SENATOR JOHN BRIGGS

California's anti-gay state senator John Briggs told an interviewer for the Escondido **Times-Advocate** that the election results on his now infamous Proposition 6 will either make him "a hero or a chump." "I could well end up being America's newest and biggest folk hero," he predicted, "or I could very well end up being the world's biggest chump." Gay organizations throughout California, which have mounted the most extensive and well-organized gay political campaign to date, are betting (and praying) on the latter.

The rabidly anti-gay Republican also added in his interview that, if the initiative passed, he would make a good challenger to try to unseat Democratic U.S. Senator Alan Cranston, who is up for re-election in 1980. Indeed, this remark brings the Briggs campaign full swing, for it originally grew out of his abortive attempt to gain the Republican nomination for the gubernatorial race. Briggs was so far down in the polls that he withdrew from the primary race early, succeeded in funneling funds for his gubernatorial race into the anti-gay warchest. These funds, incremented further by healthy injections of money and efforts from Anita Bryant's Miami organization, enabled Briggs to set the juices of political turmoil in motion. Without any official support from his own party, he has been able to hire a large and professional staff of workers, and purchase sizeable chunks of advertising space and air time—thereby giving him a solid organizational lead over the California gay community at the beginning.

It is a lead which has been whittled away with the passing of time, and thanks to the efforts not only of California's many gay organizations, but of gay groups nationwide, which have contributed time, money, and publicity. It is as though the usual gay apathies toward politics had been set aside, and a new energy and spirit of unity surged within the movement. Not since Dade County have such efforts been expended on such a grand scale. Cynics might claim that, were it not for the many Briggs and Bryants throughout the land, the gay movement would have long ago disappeared in a sea of apathy, disunity, and collective inertia.

No less than a dozen major organizations were founded exclusively to combat Proposition 6 throughout California. Of six working in San Francisco alone, San Franciscans Against Proposition 6 (SFAP) is perhaps typical. SFAP's operating budget includes \$31,000 for precinct work alone. Bill Krause, one of



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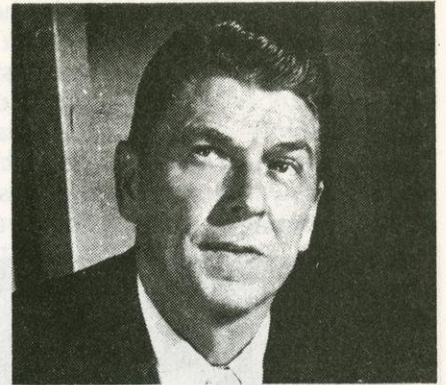
the organization's spokespersons, worked for the McGovern campaign in '68 and '72 and for the Dade County campaign in 1977. Like many other representatives of SFAP and other groups, he is seasoned and experienced in political action. In addition to precinct work, SFAP budgeted publicity mailings and a house-to-house canvas of the entire city of San Francisco.

Fund raising events have remained at the heart of the gay campaign. These have included everything from benefit nights (with a donation at the door) at local bars and clubs throughout the United States to massive rallies, demonstrations, and speeches by dignitaries from all levels of California society. A September 11 fundraiser held at California Hall featured Mayor George Moscone, Senator Milton Marks, two assemblymen, Leonard Matlovich, and a host of political aides. On October 12 Jane Fonda appeared as guest of honor at an anti-Briggs benefit held by the Campaign for Economic Democracy (proceeds to SFAP).

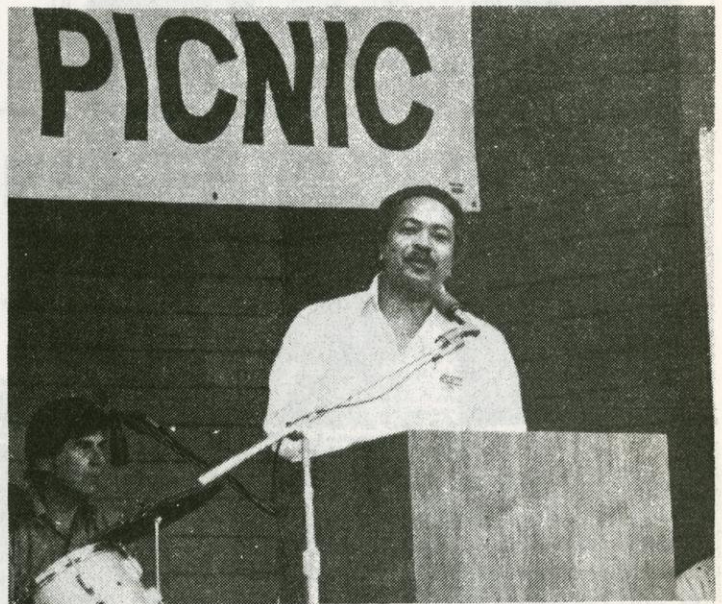
The No on 6 Committee, which sprang from the Concerned Voters of California group, is another well funded and active group. Don Bradley, one of its directors, also heads a political management firm which has worked statewide on a variety of projects. "We feel that we are in better shape in the Bay Area than anywhere else," Bradley stressed. "I am hopeful. A lot of media people think Briggs is a phoney, and think that his ballot measure is a bum issue. They would like to bury Briggs or expose him."

It is the media people which have also formed the backbone of the gay publicity campaign. Actors Paul Winfield and Ed Asner headlined a \$100-a-plate dinner and fundraiser on September 28 at the Fairmont Hotel. Asner, it should also be noted, is an old friend and campaigner for the gay movement, having worked actively against Bryant in Dade County. Midge Constanza was the guest of the Concerned Voters group at a luncheon benefit held on October 20.

To the media people must also be added a host of political lights: the Governor of California, not to mention **all** candidates (Republican or Democrat) presently in the gubernatorial race, and even former Governor Ronald Reagan. Reagan, who claimed that the Briggs Initiative has no similarity to the Dade County referendum, noted that Proposition 6 "has the potential of infringing on basic rights of privacy and perhaps even constitutional rights." In conclusion, he noted, "It could be very costly to implement, and it has the potential for causing undue harm to people." Labor groups have also fallen in by providing official support for the anti-Briggs campaign. California Lieutenant Governor Mervyn Dymally told a group of several thousand union representatives at a meeting held in October that Proposition 6 represents a "grave danger", and received a standing ovation.



Former California Governor Ronald Reagan



Dymally urged labor unionists to vote no on Briggs bill



Shirley MacLaine, a supporter of the No on 6 campaign in California.

Briggs has not been asleep in the wake of all the gay activities. He clashed head-on with openly gay supervisor Harvey Milk in their first face-to-face debate in October, in the gymnasium of Northdate High School before a crowd estimated at over 800. The evening was clearly Milk's, and if audience support were any indication (which it is not) of a "win" in the upcoming vote, Milk seized an overwhelming



HARVEY MILK

victory as the mixed audience booed and hissed Briggs repeatedly. Many of Briggs' statements about gay schoolworkers received astonished laughter and derisive catcalls. "This is not a civil rights issue," Briggs tried to persuade the audience, arguing that the basic issue was that of preventing "homosexuals from having access to children." Toward the end of the debate Milk turned to Briggs and angrily told him, "Senator, you are a very sad and pathetic man."

Briggs' repeated claims that the issue is not one of civil rights have been countered by his own actions and those of his campaigners. His campaign for Proposition 6 was kicked off in Healdsburg in August. Briggs was invited there by the town Board of Education, which was attempting to fire a 4th grade teacher (Larry Berner) who had written a letter to the Board stating his opposition to Proposition 6. The attempt did not succeed, but it did bring to clear light one consequence of Proposition 6: it mandates the firing of any teacher who supports gay rights, whether that teacher is gay or not.

It is the above fact which has caused the gay organizations some difficulties in fundraising; for, if Proposition 6 were approved, any teacher who had earlier given money to the antiBriggs campaign

could be fired, since political donations are publicly recorded by California law. As a result, teachers organizations have offered collective support to the anti-Briggs campaign while trying to preserve the anonymity of individual donors of time and money. James Ballard, President of the SF chapter of the American Federation of Teachers, received the united support of the AFT in opposing Proposition 6 at the AFT convention in Washington, D.C. Teachers nationwide were thereby asked to support the anti-Briggs campaign. Briefs were also filed in California courts seeking anonymity for anti-Briggs donors.

Two additional events during October further clouded the efforts of Briggs' own campaigners. One of these was a widely published interview with Kathy Bailey, Briggs' 25-year-old married daughter, who dated gay men before her marriage, and is working in her father's organization. When she was given the name of one of the gay men whom she dated rather steadily earlier, she exclaimed: "What a shocker. . . oh well, wow. . . I really had a crush on him. He was a good guy, a really good friend." She also added that she still strongly supported Proposition 6.

A second cloud on the horizon was the conviction of William Crosby for forgery in connection with his collection of some of the original petitions which qualified the Briggs Proposition 6 for the November ballot. Crosby conceded that he hired citizens to falsify initiative petitions, and received a suspended sentence of three years following 60 days in jail in return for a guilty plea. Morris Kight, the L.A. activist who initiated the charges against Crosby, believed that the sentence was surprisingly light despite the plea-bargaining.

At a press conference following the sentencing, Briggs denied that the signatures were obtained fraudulently, despite Crosby's guilty plea, claiming that Crosby was a "plant" in his organization by the gay community. Kight stated that "Briggs is a corrupt person who will do anything to become California's Anita Bryant."

During October the Briggs campaigners reached fever pitch in publicity. With the cooperation of Bryant's Miami group, Briggs is taking the "low road" by reusing many of the materials which this group had used in Dade County. One newspaper ad depicts a headline reading: "Teacher Accused of Sex Acts with Boy Students," and goes on: "Vote for your children and vote for decency in your schools—Save Our Children From Homosexuality."

Four basic arguments have been headlined again and again in the publicity and pamphlets issued by the Briggs organizations: (1) Homosexual teachers are bad role models, (2) They recruit children because they cannot produce their own, (3) Parents have the right to determine who shall teach their children, and (4) Homosexuality is immoral. In connection with the fourth point, mention is usually

made of Briggs' conversion to Roman Catholicism. The Senator does not quote scripture, but provides general religious comments.

So there you have it. A defrocked gubernatorial candidate, converted to Catholicism, teamed with a Florida fundamentalist, using a mud-slinging campaign with future aspirations for the U.S. Senate. Little wonder that "politics" is a dirty word in the United States.

Whatever the results of the November referendum on Proposition 6, the issue will hardly wither away. If the Proposition should be accepted by California voters (and the polls are calling it a close shot either way), a lengthy array of court challenges would follow. The courts have already expressed serious reservations about the constitutionality of the proposition; and legislative aides in Sacramento, concurring with the questions about constitutionality, have also noted that it is vague at many crucial points. If the

voters are sensible enough to reject the proposition, Briggs will have succeeded in stirring up enough hate and misinformation to keep California organizations working on educational programs for the next decade at least. And what of the man who started it all? He will probably be working for a Senate seat.

November will be a watch-and-pray month for gays generally, since to the Briggs Initiative must be added the similar campaign of Save Our Moral Ethics (SOME) against Gay Rights in Seattle. On the positive side, and whatever the results of these referenda, the gay movement will surely have emerged stronger and more learned in the ways of the political order. It will also have demonstrated, to many politicians and citizens who are presently uncommitted or at least noncommittal, that it is capable of mustering support, political savvy, and economic clout in the face of the enemy. For that, if for nothing else, we have Anita and Briggs to thank.

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Hown child porn

Why a 13-year-old is selling his body

Boys are selling themselves not
only on the streets of New York, Los
Angeles, San Francisco, Philadelphia,
Chicago, Baltimore and New Orleans,
but also in smaller cities across the
country. Waukegan, Wis. Santa Clara,
Cal. Laredo, Texas and in even smaller
towns.

In street jargon, the boys are
known as chickens, their customers as
young male hookers. In the major cities,
the streets in search of customers while
call boy operations flourish.

Pimps, skilled in initiating young
runaways into the highly profitable
low-skill trade, prowl bus depots and
other transportation centers, looking
for incoming, unattached teenagers. On
occasion, an unwilling boy is trans-
formed into a male prostitute by drugs
and brute force, kept as a prisoner until

BOY PROSTITUTION

San Francisco Chronicle



DES MONNES REGISTER / 3A

Ex-teachers indicted for lewd acts with boys

By PAUL LEAVITT

Two former Ankeny school
teachers were indicted Tuesday by
the Polk County Grand Jury on
multiple charges of engaging in las-
civious acts with boys under the age
of 18.

Robert Novak, 31, a junior high
school social studies teacher, was
named in a 13-count indictment
alleging that between January, 1975,
and January, 1977, he did "fornicate or
touch" the genitalia of 13 boys.

John W. Buck, 35, a high school
music teacher, was accused in an
eight-count indictment alleging that
he committed the same offenses with
eight boys during the period June,
1974, to November, 1978.

Polk County

Daily Courier News Elgin Ill. Friday November 19 1976

Police find sexually abused children

LOS ANGELES (UPI) —
Police estimate there are
30,000 sexually abused
children in Los Angeles
mostly young boys used as
homosexuals including 15,000
a day prostitutes aged 12.
This is not just a Los
Angeles problem, although it is

It is like a contagious
disease and it's spreading
all over the country.

Investigators have turned
up rings that supply boys to
adult males "and with links
throughout the country, in-
cluding respected private clubs,
and an intricate network of
brothels and up like prostitution.

Investigation, his division's
Abused Child Unit is being
strengthened Riddle said.

"This is not being done to
harass homosexuals. It's being
done to protect the juveniles."
The preliminary investigation
indicated by "street estimate
that there are

men were arrested, warrants
were obtained for two others,
living on the streets and
starved for love.

The boys often trade sex for
money and drugs, primarily
marijuana and pills, she said.
From there, they are moved
into posing for pornographic
photos and roles in "chicken
films," 8mm and 16mm movies
which sell for \$100 a reel and
show sexual activity involving



JACK ROBERTS

Homosexuals: the ugly side

"They call themselves 'chickens'
hawks' and they openly advertise
in magazines for 'chickens,'" said
Coral Gables Police Sgt. Tony
Raimondo. "The 'hawks' are
grown men homosexuals. The
chickens are boys, ages 10 to 14.
The 'hawks' want the 'chickens'
for sex. The 'hawks' take pictures
of themselves with the 'chickens'
and pass them around. It is a dis-
gusting business."
Raimondo said that in the course
of an investigation which started
last summer, he traced "hawks"
and their "chickens" from Miami
to New Orleans and back.

THE NEWS-TRIBUNE, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1977

R.I. sex club lured juveniles with gift

PROVIDENCE (AP) — A sex club lured teenagers had also
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Providence police who said that cost a high total was
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Milton Wilson said. "The kids who got the m
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15 to 13 to 100 were
in 6th District Court.

A2 The REGISTER Tues. March 8, 1977

OC Teacher Held On Sex Charges

ORANGE — Orange High School's band director has been
arrested and booked into Orange County Jail on suspicion of sex
perversion plus child molesting and annoyance, a jail spokesman
said.
Greg Wendell Ishell, 35 of Orange, Mondak was charged with
counts of oral copulation and one count of child molesting and
annoyance. The charges involve boys under the age of 18 said
deputy Dist. Atty. Mel Jensen.
Orange High School principal Jack Fox said the school re-
sulted in investigation after receiving complaints from pa-
rents and being infor-

Details Of Rape Heard

FORT MYERS — A
12-member jury has heard
a taped statement detail-
ing the homosexual rape,
torture and murder of a

4 Men Accused of Child Abuse

WORD IS OUT

Stories of Some of Our Lives

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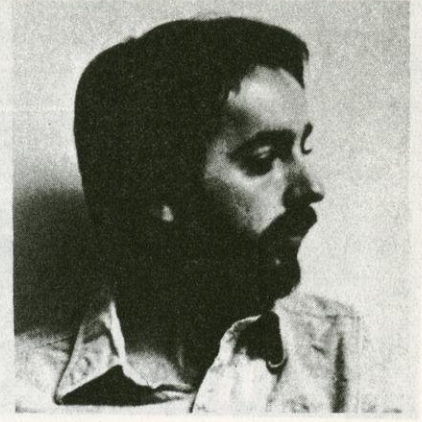
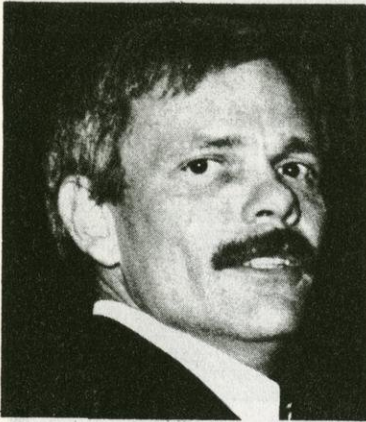


Word Is Out: Stories Of Some of Our Lives by Nancy Adair and Casey Adair. Delta Special, joint publication by Dell Publishing Co (New York) and New Glide Publications (San Francisco), 1978. Paper binding, \$7.95 (Canada, \$8.95).

The publishers have timed the release of this rather lavish volume to coincide with the national airing of **Word Is Out** on most PBS stations. The book was put together directly from materials collected for the film, which presents the life stories of twenty-six gay men and women. All of the tape recordings, videotapes, film "outs", and interview notes were reviewed by the editors following the production of the film, and with a view toward providing a volume which would compliment the cinematic work without simply duplicating it. The result is a magnificent one.

The book is essentially a collection of interviews, generously illustrated with shots from the film. Each person whom we met in the movie was represented by an average of eight minutes of screen time. Indeed this represented not just a series of editorial decisions for each person, but a collective effort in choosing persons and order. The six filmmakers (Nancy Adair, Peter Adair, Andrew Brown, Rob Epstein, Lucy Massie Phenix and Veronica Selver) videotaped almost 150 interviews with gay persons from many areas, classes, and backgrounds. After careful and painful review of these tapes, they chose the people whom they wished to appear in the film, and returned (much later) to reinterview them on 16-millimeter film. Many of the problems and decisions which went into the production of the film actually arise in the course of the interviews, which thus document both the people and their appearance in the movie.

The interviews, making up over 260 pages of the book are with all twenty-six persons who appear in the film. The final fifty pages of text presents Nancy Adair's own



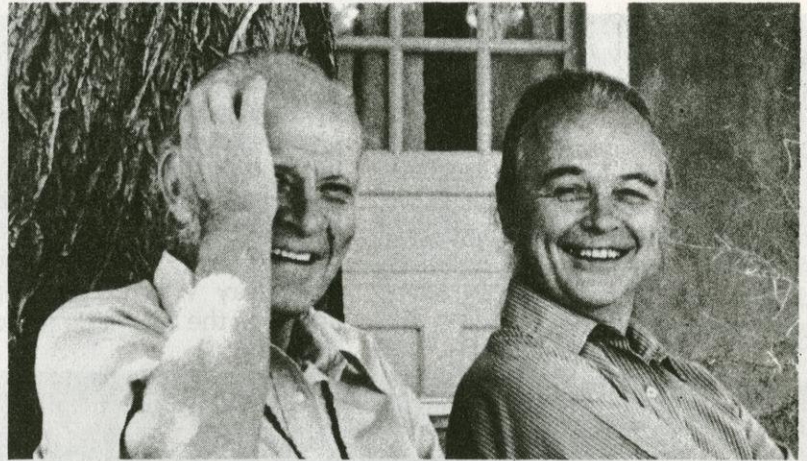
story, and takes the reader through the production of the film and events immediately following. Twenty pages of annotated bibliography provide not only information on some persons mentioned in the interviews, but also a solid reading list for those who have not yet explored gay life and literature.

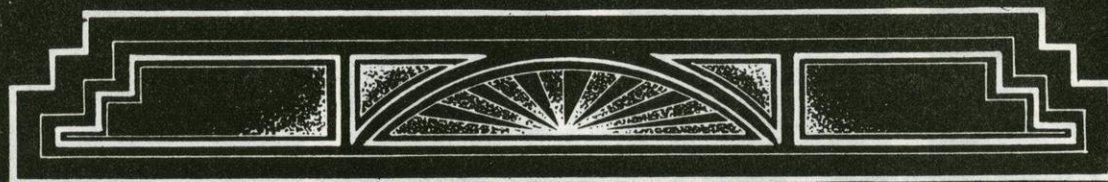
On the whole it is sexual stereotypes which are shattered both by the film and by the book. One of the most appealing aspects of the film was its disarming presentation of materials which might have otherwise invited public prejudice or misunderstanding. It is graceful, funny, moving, and yet it spreads the message clearly and forcefully. The book, like the film, offers countless treasures of insight and understanding—to gay and non-gay, a virtually inexhaustable resource of lived liberation for all of us to treasure.

Nancy ends her own autobiographical essay with an anecdote which reflects admirably on both book and film. "A lesbian mother came up to me the other day to tell me that her son, a Baptist who had rejected her, had seen the film and been very moved by it. A few hours of sitting in a theater where he need not feel threatened gave him the strength to validate his mother. He told her the film had changed his feelings about all human beings he felt to be different from him; it had made him feel more love for people. Conversations like this make me realize how important it is for everyone to see **Word Is Out**."

Box set of the film and book

Gifted NY Photos by Bob Sack





MISS GAY WISCONSIN MR. GROOVY GUY CONTEST

The annual Miss Gay Wisconsin, Mr. Groovy Guy contest was held on October 28 at the **Centre Stage** in downtown Milwaukee. The event was sponsored by the **Entertainers Club of Milwaukee (ECOM)**. With each passing year this event becomes more elaborate and professional. Stage setting, program design and lighting were excellent and prizes valued at over \$1,500

were presented to the winners and finalists.

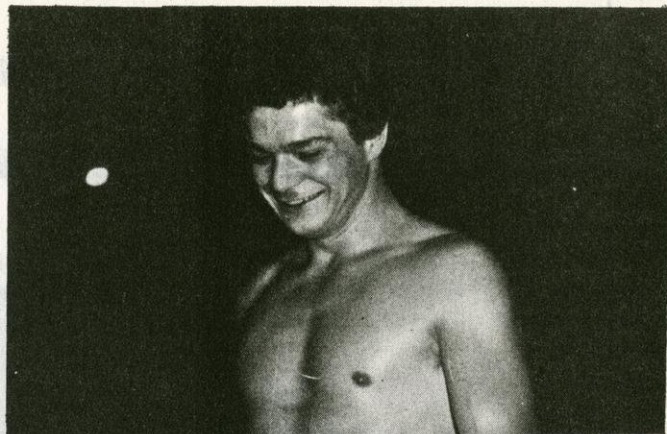
Miss Gay America, Rachel Wells, flew in from Atlanta to participate as one of the judges. She also performed during one of the interludes and received a standing ovation before being called back for an encore.

There were 17 entrants in the Miss Gay Wisconsin competition and 11 in the Mr. Groovy Guy com-

petition. The five finalists in the Miss Gay Wisconsin competition became six when the judges discovered two contestants had tied in number of points.

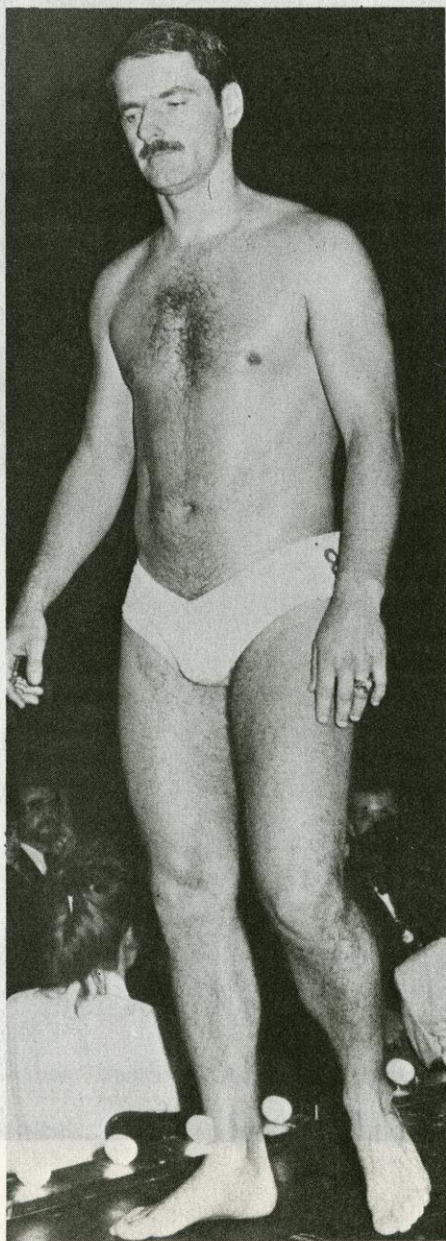
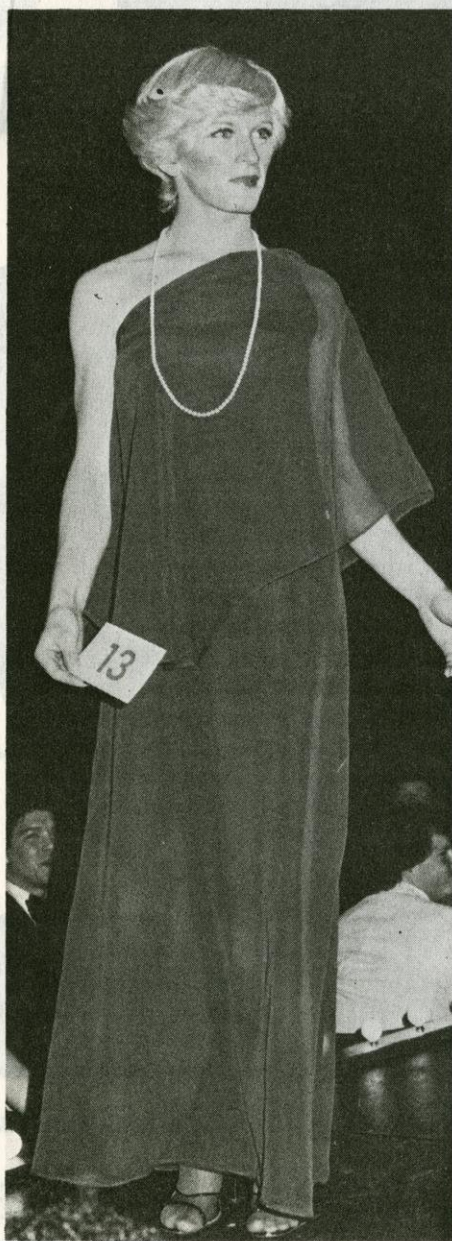
The excitement of the evening reached a peak as winners were announced in reverse order and Raphael Hillebrand became Mr. Groovy Guy 1978-79 and Miss Tina became Miss Gay Wisconsin 1978-79.





Miss Gay America

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Recording artist Donna Summer will appear in late November at the Performing Arts Center Club Circus has
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THE MARK

Fiction by David Mitchell

Reflected in two large mirrors, Arthur, sitting on the edge of the bed, rolling a joint. A plastic bag full of weed lay beside him.

"You smoke, don't you?" he asked.

"Yes." (I did last time, jackass. How many guys have you had since then?)

Smile.

Stale air, cigarette butts. "How was your day, Arthur? How was your week?"

"Haven't been out at all. The week was. . . routine. Nothing happens when you work nine to five. Time just. . . passes. And you?"

I explained that work was going well on my latest book.

"My daughter called today. . . from Florida."

"How is she?"

"Oh, all right."

"Is she married?"

"She's only sixteen. . ."

"Oh."

"... but she's been fucked."

"She told you that?"

"No, but she talks about her friends. Kids today fuck like rabbits. She did say she broke up with her boyfriend. . . and that she's thinking of going lez."

"Really?"

"Yeah."

"Can you imagine saying something like that to your mother or father?"

"We never even talked about sex."

"Nor did we."

The joint was ready. Arthur lit up, took a drag, offered.

"Let's not rush tonight. . ."

"No."

We were both on the bed now, propped up with pillows.

"How old are you?"

"I'm forty-one, Arthur."

"I'm fifty-two." There was apology, piss-and-moan complaint in his voice.

"Age means nothing. I'm happier now than I've ever been." (Same old horseshit.)

"Yeah, me too. I've only been divorced for a year, but more's happened in this year than the rest of my life combined."

(I wanna fuck and get the hell outta here.) "You're making up for lost time."

"Oh, I always went to the baths when I was married."

"Oh."

"Want some T.H.C.?"

"What's that?" Strange look. "I mean I've heard of it, but what is it exactly?"

"Well, I think it's. . . some kind of chemical. It just makes you feel high, like grass. Only more. . . better."

"How long does it last?"

"About six hours."

(Jesus. Eight o'clock now. Eight and six—two o'clock.)

"Well, we've got the time, haven't we? I'm game. What is it, a pip?"

"Yeah."

"Can I take half?"

"Oh, I don't know. I guess so. I think the first time I took it, I took half and nothing happened. Later I took the rest." He unfolded a napkin, displaying two capsules. "I don't know how to do this. Maybe put it in a spoon and you can lick it up. . ." He started for the kitchen.

Surprising myself a little, "Forget it. I'll take it all."

"I'll get some water."

When I hesitated a moment before putting the capsule in my mouth, Arthur smiled, "Don't worry. Nothing will happen. I'm here to. . . mother you."

I swallowed it.

"It takes half an hour or so. Let's see. . . ten minutes past eight. We'll time it."

Some cuddly nonsense on the bed. "You're not a big kisser, are you?"

"No, Arthur, I'm not." (Not with you.)

"And you don't suck cock."

"No." (You did, at least, remember that.)

"You're the only gay person I've ever met who doesn't"

"Really."

"Yeah." His hand came to rest at a cylinder around my neck, inside my shirt. "What's this? Oh, your poppers."

"Yes."

"I want to go easy on that tonight. Last time I had a headache."

"All right."

Getting up, Arthur started to take off his clothes. We were naked at the same time.

"You feel anything, Mark?"

"I'm beginning to." (And there is panic, a big black/blue/red panic coming out of my guts!)

Objects in the room were beginning to isolate themselves, to thrust themselves onto the outer layers of my eyeballs. Penetrating further, they demanded by imprint to be noticed. Closing my eyes had no effect. Visions stayed there, grew in size until they encompassed my brain. The fabrics on the walls, brown and white, reflected crazily in mirrors, started to close in on me. His arms around me, Arthur was sucking me in.

"Wait a minute." Keeping my voice level, knowing the effect would be the same as if I screamed, I said, "Wait a minute. I have to breathe." (Oh, my God. Oh, God, this could be it. What's going to happen to me? Pointless, stupid, isn't it? But then life is pointless and stupid too.)

"Are you okay?"

"In a minute." (Please, let it pass. This. . . this tightness. This panic. This panic at being me in this world.)

"A little paranoia?"

"You. . . said it." Gut clutching in pain, perspiration.

"Oh, God, I don't want this to happen." Those words took hold of it, got it. It peaked quickly and I knew it would be okay, I would survive. . . "Arthur?"

"Yes."

"Something cold to drink, please."

"All I have is water."

"Fine."

"I should get things in for people. . ."

Double vision. Brown on white/white on brown. A slowness of the brain/ speeding up of. . . all else.

The water cold inside me, I said, "My brother's name is Arthur. What does that **mean**?"

"I'm your brother."

His lips, this time, are welcome.

"You have the most beautiful body, Mark."

(Yes, tell me that. Tell me.)

"Perfect. . . What's this?"

(A mole, a wart on my chest.) "What?"

"This. This flaw. . ."

(You're like everybody else. You seek that out, don't you? You have to find it, **have** to have it. And you **must** say it.) "It's. . . It's. . ."

"A scab?"

"No! No, I'll cut it off!"

"Don't do that."

"I will!" I want to do it, run into the bathroom and do it. But I can't trust my body.

The music loud, is oppressive. The dissonant tones, too much a reminder of what crawls outside; too much like people.

"Could you turn. . . that off. . . please?"

"Make love without music? I wouldn't know how."

"Just for a little while. . ."

Then, how is it he senses. "Tell me what to do, Mark."

I have a lot of suggestions. A plan to ease tension from my body, to cleanse my mind of putrid, rotting flowers. He is only too willing to oblige.

From the apartment above (or from underneath, to the side, surrounded as we are by sperm and ova creation) music—dim, more acceptable. As he services my body, my mind flows free: I know now that my years of living alone have been from choice. The lies I once told myself—that I would prefer a lover, a "good" life, using as an excuse that I would find no one compatible—is self delusion. I am the one not compatible. I am the one who requires too much/too little, for I would have it that people be positive—and kind. Failing that, the imperfection of reality, I submit to the likes of Arthur (who is, after all, better than most) or to anonymous men who instill within my exhausted body the ability to live a week at a time, who distill thoughts of bloodied wrists, overdoses into seven day periods of existing.

As I lift the amyl nitrate to my nose, Arthur says, "You'll have to get rid of that."

"Why?"

"I don't like it."

I fling it across the room.

"I was kidding," he laughs. "Pretending we were lovers. Lovers are like that. . . 'You can't do this, get rid of that.'"

I do what I had in mind without the drug.

Then, it's Arthur's turn. Suggesting a "fantasy," he shows me pictures. "As if I didn't know you," he whispers. "I don't know you at all. . ."

So, I am a cowboy, seated naked on the bed (pretending it is a toilet) for it is Arthur's turn. We play it out. The burden of his existence saps my energies.

Resting at one point, sharing a cigarette, he touches my cock in such a way that it becomes a vagina. He wants **that**

now. . .

"Do you shave?"

(**What kind of a freak do you think I am?**) "Of course I shave."

Touching my face, "You're so soft."

(Oh, it's part of his "fantasy.") Or is it?

"Whore," he whispers in my ear, "whore." And I become one—tits grow large against the hardness, the hair of his chest. Then quickly/desperately, it is cock which masters, mesmerizes him. Responding to the heat, the wetness of his mouth, it grows enormous. Our eyes, unblinking, lock, become sex organs, shift to view the scene in mirrors.

"I want to come!"

"Augggggh, ummmmm, emmmm. . ." (Why does it always hurt **so much**?)

The digital clock in blurred, double numbers, informs me that it is. . . three-thirty. The room is oppressively hot.

Looking at my limp organ, Arthur says, "What's **that**?"

"I came."

"What is **that**?" He makes an unpleasant sound.

(Is it the foreskin he objects to? Is it the shrunken size now, as compared to his own?) Concealing my cock with a leg, "freak" feelings plunge over, engulf me.

"I'll be leaving soon, Arthur."

"But I thought you'd spend the night."

"No."

"That was the purpose of a Saturday."

"So I could stay **longer**."

"I won't let you go."

A fight/game becomes physical. He tries to kiss me, and I will **not** let him. Only because I am stronger, do I win.

I explain that I won't be able to sleep. Once more he engulfs me, tries to restrain me. I pull away, pretending calmness when what I want most in the world is to scream out "FIRE!"

In the hall, I don't remember which way to go. Corridors lead left, right, straight ahead. Treacherous journey home. One step at a time, I think. My body is not my own; it still belongs to the drug.

Pressing the button for the elevator, I tell myself the thing to do now is simply to wait. I do—for what seems to be too long a time. Looking at the "down" button, I see that it is not lighted. I push it again. Finally the door opens, and I hope, pray—please, dear God, nobody inside, no Negro inside with a knife! Peeking in, around the door, it is safe.

The elevator is stuffy, the lobby stinks. Stepping onto the street is a pleasant shock—ice-into-lungs, cold-cream-air-on-my-face.

Then this happens. A group of people, a male voice from one of them, "I love it. Look at the little fag. He thinks he's a little boy."

Pretend not to hear, Mark. Ignore the laughing faces as you walk to the subway. (Is it my manner, the way I hold myself? Is it the way I'm dressed? My haircut? Could it be the book and gloves I carry under my arm? **What is it?** What prompted these words? Why do I look ridiculous?)

With deliberate step, I walk down to fluorescent-lit catacombs, endless underground world, stench. The inhabitants—creatures barely recognizable as human—stare at me (the intruder—white)

Seeing an empty bench, I head for it, open my book—"Portrait in Motion," by Arthur Ashe. Strange, I think, at this time to be looking at words written by him. (Did he ever feel as I do now, playing as he does a white man's game in a white world? Did he ever fear for his life?) I try to comprehend the words—letters shadowed by reds and greens run lopsided off the page.

Just sit here, Mark, I tell myself. Look at the words. You don't have to understand. Just read each word, follow the lines, turn the page.

I have no idea how long I wait. Or how many blacks are around me. (A friend, **two years ago**, had been knifed by a black in the subway. At one o'clock, I think he said. . .) I look at the words.

Stepping onto the train, a sea of brown/black faces. Remember, two stops. To what? To where? Times Square. I sit, pretending to read. Then, an eternity later, I step off and head—aggressive foot-steps—in the direction of the shuttle. Not **one** white face of the dozens, growing to hundreds around me. A tiny thought in the back of my mind blinks on and off: is this an accident or did I **plan** it? Is this how my life ends—red blood on a white body/on the subway floor/spilling onto the tracks? Black, laughing faces, my last encounter on earth?

Most of the "blacks" are not black at all, but light-skinned. Who are they? Misfits who live night time hours here because they are unwelcome any other place? Where do they travel, for what purpose?

A group of about fifty (blended black, sinister sickly faces) wait for the shuttle. I hope their number means the train will arrive soon. Leaning casually against a post, I find that is not to be the case. A black man, very black, paces to my left—passing a bit nearer each time. (Poor boy outfit/the hat, man/he does a number.) I continue to read—or pretend. Marking my place to board the train, I see from the corner of my eye, several hostile faces leering at whitey.

Taking the first available seat, I open my book. The God damn train **sits there**.

I think (hope) Grand Central will be better, not so crowded, possibly a white face or two. It is worse, much worse. Starting down the stairway to the uptown trains, I face a wall of Negroes at the foot of the stairs. The Royalty of Debauch, they stand, lounge around, inquire and threaten with the same glance.

One split second says, "get to the street," but too many

eyes are on me, seeking some indication of fear. I proceed in businessman's pace to tread my way through the pack.

The terror just below the surface, so like that moment at the beginning of the drug, threatens. But I can't think of that, can't allow it. Opening my book, I let the picture of Mr. Ashe on the cover be seen and that somehow calms, comforts me. The platform, crowded, **crowded!** Nowhere another non-black. ("I love it. The little fag. He thinks he's a little boy." Will I ever, I wonder, have the time—will I be alive?—to figure **that** one out?)

The express arrives. Quickly I decide to take it, though it will mean a walk back to my street. A seat, between a man and woman (distasteful glances from the Grand Pimp and Whore Princess) space cramped when they shift to make room for others. (Image: red blood over white body.) "No," my brain screams. "No. **Not like that.**"

Trying to rid the thought from my mind, I feel the thigh of the man press against me. Instinctively I move away. That **would** be "normal," after all. Again the pressure. This time, I don't move. He is testing me somehow, seeing if whitey has guts. Will I recoil from contact with a nigger? Purposely he torments me.

Minutes of this, an eternity, until I'm drained. Finally the train slows down. I stand sooner than I should (first outward sign of panic) brace myself with feet spread for the stop. Even at that, I lose my balance, feel ridiculous . . . like that time chasing the ball I should have let go/ knowing I was going to fall, hit the fence/be made a fool/be at the mercy of those who saw. . .

Just in time, I catch the pole near the door, manage to straighten up and get the hell out of there.

On the street I think of deep breathing as I've trained myself to in the game of tennis. Familiar neighborhood, the click-click of business heels on pavement take me home.

The door quick-locked and I'm safe.

Or am I?

How can I live in this world? How can I live in a world **this real?** Encounters with it, each time, drive me further away. Never again, a pre-dawn eternity/underground/ journey with the future of mankind, with the world as it will be, as it is too rapidly becoming. Weekly excursions—for the sex which enables me to release built-up tensions of body and mind—will, for practical reasons, have to be found closer to home.

Or. . .

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REVIEW

Embodiment: An Approach to Sexuality and Christian Theology by James B. Nelson. Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, MN, 1978, 303 pp., \$8.95. Available in Milwaukee at Fortress Press.

Reviewed by Bob Johnson, Coordinator, Lutherans Concerned for Gay People/Milwaukee.

Embodiment by Professor Nelson, United Theological Seminary, St. Paul, will form the basis of sexual understanding in the Protestant Churches for years to come! It is his contention that Western Christianity's prevailing view of human sexuality has developed from the two erroneous dualisms of sexism and spiritualism. In spiritualism, "the body" and "the spirit" are viewed as separate components of a person; the spirit representing higher aspirations. In sexism, "male" and "female" characteristics are distinct personality patterns with such attributes as strength and wisdom belonging to the male (the superior) and attributes such as sensitivity and nurturing belonging to the inferior female. Spiritualistic dualism and sexist dualism have been closely interwoven throughout the "Christian" centuries such that the alienation produced by man-over-woman has both nurtured and given persistence to the alienation of spirit-over-body.

The essence of God's greatest gift, when "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us", is that we reject both dualisms and live as fulfilled sexual persons within the guidelines of "love our neighbor." **Embodiment** develops a Christian moral perspective on human sexuality under the promise of God "to make better lovers of us all."

As a proselyte for full acceptance for gay people in the Christian church, I know that the problem is not gay, but sex. Only when Christians develop a new understanding

of all sexual patterns, will they fully accept a homosexual Christian. Nelson's book will help provide that understanding; his theology of sexual salvation focuses on the healing and wholeness available to all people, for all have been wounded and divided by spiritualistic and sexist dualisms. His thesis, then, gives a strong, positive framework into which the homosexual person can grow into freedom through divine acceptance of genital sex.

Eleven percent of the book (perhaps, Nelson's statement of Affirmative Action) is a chapter that deals exclusively with a historical and biblical understanding of gayness and homosexuality within the framework of the principles developed throughout the book. This chapter, adapted from some of the author's earlier articles, is as concise and thorough an essay as one can find on the Christian approach to the gay person. It is "must" reading for those who wish to carry a mission of understanding of the homosexual person to the church. Following a brief, but powerful, discussion of those three Old Testament and three New Testament passages on "homosexuality" often used by the "selective fundamentalist", Nelson then defines four current theological stances toward homosexuality: rejecting-punative, rejecting-nonpunative, qualified acceptance, and full acceptance. As he refutes the logic and theology contained in those positions of less than full acceptance, Nelson attacks the stance of ethicalists Karl Barth and Helmut Thielicke.

Although two thousand years of interpreters have taught us that Christian morality is to be couched in "thou shall not" terminology, Jesus spoke primarily in "thou shalt" injunctions. Although in the "gay" chapter Nelson avoids the pitfalls of the nay-sayers, unfortunately he hides any positive (thou

shalt) affirmation of gay morality behind quotations from others and Socratic questions. Those who say "Gay is not OK" are wrong: there is, however, no "Gay is OK." It would also have been desirable for Nelson to develop an answer to those church people who hold that "homosexuality is contrary to the heterosexual nature of God's creation." A Christian sexual ethicist could surely develop a needed answer drawing on Jesus' statement, "there are different reasons why men cannot marry" (Matthew 19: 12). The First Christian Ethicist accepted all people!

Both for gay and non-gay readers, Professor Nelson is refreshingly candid; **Embodiment** is not an abstract statement. Although he does not cover all the sexual variations symbolized by the gay man's colorful handkerchiefs, Nelson discusses such activity as masturbation, oral-genital expression, anal intercourse, and sado-masochism within the framework of his analysis. For instance, anal intercourse is portrayed as a possible psychosexual symbol of grace—"one meets the beloved in this mutual exposure of the chaos of our lives," says Nelson. "We are body-people by God's design," he states, "and distinctly human bodies are made for play and exploration."

Lest gay people become too comfortable in their martyrdom by the Church, Nelson reveals the tragedy of those with greater sexual oppression than gays: the aged, the seriously ill, and the physically and mentally disabled. Gays, at least, have freedom to fight for justice for themselves and have the "home is your castle" protection of the Fourth Amendment. Brothers and sisters in institutions (alas, often Church related) have no such free-

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dom; all of us bear our share of guilt as we condone arrangements that deny institutionalized persons the freedom of expression of their own sexuality. A gay Christian, after reading the poignant examples of repression documented by Nelson, should be moved from an "after us, them" position to a "together, in love, neighbor" emphasis on sexual liberation.

In developing his principles for sexual morality, Nelson holds that love requires a single standard for all. Dualism in ethics between men and women, married and unmarried, heterosexually-oriented or same-sex oriented, able-bodied and infirm all deny the androgenous unity of the Word. Although in no sense an absolutist in sexual ethics, he states that genital sexual expression must look at the motive, the intention, the act, and the consequences in the context of the love and justice by which a human community must exist. He warns against the trivialization of persons (caused by promiscuity) and fears that genital sex, if used simply for physical sensations, creates its own (undesirable) body-spirit dualism. Therefore, although he does not discuss gay sexual morality directly, Nelson would tend to join Fr. John McNeill in calling on the gay person to commit with fidelity in a genuine sexual love relationship.

The moral implications of promiscuity truly need more study by sympathetic Christian ethicists like Nelson. Does he ration the sunsets so that those he does observe are more enjoyable? Do Minnesota's summers have more meaning to him, having lived through ten months of winter? In male gay baths, when is a "good cigar, merely a good cigar?" Since genital hedonism is rampant in the male gay world, further amplification is needed of Nelson's ethical standards. Can not a gay person with a wholistic approach to personhood and committed to love of God and neighbor just "get it on"? How does the "embodiment" of God, in Christ, give an insight?

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HERE & THERE

Providence, RI—The Rhode Island Gay Political Caucus will file suit against four members of the City Council for allegedly violating the constitutional rights of the supporters of the Providence anti-discrimination ordinance. The ordinance was defeated by the Council on April 6 by a 28 to 6 vote.

Gay Community News

San Francisco, CA—Police here claim that they have no leads on the fire which destroyed the central offices of Coyote, the national prostitute organization. Margo St. James, a Coyote official, said that the fire, which destroyed the records and files of the organization, followed a number of threatening phone calls. The San Francisco Arson Department is continuing its investigation.

Bay Area Reporter

Vancouver, British Columbia—Members of the gay Alliance Toward Equality (GATE) joined hundreds of women and their supporters who marched on July 28 to demand abortion rights.

Body Politic

Washington, D.C.—Announcing a breakthrough achieved but not publicized one year ago, Dr. Sherman J. Silber has proclaimed the first successful transplant of human testicles. The transfer was made at a St. Louis hospital from one normal man to his identical twin, who was born without testicles.

United Press International

Boston, MA—The Massachusetts Caucus for Gay Legislation has announced that, of the seven legislators who had strongly supported gay rights at the State House (and who had been attacked for those positions by strong opponents), six had beaten those opponents in the September 19 primary.

Press Release

Baltimore, MD—The second conference on the ordination of Roman Catholic women to the priesthood will be held here on the weekend of November 10. Representatives from almost 40 regional and national organizations will attend. For further information contact Sister Elizabeth Thoman at (213) 559-2944.

Press Release

Anchorage, AK—Alaska has its first gay radio program. Each Thursday at 7 p.m. KSKA-FM 103 airs a 15-minute gay news program called "Gay News Review." Put together by the Alaska Gay Community Center, the program was first aired on August 24.

Press Release

Washington, D.C.—The Master Charge emblem may soon disappear from the Olympic Baths in the adult entertainment area, as well as from ten adult bookstores in the area. Executives of the Maryland National Bank say that it was all a mistake when its salesmen last year sold Master Charge membership to Alpha-Sentura Business Services, Inc., which manages all of the businesses.

Associated Press

Rochester, New York—A new study by the University of Rochester has found that many Americans, primarily women, are avoiding millions of dollars in psychiatric bills by pouring out their problems to their hairdressers. Apparently the "therapy" is no less effective than that performed by psychiatrists.

Gaysweek

Chicago, IL—Horace Greely was gay. It was when a handsome youth had become exhausted in strenuous private session with him that he uttered, "Go West, young man. But weturn to my woom tonight."

Playboy

Chicago, IL—Working women are subjected to more stress than working men, but they also are better able to handle it, according to Dr. Irving Tracer, a psychiatrist at the Michael Reese Hospital.

Chicago Sun Times

Canterbury, UK—Anglican bishops have voted overwhelmingly to accept the ordination of women priests by the U.S. Episcopal Church.

Associated Press

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil—The Brazilian government has banned as "immoral" the local translation of **The Hite Report**, a survey of the views of American women on sexual satisfaction. The book had topped the best-seller list in Brazil for several weeks when Justice Minister Armando Falcao ordered police to seize it from all bookstores.

Ledger Star

New Orleans, LA—A study of the wages of men and women in several countries has found that women in English-speaking countries earn about half what men do. The study, conducted by Dr. John Maroney of Tulane University, notes that women in Scandinavian countries do best, earning three-fourths the salary of men. Women in Eastern European socialist regimes run a close second, at two-thirds.

Her Say

Winthrop, MA—State and Winthrop police are investigating the murder of a 23-year-old gay man found beaten to death in his Cliff Avenue apartment at 10 p.m. on August 28. Gilbert Jackson was found lying on the floor with his hands tied in front of him and his mouth gagged. Persons with information about Jackson or the incident are urged to contact Winthrop Police Chief David Rice at (617) 846-1212.

Gay Community News

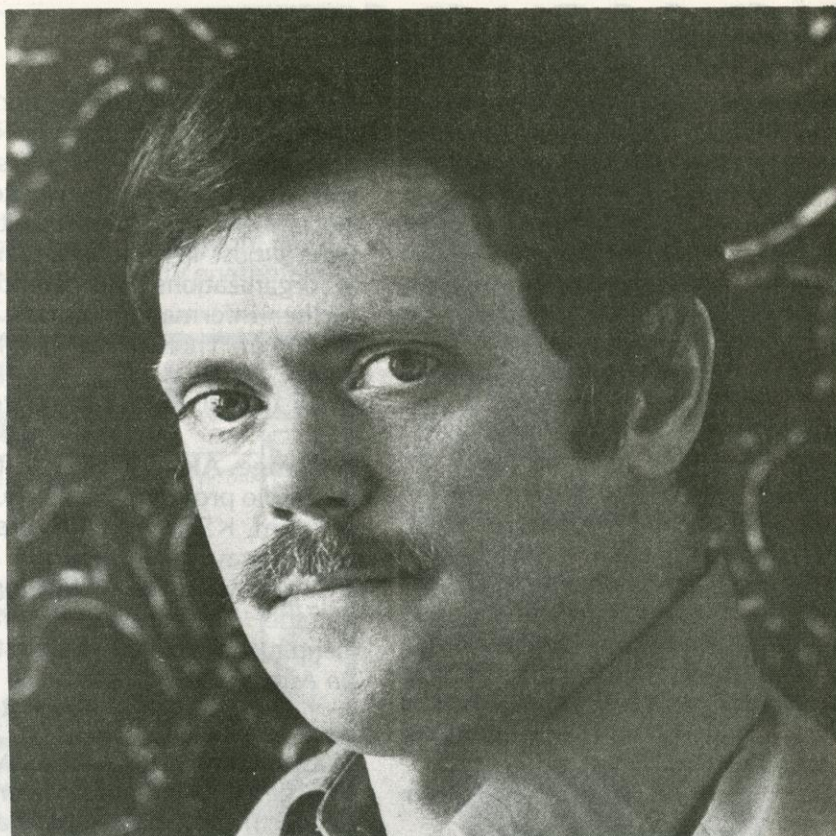
REVIEW

Among the Carnivores by Daniel Curzon. Ashley Books, Port Washington, New York, 1978. pp. 377. \$9.95

For those few readers of GPU NEWS who may not know him already, Daniel Curzon is one of the most noteworthy proponents and practitioners of contemporary gay literature in the United States. Holding a doctorate in English literature himself, he has taught at several universities, and has also compiled and taught courses in gay literature. He edited the now-defunct quarterly **Gay Literature**, and is himself the author of three novels: **Something You Do in the Dark** (1971, recently reissued in paper binding), **The Misadventures of Tim McPick** (a comedy reviewed two years ago in GPU NEWS), and the present **Carnivores**. Several of his theatrical works have also been realized in the past year by groups in and around San Francisco. Numerous short stories of his authorship have appeared in virtually every serious gay literary publication nationwide (including no less than five in GPU NEWS), and an anthology of collected short stories (some old some new) entitled **Revolt of the Perverts** is now in its second edition. [Editor's note: see advertisement for this anthology elsewhere in this issue of GPU NEWS.] Last, but hardly least, many essays and reviews by him have appeared on a regular basis in the Bay Area.

Curzon is not a "best-seller" author, and one hopes that he will not become one. That he does not habitually write fluff accounts both for the importance of his work and for the fact that it is not destined to reach the mass audience. In some yet-to-be-written chronicle of the creation and evolution of serious gay literature, however, his works will surely hold a permanent place; and they merit serious attention on the part of gay readers everywhere

Photo by Daniel Travert



DANIEL CURZON

already.

Being a philosopher myself, and one confronted with a literary evolution through three novels and countless short stories, I can't resist the temptation to spew out a few psychogenetic accounts. Like all such metaphysical meanderings, they probably don't mean anything, but they're fun anyway. I should first note that, in my own obviously limited perspective, Curzon is at his best in the short story. Indeed, while all three novels do display a continuity of tale, beneath their respective surfaces move the short stories of the essayist and the scenes of the playwright. In this particular Curzon somewhat resembles Jean-Paul Sartre in France, from a mean perspective at least. Sartre's essays and plays are among the highest achievements of contemporary French literature, while his novels (or rather, trilogy of novels) are the pits. While Curzon's theatre may not quite measure up to that of Sartre, his novels are infinitely better than **L'Age de**

la Raison.

Something You Do in the Dark followed the tragic life of Cole Ruffner in his efforts to proclaim his own gay identity. Less a cry for sympathy than an indictment of the homophobia of contemporary society, this powerful and impassioned novel is ultimately a plea for human dignity. The character of Cole is well developed within (and sometimes in spite of) situations which often lean toward the predictable. In **Tim McPick**, Curzon's comedy tour-de-farce, the author sacrifices character development in favor of originality of setting and situation. Despite the stereotypically exaggerated characters (which are intentional) and the fantastic situations (ditto), one feels that Curzon is at home here; for the second novel is built around university-life and trials. From his own academic experience, Curzon knows where the hair is short, and pinches hard—and with success.

With **Carnivores** we return to the
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HERE & THERE

London, UK—Should Parliamentary candidates fudge contentious issues which might offend electors? The July meeting of the Labour Parliamentary Association replied 'no' to this question during a discussion of the gay rights issue and projected reforms proposed by Labour.

Gay News (London)

New York, NY—Leaders of the City Council have indicated that they will delay as long as technically possible any action on Intro 384, the proposed gay rights bill. Under present Council rules, the bill can be prevented from moving to a hearing for several months.

Gaysweek

Los Angeles, CA—The L.A. based Parents and Friends of Gays has announced publication of a booklet, **About Our Children**. The booklet, described as a handy reference about lesbians and gay men for individuals and families, is available free by writing to: Parents, Box 24528, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

Press Release

Baltimore, MD—For the first time in this state's history, an openly gay candidate is running for the State Senate. Dana S. Rethemeyer is a Democrat running in the state's 39th Legislative District. Rethemeyer is a member and past president of the Baltimore Gay Alliance, a member of the Gay Community Center of Baltimore, and a member of Maryland's Gay Rights Coalition.

Gay Community News

Chicago, IL—According to **Playboy** the Treasury Department really could have stirred up controversy about which female would be shown on a U.S. monetary unit. The proposal was that a new three-dollar bill would bear the likeness of Anita Bryant.

Playboy

Billerica, MA—The family of a 20-year-old man found crushed and beaten to death in a gay cruising area along Route 3 on August 25 has offered a reward of \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderer(s). The family of Brian McGarry asks that persons with information contact Det. Lt. John Dwyer or Det. Patrick Keane at the Middlesex County D.A.'s office, telephone (617) 494-4055.

Press Release

Binghamton, NY—It was only a story about ice-fishing, but the headline writers of the newspaper magazine, **Sunday**, gave it a special twist: "Snatch Suckers for Winter Fun."

Sunday

Los Angeles, CA—Sheriff Peter Pichess has declared that sexual preference will have no effect on employment within the Sheriff's office. Pichess added that it was the fears and attitudes of nongays that were prohibiting the acceptance of homosexuals, and that these fears are unfounded.

Los Angeles Times

Montreal, Quebec—A report recently issued by the Quebec Human Rights Commission concludes that the legal status of gay youths is equal to that of young heterosexuals. The most significant aspect of the report is the clarification that, "whatever their age, homosexuals cannot be prohibited access to public places."

Body Politic

Chicago, IL—Though denying that it has formal jurisdiction over complaints of anti-gay housing discrimination, the Chicago Commission of Human Relations has announced that it will accept such complaints and attempt to resolve them on a "non-ordinance" basis.

Gaylife

Toronto, Ont—Two Toronto newspapers, **The Globe** and **Mail**, have decided that the term "gay" can be used in news copy and headlines following a ban of eight months.

Body Politic

Seabrook, NH—Among demonstrators who staged a legally sanctioned rally against nuclear power here on June 24 was a group of gay men and women. The space was provided to the group in a last-minute agreement with state officials.

Gay Community News

San Francisco, CA—A survey of 500 U.S. physicians has found that only 3% believe that sexual release is the cause of rape. 51% cited anger towards women as the main cause, followed by 19% who believed that rape was due to feelings of sexual inadequacy.

Medical Aspects of Human Sexuality

Los Angeles, CA—The Gay Community Services Center here has instituted a new program providing outreach to disabled lesbians and gay men.

Los Angeles Times

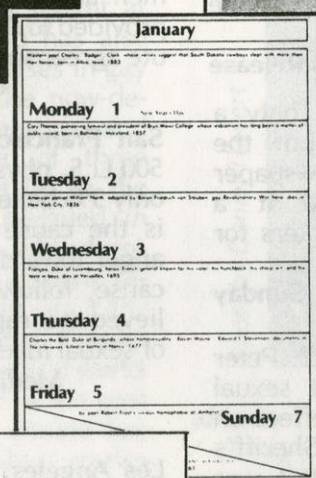
Philadelphia, PA—Mayor Frank Rizzo, campaigning to change the City Charter, has said that he supports civil rights for homosexuals. A spokesperson for Rizzo said following a news conference that the mayor did not mean that he would support legislation guaranteeing gay rights.

Daily News

Newton Corner, MA—Mass Bay Counseling Associates has announced a weekend program titled "Encounter for Gay Couples" to be held beginning on November 10 at Camp Aldersgate in northern Rhode Island. For further information contact Frank Ring at Mass Bay, (617) 965-1311.

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GEC—79 has duplicated the tremendously successful format of its two predecessors. The spiral binding assures that the volume lays flat when open, the paper is high quality with no print-through, and the editors have bestowed their particular attentions to meticulous reproductions of photos. The photos are, of course, all new for this issue.

A few changes from GEC—78 stand as improvements also. GEC—79 goes through the end of January 1980; though this last month is without commemorative dates. Following a full-page calendar of 1980, several pages are reserved for notes and addresses.

The editors have also integrated into their day-by-day comments a bit of wry—dare I say “campy”—humor here and there.

Among the fifty-five illustrations we have such newcomers as Thomas Schippers (conductor), The Duke of Windsor, Danny La Rue, Leonard Bernstein, Ned Rorem, and Johnnie Ray—not to mention the old stand-bys like Andre Gide, Walt Whitman, Oscar Wilde, and Marlene Dietrich, and a few surprises such as Jeremy Thorpe (of late and unlamented Liberal Party fame) and J. Edgar Hoover (not quite so late, but much more unlamented.)

Aside from being a functional and quality desk or appointment calendar, GEC—79 is also just plain fun—full of the kind of interesting and trivial information which one can spring on unsuspecting friends or simply enjoy in solitude. The present reviewer can attest to the fact that GEC makes a thoughtful and remembered gift as well. As in years past, it may also be available at your local bookseller. For those preferring mail order, GEC—79 is in stock right now at GPU NEWS, and there is no charge for mailing and handling.

HERE & THERE

Chicago, IL—According to Bob Hope, Anita Bryant did not originally intend an all-out battle against gays. Quipped Hope, "I think she got sucked into this controversy."

Playboy

Washington, D.C.—The National Women's Education Press Fund reports that, while women comprise 53% of the U.S. population, yet they hold only 8% of all public offices.

United Press International

Seattle, WA—Campus police at the University of Washington say they have come up with no leads in the June shooting of Emily Cannell, a woman who was participating in the Northwest Women's Action Conference on campus at the time of the attack.

Seattle Gay News

Los Angeles, CA—Fred Barre Douglas, who was charged with plotting to make "snuff films" in which women would be tortured to death before the camera, has been admonished and placed on three years probation by Superior Court Judge Mason Fenton.

Los Angeles Times

Chicago, IL—A study of Catholic women who wish to become priests has found that they may be more suited psychologically to that vocation than are most current male priests. The "Women's Ordination Study" was modeled after a 1974 study conducted on priests for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Her Say

New York, NY—Rolling Stone magazine has offered to pay \$5,000 reward for "documented proof" that certain "filthy words" are harmful to a person's physical, mental, or spiritual health.

Rolling Stone

Boston, MA—The murder of a Winthrop gay man was solved in less than one week by Winthrop and State Police, working from information obtained from a Boston pawn broker. Gilbert Jackson, age 23, was found beaten and strangled to death on August 23. Carl Powers and Stephen Best were arraigned in East Boston District Court on September 12. According to police representatives, the motive for the murder was robbery.

Gay Community News

Ann Arbor, MI—The American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan has filed an *amicus curiae* brief supporting the appeal of lesbian mother Margaret Miller to the Supreme Court, challenging a lower court's ruling removing her 12-year-old daughter, Jillian, from her custody.

Michigan Free Press

Mexico City, Mexico—For the first time in Mexico history, a gay organization has marched as a contingent in a mass demonstration. The Frente Homosexual de Accion Revolucionaria marched on July 28 as part of a mass demonstration against police repression. The FHAR has also received the support of the Mexican socialists.

New York Times

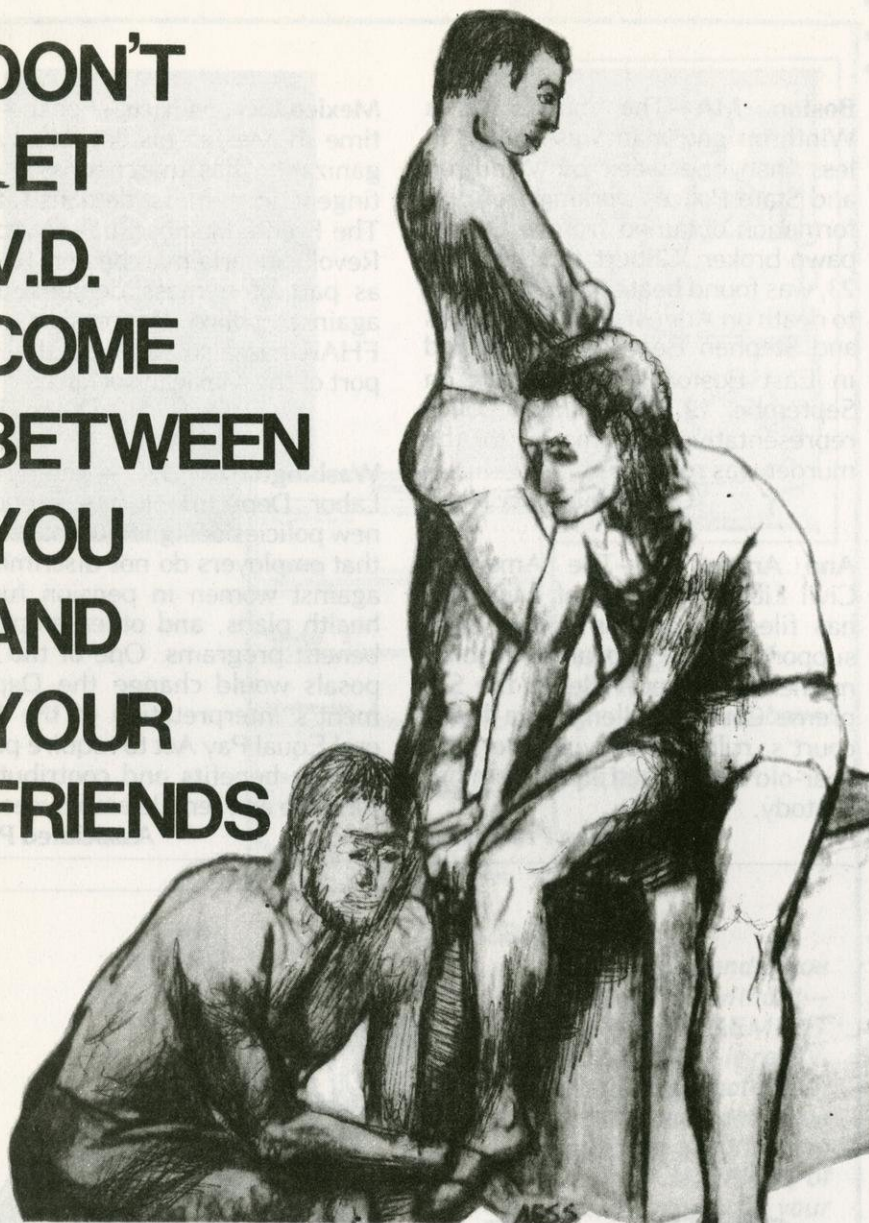
Washington, D.C.—The U.S. Labor Department has proposed new policies designed to make sure that employers do not discriminate against women in pension funds, health plans, and other employee benefit programs. One of the proposals would change the Department's interpretation of the Federal Equal Pay Act to require parity in both benefits and contributions for male and female employees.

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tragic character development explored in the first novel. The setting, however, is the academic world of the second novel. The success of this interlocking arises from its enabling the author to exploit strengths. The character of Jock (Dr. Jones) receives a luxurious development, replete with flashbacks analogous to those utilized in the first novel. But, unlike the first and like the second, Curzon is clearly at home in the inner windings of his environment. In short, with **Carnivores** we have the best of both worlds.

The novel's frontispiece offers two quotations, the first by Henry Adams: "...and perhaps then, for the first time since man began his education with the carnivores, they would find a world that sensitive and timid natures could regard without a shudder." The second is from Charles Baudelaire: "To be a great man and a saint for oneself, that is the one important thing." Jock suffers from both a timidity in the face of environing conditions and a commitment to his own dignity, and therein lies the tragedy which is to unfold. In a university setting these traits boil down to two tragic flaws: a refusal to play the political game, and a belief that the academic commitments of the university will ultimately override both PR and politics. Those of us in academe would surely be tempted to write off both traits as incredible naivety, but it is probably a dire comment on us that naivety should be the one unforgiveable sin in the ed-biz. Nonacademic readers should not feel that the novel has nothing to offer them. The education factories which we are wont to call "institutions of higher learning" differ from other businesses in only two major respects: we use strange Latin titles for shop managers, and we prefer medieval guilds to unions.

The tale of **Carnivores** is a relatively straightforward one. Jock has just received his doctorate in English lit, and is now thrown into

the assembly-line which we call "job interviewing." He has written (and had published) one novel; but, since its main characters are gay and it deals with gay themes, this will hardly constitute a plus in the employment profile when it reaches the higher courts of decision within the university (the Department of Public Relations). Jock is interviewed by the English Department at Fresno State University. The interview is for a temporary position only, and his writing and research will not figure heavily for the appointment; since, the chairman informs him, "we value teaching more than publication." For academics there's a little joke here, but I'll let that one pass.

Jock is hired for the position, one fancies due to the encouragement of several of the closet queens already in the department (who, of course, will be expecting some few favors in return for their efforts on behalf of "academic freedom"). The middle of the novel pursues the relations which Jock has, in and out of class, with colleagues and students. The story line at this point diminishes somewhat in importance, for we are following a preordained destiny of sorts. Jock is honest both in thought and word, which means that he is doomed from the very start.

Aside from a bit of mandated tricking with the closet cases in his own department, Jock leads a pure and ennobling life within the sacrosanct halls of academe. This is not to suggest that he grows ivy on his hands (or other organs), but that he does a fine job of teaching, and does not trick with his students—not from fear of reprisal, but rather from strong commitment to academic freedom and integrity.

Missing at Fresno State is a course in gay lit, so Jock offers to teach one. He is forewarned by professors and deans alike that such a course, if successful, would doubtless effect any chances which he might have for reappointment. With its strong commitment to

academic freedom, his department also assures him that the course can be offered if (and only if) he gets students to register in advance and at the same time doesn't publicize the course. A similar commitment to academic survival enables his department to inform him that, if any trouble occurs, he's on his own. If this smacks of contradiction, the harrowed reader should be alerted to the truism that academic freedom is the freedom to think, not to speak.

Sadly (for Jock) the course does go through—not because there are enough gays on campus (which there are) willing to publicly sign up for the course (which there aren't), but rather because there are enough nongays on campus willing to risk having the course title appear on their transcript when it is sent to prospective employers. Curzon may be a bit romantic on this score; but, however that may be, the course begins, amidst university protest, alumni protest, local business-leader protest, and general consternation on the part of the administration.

The unwinding of the tale, to which Curzon commits the third section of the novel, is a masterful combination of politics, personal reflection, and genuine personal tragedy. Perhaps the greatest tragedy of all is the disillusionment of its major character and its central (but not its only) victim. Events flash through on all fronts here. As spectators, we are confronted with the political machinery of the university community working at full proficiency, with personal betrayals aplenty, since these are often the oil which make the machinery function at maximum efficiency. Jock is also forced to confront his own gayness and the gay community in which he moves, to confront these not as a "given", but rather as a challenge and as a question. We are outside academe at these points, for the questions and dilemmas posed are part of the universal contingencies of being gay in twentieth-century society. There are re-

lations with family, friends, colleagues, students, and the impersonal world at large.

Those who have read **Something You do in The Dark** will be pleased by the fact that suicide is not a consideration for ending the novel. Curzon has situated the conflicts and the tragedy at a more cosmic level. It is as though he were counseling us that the problems of which he writes cannot in principle be settled by death. Suicide is less a solution than the ultimate cop-out.

Having up to this point sided with the dramatic scenario of the novel, I must now play the devil's advocate: not by proclivity, but because it is important to realize what the novel does not say. As is common in great literature, the unsaid outweighs the said: and presumption overrides proclamation.

There are two facets of academic life and teaching worth distinguishing. One of these is getting into it (no mean task in these days of high unemployment), and the other is staying in it. The latter is a function

of research and writing in part (**only** in part), and it is a sad commentary on academe generally that no one, irrespective of his or her talents, can make it writing (or writing about) gay literature. Gay studies simply don't represent a recognized area of academic achievement. Once an academic is established, it is possible in principle (again, not always in fact) to move into the area of gay studies. This may seem like just another case of "playing the game"; but, if gay studies are ever to secure a place within academe, we need both pragmatists (those willing to play) and martyrs of the kind portrayed in **Carnivores**.

Hesitation on the part of public universities to enter the mainstream of gay studies is, of course, due in part to political pressure; just as hesitation in the private university sphere can be a function of alumni pressure. The universities are constrained to play the game no less than the individuals within them, for tied to both these pressures is funding, without which

there would be, admittedly no game, but also no universities. I am not apologizing here for the universities, but I am arguing that anyone who believes that the universities are those splendid islands of isolated independence ("pursuers of truth") pictured by their PR divisions is being more than a little gullible. Universities are part of the society in which they move, and this is no less true of those in Soviet Russia than of those in the United States. If there is a rot growing at the core of any society, that rot cannot help but spread to its academic institutions.

The above point underlines the proper tragedy of **Carnivores**, and it is simply that there is no escaping the tragedy and rot of homophobia and bigotry except by fighting it. Those who believe that insular communities, academic or otherwise, can provide refuge in a barbarian society are guilty of simple utopianism. The universities are no better than other slices of society, but they are probably not much worse either.

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A few additional notes are in order for Curzon-enthusiasts. Character development in **Carnivores** is more multi-faceted than in the first novel. There are more characters here, and they are developed to a fuller extent than in any earlier work. Flashbacks and developments outside of narrow university settings also succeed in providing a generously pluralized landscape: a scene at a San Francisco sauna deserves special mention in this category.

Curzon has here produced a gem of a novel—crafted, to be sure, out of personal experience and reflection, but made of heartier stuff than biographical drama for all of that. Its every page breathes the fire of deep commitment both to the dignity of being gay, and to the promise of gay literature as a serious medium for exploration and development. Most important of all, Curzon has delivered more than promises; for he has provided a novel which can measure up to the highest standards and expectations.

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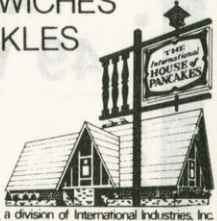
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Gay American History by Jonathan Katz. Discus Paperback Edition, Avon Books, New York, 1978. \$3.95.

Gay American History was first published in hardcover edition by Thomas Crowell in 1976, and was widely reviewed in the gay press (including GPU NEWS) at the time. It was, and remains, a landmark study; and its appearance in paper binding in the Discus series certainly merits a brief re-review.

Katz's historical chronicle does not make for the sort of cover-to-cover reading to which most of us are accustomed. Its 850 pages of text are followed by more than 150 pages of notes and bibliography; and the index of names and subjects brings the volume up to nearly 1,100 pages—a mammoth paperback by anybody's standards. The itemized table of contents, listing the persons with whom the author deals, runs to 10 pages alone. At less than four dollars it's also one of the best buys around, and those who cannot or will not read it through may wish to invest that meager sum just for the pleasure of fondling it occasionally.

The volume takes up six separate but entwined themes, each of which is dealt with in chronological order. They are "Trouble" (1566-1966), "Treatment" (1884-1974), "Passing Women" (1782-1920), "Naive Americans/Gay Americans" (1528-1976), "Resistance" (1859-1972), and "Love" (1799-1932). From Alexander Hamilton's love letters to John Laurens, through the virtually forgotten autobiography and asylum records of a 19th century feminist transvestite, to lesbianism in the life of blues great Bessie Smith, and right to the present, Katz manages to unearth the wondrous, the strange, the important, the unimportant. No attempt is made by the author to supply a theme or leitmotif to the panorama of persons and situations

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which serially confront the mind of the reader. This is what Hegel might have scornfully called "chronicle" rather than history, forgetting that without the former the latter degenerates into empty metaphysics.

Perhaps by the twenty-first century, if spaceship Earth is around then, we may be able to write and speak of gay history. If so, it will only be because of the work and scholarship of those who, like Katz, are content to unearth carefully buried facts, thereby providing the characters and scenes out of which the drama of this history may one day be forged. In the meantime the pure fascination of meeting these people—of many times and situations and propensities—is hardly to be gainsayed.

As Katz acknowledges in the author's preface to the Discus edition, the materials here constitute only a small fraction of what exists "out there", most of it still uncollected and unknown. This volume is not intended to be definitive, or to provide complete histories of the themes or persons with which it deals. If it provides the general public with the shock of fresh discovery, it will assuredly have contributed greatly to the ongoing work of gay liberation. It is a fine volume, a virtual encyclopaedia of information to which one may turn for inspiration and pleasure again and again. From a purely academic perspective, which is not the only or even the most important viewpoint from which the book is to be seen, it also provides eloquent testimony to the promise and rewards of research in gay studies.

A note about the author's ongoing work is also in order. Katz is now engaged in full-time research for a second volume on lesbian and gay American history. He would greatly appreciate any information concerning additional sources and documents. Communications may be addressed to him in care of his agent, Raines and Raines, 475 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

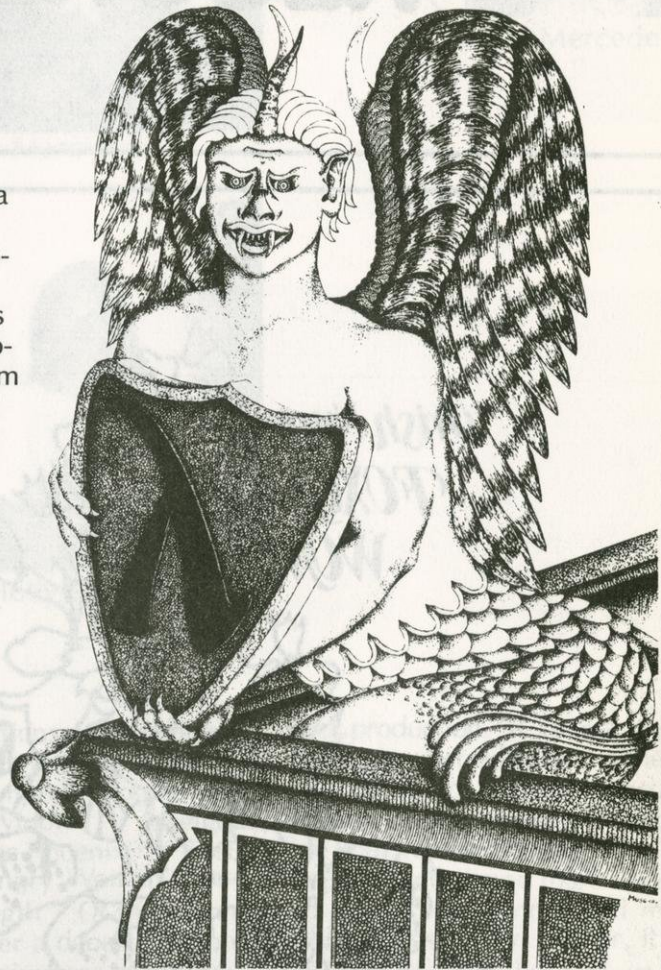
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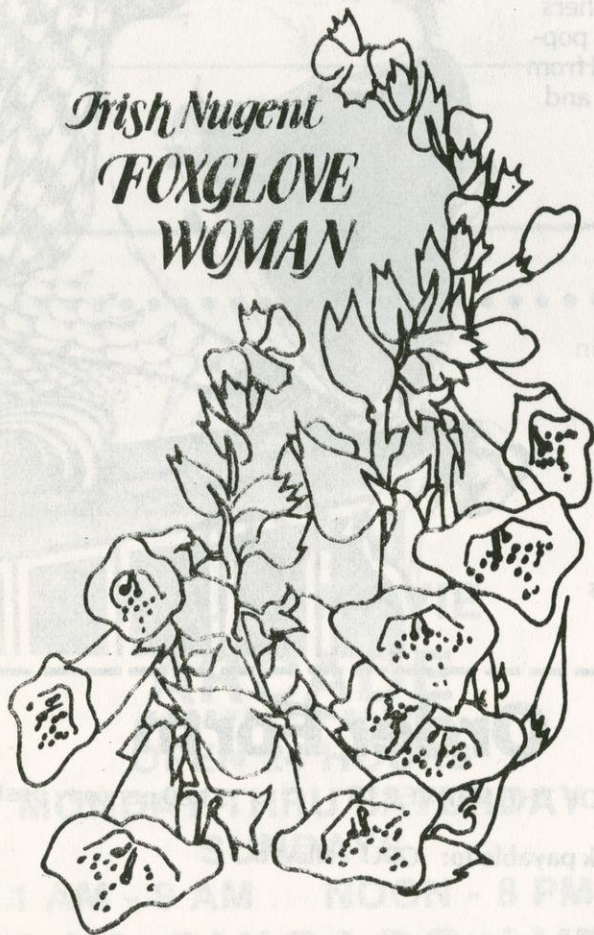
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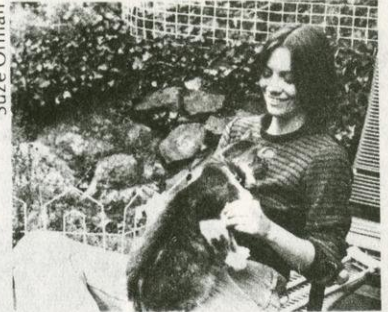
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States, and featuring several songs from the present album (and several artists as well). "Easy listening" is the most appropriate description of musical content, not taken derogatively, but in the sense that the music is intended simply to charm and to serve as an apt vehicle for the message offered by the lyrics.

The first cut on side A, "Cast Away", sets the general tempo of what follows it. "Each of us has a set of rules that she must live by/ That she has gathered as a child and still along the way/ Each lesson, each vision/ Leaves buried in her heart and mind/ Undiscovered obstacles to freedom." The five other selections—"Country Style", "Were You There", the title song, "Happy Birthday to Me", and "Circles"—continue the pensive autobiography in words and music.

The six selections on the second side glide by with a similar smoothness and unpretentious air: "Mountain Widow", "Neiges D'Antan", "The Phoenix", "Feelings Fly", "Angry Woman", and "Woman Strength". Of these only the last two offer a departure from the quiet reflectiveness of all their predecessors. "Woman Strength" is both staccato and almost march-like at points, with a text to match the musical movement. "Woman love is the love that you give to me/ When you look when you touch when you laugh/ It's your love for a woman trying/ To make a woman's world/ With your body with your hands with your smile."

Nugent and Olivia have produced a smooth and professional album, evidencing both good listening, solid musicality, and generally state-of-the-art engineering

and production. It is not in any sense an introduction either to Nugent or to women's music or even to Olivia, whose other albums are both more experimental in their musical outlook and more variegated in the experiences and moods which they portray. Rather, it is to be savoured by those of us who have already partially explored the new and exciting territories of woman's musica, and will here rest content with a few quiet moments of repose and reflection on all that lies behind and ahead.

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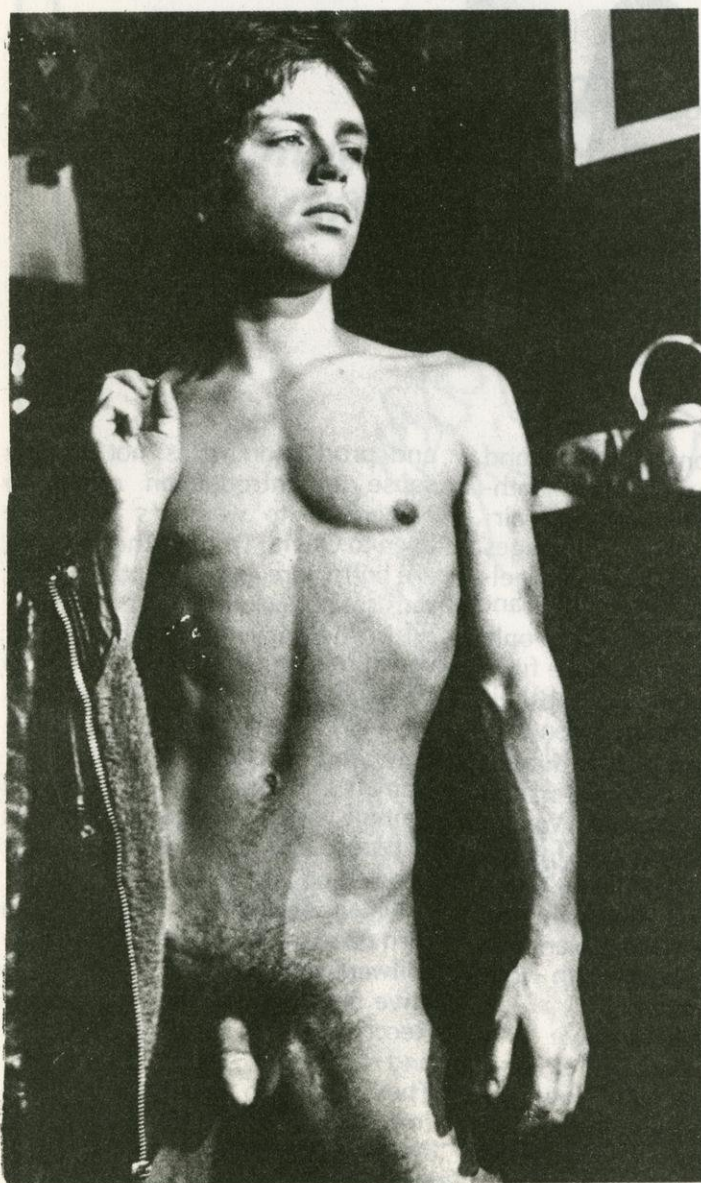


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Man's Country (Chicago) Movie Nite.

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Pride of Lambda (Cedar Rapids, IA) Chili Supper at 7 p.m., Meeting at 8 p.m., Appreciation night at 8:30 p.m., 600 3rd Ave. S.E.

Nov 5

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Gay People's Union (Iowa City, IA) Meeting, 7 p.m., 120 Dubuque Street.

Nov 6

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

Nov 7

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Nov 8

Man's Country (Chicago) Movie Nite.

Nov 9

Little Jim's (Chicago) Movie Nite, 9 p.m., "Royal Wedding".
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Nov 12

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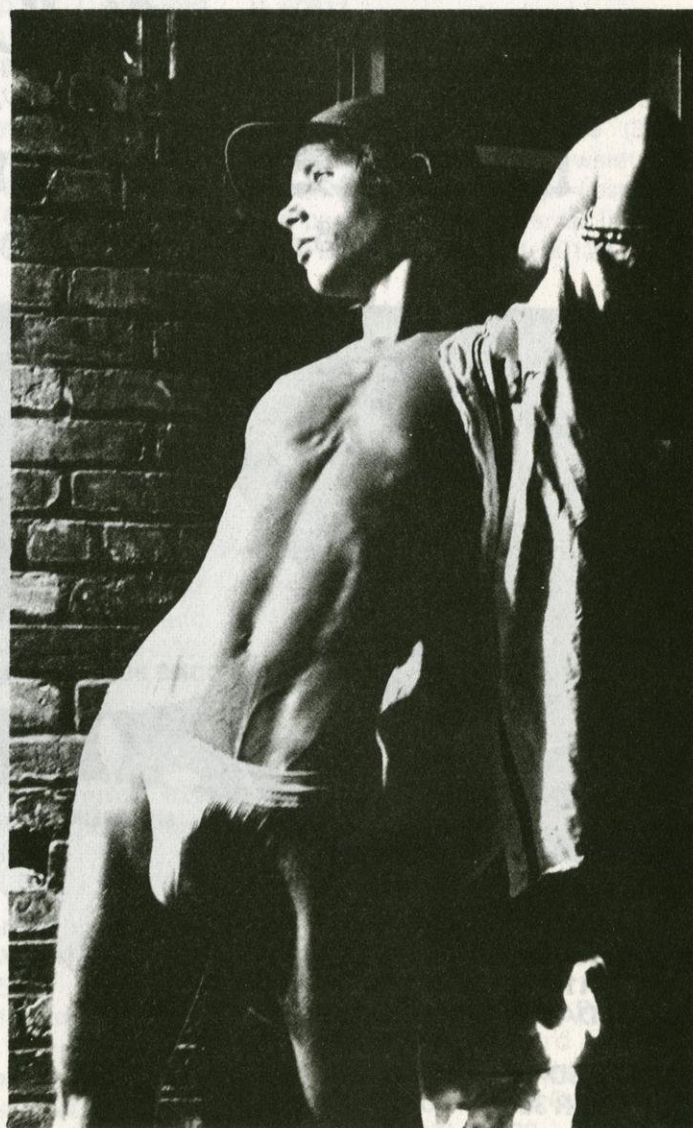
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- Dec 3** Gold Coast (Chicago) Movie Nite, 5 & 10 p.m., "The Turning Point".
- Dec 4** Gay People's Union (Milwaukee) Meeting, 8 p.m., The Farwell Center.
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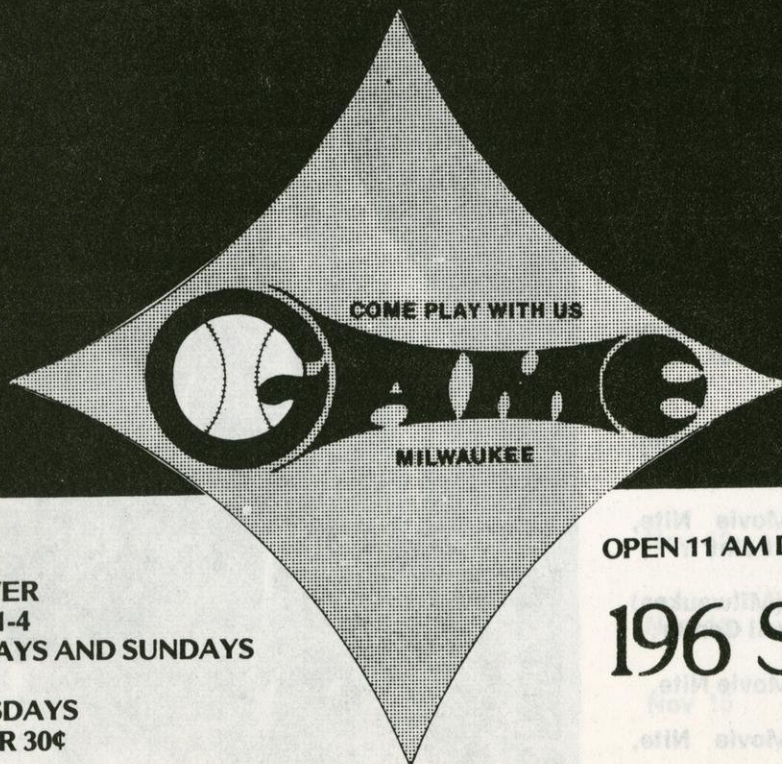
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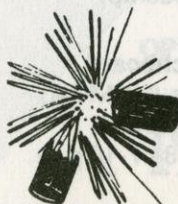
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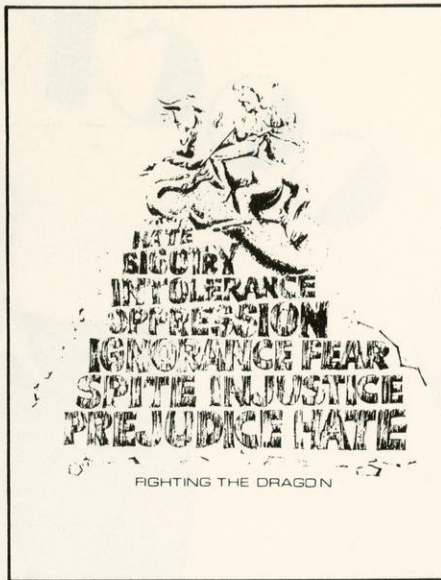


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