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GAY PEOPLES UNION

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WARNING: THE PARK'S HOT

"If more people used parks, or enjoyed them more, they might have less fear of violent crime in their parks". So reads a recently released study of the nation's urban parks conducted by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Although this study did not include Milwaukee, which has the nation's finest park system, it does have valid application in one particular instance — Juneau Park.

The fact that Juneau Park is a popular place to cruise has been such a universally known secret that the comical references to the activities there were standard material in an act at the Ad Lib, a strip-tease club featuring trans-sexuals. Gay bars have come and gone, but Juneau Park has almost become an institution with Milwaukee's gay community. Despite indignant objections at the suggestion, there are a very few of us who did not, at least, get our start in that active handful of God's green earth.

It is also universally known that, where there is a bush or a public restroom, chances are almost certain that there is a vice squad officer coiled and poised to strike out in the name of public decency (otherwise known as entrapment — which is both illegal and a degradation to any self-respecting law officer). Juneau Park surely has more than its share, due, no doubt, to the police department's valiant surge down the path of least resistance in search of the intolerable victimless crime. Everyone has come to regard these Kiddy Kops in the same way they regard periodic muggings; with a degree of fatalism and no small amount of caution. However, for a fair percentage of gays, the potential disaster lurking in Juneau Park is a very necessary element in building

erotic arousal, so perhaps they serve some useful function after all.

This summer in Juneau Park is showing signs of molding itself in keeping with a long and ominous tradition. Numerous arrests have already been made in what appears to be an attempt to get an early start on the summer's arrest quotas. In some cases, the victim was merely unfortunate enough to pass within speaking distance of a vice squad vigilante. These arrests are not limited to after the 10 P.M. closing. One arrest was observed around noon, a good excuse, no doubt, for the stakeout to escape his toilet trap and break for lunch. There are also indications that local teen toughies will be out for easy pickings which will include hitchhikers, the elderly and anyone else

unfortunate enough to be in the surrounding area.

Speaking of the surrounding area, mainly Astor, Juneau, Waverly and State streets, this too is under fire. In the three to four block area there are three hotels and several apartment buildings. Two of the blocks are actually grassy extensions of of Juneau Park. Night after night a large caravan of cars forms to patrol, for fun or profit, the equally cruisey pedestrians into the early hours of the morning. More times than not, the gay pedestrians wind up congregating on a street corner or door step for what resembles a class reunion. One flamboyant individual even threatened to serve tea and cake. This year neighbors have started to file formal complaints about the noise, which may account for the renewed enthusiasm on the part of the pottie police in the park.

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RACISM, SEXISM DENIED

On Saturday, May 20th, a group of about 30 men and women picketed one of Milwaukee's popular gay bars, The River Queen, from about 9:30 P.M. until about 12:30 A.M. The picket line was the idea of New Gay Underground, who used it as a protest when several demands presented to the management in the previous week had not been met.

Fliers were passed out listing five demands which were being made of the River Queen by N.G.U. The demands were: (1) Stop harassment of women, (2) Stop racist harassment, (3) A permanent end to the slide show, (4) Removal of Dennis, the bouncer, and (5) No cover charge unless additional services or entertainment is provided.

The previous Monday, when plans for the confrontation were still being worked out by N.G.U., Gay Peoples

Union was approached at its regular meeting with a request for support. G.P.U. passed a resolution of support, provided the demands were submitted to the owner of the bar before any picket action took place. The demands were subsequently given to the manager of the bar and to our knowledge, no other attempt was made to contact the owner before the picket line formed on Saturday.

Shortly before the picketing began, the attorneys for N.G.U. met with the attorney for the River Queen in an effort to come to a last minute agreement. A G.P.U. representative arrived at the bar about 11:30 and after talking with attorneys for both sides discovered that the owner had agreed in principal, to the first four demands. The picketing, however, continued until 12:30 A.M.

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EDITORIAL

It is with no small amount of regret and disillusionment that we have noticed a definite trend developing in a number of publications around the country which can only do a great disservice to the gay community in this country.

For about the last six months there has been an increase in editorial comments in a number of the nation's publications which can be described as nothing more than vehicles for name calling and back-biting. What should be a chance to express well developed ideas has become nothing more than an opportunity to give vent, irrationally, to the emotional heat generated during the excitement of a event or controversy.

We will not repeat the exact words or phrases, as this would serve to give them more attention than they are worth, if indeed they are worth notice of any kind. The regular readership of these two publications will know full well the exact "chapter and verse" to which we refer. Suffice it to say that these examples are worse than the trash which straight society has been throwing at the gay community since anyone cares to remember. However, there's one big damaging difference — now it's gay against gay; brothers and sisters using the same propaganda techniques that straights have perfected over the years, and doing a better job of discrediting each other than straights could ever begin to do. The only difference is that the lies have been changed a little, but the truth has been butchered just as effectively. What are these people thinking of?

Are you a communist because you don't happen to have a job? Is it a crime against the community if you choose to support a political candidate who conforms more to the traditional political philosophy than you would ideally prefer? Are the confines of the present gay life style so narrow that all expressions of homosexual feeling can not find full and meaningful expression in an atmosphere of mutual respect and

co-operation? Since when do victories and accomplishments earned in the past mean that there is still not plenty for all concerned with gay liberation to do? Why can't the editors of these two publications and those like them, find value in expressions other than those which conform to their own?

We are not ruling out honest disagreement, discussion, and constructive criticism. What we object to so strongly is pointless, rambling and purposeless editorials which serve no function except to drive wedges into what should be a united front formed by the nation's gay gay activists. Furthermore, to deride or discredit particular sub-cultures in the gay community or to try to construct limits to what is and is not a legitimate expression of gay love, pride and purpose, is to violate everything gay liberation stands for — freedom. There are many definitions of gayness and all are perfectly valid because they are enshrined in each person who professes that particular value system. The great disservice which these editorials are doing can only serve to increase the confusion, negative thinking and discouragement which we all have been battling to eliminate. Not only are these

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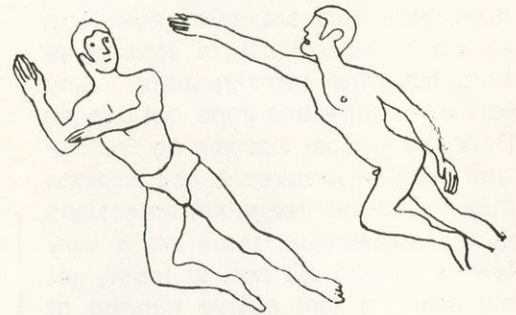
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editors fighting each other, they are fighting the gay community at large and all the work their particular publications have done on the part of gay men and women everywhere. It's one thing to stab your brother and sisters in the back, but to turn the knife on yourself?

The staff of GPU NEWS hopes that cool rational thinking will once again take charge with the editors of these and other publications guilty of the same offenses against the **total** gay population. To continue in the same vain, is to invite new forms of oppression from straight society to test the real unity of our cause. Let's not wait until everyone is either destroyed or driven back into the closet before someone admits that a drastic mistake has been made and that it's one that can not wait a minute longer to be corrected.



Homosexuality in the Media

***Racine Journal-Times** (May 4, 1972) pg. 7A, Article: "Prostitute Explains Her Work, Her Psychology" Fr. Feldhausen also on panel, sponsored by Parkside Pre-Law Club.

***Kenosha News** (May 6, 1972) pg. 3, Article "Or are laws repressive? Will of People expressed?" Article on Parkside panel discussion "Should Private Sex Between Consenting Adults Be legalized"

***The Scranton Tribune**, Scranton, Pa. (June 7, 1972) pg. 15 UPI release "Part of Demonstrations at Political Conventions — 'Gay' Coalition Planning 'Kiss-In'."

***Lancaster New Era**, Lancaster, Pa. (June 12, 1972) pg. 23. Article: "Thousands Watch Philadelphia Gay Parade".



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The Motown Sound has kept feet shuffling for the past dozen years, out-living dance crazes and perhaps giving birth to new ones. The name, Motown, is anachronistic. At first it was Motor City Sound, then Motor Town, and finally contracted to Motown. However, in Detroit, the recording complex on Woodward Avenue is darkened and only a skeletal office crew remains. Detroit music is now manufactured in Los Angeles.

Of all Motown acts, including The Jackson Five, Temptations, Supremes, Four Tops, Gladys Knight, Mary Wells, Marvin Gaye, and Stevie Wonder, there is one name with which most everyone is familiar: Diana Ross. The mentioning of her name can provoke a smile or a snarl. Her appeal is elusive, but is most fervent amongst gay males. The reasons for the attention she receives (at times fanatical — a — la

—Judy Garland) are mysterious and seemingly unwarranted. She is super thin, ninety pounds at most, but has a beautiful face and an energetic delivery, even with soft love songs. Her voice lacks the power and purity of Barbara's, and cannot perform the gymnastics of Aretha's. She stands somewhere between the two.

If you were to listen, in chronological order, to the thirty-plus albums Diana has recorded, a steady improvement in her voice would be noticed. If the first and latest albums are played consecutively, the change is astonishing. Two completely different singers are heard. Her early style was soulful but heavily nasal. During the summer of 1966, she somehow discovered a way to bypass her adenoids. Unfortunately, at the same time her improvisational ability diminished. More recently, she has tried to combine the flute in her voice with the soulfulness of the past and the result is a very good one.

One trait she possesses in abundance is charisma. The effect

is hypnotic and she leaves her audience, in concert or television, in a trance; vanishing before they're aware she's gone. They may not remember exactly what she sang or how well, but they never seem to get enough.

Diana hasn't released an album in over a year, having been much too busy giving attention to her daughter of just ten months, Rhonda Suzanne Silberstein (it is funny), and attempting to portray the late Billie Holiday in a movie to be released this fall. Motown has invested over five million dollars in this production and by October we'll know if it was a wise decision.

R. David Power



A new record album by the Alice Cooper rock group has been delayed on the way to market by 500,000 women's panties. W.B. record planned to package the panties with the album as a promotion. But federal agents siezed the panties because they didn't meet flammability standards for apparel.

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Using it more. . .but enjoying it less?

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While the pros and cons of park and tearoom socializing are only beginning to be discussed by gays across the country, there is still the more urgent problem of entrapment which must not be tolerated any longer than is absolutely necessary. The battle for legal reform, which will eliminate this cancer in law enforcement, will be long and hard.

Until such time as victory is achieved, it would be wise and

healthy to give the entire Juneau Park area a wide berth even if it means settling for a bar or some other substitute. For what it's worth, those who love to frolic and socialize in the beauty of the outdoors, it might be helpful to write to the federal government and complain that someone in the Milwaukee Park Commission has failed to get the message from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The following resolution was adopted by The Executive Council of The Young Lawyers Section of The **American Bar Association** on May 20, 1972.

WHEREAS the American Assembly at a meeting in New York, N. Y. on April 23-26, 1970 adopted the following resolution:

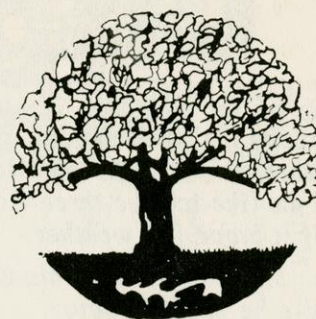
"To diminish mental anguish and to improve the mental health of segments of society, we recommend the abolition of all existing laws concerning sexual behavior between consenting adults, without sacrificing protection for minors or public decorum", and

WHEREAS the National Association for Mental Health, the American

Psychiatric Association and the Task Force on Homosexuality of the National Institute of Mental Health have taken a similar position, and

WHEREAS statutes and laws regulating sexual conduct between consenting adults violate the penumbra of rights known to American jurisprudence as a right of privacy,

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*But the spite on 't is, no praise
Is due at all to me:
Love with me had made no stays,
Had it any been but she.*

*Had it any been but she,
And that very face,
There had been at least ere this
A dozen dozen in her place.*

Sir John Suckling (1609-1642)

"Hi, Doll."

"John? Oh, he's gone to the can with the usual fifteen people following him. As far as I'm concerned he can take his pick because it is all over between us. I'm going to ask him to move out. Well, don't look so shocked; we never had anything in common except sex, anyway. Out of bed he is as dull as ditch water and most of my friends say they never could see why I hooked up with him in the first place, but in all fairness to him, they've never seen his equipment.

He's the laziest man in town. Hasn't worked in over six months and when I come home from work all tired out, there he is as fresh as a daisy and raring to hop in bed. I swear, he sleeps with a perpetual erection. It's not that I'm keeping him or anything like that, (his inheritance, you know,) but he always insists on going first class to everything. I haven't saved a penny since I met him. Of course, if you figure up all the money I used to spend drinking and cruising the bars. . .and I didn't have even half as much sex and none of it so good. I guess I shouldn't complain for I never was one for saving money.

And another thing - he is so conceited about his good looks. Pretends he's not, but you've seen how he struts around the beach in that

brief bikini showing off that beautiful body. It's embarrassing when almost everyone turns to stare at him. Girls and guys too. I suppose I should be proud of the fact that someone so handsome loves me, but at times I'm so jealous I can't see straight. Why can't I have a body like that?

If I kick him out I guess I'll have to go on a diet right away and lose some of this weight that I've put on since he's been cooking. Those meals are something else! A real gourmet dinner waiting every night when I get home from work. But he dirties up every pot and pan in the place for every meal and then absolutely refuses to wash dishes. He eats as much as five normal men and never puts on a pound, damn him!

What really burns me up is that every time we step into a gay bar everybody rushes over. People who haven't spoken to me in years are suddenly long lost pals. I can't get any cruising done with everybody panting over him like that. I'll bet I haven't had more than a half dozen tricks since we became lovers ...and we had a strict agreement that either of us could trick anytime we wanted. He hasn't tricked once, although lord knows he sure has had every chance. He turns them down left and right...tricks that I'd give my left arm to drag home. And what's worse is when some guy is too persistent in his cruising, he puts an arm around me as if I needed protection from a trick who is cruising him!

And those queens can get so catty. Earlier this evening one of them said, "My dear, do you really think its wise to bring your son into a bar like this?" Well, really! He's only twelve years younger than I am. I told that bitch she ought to see her FAMILY psychiatrist!

The maddening thing about John is that he is so understanding for one so young. Every time I do something foolish like having too much to drink and getting bitchy, he calmly takes me home and pours me into bed. The next morning when I'm suffering from a dreadful hangover and try to apologize, he says, "Oh well, we all have a few too many once in awhile." He doesn't, damn him. He stays as sober as a judge. He must have a hollow leg.

Another thing I can't take much more of is his butchness. Every Saturday we have to watch those football games on T.V. He doesn't complain when I take him to the ballet, though. He says that ballet is really more athletic than esthetic, whatever that means.

I can't kick him out until after next week though because that's our fourteen month anniversary and after that his birthday is coming up. It wouldn't be fair to kick him out just before his birthday. Besides, most of the furniture is his and the convertible is his too, you know.

Oh, hush....Here he comes. Now don't you go telling him any of what I've just told you. It would just break his heart. He's madly in love with me and I guess I'll just have to put up with him for a while longer.

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Denial

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The bar owner contacted G.P.U. early the following week insisting that Gay Peoples Union use its influence to end the picketing. As a result, a meeting was arranged between the parties involved with G.P.U. acting as mediator. During the meeting, the owner and manager of the River Queen, while not admitting that their employees were either sexist or racist, did agree to instruct their employees to exercise more respect in both areas. They also agreed not to show the slides without prior notice to N.G.U. The management denied that Dennis was even on the payroll, but said that they had already talked to Dennis and that he would show more consideration to all clients of the bar. The River Queen management refused, however, to suspend the cover charge at that time. The issues were discussed intensively and N.G.U. decided not to press the issue of the cover charge, preferring

to wait until autumn when competitive conditions might resolve the issue once and for all. New Gay Underground further relented by agreeing not to picket again without first arranging a meeting with the owner, and the owner, on his part, promised to hear any complaints which were seriously presented.

The following week-end, New Gay Underground published another flier and distributed it widely throughout the gay community, claiming a "great victory at the River Queen by N.G.U." Gay Peoples Union was not mentioned.



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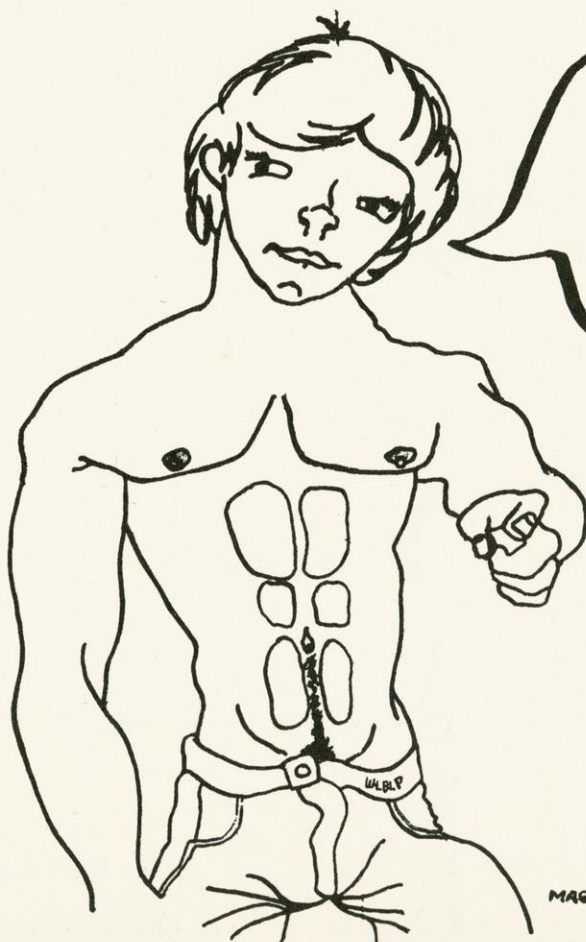
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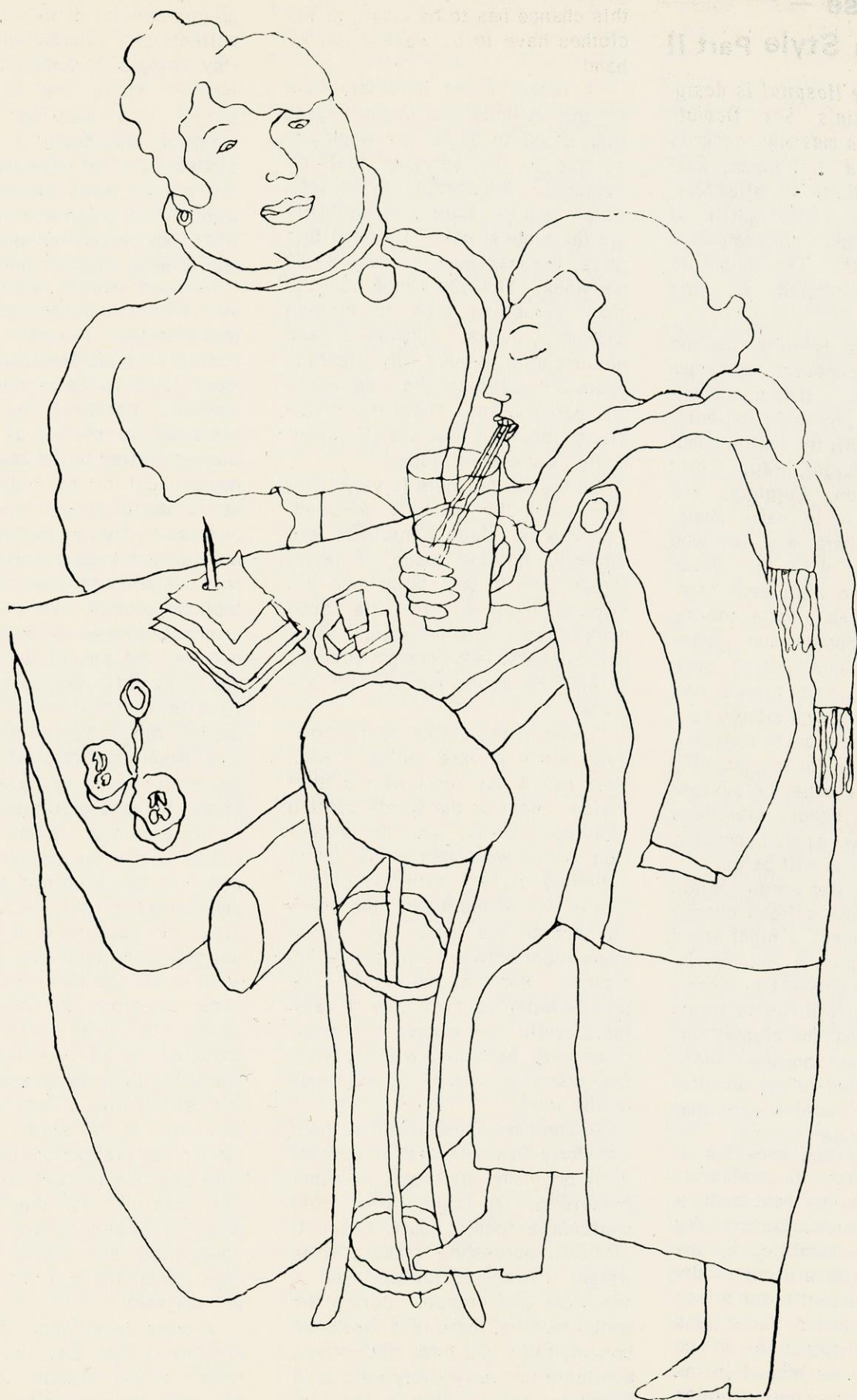
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Legal Abuse — Wisconsin Style Part II

Central State Hospital is designated Wisconsin's Sex Deviate Facility. It is a maximum security hospital located in Waupun, Wisconsin. A variety of offenders, including those found guilty of homosexual offenses are committed to this hospital. The author is currently incarcerated in this institution.

Central State Hospital is the state of Wisconsin's maximum security hospital. It has a population of about 265 male patients. These patients fill the entire gamut of offenses: Murder, Rape, Child Molesting, Arson, Burglary, and Homosexuality — to name some. Also contained here, are, men who could not cope with the prison setting, and who were sent here, "across the tracks", for a cooling off period and observation. Some patients are obvious "lifers", such as "Snowball", and others like him. There is no segregation here of types of patients or their crimes. The only criterion for the grouping of patients is a behavior system: The better you handle situations and the better you behave yourself, the better ward you will be on.

Most of the better wards contain a single bed (with a fresh change of linen every week), a night stand with drawer, and a locker for clothes. Those patients on observation, who are confined to wards 5 and 6, must wear the clothes furnished by the state; however, those patients committed to the hospital by a court may receive and wear clothing of their own choice.

The cleaning and pressing of that clothing presents problems. The clothing can be sent once a week to the downtown laundry, dry cleaned for a nominal fee by the Voc. Rehab. Department's dry cleaning shop, or sent to the prison laundry to be washed, faded, and shrunk in one operation, at no charge. Your name etched in ink on your clothes does not guarantee that you will get them back. For many patients, it is impossible to pay for dry cleaning with the lim-

ited funds that they have, so either this chance has to be taken, or the clothes have to be washed out by hand.

A recent boost in salary here for the patients has begun paying from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per week according to the services that are rendered. Supposably those jobs which require more responsibility are the highest paid. Up until this raise, the maximum rate was \$2.50 per week. The jobs range from the floor scrubbing type to kitchen workers, cooks, plumber's and electrician's helpers, dry cleaning operators, upholsterers, rug weavers, barbers, etc. There is a diversity of jobs, but they are all essentially "make-work" jobs.

On the wards, there is very little extra-curricular activity allowed. Because no glass containers and virtually nothing made of metal larger than a ball point pen are allowed, there is very little hobby work brought onto the ward. Also, nail clippers, large combs, lighters or shaving equipment are not allowed.

Three of the better wards, however, allow private radios. Each ward has a day room with a television. Most of the wards contain individual rooms, with the exception of one ward that is set up in dormitory style. With the exception of two of the wards, the doors on each of the rooms are locked every night between 9:30 and 10:00 o'clock. Some of the wards have private bathroom facilities in each room, while others have a central, community bathroom with shower. One guard is present at all times on the ward.

Recreation consists of an hour and forty-five minutes of outdoor activity each afternoon, weather permitting. A large walled field contains a tennis court, baseball diamond, horseshoe stakes, some weight lifting equipment, and a miniature golf course. During the winter months, there is a two-laned bowling alley and three pool tables available to nearly every ward on a scheduled basis. Also, in the winter, movies are shown every Sunday.

Treatment for all of the various disorders of the patients consists

mainly of group therapy. The groups consist of from eight to ten patients and a leader who may be a Psychologist or Social Worker — or both. There are ten different groups now meeting during the week in the hospital. This includes some 86 patients. Most of the groups meet for two hours a week. The group containing those with homosexual tendencies is the one of most interest here.

Formed over a year ago, and still witnessing some of the original members, it is led by a Psychologist from Madison, who arrives for a two hour session once a week. (It should be noted that not a single member of this group was committed to the hospital for a homosexual crime with an adult, but rather for acts involving minors or force.) The group discussion is not limited to any particular subject and frequently shifts from one topic to another. There isn't much emphasis placed on what caused or nurtured the sexual desires of the patients. Each person's particular case is reviewed in the group with the man himself detailing the crime. The other members of the group question his story, searching for clues that may give him insight into his problems. Some of the patients have to be coaxed and prodded into speaking and to be made unashamed of their crime. Almost all of the members of the homosexual group proclaim that they do not wish to change their sexual preference; therefore, the discussion is mainly to bring out ideas and thoughts as to how the members can enjoy their homosexuality without falling into crimes against the sex laws of the state. The staff makes no pretension of trying to cure any homosexual committed to the hospital, but they definitely want to eliminate any aberration concerning the desire for young boys (under the age of 18) for sexual partners.

A commitment under the Wisconsin Sex Crimes Law can expect to remain at the hospital for at least one year, not including the 60 day observation period. He is entitled to appear before the Special Review Board, which is essentially

the same as a parole board, once every eleven months. There, with a recommendation by the doctors, other staff members and the board, he will either be paroled or given a several month to eleven month deferment. It is highly unlikely that anyone, who was committed here for any type of sex crime, will be paroled at the end of the first eleven month period. A two year or longer stay is not uncommon. Once placed on parole, the former patient is restricted by rules and regulations very similar to those for parolees from the state prison. A special provision for homosexual parolees would be the complete elimination of any type of association with any young man -- 18 years old or younger.

So for now, I can only attend the therapy sessions, which are mandatory anyway, and contemplate how I will put my new knowledge about myself and others like me to use after I am finally released.

FEEDBACK

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Dear G.P.U. News,

It was with a feeling of incredulity and then of distinct disappointment that I read the article on Fredryk Chopin and George Sand in the May-June issue of G.P.U. NEWS. I have been pleased, heretofore, with the responsible journalism of your newspaper, but this article lowers your standards. Its basic thesis about Chopin and Sand -- that both were homosexual -- is completely unsubstantiated by the author of the article.

Even if this article is one's first introduction to these celebrities of the nineteenth century, the author's case is utterly unconvincing. It rests simply on assertion: Chopin, "a great gay composer"; Sand, "a well known lesbian." No

actual evidence about homosexual amours is offered, only the fact these two had one of the great love affairs of all time with -- each other. Rather strange, wouldn't you say, for a lesbian and a male homosexual?

The fact is that the standard biographies of Chopin don't even hint at homosexuality. Admittedly, this shouldn't be taken as conclusive evidence for its absence, since until the recent past biographers tended to be squeamish about such unsavory details. It is, however, a fact that Chopin was also very much attracted to women other than George Sand and was emotionally and physically involved with quite a number of them. For example, he was bitterly disappointed when his betrothal to a childhood friend, Countess Maria Wodzinska, was terminated. He also conducted a long affair with the lovely Delphine Potocka whose beautiful singing enchanted him. One wonders if the author, in his assessment of Chopin, was not guilty of making the usual heterosexual character stereotype that gay society so often protests. He refers to Chopin's "effeminate emotional sensitivity". Is this what suggested to him an accompanying homosexual bent? As we are all quite conscious of nowadays, there is no nice equation between psychological states and sexual preference.

With respect to George Sand, the issue is somewhat more uncertain, though again your author offers no evidence on that score. The assumption of a masculine pseudonym is not helpful as it was a fairly common ploy by female writers at this time, trying to make it in a predominantly male domain. However, it is noteworthy that she not only wore men's clothing on public occasions in Paris (and had often done so earlier when out riding in the country), but had a number of intense relationships with women. At seventeen she had a violent crush on an Irish schoolmate; in the 1830's she had such a passionate relationship with the great actress, Marie Dorval, that one of the latter's male lovers, Vigny, became jealous of their intimacy. She also maintained a long intense friendship with Mme. d'Agoult, known to literature as Daniel Stern, and mistress

of Lizst. My source: Jeanette Forster, **Sex Variant Women in Literature**, p. 129. It may well be that one or more of these relationships culminated in the physical, especially since by her own admission, George Sand never achieved complete physical satisfaction with any of the many men she loved. But we must face the fact that there is simply no evidence for it. In a review of a new biography of George Sand by Samuel Edwards, John Weighman in **Book World** (May 28, 1972) speaks to the enigma.

What one would like to know, although there is probably now no chance of the truth being discovered, is whether she was a conscious, or unconscious, lesbian. . . Was she genuinely heterosexual, or bisexual, or a phony heterosexual through the power of collective suggestion? We don't know the real significance of those trousers.

Now I fully agree that, like females, homosexuals have suffered severely at the hands of the ruling white male elite. One aspect of this oppression has been the suppression of a meaningful historical tradition -- the omission from the written word and its oral transmission in teaching of mention of the homosexual orientation of many of the great contributors to our history and culture. Thus, I heartily welcome attempts to unearth and broadcast such buried biographical data. But for the invention of heroes and heroines I have no sympathy. There are plenty of legitimate candidates studding the centuries of Western civilization.

Regretfully,
D.U.

Dear GPU

Soon we will be celebrating Gay Pride Week. For me this celebration has deep meaning. When I first came to GPU it was my coming out period and very difficult. I had spent the greater portion of my life not only in a "closet", but in an emotional world of my own. Society and the church had me firmly in its grasp. I believed their renunciations of me; believed that I was a "queer" or at best, "sick". I had no self esteem. Everything I attempted was colored by the negative attitudes impressed

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recipes LOVE

Well, here we are again with another recipe dedicated to friendship, good eating, and high calorie count. Those of you who have seen the recent movie concerning the demise of the late Romanov family surely must have been impressed by the decadence of early twentieth-century Russia. Now you can conjure up some of the decadence in the kitchen with this recipe for genuine Beef Stroganoff.

Ingredients

3-4 lbs. beef cut in 3" by 1/4" strips
 1/2 stick butter
 2 large diced onions
 1 clove of garlic, minced
 1 lb. fresh mushrooms
 1 pt. sour cream
 1 tsp. paprika
 1/2 tsp. salt
 1/4 tsp. pepper

In a large Dutch oven melt a small amount of the butter, and then saute the beef strips quickly, being careful not to burn them. Add the paprika, salt, and pepper and stir the whole mess to mix the spices.

In another pan melt the rest of the butter (for less decadence, margarine will suffice) and saute the onions in it. Cut up the mushrooms, place them into the pan, and continue to cook the mixture, finally adding the contents of the pan to the meat. Add the sour cream to the meat at once and simmer the stroganoff covered over low heat for one hour. Make sure that the stroganoff does not get too thick, add water if necessary while it is cooking.

Serve this stroganoff over noodles or rice and for a complete and decadent dinner, add a fresh green vegetable, homemade bread, a glass

of wine, and a good Russian dessert (such as Baked Alaska!). That ought to impress your Nicholas or Alexandra!

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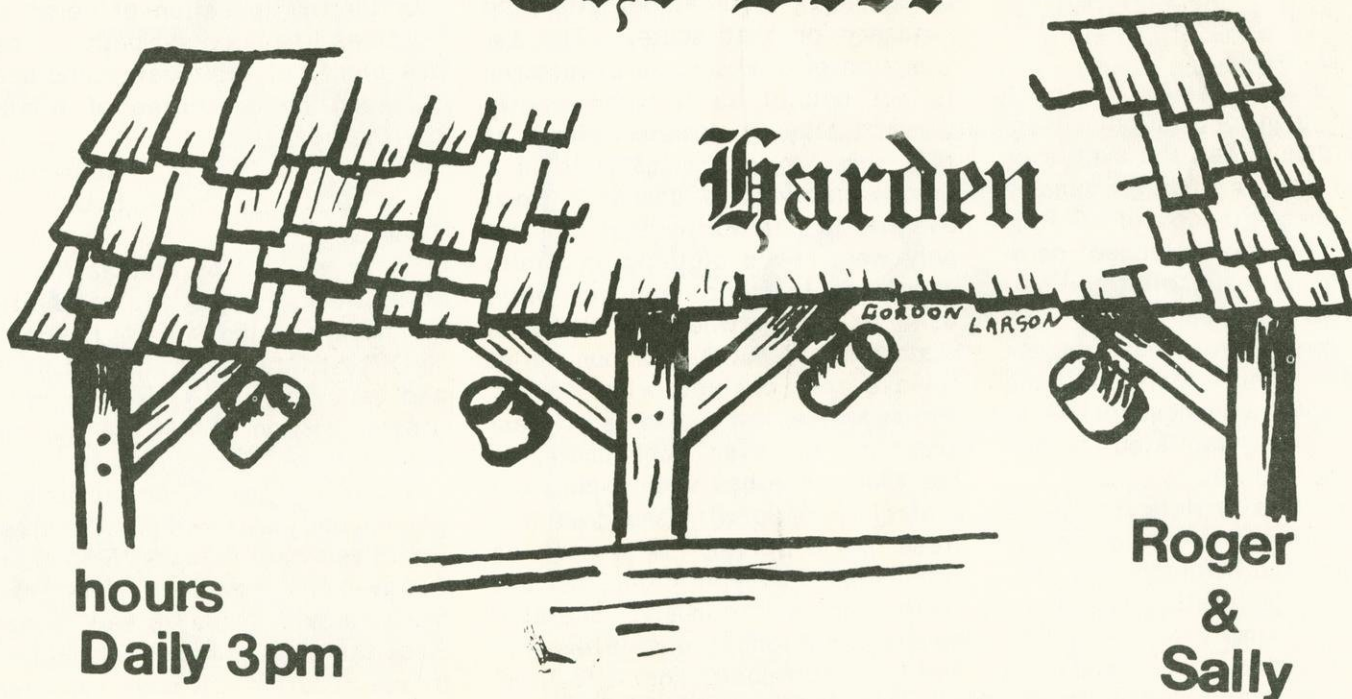
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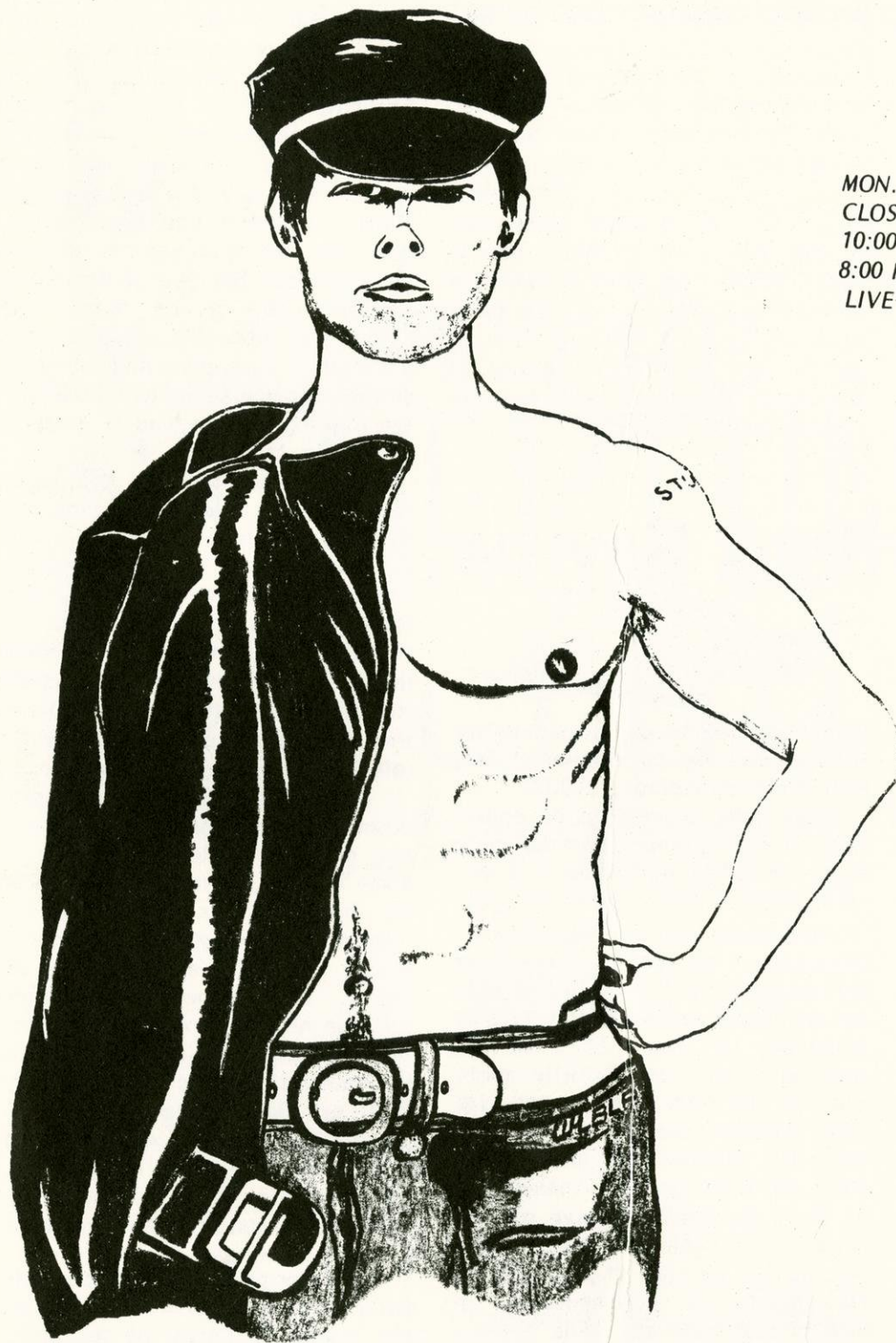
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From April 8th until April 28th, 1972, a survey was conducted on the homosexual lifestyle. Of the 200 questionnaires handed out personally by the researcher, 120 were completed and returned. On the basis of the returned questionnaires, the following facts were compiled by the researcher and are not only statistically significant, but, in some instances, surprising when compared to the current facts available.

*Homosexual men tend to sustain intimate relationships with the same partner **longer** than do homosexual women. The mean length for gay men was 4.3 years; for gay women, 3.18 years.

*The mean age at which women were aware of their homosexuality was 15.3 years; the mean age for men was 11.7 years.

*The mean age at which homosexual males had their **first** homosexual experience was 14.2 years; the mean age for gay women, however, having their **first** homosexual experience, was 19.3 years.

*While 33% of the gay women accepted their sexual orientation within two years of their first awareness of it, less than 10% of the gay men accepted their orientation within that length of time. It took anywhere from 5 to 10 years for 50% of the gay men to accept their homosexual orientation.

*In choosing the gay lifestyle, a **satisfactory** homosexual relationship is a more important factor than an **unsatisfactory** heterosexual relationship. This applied to both male and female respondents.

*The single most important factor, however, leading to the individuals acceptance of the gay lifestyle was, "Thinking about it privately; deciding and reasoning alone".

*The ages of those who participated in the research project, ranged from 18 to 55 years of age. The mean age for men was 29.8 years; for women, 28.1 years.

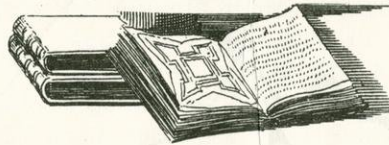
The researcher would like to thank all who participated in the survey and thus making the study

possible. Hopefully, more gay men and women will participate in future research, so that prevailing myths and misconceptions can be replaced with the true facts about the way things are in the gay world.

Chris Mehl

(Ed. Note: A complete discussion of the data used in this study is being written for publication in a professional journal under the guidance of Dr. V. Adesso, clinical psychologist at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, who was the advisor for the survey.)

Book Review



Screening the Sexes-Homosexuality in the Movies, by Parker Tyler, Holt-Rinehart-Winston, \$10.00.

This book appears to be enjoyable at first glance, but the main thing the author puts across is that homosexuality seems to be prevalent in many of the major motion pictures. Of course, the author cannot be damned for this, if it is his opinion and he cannot be damned for several mistakes, i.e. Cecil B. DeMille's **Ben Hur**, which Mr. DeMille might wish he had made, but did not. He can, however, be damned for not including scenes from some major films that touch upon his theme.

Mr. Tyler seems to have put his mind to the subject in such a way that he has no view of perspective. He insists on homosexuality in movies that have none and ignores some movies that have it inherently. He philosophically and, I might add, esoterically reviews movies that you or I might not have seen. However, I have seen a majority of the movies reviewed and cannot readily agree with him on some. I did not see the relationship between Ben Hur and Messala as homosexual as Tyler did, and I do not agree with some of his insinuations about **Boys In The Band**, as I have been to some parties that would make that movie and play look tame by comparison.

He also makes inferences that even the gay populace might find unreal. In **The Importance of Being Earnest**, he claims that the "sliced cucumber sandwiches" are akin to a real cucumber and are, therefore, a phallic symbol. If you like sliced phallic symbols, you might agree, but I don't. He also has the relationship between the two gentlemen in the same play as homosexual because one asks the other to join his club. This play and movie is delightful because the two gentlemen are playing a game and it involves two young ladies.

His review of **The Children's Hour** left me cold. I felt that the repressed lesbian and the straight girl she suddenly found she wanted, worked well in the movie. Shirley MacLaine and Audrey Hepburn enacted the roles beautifully. I found the only significant change was the role of the boyfriend and I found Fay Bainter a perfect gem in the role of the accuser's grandmother.

The author also seems to play down some homosexual symbols in the movies, while playing up to some which I do not find symbolic. He fails to mention the phallic symbol in **Camelot**, when Arthur is giving his major speech about the crown. The shadow from the throne falls on his cheek and then against the wall and is distinctly phallic. He also fails to include one of the most priceless lines in the movie, **The L-Shaped Room**, when the landlady says to Leslie Caron, when she discovers that the landlady's lover was a woman: "Well, my dear, it takes all kinds".

Mr. Tyler promises to present his material in a non-academic manner and in some instances he succeeds, but there is a little too much philosophy to wade through and he keeps hammering away at a topic long after he has made his point. He writes as if he knows what he is talking about and even infers that he isn't gay, whatever that is supposed to signify. If you take my advice, wait until the book comes out in paperback or press the local library to buy it and you might be able to get it free for two weeks or pay 15¢ for a three day perusal of it.

Ken



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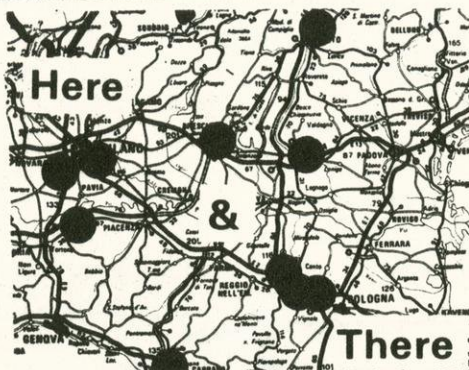
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vice of Metropolitan Community
Church, Prince of Peace Parish at
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SUNDAYS - 8:00 P.M. Mass at St.
Nicholas Parish.

It's a little late, but if **David Cassidy** fans can find a copy of the May 11th issue of **Rolling Stone**, it would be well worth the effort, if only for the sexy nude center spread.



It should be a great source of pride for Milwaukee's gay community, that the names of several G.P.U. members appeared in a nation wide ad as part of the **National Gay Committee for McGovern**. This is just another example of the new "positive recognition" attitude on the part of the nation's political candidates.

Vector (June 1972), the magazine of the Society for Individual Rights (SIR) has reprinted a brilliant piece of satirical homophobia which appeared in the May issue of **National Lampoon**. Let's hope that National Lampoon continues to tell it like it is in future issues. Women will also enjoy "Norman the Barbarian" in the same issue of N. L.

According to the Advocate, **Rev. Troy Perry** is about to be married to his lover, Steve Jordan. The "holy union" is set for June 10th. Everyone will be wishing them the very best of happiness for many years to come.

An apology is due to New Gay Underground. Their "hot-line" number was incorrectly given in the May-June issue of GPU News. The correct number is 271-5273. Sorry about that chief.

For those who don't have the time or money to contribute to G.P.U. or the gay community, there is still a chance to be of help. Gay prisoners always appreciate mail from their brothers and sisters on the outside. One of these is **John A. Gibbs #86976-132**, P.O. Box 1000, Leavenworth, Kansas 66048. It only takes a moment and compassion is something you can't buy.

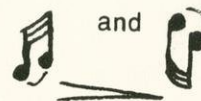
FEEDBACK

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upon me. I wasn't good enough, not for anything! In the past year, thanks to a wise therapist, my involvement in GPU, understanding friends and last, but not least, a new found lover; my life has changed. I have really found, in myself, a source of Gay Pride. And with this pride it has become possible for me to become all that my abilities will allow; both as a human being and as a member of society. So it is with great happiness and eager anticipation that I look forward to the celebration of Gay Pride Week. May it be for all of us, a week to rejoice a new found source of PRIDE—ourselves. Let us proclaim for all to hear: we are GAY and we are PROUD.

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