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Auction A Success

Although no one offered another Manhattan Island for a pocket full of baubles, many delighted bargain hunters were seen leaving the Church for All People, site of the November 21st G.P.U. Benefit Auction.

When all items were placed on display at 1:30 pm, one almost expected to hear Streisand singing "come to the marketplace in old Peking." During the following four hours of fun, however, no ping-pong balls were offered up. Still, there was something for everyone. A brass chandelier, works of art, rubber duckies, an air conditioner, Danish Christmas plates, a T.V. aerial, and moon-shine jugs were only a few of the unusual offerings. Friends frequently engaged in hilarious battles to see which could out bid the other for potential Christmas presents.

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GAY PEOPLES UNION ON LOCAL RADIO

During the past month, representatives of Gay Peoples Union appeared on two open line telephone radio programs in the Milwaukee area.

On Sunday, October 24, four persons appeared on the Bob Collins Show on radio station WRIT from 10 P.M. until 1 A.M. Using the pseudonyms of "Jan", "Sam", "Katy", and "Mark", the group was interviewed for the first hour by Mr. Collins. He elicited personal facts and statements from each individual before accepting telephone calls.

When the telephone lines were opened, each question was delayed for eight seconds in order to screen out crank calls, possible obscenities, and the names of questioners. The latter screening proved quite useful when a male caller identified himself twice by name, which, in both cases

was deleted by the engineer. It appeared that he wished to tell the listeners that his wife was having sexual relations with her girl friends. He wanted to know if the panel knew of any way to make her stop.

Aside from one anti-homosexual caller, who was cut off almost immediately because of foul language, all of the callers were either sympathetic to the cause or sincerely seeking knowledge. The panel found itself explaining the difference between bestiality and homosexuality to one bewildered young man. It received a complimentary call from a lady who explained the happier side of gay life by talking about her beautiful love affair of seventeen years and a call from a grandmother who said she believed firmly

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Health Department Works With G.P.U.

On November 15, at our regular Monday meeting, John Gruhlke, Health Educator for the Milwaukee City Health Department was the guest speaker on the topic of venereal diseases.

Although there are five types of venereal diseases known, only two, gonorrhea and syphilis are common in this climate. The other three, Gruhlke explained, are found in the tropics. The ratio of gonorrhea cases to syphilis cases runs between ten and twenty to one. It is possible to contract both diseases at the same time.

Gruhlke next explained the symptoms and stages of gonorrhea, followed by a similar breakdown of the syphilis progression. Using charts and photographs, he illustrated the highly contagious nature of venereal disease and its severe consequences to health. A complication with syphilis is its similarity to many other diseases, thus the name "the great imitator." The major danger to gay males is that both gonorrhea and syphilis can be contracted and passed rectally with few, if any, signs. Gruhlke emphasized that both diseases could be cured in any stage, but the damage done to the body could not be repaired. There

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ALICE NAUMOFF VISITS MILWAUKEE

Dr. Alice Naumoff, assistant pastor of the San Francisco Metropolitan Community Church, visited in Milwaukee the week-end of October 30-31. She hit Milwaukee like a breath of fresh air with her wit and charm and her knowledge of and dedication to God.

She was guest of honor at a dinner party on Saturday evening. A sizable reception followed, where she was presented to local homosexual leaders and representatives of the legal, legislative, and religious communities.

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EDITORIAL

Another winter is setting in and the Christmas Season is upon us; a time for joy and thanksgiving. Yet, for many members of the gay community, winter will be colder and longer; Christmas a little less joyous. Why? The answer is in the long lines at the unemployment office and at the employment agencies.

Job discrimination against homosexuals probably surpasses legal persecution as the heaviest cross that gays must bear. Talented, experienced, dedicated, and valuable gays are out of a job because their homosexuality has been revealed to their employers through one means or another. Others will timidly give thanks this Christmas for having made it through another year undetected. While the world acknowledges a new birth, both of these types of people will die a little bit inside, unable to face the world as an honest and responsible citizen.

Take, for instance, the gay female. It's readily admitted that women are paid less than men for comparable jobs, fair employment laws notwithstanding. Employers justify a minimal investment in training and salary by pointing to a supposedly high turnover in female employees through marriage and later, childbirth. On the other hand, should she reveal her gay orientation, she is rejected as incompatible in the average straight office environment.

Many gay males, who have declared their homosexuality to their draft boards, are also placed in double jeopardy when asked to authorize company investigations into their life styles, financial status, and moral reputation. Failure to give such authorization is invariably seen as an uncooperative attitude and a tacit admission of guilt, however nameless. Compliance leaves the gay no privacy and no legal recourse. Here, too, the gay individual bears a double burden; damned if he does, and damned if he doesn't.

Recent developments in fair em-

ployment practices, however, are beginning to offer some hope. **The Wall Street Journal** reported on its November 2nd front page that many defense sub-contractors are moving known gays into non-sensitive areas or leaving the employment questions up to the Defense Department itself. Thanks to court decisions and gay civil rights agitation, many companies are now regarding gays as a distinct minority group. However, in classified areas, gays still carry the taint of potential blackmail victims despite the fact that declared gays automatically place themselves above this traditional vulnerability. As each homosexual steps forward to unpretentiously declare his gay life style, another candle of understanding is lighted in a black world of fearful ignorance.

Regretfully, there is more justification for the ignorance of a straight employer than there is for another all-too-common occurrence; the anti-gay homosexual businessman. It has become more apparent, as gays have moved out of traditional job areas, that gay employers are equally as paranoid as straight employers where business reputations are closely allied to employee reputations.

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It should not be misunderstood; we have the greatest respect for businessmen and the great tradition of free enterprise which they represent, be they straight or gay. However, these recent breakthroughs in industry, the courts, and education are only a very small beginning. Not only must discrimination vanish, but equal job security and advancement must be guaranteed. Employers must stop forcing gays to compromise integrity with job security; it can serve no useful end for either party.

During this sacred season, let us all rededicate our lives to justice, honesty, and equality -- employer and employee alike. While celebrating in the warmth and plenty of our homes, let us examine our lives to see if, in fear and ignorance, we have denied to others the blessings which we now enjoy.

G.P.U. NOVEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- *Spoke at the University Student Government Conference at Madison, Wisconsin on "Human Sexuality and the Law."
- *Were guests on 2 hour open telephone line program, radio station WEMP.
- *Conducted our first Benefit Auction
- *Presented John Gruhlke, Health Department Educator as meeting speaker with films.
- *Member of G.P.U. wrote guest editorial for Feb. 1972 issue **Q.Q. Magazine**.
- *Attended Perry Baehr's gay dance and forum.
- *Attended reception for Rev. Alice Naumoff, Milwaukee visitor.
- *Were guests at Lutheran pastor's weekly open house forum.
- *Continued **Gay Perspective** radio program weekly.
- *Counseled people with problems.
- *Continued correspondence with other Gay Lib groups.
- *Continued two conscience/raising encounter groups.



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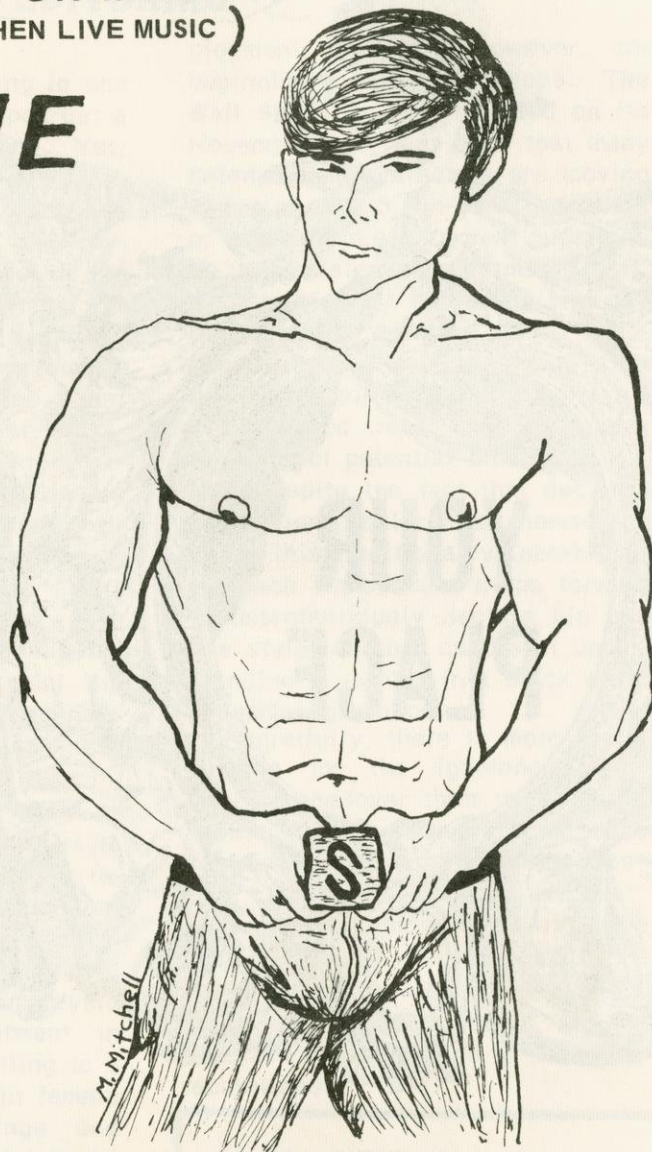
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are no home remedies and no substitutes for a doctor's care, he added.

Wisconsin state law proscribes that any person having a venereal disease must be interviewed by a health official in order to determine how many additional people may also have been infected. Unfortunately, private doctors only report 14% of all their cases. Failure to report when contacted by the Health Department can bring legal penalties. A very elaborate system is employed to insure complete privacy. Names are known only to health officials and the law provides for a 30 year jail term for any official violating this rule. The Health Department is interested only in reaching and curing everyone who may be infected.

A full investigation is started only after tests reveal that the interviewee is definitely infected. There is no obligation when just checking to clear up any doubts.

The initial blood tests are free, but a service charge of \$15 is usually requested if treatment is necessary. (This compares to about \$30 for a private doctor.) However, treatment will be given free to those unable to afford the \$15. It is recommended that the sexually active have a blood test for syphilis every three to six months. Since there are often special conditions in homosexual cases, complete honesty as to the type of sex contact is a must. Health officials are trained to tactfully help everyone get the treatment they need. (In this regard, health officials may be preferable to many private doctors.) The Social Hygiene Clinic is located at 841 North Broadway, room 110. Monday and Thursday hours are 11:30 to 7:30 and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday hours are 8:30 to 11:30 A.M. and 12:45 to 4:15 P.M.

It was stressed repeatedly that senseless damage is done to human lives due to indifference and neglect on the part of the general public. Previous attempts to reach the

gay community have been met with hostility and rejection from bar owners and the gay community at large. (G.P.U. plans to launch a new attack through education and cooperation with the Health Department.) Said Gruhlke, "The greatest favor one person can do another is to see to it that he or she gets the proper medical attention."

Gruhlke's talk was followed by a color film entitled "A Quarter Million Teenagers" and a question and answer period. In response to questions, Gruhlke stated that if a sex contact was in another state or nation, they could be reached through interstate agencies and the World Health Organization (WHO). Programs are in effect to find a cure for both gonorrhea and syphilis, but no cure is now known, although Red China claims to have eradicated V.D.

After the meeting, Mr. Phil Moss, Public Health advisor, assisting Mr. Gruhlke, distributed pamphlets on venereal disease among homosexuals and administered tests to those desiring them.

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Venereal Diseases and You

V.D. or Venereal Disease, is a disease which spreads from person to person by sexual intercourse. A person gets syphilis or gonorrhea (the two most common venereal diseases in this country) mainly through sexual intercourse, although in some cases, syphilis may be spread by fellatio and/or by kissing. Since the disease germs which cause syphilis and gonorrhea are very fragile, they can live only a few seconds outside the body. Fortunately, this makes it impossible to catch either syphilis or gonorrhea from public toilets, doorknobs, drinking cups or eating utensils.

The word **venereal** originated from the Latin word **veneris**, which comes from Venus, an ancient Roman goddess. Venus was the goddess of romantic love, and came to be associated with sexual desire. Syphilis and gonorrhea became called venereal diseases because they are spread through intimate physical contact.

This article, the first in a series of three, presents an overview of V.D. and its impact on our world. The second article, to follow in the next issue of this paper, will deal with gonorrhea and syphilis, their development, symptoms and dangers. The third and final article will present treatment aspects, suggestion about preventions, and helpful information for someone who either has or thinks he has V.D.

V.D. may have been with man since his very beginning. The germs that cause V.D. know no race or economic barriers, for they may infect young and old, rich and poor, beggar and king, **straight and gay**.

Early records describe symptoms suffered in plagues that strongly resemble syphilis symptoms. Often these plagues were called leprosy. But today scientists know that leprosy is one of the least contagious of the communicable diseases. It seems more likely that some of the old plagues passed from one generation to another were syphilis rather than leprosy.

After examining the mummies of Egyptian Pharaohs, scientists have concluded that some of these ancient rulers had syphilis and were probably born with it. The Old Testament has several passages that strongly suggest that syphilis was active during Biblical times. Tiberius, the emperor of Rome at the time of Christ's crucifixion, has been described as having sores all over his face and patches of hair fallen from his head. These are symptoms of early syphilis.

One of the most well known kings of England was Henry VIII. His first four children died of syphilis while they were babies. His fifth child, Mary, later known as "Bloody Mary", lived, but carried the marks of syphilis all her life. Her face was badly scarred, her hair looked moth-eaten, her forehead protruded in an ugly way, and she was almost blind.

Ivan IV, czar of Russia in the sixteenth century, had syphilis which infested his brain. His wild behavior earned him the title of "Ivan The Terrible." He committed many dreadful acts, including murdering his own son.

Many historians believe that members of Columbus's crew caught syphilis from the woman of the West Indies, and then spread it in Europe when they returned home. There is some evidence that Columbus himself was infected. When they returned to Spain in 1493, his crew infected many women who in return infected other men.

An epidemic of syphilis that killed fifteen million people spread across Europe. It began in Naples, where there were many armies of mercenaries and adventurers and their women camp followers. In those days most wars were fought by professional soldiers of fortune who fought only for pay and a chance to loot and plunder. These soldiers were called mercenaries. Fifty thousand French soldiers who had conquered Naples spent three months exploiting the conquered. At the end of the three months they were so weakened by syphilis and riotous living that they were overthrown again and had to withdraw. These

men, as well as soldiers from Germany, Poland, Italy, Hungary, and Greece traveled through Europe and spread the disease as they went. Soldiers who returned to their homes infected their own families.

Syphilis spread like a tornado throughout Europe. Each suffering nation blamed it on some other nation. The Italians called it the Spanish disease, the English called it the French disease, and the French called it the Neapolitan disease. Usually, however, it was called "the Great Pox." The disease did not receive its present name until 1530 when an Italian physician wrote a poem about a shepherd named Syphilus who was stricken with it.

Venereal diseases have affected our own history, particularly during times of war. More than 77,000 Union soldiers were infected with syphilis during the Civil War. Again in the Spanish-American War syphilis caused many thousands of fighting men to be removed from battle. During World War I, six percent of all the men drafted were found unfit for duty because of venereal disease. It has been estimated that three million cases of syphilis were contracted by soldiers of all the armies fighting in World War I. During World War II almost a million men in the United States armed services were found to have syphilis.

Today, it is estimated that there are nearly 5,000 cases of gonorrhea diagnosed every day, and nearly 200 cases of syphilis occur every day.

Two groups of people stand out as major causes of the spread of venereal diseases: (1) the teen-age and young adult group, and (2) homosexuals.

Teen-agers and young adults are now growing up in a rapidly changing social and moral climate which affects all parts of our civilization. For a number of years there have been accelerating national preoccupation with sex, and a growing philosophy of sexual freedom. Illegitimate pregnancies are rising while the total birth rate is declining. The

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CAMPUS APPEARANCE

On Saturday, November 13, representatives of University Student Government of the campuses of the University of Wisconsin met in Madison. An all day conference included the presentation of several informal workshops on legislative action.

Gay People's Union was invited to speak on "Human Sexuality and the Law" at the workshop on **Women and the System**. Other invited speakers at this workshop included: Sarah Bales and Sandra Edlund, attorneys from the Milwaukee ACLU; Midge Miller, State Representative; Sister Barbara Voltz, United Campus Ministry of UWM; Bea Kabler, lobbyist for Wisconsin Family Planning; and Dorothy Dean, Radical Feminist of UWM.

Our speaker presented a tape of one of our radio programs on **Homosexuality and the Law**, pointing out that unfair sex laws apply to everyone, heterosexual or homosexual. All sex acts outside of marriage and many acts within marriage are illegal.

A stimulating and lively discussion followed with the group discussing ways of actively pushing for legislative change of Wisconsin's sex laws. Several direct methods were discussed and GPU found many solid allies who pledged help in our campaign for sex law reform.

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in sexual freedom and wished us well in our battle for this goal.

On Friday, November 12, "Tim" replaced "Mark" as one of the four panelists who appeared on the Ira Fistell "Open Question" show on radio station WEMP from 10 P.M. until midnight. The format of the show was similar to the previous WRIT show, but this time not a single anti-homosexual call came through.

Panelists were asked to explain the origin of the word "gay" and whether they knew of any psychiatrist in Milwaukee who was a follower of Viktor Frankl's school of logotherapy. Obviously, a well informed audience was listening to this show. One caller identified himself as a married homosexual with children and asked whether the the panel advocated revealing this fact to the children. He was in full agreement with the panelist who said he fully intended to tell his child when the child was old enough to understand.

Judging by the consistently high response to these two programs from the listening audience, it could be inferred that Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen are finally getting the message that the educational arm of Gay Lib has been pushing. Not only have they been awakened, but they are actually beginning to think and accept.

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Dr. Naumoff delivered the sermon on Sunday at Milwaukee's Prince of Peace Parish, M.C.C. A one time agnostic, she related her inability to accept a life based on "fate, lots of luck and lots of chance." She said that people should not expect a **Reader's Digest** God who swoops down to pluck them out of trouble. Rather, they should expect a God whose ways are utterly beyond our comprehension, but whose reality makes the difference between a world that has purpose and one that is meaningless. She brought up the fact that Christianity is different from other religions because Christians are not constantly in search of God; God is present. Why, she asked, are we running away from Him? Because of fear? People who are not in harmony with God are afraid. Once these persons come to terms with themselves, they can then do what their innermost heart desires.

A spokesman for M.C.C. said that Dr. Naumoff's visit had been an inspiring one. The M.C.C. membership expressed a sense of rededication and they look forward to her earliest possible return.



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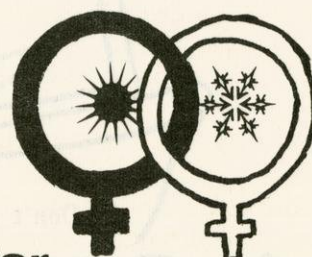
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Those of us whose mothers or grandmothers were born overseas perhaps can remember the special times of the year during which the whole family congregated to enjoy each other's companionship and grandma's good cooking. From the closets of East Chicago, Indiana, however, comes a story of a certain grandmother who would gastronomically entertain, at a moment's notice, those guests whom her grandson brought to visit.

For those of you who wish to recall or recreate those good times, or perhaps would be interested in entertaining your own special "someone", this food freak offers a recipe in the true Slovak tradition. What could be more apropos than genuine chicken (heh, heh) soup, because although it cannot be prepared on a moment's notice, it need not be watched constantly, and the time elapsing during its preparation can be well spent in other guest-oriented activities.

Ingredients

- 1 stewing chicken, approx. 4-5 lbs., cut up
- 1 medium sized onion
- 1 bunch of celery, leafy
- 3 large carrots
- 1 medium tomato
- 5 peppercorns
- 3-4 whole allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon monosodium glutamate (MSG)
- a few strands of saffron (optional, for color only)

Wash the chicken and place it in a 6 quart pot, filling the pot with water to within two inches of the top. Simmer this for two hours over a low gas flame, during which time you will be relatively free to attend to other business. Do not get too involved, however, since you will need to skim the marrow off the top of the soup during the first hour of cooking. This will have to be done

every ten minutes or so during the first hour of cooking, until the marrow is boiled out of the bones, or the soup will be cloudy. Use a spoon and be careful not to remove too much of the grease.

After two hours, it will be time to add the other ingredients, and this time there will really be free time. Peel the onion and place it whole into the broth. Use only the leafy upper halves of the celery stalks, since they are the most tender. Scrape the carrots clean with a knife and then cut them into 4 inch pieces and slice them down the middle. Peel the tomato and cut it up into the soup. Finally, add the peppercorns, allspice, salt, pepper, MSG, and saffron.

Let this whole aggregation simmer over low gas for another hour, (3 hours altogether) until the vegetables are tender. The aroma of this soup is particularly appealing to persons of Slavic descent, so for added interest you might try cooking with the windows open, all you beautiful Southsiders!



This soup may be served with dumplings or noodles, and you'll find that it tastes even better when it has had a chance to sit (covered) in the refrigerator overnight . . . And, that's more than I can say for some things I've tasted.

Coming soon: More authentic recipes for homemade cakes, cookies, breads, and main dishes, all from grandma's kitchen and tradition



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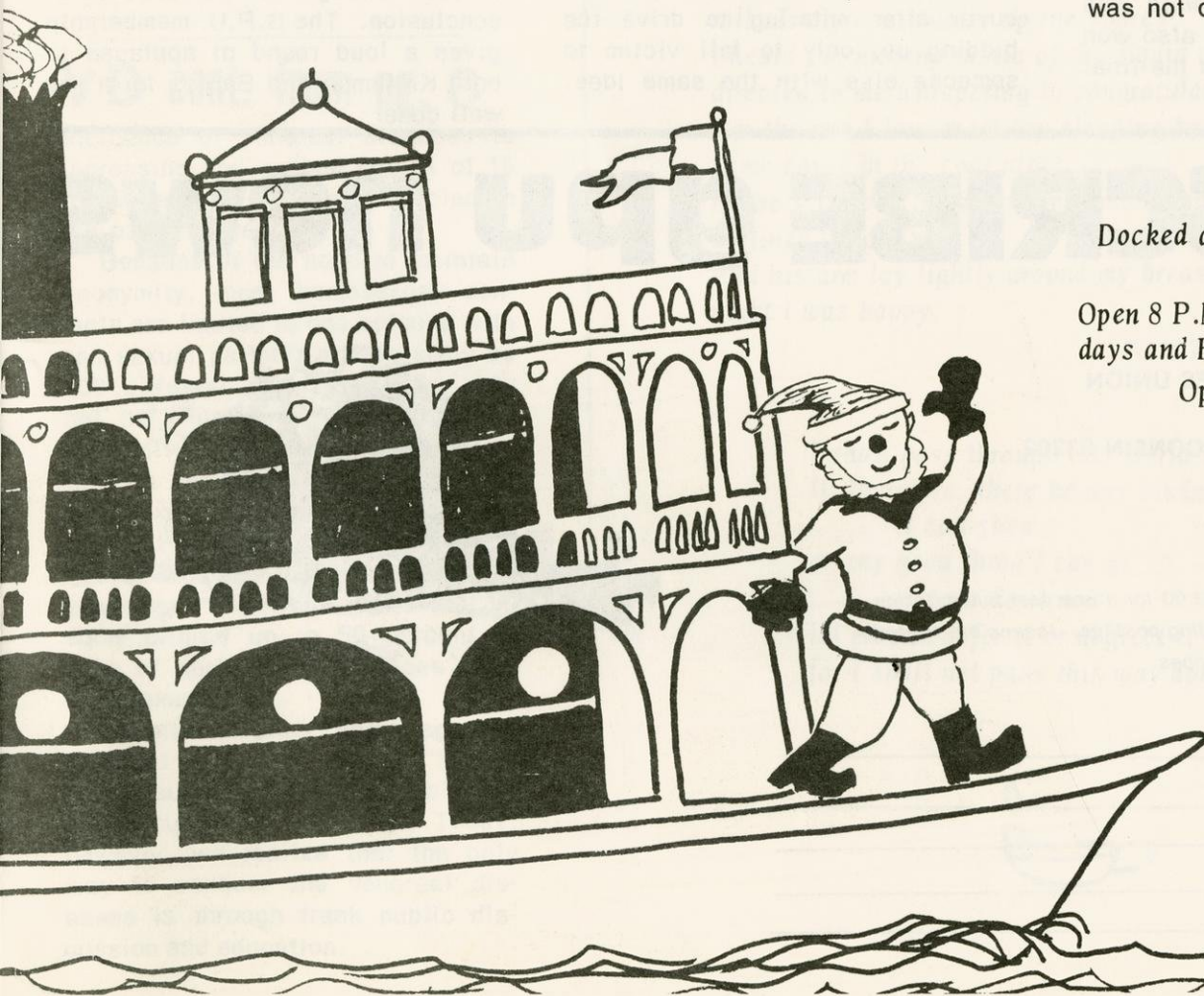
Seven Lesbians and David Susskind

Seven lesbians were the guests on David Susskind's television program Friday, November 12 from 9:00 p.m. until 10:45. The women who appeared on the nationally televised talk show were: **Lyn Cupferman**, a Los Angeles student, **Barbara Gittings**, crusader for more and better information about homosexuality in American libraries, **Rachael Parker**, a New York graduate student, **Magora Kennedy**, a New Haven Unitarian minister, **Lilli Vincenz**, producer of the film, "Gay and Proud", **Anna Sabato**, a New York secretary, and **Barbara Love**, author of *Sappho Was a Right On Woman*.

The tone of the program was established with Susskind's opening remark, when he commented, with characteristic myopia, that lesbianism is a sickness. Although this opinion on Susskind's part continued throughout the show, the seven panelists nonetheless ably propounded the lesbian cause, and were applauded frequently by the predominantly gay audience.

The discussion covered a variety of subjects associated with lesbianism, including the problems encountered in coming out and informing one's parents of her sexual orientation, and the assuming of roles in a lesbian relationship. Misconceptions such as rampant promiscuity on the part of homosexuals and lesbians and the inability of a lesbian mother to raise her children were refuted, actually erased, by the vociferous advocates of the homosexual cause. The few questions asked by gay people in the audience were mainly rhetorical, but nevertheless served as additional evidence for the cessation of discrimination against and persecution of homosexuals.

The two outstanding participants were Barbara Gittings and Barbara Love. Armed with facts and statistics, these two extremely articulate women answered every question with the kind of logic and reasoning that appeals to every intelligent individual. Unhappily Mr. Susskind was not convinced.



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COSTUME CONTESTS

The last issue of **G.P.U. NEWS** went to press too early for a report on the winners of Milwaukee's Halloween costume contests. To those who follow these events this article will be old news, but for the record here are the facts.

Two persons from Chicago and two from Milwaukee judged the contest at the River Queen. The fifty dollar costume prize was won by an entry who called himself "The Duke." The twenty-five dollar award for comedy went to "Gloria." There were fourteen contestants competing for the title of "Miss River Queen 1971." Second prize went to a lovely "Harlow" and "Chanel Capri" was crowned Queen, winning a prize of seventy-five dollars and the opportunity of entering the Miss Milwaukee contest.

The contest at the Castaways was held the following night with the comedy prize going to Winnie Storm, the costume prize going to a double entry titled "The Knight and the Owl." The Queen award was won by Jamie Gayes, who also won the Miss Milwaukee title in the final contest.

Jamie's prize included an all expense trip to Chicago for herself and attendants, "Tiger", "Sabrina", and Winnie Storm. After attending a large costume ball, the group attended a contest at Chicago's Baton Bar where Jamie placed second. They also attended an after hours party sponsored by the Hi Fi Lounge.

Obviously, Milwaukee has selected a fine representative for the title of Miss Milwaukee 1971. Surely Jamie will preside at various functions during her reign in a manner befitting her title and talent.

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Several nickel millionaires walked away with what they hoped would be rare artistic treasures. Others were only seeking a splash of color for a drab wall. One daring blade suddenly found himself a reluctant buyer after entering to drive the bidding up, only to fall victim to someone else with the same idea.

The two top items were a complete volume of Michelangelo's Life and Works and a large, three tone sanctus bell.

A very humorous and talented gentleman, Harry Dwoskin, a licensed auctioneer from Auction Service Company at 725 South 1st Street, provided his services for this event. His quick-wit and sharp eye were donations in themselves. Facilities at the Church for All People were arranged through the kind auspices of the Metropolitan Community Church, Prince of Peace Parish.

As the last of some 200 articles were auctioned off, it became apparent to all that this was going to be one of G.P.U.'s major events of the year. When the day's bids were finally tallied, the results surpassed the most optimistic predictions, placing G.P.U. within striking distance of their goal for incorporation. Not only was this auction a social and financial breakthrough, but it spoke very highly for Jim Kreisman and Bruce Barnes who saw this project through to its successful conclusion. The G.P.U. membership gives a loud round of applause to both Kreisman and Barnes for a job well done.

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Dear G P U NEWS:

The isolation constantly plaguing the homosexual in a primarily heterosexual world hit home the other day.

We went for a walk, my friend and I. The woods were alive with a symphony of sounds, the wind rushing through the trees, bird songs and the scampering of little animals through the leaves.

Mushroom hunters passed us by and we could not touch. A physical show of love would not be accepted or understood.

Thus, lest we allow a beautiful relationship to be tarnished in others eyes, we stifled our natural feelings. Could we not, like our "straight" brothers, be free to express our love openly, to touch hands, to walk arm in arm, to reach over and gently kiss?

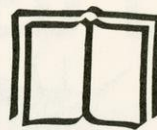
An ache, deep within my soul cried out — "Will the day never come to live and love not in darkness — but joyfully and in the sun?"

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incidence of venereal diseases is increasing and, among youths of 15 to 19 years of age, has doubled in the past ten years.

Because of the need to maintain anonymity, most homosexual contacts are limited to one episode with one sexual partner, and as many as 100 different partners a year may not be unusual. Because of the anonymity factor, meaningful statistics on incidence of gonorrhea in homosexuals are probably non-existent. However, the latest World Health Organization report (1963) on gonorrheal infections noted that in some clinics up to 50 percent or more of early syphilis cases were homosexuals.

Twenty or thirty years ago the venereal diseases were a "hush-hush" subject. Polite people did not discuss V.D. in public. Today, however, we realize that the only way to conquer the venereal diseases is through frank public discussion and education.



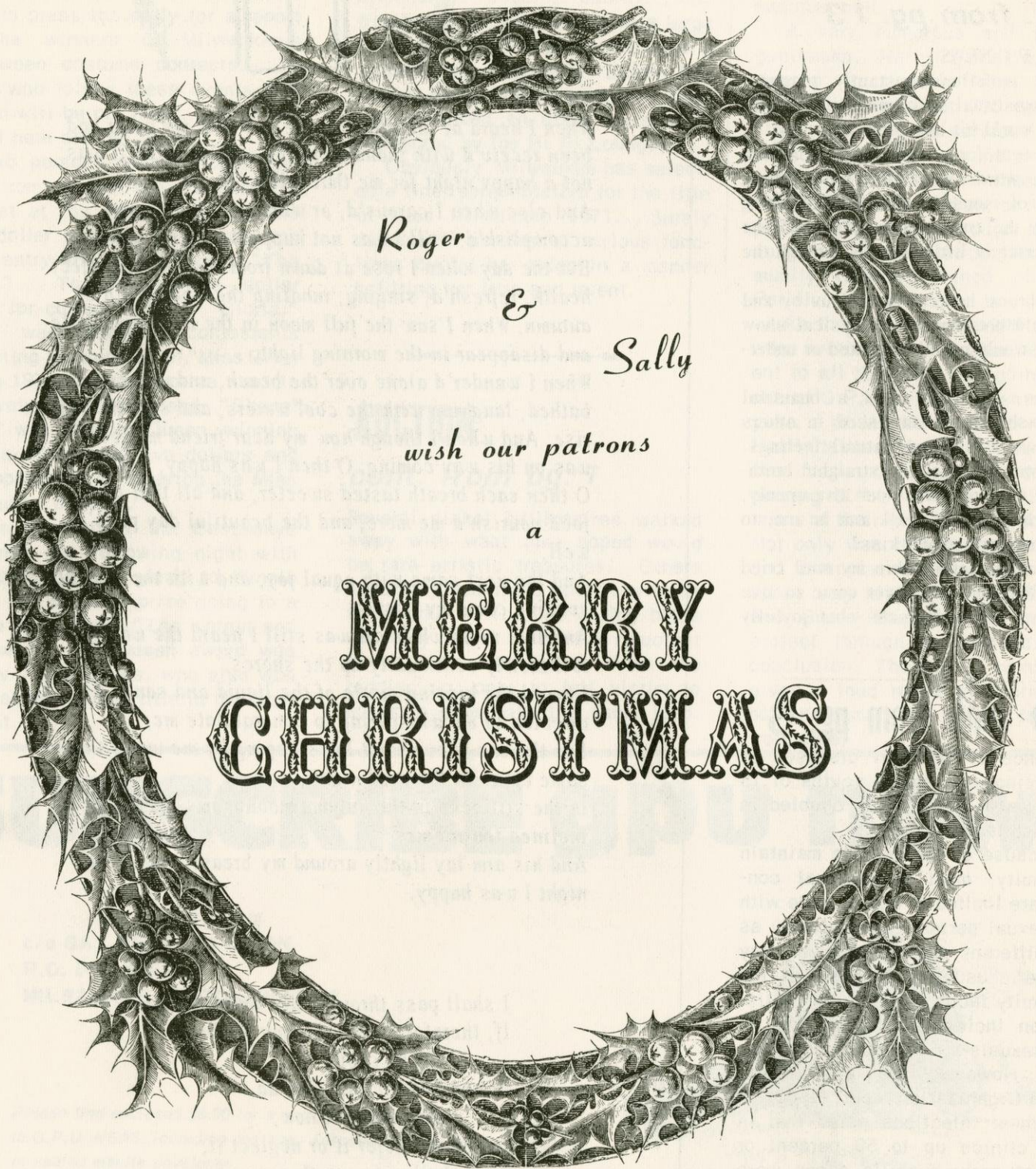
When I heard at the close of the day how my name had been receiv'd with plaudits in the capitol, still it was not a happy night for me that follow'd,
And else when I carous'd, or when my plans were accomplish'd, still I was not happy,
But the day when I rose at dawn from the bed of perfect health, refresh'd, singing, inhaling the ripe breath of autumn, When I saw the full moon in the west grow pale and disappear in the morning light,
When I wander'd alone over the beach, and undressing bathed, laughing with the cool waters, and saw the sun rise, And when I thought how my dear friend my lover was on his way coming, O then I was happy,
O then each breath tasted sweeter, and all that day my food nourish'd me more, and the beautiful day pass'd well,
And the next came with equal joy, and with the next at evening came my friend.
And that night while all was still I heard the waters roll slowly continually up the shores,
I heard the hissing rustle of the liquid and sands as directed to me whispering to congratulate me,
For the one I love most lay sleeping by me under the same cover in the cool night.
In the stillness in the autumn moonbeams his face was inclined toward me,
And his arm lay lightly around my breast --- and that night I was happy.

Walt Whitman

I shall pass through this world but once.
If, therefore, there be any kindness
I can show,
or any good thing I can do,
let me do it now;
let me not defer it or neglect it,
for I shall not pass this way again.

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Homosexuality in the Media

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- * "Milwaukee Journal" (Oct. 31, 1971) pg. 1, Article: The Not So Gay Life of Homosexuals; Otto H. Ulrich, Jr. wins key court case to restore security clearance
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UNSIGNED LETTERS

Dear G P U NEWS:

While in the Service, I had the position in our particular office of typing up requests for Security Clearances. To say these applications are demanding is an understatement.

These forms request a complete family history: your parents names and maiden names, the names of your sisters, brothers and in-laws, the names of all schools you attended with exact dates, all job positions held with immediate Supervisors' names, and if you are a homosexual. The forms demand the names of all organizations and clubs to which you have belonged.

The reasons for all these other questions are obvious. The answers are needed so that they may check and see if anyone in your family or past teachers has ever been a Communist.

(They want) to see if your bosses and past Supervisors have questionable pasts. It is desired to know if you are a homosexual because, "Homosexuals are prime targets for blackmail."

BLACKMAIL!! And what makes us such prime targets for blackmail is the fact that the Society has made us Social outcast; as unacceptable as we are, we naturally hide our personal life. Love for our families, the need to keep a job, and to live as human beings in our society demand hiding.

Our government has made it impossible for us to live openly in our own country by denying us the right to be ourselves. What has become of "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness"? Our government lest us live in this land of Liberty; we are free to do as we want as long as we don't do what it doesn't want us to do. If we do, we must keep it a tightly guarded secret. We are allowed to pursue our happiness as long as we do it quietly and don't ask to have it accepted. In effect, we can live any way we want to as long as we keep it underground and don't try to be accepted as a stable mature person who is capable of keeping secrets.

Mission Impossible: Gay People, make yourselves accepted!

Now when I look back on those days, I can really sit back and laugh. There I was, as Homosexual as anyone ever

could be, the homosexual that was working in security. Me, the target for blackmail, handling confidential, secret, top secret, and interim secret documents. And, you know, I never told a soul!

Dear G P U NEWS:

I am a male and I wear dresses. I do not walk around three feet in the air, I do not swish, I do not fawn, but I do wear dresses.

Why? Frankly I don't know why. I do know that when I walk down the street as a man in men's clothes with a growth of beard and someone says, "Excuse me ma'am." or "May I help you, ma'am?", I am embarrassed. When my mother or sister or a neighbor is with me, I am even more embarrassed.

How many of us, when out in public, have been pointed at or jeered at as queer, fag, swish, etc. Frankly, for me, I prefer to hear someone comment on how nice I look or that I am attractive. Attractive is really a nicer word than fag.

There is no comfort involved in being in drag with the exception of the emotional security you have. At least you know you won't be jeered at unless they find out.

Personally, I have much trouble in communicating with straight people when I am out of drag. I tend to find myself flirting with the milk man or grocer and that does not go over well. In drag I can flirt with the same people and will get my business done with no one being hurt or made to feel uncomfortable. So maybe it's a cop-out, but it's so very true.

I guess drag is my thing and I'm stuck with it. It does well by me though and I feel I do well by it. Now if only the rest of you can accept I'll be a lot happier. If you don't laugh at my new falsies, I won't laugh at your vibrator or dildo. OK?

Dear *****:

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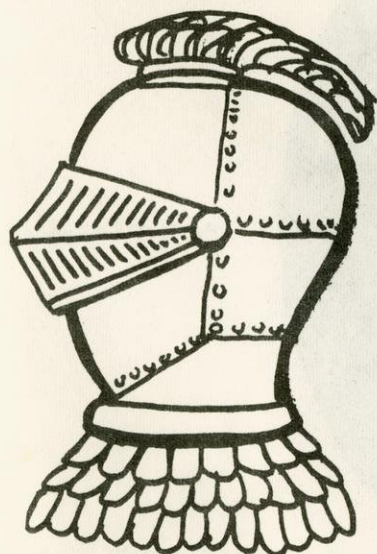
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WANTED - volunteers to help in the publication of this newspaper. Apply to G.P.U. meetings - only salary is sense of accomplishment.



CALENDAR

MONDAYS - 8:00 P.M. Regular Meetings at Eastside Community Center, 911 East Ogden.

TUESDAYS - 8:00 P.M. Work-Rap Sessions at 1155 N. 21st Street

THURSDAYS - 8:30 P.M. Gay Perspective Radio Program WUWM 89.7 F.M.

SATURDAYS - Noon Mass at St. Nicholas Parish, 1155 N. 21st St.

SUNDAYS - 1:00 P.M. Worship Service of Metropolitan Community Church, Prince of Peace Parish at corner of 21st and Highland Streets

SUNDAYS - 8:00 P.M. Mass at St. Nicholas Parish.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Monday, December 13 - Special speaker at regular Monday meeting.

Friday, Saturday, December 17-18 - Re-scheduled showing of film, "The Queen"; Billy B. Shears Film Society, 911 East Ogden, \$1.00.

Friday, December 3 - Hayride - See G.P.U. members for information.

GAY ACTION CLASS

Esthetics in Education, a gay action course at the University Of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, taught by Perry Baehr sponsored two events in November.

On November 5, the class held a gay dance at the Eastside Community Center, the purpose of which was to bring gays together in a purely social atmosphere. Approximately 150 people attended.

On November 10, the class sponsored an afternoon Gay Forum at the Fireside Lounge on campus which was attended by approximately 75 people. The program was a loosely structured rap session open to all views concerning homosexuality.

The class plans other functions in the near future.

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