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Editorial

Ask not what your community can do for you. . . .

Quite a bit has happened in this sleepy river town during the past couple of months. Things have changed, but you and I, as members of the Memphis gay community, should remember that with change comes opportunity. This means an opportunity for every reader of this column to become involved.

Every one of us has talents. Let's put them to work for the good of this community. If you think that Memphis should have more activities, media and organizations for Lesbians and gay men, then it's up to you to volunteer your time and your talents.

If you like hiking, then start a hiking group or a running group or a group that goes to the theater. Let your imagination go. If you

enjoy writing or would like to try your hand at grass-roots reporting then come to the Community Center and see what you can do to make this newspaper better. The possibilities are what you want to make of them. It will be work and rewards might not always be immediate, but in the long run you will enrich yourself and your city.

Why shouldn't Memphis have the organizations and pride that other cities of its size now enjoy?

Here you see a new *Gaze*, published by the Memphis Gay Coalition. It has a new look, a new format and new ideas - but this newspaper and this community needs you. Become interested in yourself and your community. Get involved.

by Roger Smith

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Board of Coalition Resigns

by Perry Stevens

In a surprise move, all but one of the members of the Memphis Gay Coalition board of directors resigned at the September 6th meeting. The resignations included the entire slate of officers, including Vincent Astor, the acting President of the coalition.

Astor resigned as acting President and as a member of the board of directors citing personal rea-

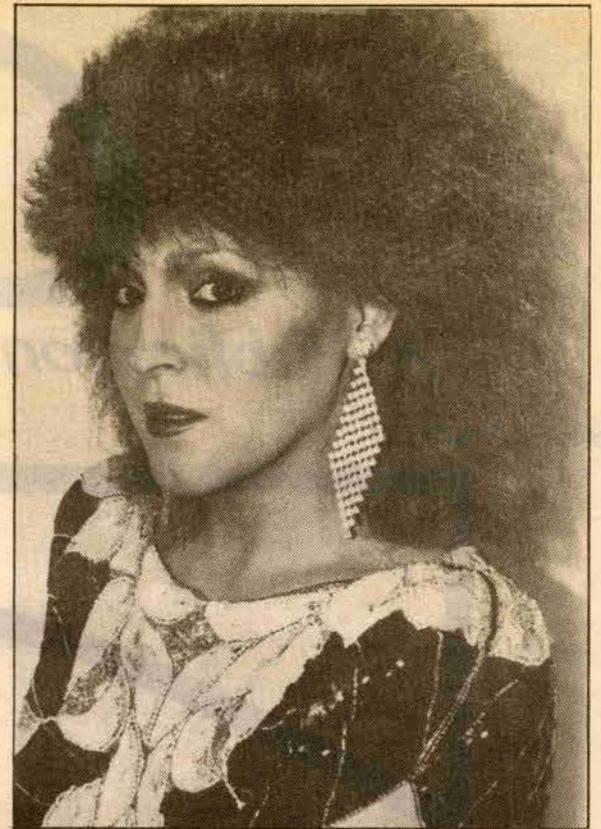
sons. He opened the monthly meeting by accepting the resignations of coalition Secretary, John Stilwell; Treasurer, Cecil McLeod; and at-large member, Allen Cook. The office of Vice-President had been vacant since Astor left the position to replace former President, Ken Horton, who stepped down earlier this year.

"NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO . . . THERE YOU ARE"

by Russell Armstrong

This past September 9th, many members of the Memphis gay community rallied together to pay a special tribute to Billie Jo Casino. This event lasted well over four hours and attracted an impressive crowd that exceeding 300 people. Sharon Wray and Miss Gay Memphis 1990, Vanessa Vogue, hosted the show. One observer commented that this was one of the strongest demonstrations of unity in the past decade.

Many top performers from our community including those from WKRB, Reflections, The Pipeline, Oops, J-Wags, Chaps, Agape New Life Church, Aphrodite, Tsarus, The Wagettes, Wings and Women of Leather provided entertainment for the affair. The talents of these fine entertainers definitely contributed to the success of the tribute. Most importantly, over \$2100 in donations and pledges were raised for Billie Jo. The conclusion of the show turned out to be an highly emotional one. Billie Jo came on stage to thank everyone for all the love and support given to her.



Memphians Against Phillip Morris

As some of you may know, Senator Jesse Helms (Rep. N.C.) is up for reelection in November. Can we talk here? If re-elected, this would be a definite menace to both gay and Lesbian communities, as well as a hindrance to various other organizations that are willing to take a stand and voice their opinion, support, and/or point of view on various issues such as the public display of art, abortion, privacy rights, HIV testing, and gay rights legislation. By boycotting the sales of Miller beer and Marlboro this would indicate to the largest corporate contributor of Helms' campaign (\$20,000 to his re-election and \$175,000 to an "under construction" Helms museum and learning center) that we as a nation-wide community simply won't stand for that kind of bigotry and animosity. This boycott has the potential to advance and become quite widespread. Besides ACT UP chapters across the nation, American Civil Liberties Union groups, and even some mainstream (straight) clubs

in New York, the U.S. Student Council, the United Farm Workers of California and, of course, the Human Rights Campaign Fund have all joined in their support for the boycott. What is Memphis, and for that matter, Tennessee going to do?

Activism has brought out not only supporters, but also adversaries as well. The Conservative Campaign Fund has filed a complaint with the right-wing Federal Election Commission that we have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971" which regulates the amount of money a group or individual can spend to influence a federal election without reporting to the government or registering as political committee" (Outweek 8/29/90). This could be considered an obstacle in the campaign to get our message across. But Steve Smith, an attorney for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, states that "the point of the FEC Act is minimize political corruption by keeping track of the money going to candidates - the boycott

is not the kind of thing it was designed to regulate" (Advocate 9/25/90). Never the less, the boycott still exists and between now and November we should be open to a change in plans, if need be, and concentrate on the importance of the issues at hand: protesting the funding by Phillip Morris, depriving Helms of money for his campaign, and the intention to combine protests with fundraising for Helms' opponent, Harvey Gantt.

I leave you with the hope that we could take this issue into account on our own local level and select an effective plan of action. The toll free hotline is 800-666-3308, my local phone is 901-767-4095. Anyone wishing to support Harvey Gantt can send contributions to U.S. Senate Vote - Harvey Gantt, 700 Stonewall, St. Suite 655 Charlotte, N.C. 28202.

"We're here, we're queer, get used to it!"

Bart Miller - Memphis

Only at-large board member, Steve Solomon did not resign. He, therefore, became acting President. "I didn't know they were even thinking about resigning," he told the group of about 20 people present. The group appointed Ed Miller as acting Vice-President, Bret Taylor as acting Secretary, and Don Griesheimer as acting treasurer. An interim slate of board members will be elected at the monthly meeting in October.

The resignations came amid questions about the coalition's finances. Griesheimer said he had asked questions over the last couple of months, but had received no clear answers. He said he wanted to find out how the organization spent its money, so he requested and received financial statements. But he said those records were confusing. "They [the records] made no sense to me. They were either

incomplete or sloppily kept."

Griesheimer said he found several discrepancies in looking over the records that were provided to him. "For instance, in January and February of 1990, "Gaze" newspaper showed no income even though it was published and sold advertisements for those publications." He said. "That's not possible." He says the Board did not

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Huckabee Responds

Mr. Tommy Stewart
1264 Madison Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee 38104

Dear Mr. Stewart:

The Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center responds to your letter addressed to the President, MGLCC. In it, you demanded the President's resignation and threatened to withdraw your support from MGLCC. Further, you published your letter of demand in an open forum, *Gaze* Newspaper. We will offer this letter of response in kind.

The MGLCC Executive Board of Directors is elected by members of the gay and lesbian community of Memphis. The chief executive officer serves

at the convenience of the board of directors and our community. The board has the authority to remove the president from office at its discretion. Indeed, it has the responsibility to remove any officer acting outside of the best interests of MGLCC or acting in a personally malicious fashion in behalf of the board.

Mr. Huckabee's letter of resignation will not be forthcoming. He will remain in office as long as we have complete confidence in his ability to carry out the duties of the position to which he has been duly elected.

We also submit that we believe healthy criticism to be important; providing honest answers to honest questions are important. If the gay and Lesbian community of Memphis is to grow and ex-

perience healing proffering questions is imperative as the catalyst to change and maturity.

It is a time in our community when many questions are being asked of various groups and people. This is all part of the process of constructive criticism.

In the future, we hope that you will become part of this by participating in positive dialogue with the community. It is the way to attract positive attention to yourself and to be taken seriously.

Sincerely,

Bill Huckabee
President, MGLCC

The Chorus Steps Out and Sings

by Russell Armstrong

The Memphis Lambda Men's Chorus will hold its first annual fall concert on Sunday, October 28, 1990, at 3:30 p.m. in the Church on the River. Since its inception almost one year ago, the Lambda Men's Chorus has performed selections from its repertoire at various functions including performances at the ATEAC Auction and the Memphis AIDS Coalition's AIDS Vigil.

The program will commence with an arrangement of the national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner" by chorus director, Don Griesheimer. Included in the concert will be sections featuring religious music from the baroque and classical periods, showtunes, and American choral music. Following the performance, a reception for the friends of the chorus will be held in the fellowship hall

with light appetizers and beverages.

Tickets will go on sale in October and may be purchased from any of the chorus members for \$5.00. For more information, please call Don Griesheimer at 526-8006 or Russell Armstrong at 525-3044.

The Lambda Chorus meets for practice on Tuesday's at 7:30 p.m. at the MGLCC.

Editorial Policy

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All materials for publication must be received no later than the 15th of the month preceding publication. Any material received after this time will be used at the discretion of the "Gaze" staff.

1990

Pink Pyramid Awards

OUR FIRST ANNUAL NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY, 1990 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

INSTRUCTIONS: PLEASE VOTE ON ONE INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION UNDER EACH CATEGORY. THE INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION SHOULD REFLECT EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE TO THE MEMPHIS GAY & LESBIAN COMMUNITY, AND SHOULD HAVE RENDERED SERVICE IN THE CATEGORY SELECTED.

[ONE BALLOT PER VOTER, PLEASE]

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MGLCC Notes

The Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center held two special meetings in the interim of its normally scheduled monthly meetings. It is the policy of MGLCC, and a part of its constitutional mandate to make public the results of such meetings.

At issue in the first meeting is the letter addressed to Mr. Tommy Stewart from concerned gay & Lesbian community leaders. Mr. Stewart is targeted for his alleged differential treatment of blacks in his bars. MGLCC is solicited by the group of concerned leaders to endorse the letter. It was only after much debate that a consensus emerged to remain officially neutral on such a sensitive issue.

The Executive Board of MGLCC affirmed in its decision to forego attaching its endorse-

ment to the letter, a strong commitment to the gay and lesbian community of Memphis to continue providing a forum where such controversial issues may be addressed. The Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center is the vehicle for inviting change not directing it. This is the prevailing opinion of the board.

In further action during the month it is approved that MGLCC will share in the celebration of National Coming Out Day by holding a fundraiser; The First Annual National Coming Out Day Riverboat Cruise. The riverboat ride will be held October 12, following an open house at MGLCC the preceding day. Boarding will begin at 8:30 p.m. with the boat leaving at 9 p.m. for three-hour cruise. Don't miss the fun.

Get Involved.... Volunteer
Call 276-4651

The Help Pages

by Becky Clendenin Caperton, M.S.

The disease of alcoholism and drug addiction is debilitating not only for the addict, but for the family and close friends as well. Because addiction is the fastest growing epidemic today, thousands of families are being torn apart. Family members often have no idea that they are in just as much trouble - or more so - as their addict.

Beginning in September, 1990, a new group will be forming to address the non-chemically dependent person. The main goal of treatment will be to help spouses and partners identify their maladaptive, disabling behaviors, and replace them with more constructive ones. These new behaviors, regardless of their impact on the spouses' drinking or drug use, should contribute to improved psychological functioning for the non-addict. The group will serve as a supplemental support therapy for anyone already in a therapy relationship.

The group format will be used

to provide opportunities for participants to find cohorts with whom they can identify, decrease their social isolation, and provide opportunities for participants to find cohorts with whom they can identify, decrease their social isolation, and provide them with a variety of alternatives and perspectives to aid in problem-solving. A three-stage model will be used which includes the following: (1) primarily didactic and supportive material; (2) identification, exploration, and modification of enabling behaviors; and (3) decision-making about lifestyle changes. Formal treatment will consist of eight weekly two-hour sessions followed by a support group phase.

This is an excellent opportunity to help spouses or partners of addicted individuals help themselves. For more information regarding costs and dates, interested participants can call me or the office secretary, Velma Phillips at 327-9758.

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disclose a balance sheet, nor did they detail the coalition's assets and liabilities.

Griesheimer said he also had questions about the coalition's phone bill. "The phone bills had an average increase of \$40.10 per month in 1990 over 1989. Either the coalition made more long distance calls or services were added....I still don't know which, even though I'm in possession of the books."

Griesheimer said the records also showed \$1200 dollars in expenses for T-Shirts, yet detailed no increase in assets and no record of sales. But, he said, since then he discovered that some of the shirts were sold. He said the others should have been listed as assets of the coalition, but they were not.

After reviewing the records provided to him and being refused answers at an informal meeting with the secretary and treasurer, Griesheimer sent all the coalition board of directors certified letters, citing his legal right to ask questions based on the Tennessee Code Annotated, which states a member of a non-profit corporation in Tennessee has a right to detailed

financial information about the organization if the questions are submitted in writing. Griesheimer sent a copy of the letter to the State Attorney General. Members received the letters one or two mailing days before the September meeting.

The resignation letters submitted by Astor, Stilwell, McLeod, and Cook did not mention the controversy surrounding the financial records directly, though Cook wrote, "For the past nine years the work has been its own reward. it is no longer fun, and I find more and more of my time spent answering criticism and justifying my actions. I have neither the time nor the inclination to engage in such unproductive behavior."

Stilwell wrote, "More and more over the last few months I have found myself being personally attacked. I can continue to defend myself, but minds are made up, and nothing I say makes any difference....the time has come to back off and let the chips fall where they may."

In a follow up letter to the acting Board of Directors, Astor wrote,

"Perceived notions have had a great deal to do with this summer. I was never excepted from any comments made regarding other Board Members and the coalition in general. I then surmised that all of what I felt to be my best efforts were held to be inadequate."

McLeod simply cited personal reasons in his letter of resignation.

One of the first acts of the new board of directors was to authorize Griesheimer to conduct an internal audit of the books. The Board then turned its attention to the two main coalition services: The gay Switchboard and Gaze both of which are continuing uninterrupted.

When asked if he thought his probe had anything to do with the mass resignations, Griesheimer replied, "I can only say they resigned for the reasons stated. I'm not trying to second guess those reasons. I do wish them the best in their future endeavors. They should be congratulated on the years of service and for hanging in there when no one else would. The community owes them a great deal of thanks."

Barrose Memorial AIDSwalk Date Set

*AIDSwalk Set for October
28th*

by Perry Stevens

ATEAC will sponsor an AIDSwalk October 28th at Overton Park to help PWA's in Memphis.

"We're calling it the Peter Barrosse Memorial Walk for AIDS," said Mark Whitehead, who organized the fund raiser. Barrosse was a well known PWA in the Memphis Area. He died in October 1989 after battling AIDS for five years. During that time he was constantly available to the media, doing his best to put a face on a disease that many people would have known nothing about otherwise.

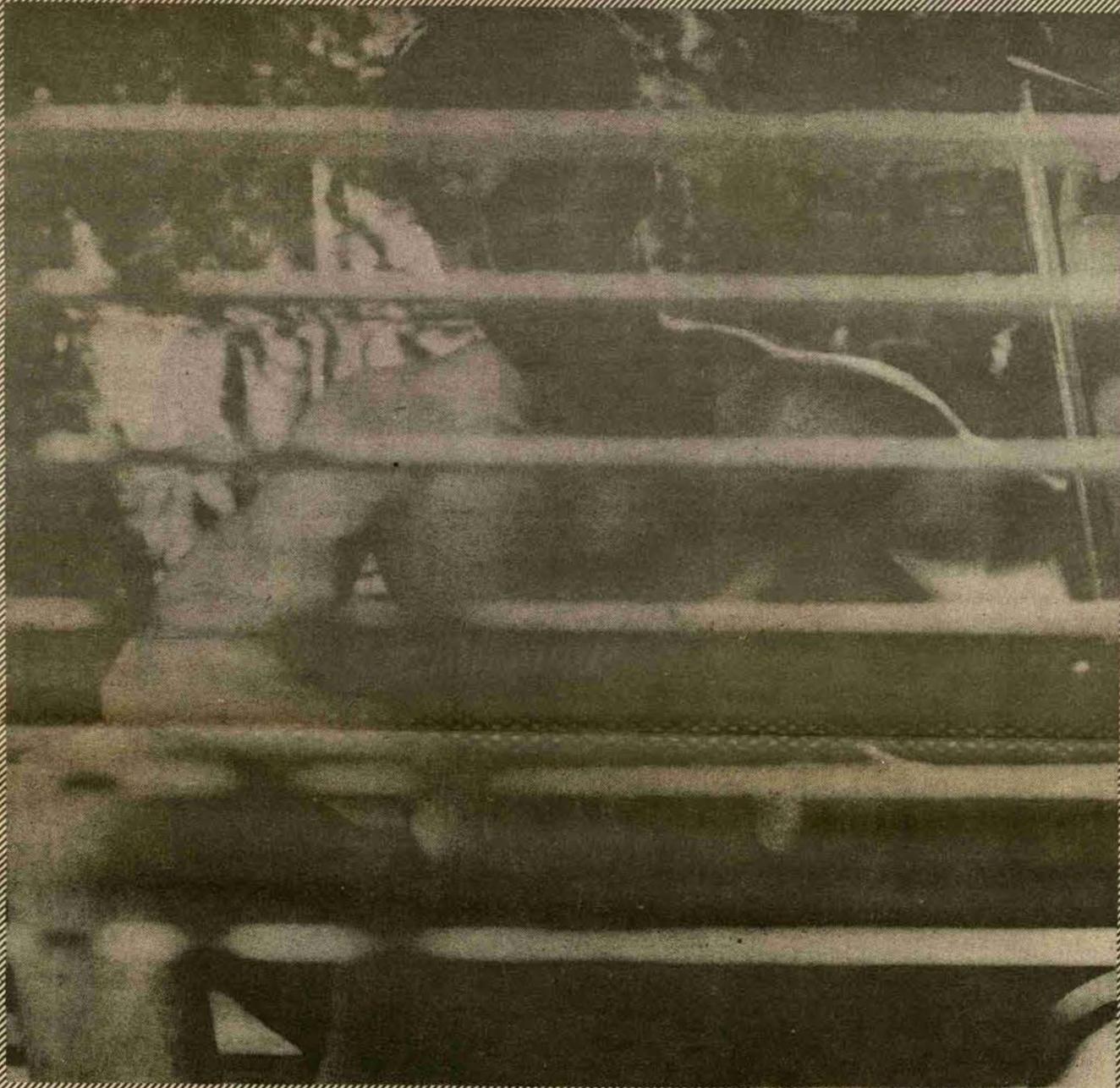
The October 28th AIDSwalk will fall on the first anniversary of Barrosse' death. It will begin at the park gazebo at 8 a.m. and last until 10 a.m.

ATEAC will mail out about a thousand registration forms for people to sign up for the walk, said Whitehead. "It will be very similar to an M.D.A. walk where participants find sponsors to donate a certain amount for the distance they walk," he said. The money raised will go directly into ATEAC's PWA account, according to Whitehead. He said a similar fund raiser five years ago raised \$15,000.00.

Anyone who is interested can contact ATEAC at 458-AIDS.

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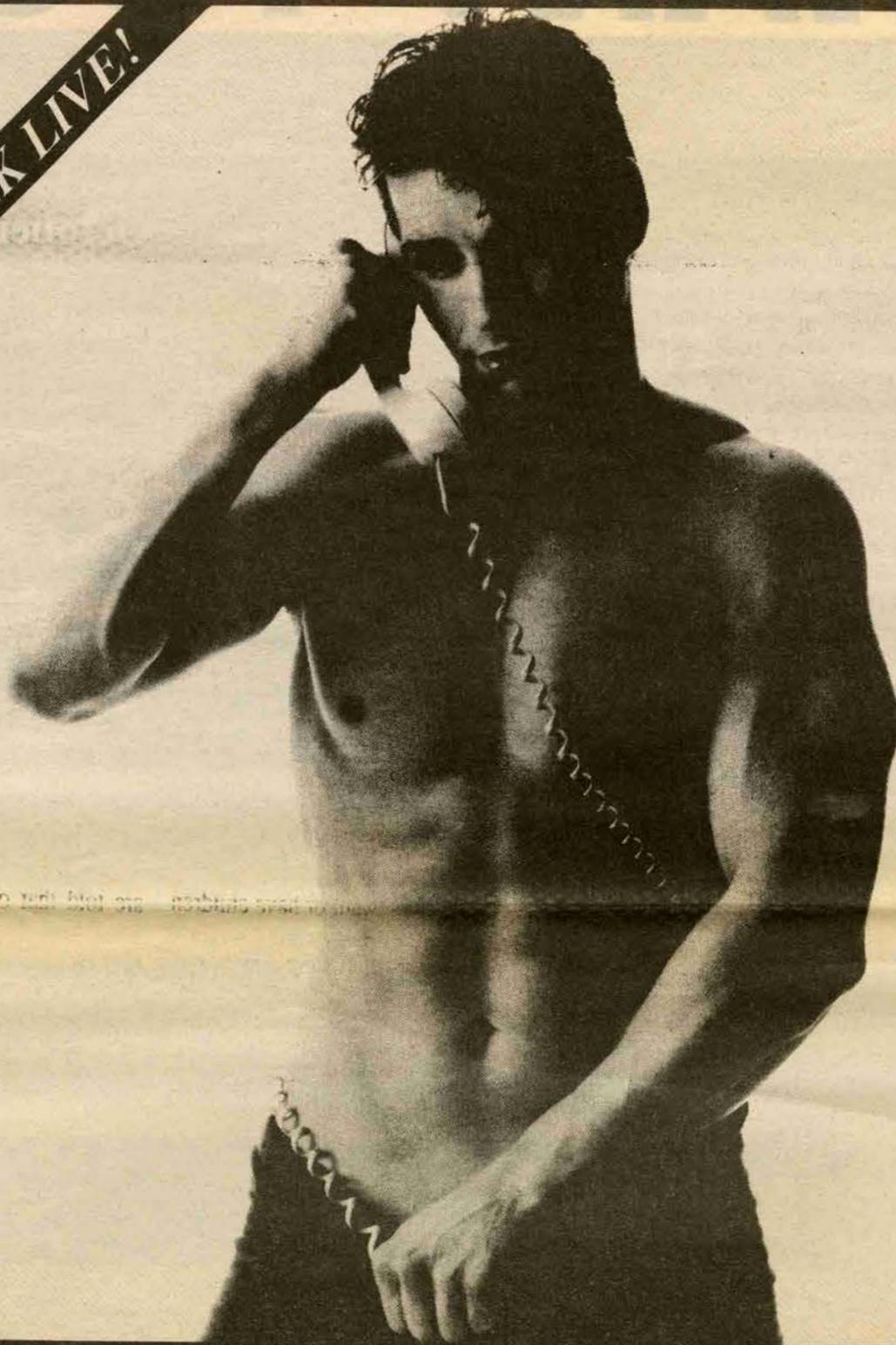
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ACTUP Chapter Forms in St. Louis

An ACTUP/St. Louis Chapter has recently formed to combat apathy and hostility toward people with AIDS.

The AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power is a direct action group; which practices non-violent civil disobedience

The formation of ACTUP/STL precipitated by St. Louis County Supervisor H. C. Milford's decision that the group Parent's and Friends of Lesbians and Gays was "controversial" and therefore could not participate in the state's "Adopt a Roadway" program.

Homophobic Navy Memo Uncovered

An internal Navy memo advocating further targeting of women for discharge due to homosexuality, was recently leaked to the National Organization for Women and Congressman Gerry Studds' office. The memo, entitled "Equal Treatment of Male and Female Homosexuals", was distributed to all commanding officers in Naval Surface Forces of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet and was sent to NOW and Rep. Studds by anonymous sources in Baltimore, MD and Norfolk, VA.

NOW President Molly Yard said of the memo, "Rarely is the public privy to such a clear example of the military's homophobic, sexist bigotry. Clearly, elements in the military still chafe at the success of women in their ranks. This directive uses the military's institutionalized homophobia to directly attack women in the Navy."

Memorable quotes from the memo are:

"Experience has also shown that the stereotypical female homosexual in the Navy is hardworking, career-oriented, willing to put in long hours on the job and among the command's top professionals

As such, allegations that this woman is a homosexual . . . may be dismissed out of hand or pursued half-heartedly".

"More important than any misperception concerning tolerance for female homosexuality is the clearly adverse impact homosexual activity or behavior has on the men and women who must live and work in close proximity to the homosexual . . ."

"We must recognize that women who are targets for female homosexuals experience a unique form of sexual harassment which can be even more devastating and difficult to cope with than the more traditional harassment from men."



Debutant Ball Boat Ride - Oct 12

Gay Switchboard

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National Coming Out Day

by Martin Hurley

"Take Your Next Step"

On October 11, thousands of people from all walks of life will be making a decision to lead more openly gay and Lesbian lives. They'll be coming out.

Coming out is a process through which Lesbians and gay men convey the truth about themselves to their family and friends. This process of coming out to family and friends is usually accomplished in small steps, allowing their relationships to grow. National Coming Out Day celebrates and enjoins us to take the next step in the process of telling the truth about ourselves. The more our family and friends know about us, the less we have to hide. We repress less, therefore, we have more self esteem and less self hatred.

Conceived in February, 1988 at the War Conference in Virginia, National Coming Out Day commemorates the October 11, 1987 March on Washington for Les-

National Coming Out Day celebrates and enjoins us to take the next step....

bian and Gay Rights and seeks to increase the visibility of the projected 25 million Lesbians and gay men in the United States. Statistics show that the gay community crosses all racial, ethnic, geographic and socio-economic barriers. Despite the statistics, most Lesbian and gay communities remain translucent.

According to Lynn Shepodd, Executive Director of NCOD, many events are planned across the nation. Los Angeles and New York's Lesbian and gay community centers will host an open microphone for the purpose of allowing people

to tell their coming out stories. Atlanta's community is purchasing a full page "Coming Out Day" advertisement in the Atlanta Constitution. In Arlington, Virginia the gay cable program "Significant Others" will premier and across the nation, the rainbow flag of gay pride will fly.

In Memphis, the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center will host a debutante ball aboard the Memphis Showboat. Included in the gala event will be the honoring of outstanding service to the Memphis Lesbian and gay community through the presentation of the "Pink Pyramid Awards". These award are based upon the ballots submitted to the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center prior to October 8, 1990. Ballots may be found at the MGLCC, Meristem, and in this issue of Gaze.

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and if we want or have children we're unfit parents and if we stand up for our rights we're overstepping our boundries and because we are forced to constantly question our own worth as human beings and if we don't have a relationship with a member of the opposit sex we haven't given it a chance and if we have a relationship with a member of the same sex it is not recognized and we

are told that our love is not "real" and if we come out of the closet we're just going through a phase and because Lesbian and gay history is virtually absent from literature and because homophobia is sanctioned by the Supreme Court and ... for lots of other reasons, **We are part of the Lesbian/Gay Liberation Movement.**

About Town

by Roger Smith

Agape New Life Church will sponsor a benefit for its AIDS ministry on Sunday, October 7 at 8 p.m. The "Fall Festival of Stars" will be held at WKR B and several familiar faces will be featured. Rebel will perform, as will Sweet Thang, from Wings. Miss Dolly will belt out a few songs and the incomparable Zoltar the Great will mesmerize the audience with incredible feats of magic. Don't miss this show and a possible appearance by Miss Loretta!

If pool is your game, then perhaps you'll be interested to know that WKR B has a team in the city-wide league that is sponsored by Anheuser Busch. There are around

200 bars with teams in the league and WKR B is the only gay bar that is involved. WKR B owner, Sharon Wray, who is both the sponsor and a player, says that team members are "bridging the sexual gap." Team captain, Mike Reed agrees and adds that the team fosters "good sportsmanship and is a lot of fun."

Out of all of the teams that WKR B has played, only one team has caused problems and Wray says that other teams have lodged complaints against the offending team's behavior.

Reed acknowledged that there was some "rough going" during the team's early days. Now the

team is doing well and WKR B won the city playoffs on September 16. It will now go to the regional games which will be held either in Memphis or Nashville.

The team is limited to eight players, but don't let that discourage you because Reed hopes that two more teams will form for the fall league. The cost is only \$2.50 per player, each week. The fall league begins October 3.

For more information on the Busch League call 388-POOL.

The oldest gay sporting organization in the city, Brothers and Sisters Bowling League, has already begun its winter season. Sixteen teams are already signed

up but league president, Mike Reed (Mike is a busy guy) says that there is room for four more teams. If you want to meet some friendly people, then, the Brother's and Sister's league is the place to do it. And this league has some good bowlers - the high score is 276!

Congratulations to Sharon Wray on completing sixty hours of classes in real estate sales. Good luck on your exam.

Memphis Lambda Men's Chorus is coming out of the closet on October 28 at The Church on The River which is located on Channel 3 Drive. Admission is \$5.00 and there will be reception afterward

There will be three performances of Larry Kramer's wonderful play, The Normal Heart at Theatre Works on 414 S. Main on October 4, 5 and 6 at 8 p.m. and two final performances on October 7 at 2:30 and 7 p.m.

Chaps will host a repeat performance of the George Wilson Benefit Show. The event will take place on Oct. 27, at 10 pm. and will benefit St. Jude.

The Pipettes, Waggettes, Lady Vic, Billy Jo and Women of Leather will all perform, Cover is \$3 and there will be a contest for the most inventive Halloween costume.

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Support TGALA, working towards full Lesbian and Gay rights in Tennessee, and get double your money's worth! Don't forget, the Challenge ends October 31st so don't put it off any longer. Become a TGALA Member today!

Please write TGALA, Box 41305, Nashville, TN 37204. Or call (615) 292-4820.

ABA Bans Discrimination

Successful lobbying by the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association (NLGLA) caused the American Bar Association (ABA) to include a ban against discrimination based on sexual orientation in its Model Code of Judicial Conduct. The code applies to many judges throughout the country and subjects them to discipline if they violate its ethical canons.

Specific protection in the code means that Lesbians and gay men can expect and demand fair treatment in the judicial system. It also sends an explicit message to judges that they will be held personally accountable if they discriminate against gay people.

In 1988 Judge Jack Hampton told newspaper reporters in Dallas, Texas that he had given a lighter sentence to convicted murderers because their victims were gay. NLGLA cited this and other outrageous examples of anti-gay discrimination by judges when it testified before the ABA Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility.

In May, 1989 the committee issued a draft of the revised judicial code which banned only discrimination based on race, sex, religion and national origin. After receiving oral and written testimony from NLGLA, the code was changed to state, "A judge shall not, in the performance of judicial duties, by words or conduct manifest bias or prejudice based upon race, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation or socio-economic status, and shall not permit staff court officials and others subject to the judge's direction and control to do so."

For more information about NLGLA, write to NLGLA, 14 Beacon Street - Suite 720, Boston, MA 02108.

Theatre Works Presents *The Normal Heart*

Theatre Works will present Larry Kramer's AIDS drama *The Normal Heart*. Performances will run Oct. 4,5,6 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 7 at 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. All expenses are being underwritten by donations and program ad sales, enabling all admissions to be donated to the PWA services fund for ATEAC.

Andrew Holleran says in his introduction to the script, "*The Normal Heart* is, after all, a history play — of the past five years in which thousands died. It is a hunk of reality which has been depicted for us, so current that, to paraphrase a film critic, the sirens you hear on stage are the sirens you hear when you walk out of the theatre."

Larry Kramer was a co-founder of Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York City and there is a large amount of autobiography in the script. He has used many actual stories and characters from his experiences to write a drama which is honest to the point of brutality.

Kramer was the author of *Faggots* in 1978 which asked pointed questions about what the gay lifestyle meant, and how we thought about one another. He asks these same questions again in the play. If nothing else, AIDS forced many gay and Lesbian people to think of others, like themselves, as more than just bodies and sex objects. The book spurred many to take a hard look at the free and easy lifestyles that they had developed.

Dennis Massey directs and plays Ned Weeks, the Larry Kramer character, who begins as the angry activist and ends as the sorrowing hero as he also is touched too closely by the reality of the epidemic. John Epps plays Felix, the mild mannered reporter who comes into Ned's life and changes it. Others in the cast are Richard Johnson, Kevin Palmer, Vincent Astor, Bernie Gwyn, Leonard Bracken, Wally Dreesen, John Denney and Jimmy Gray.

The play is a realistic depiction of how AIDS has affected each individual, and is an unrelenting, highly emotional drama, both to perform and to watch.

Minutes of the Memphis Gay Coalition

Memphis Gay Coalition
September 4, 1990 Tuesday

Meeting called to order at 7:14 p.m. by acting President Vincent Astor

Secretary, John Stilwell gave his report followed by his resignation.

Treasurer, Cecil McLeod gave report of \$2002.88 in the bank account and his resignation.

Chair gave special consideration to at large member, Allen Cook who read his letter of resignation.

President Vincent Astor read his resignation.

Steve Solomon at large member takes chair as acting President.

Chair yields to Donald Griesheimer.

Bret Taylor appointed acting secretary for this meeting.

Don Griesheimer reads letter sent to board members requesting financial data.

Letter to Vincent Astor requesting membership records read into minutes.

Steve Solomon appointed acting president by the body.

Bret Taylor nominated and voted by body to fill secretary position until new elections.

Don Griesheimer nominated and voted by body into office of treasurer until new elections.

Ed Miller nominated and voted by body to fill position of Vice-President until new elections.

Motion to accept minutes as read.

Motion to table Treasurers report pending a full audit.

John Stillwell's resignation read into minutes.

Don Griesheimer yields chair to Steve Solomon.

Don Griesheimer reads the report of the nominating committee.

Interim Offices: Vincent Astor, President
Board at large: Shiela Tankersley
Martin Hurley
Matt Presley

Steve Solomon reports that Shiela Tankersley declines all nominations.

1991 slate of Officers: President, Vincent Astor
Vice-President, Shiela Tankersley
Secretary, John Stillwell
Treasurer, Cecil McLeod

Don Griesheimer

Board at Large, Steve Solomon

Allen Cook

Matt Presley

Motion to place into nomination as a body the previ-

ously cited report. Seconded. Carried.

Steve Solomon declines nomination of president.
Floor open to nominations to fill interim positions.

Duties of the office of president read from the by-laws.

Nonomination of Bill Huckabee as president.

Question of conflict of interest raised.

Motion to close nominations to office of president.

Nominations for vice-president opened.

Ed Miller nominated.

Motion to close nominations for the office of vice-president.

Nominations for the office of secretary opened.

Bret Taylor nominated.

Motion to close nominations for the office of secretary.

Nominations for the office of treasurer opened.

Don Griesheimer nominated.

Motion to close nominations for the office of treasurer.

Nominations for the offices of board members at large opened.

Matt Presley, Martin Hurley, Perry Stevens, Pat Patterson, nominated.

Motion to close nominations for board members at large positions.

Motion to use interim slate as herein stated for the 1991 slate of officers.

Martin Hurley declines nomination.

Pat Patterson and Perry Stevens appointed by acclamation as board members at large.

Section 6.01 of the by-laws read.

Volunteers for the newspaper committee: Perry Stevens, Martin Hurley, Demen Meek, Ed Miller, Don Griesheimer.

Volunteers for the switchboard committee: David Moore, Travis Bennett, Tim Smith, Judge Taylor.

Volunteers for the fundraising committee: Tim Smith, Don Griesheimer, Martin Hurley, Bill Huckabee.

Motion to approve minutes of July 17, 1990.

Motion to resend action of July 17, 1990 to maintain status-quo.

Motion to table old business.

Motion to accept applications as voting members.

Motion to adjourn.

Memphis Gay Coalition Special Meeting September 6, 1990

Meeting called to order by acting president, Steve Solomon at 7:00 pm.

Motion to appoint Bill Huckabee to fill the temporary vacancy as an at large board member. Seconded. Carried.

Motion for the MGC to loan the deposit money of \$750.00 to the MGLCC for the purpose of securing the Memphis Showboat for a National Coming Out Day debutante ball. Seconded. Carried.

Motion to draft a thank you letter to the out going board members. Seconded. Carries.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Memphis Gay Coalition Special Meeting Saturday, September 15, 1990

Meeting Called to order at 12:30 p.m.

Motion to extend the appropriation to cover the additional expense made. Seconded. Carries.

Motion to appropriate \$47.54 for the printing of fliers to inform the public of MGC services, changes, and slate of officers. Seconded. Carries.

Motion to make a blanket appropriation to cover normal operating costs of the MGC, to include, but not limited to: the Gay Switchboard, Gaze Newspaper, and normal expense incurred by the MGC for the purpose of conducting daily business. Seconded. Carries.

Motion to approve \$26.84 for flowers/plant for good luck wishes to MERISTEM on their grand opening. Seconded. Carries.

Motion to allocate \$20.00 toward the purchase of a one (1) page ad in the "Normal Heart" program. Defer on the content until later date. Seconded. Carries.

Motion to accept the transfer of funds from The Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center for the purpose of continued responsibility of Gay Pride events. Seconded. Carries.

Motion to adjourn made. Seconded. Carries.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.



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Confessions of a homophobe

Anyone who has recently leafed through *Esquire* magazine may have noticed some particularly insulting articles lately.

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Hamill further observed, "I've lost patience with the paranoid oratory of gay radicals. I can't abide their self-pitying aura of victimhood."

On the subject of gays and AIDS, Hamill wrote, "Their leaders irritate me with their insistence on seeing AIDS as if it were some tragic medieval plague of unknown origin instead of the result of personal behavior . . . I've had more friends die of smoking, drinking or dope than I have friends who died of AIDS. But I don't hear about the 'rage' of the cigarette addict or the stone drunk or the crackhead . . ."

The month before, *Esquire* ran another virulently homophobic tirade, an article by Edward Hoagland entitled "Shhh! Our Writers Are Sleeping!" Hoagland condemned modern novelists "who tell you how to snort coke and perform fellatio" and blamed AIDS on "'Marathon ejaculatory frenzies' and sexual practices that 'employ the excretory orifice in a manner that mammals had all but stopped using 70 to 100 million years ago.'" He, then, criticized his fellow writers for not condemning such behavior.

Esquire's publisher, W. Randall Jones, can be reached at 1790 Broadway, New York, NY. He might like to know what his gay readers think of such comments.

Excerpted from *GLAAD Bulletin*

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I.G.P. (International Gay Penpals) launches their first quarterly newsletter. The newsletter offers gay men and women throughout the world an opportunity to make friends, practice another language, pave the way for foreign visits, exchange ideas and perhaps start a romance by mail. Anyone wishing information about I.G.P. should send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: I.G.P., Ste. 320, Box 7304, North Hollywood, CA 91603.

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Agape New Life Church: Worship Sundays at 11:00 AM and Wednesdays at 7:00 PM, 405 N. Cleveland, Suite 3, Memphis 38104, 327-4145.
American Gay Atheists (AGA) Memphis: Box 41371, Memphis 38174-1371.
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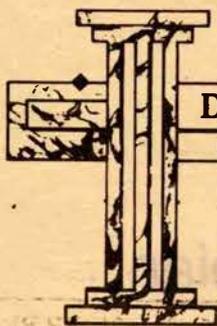
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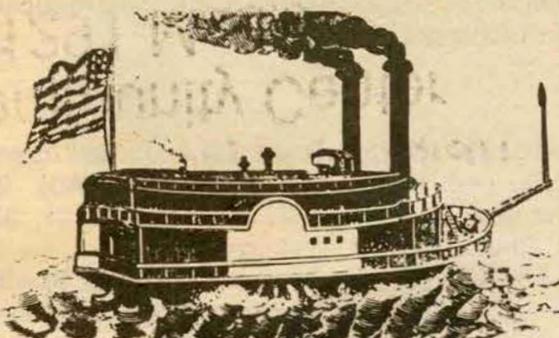
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