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Statewide Meeting Held in Nashville

The second annual statewide meeting of Lesbians and Gay Men was held in Nashville March 12. About 65 people from across the state attended.

The meeting was co-sponsored by the Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights and the Memphis Gay Coalition. The first such meeting was held in October of 1982 and was attended by about 30 persons. Organized by Nashville's Tommy Powell, the conference brought together Gay leaders from across the state in an effort to share ideas, political strategies and to share information regarding the present status of Lesbian/Gay community affairs. Susan Green, Legislative Assistant for the Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) was the keynote speaker.

In her speech, Green spoke of GRNL's efforts and the need for field associates to create a local network which can be called to action when legislation comes up which needs to be encouraged or opposed. She cited several examples of how letters written to congressmen have been effective in changing legislators' minds on issues.

Also speaking at the Conference were Kathryn Hearne and Bill Johnson of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Tennessee and Irwin Rothenberg of Black and White Men Together/

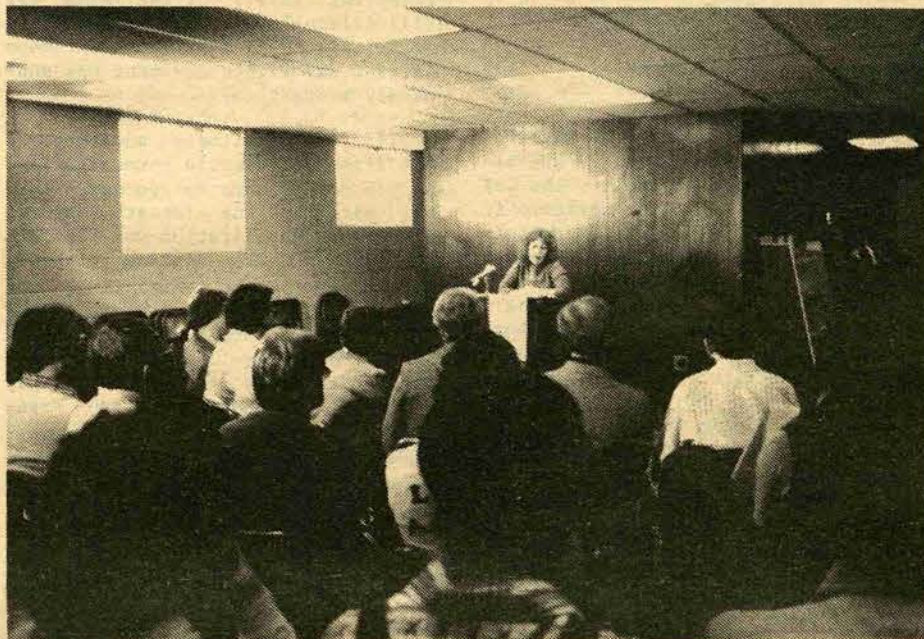
Memphis.

Hearne spoke generally of the ACLU's efforts in the area of state legislation as well as its interaction with national organizations such as GRNL and the National Gay Task Force.

Johnson, director of the Memphis office of ACLU, spoke of its efforts in the area of Gay discrimination and the state's 'sodomy' law. "Every one of you in this room is a felon," he said, referring to the fact that the state sodomy law cites sam-sex intercourse as a crime punishable by incarceration from 5-15 years. He noted that while the law is seldom enforced, the fact that it remains on the books has a chilling effect and that it allows anti-Gay groups to use it as a propaganda weapon.

As if to underscore Johnson's point that the law needs to be wiped out, three members of the audience told the group of their personal experiences. Of the three men who admitted to having been arrested, one served prison time, one had his career destroyed, and a third said he was forced to endure a year in a mental institution to "beat the rap."

In a particularly moving speech, Irwin Rothenberg of BWMT/Memphis explained his group's objective of com-



ACLU of Tennessee Director Kathryn Hearne speaks to the Second Annual Statewide Meeting of Lesbians & Gay Men held in Nashville.

batting racism, especially within the Gay community. "The organization," he said, "is not one based on a sexual partner preference. It is an organization based on brotherhood... a support group which makes a political statement. Who can fail to notice an interracial group of Gay men?"

Rothenberg spoke of the dual discrimination Third World people who are Gay feel. A member of the audience noted that those of us who fight anti-Gay discrimination can in no way accept discrimination on any other basis.

Also attending the conference were representatives from the Knoxville Chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Short Mountain Sanctuary as well as individuals from Chattanooga, Clarksville, Murfreesboro, Henderson, Knoxville, Nashville and Memphis.

Plans were made to hold a third annual conference next March in Nashville.

The statewide meeting was videotaped by Lambda Televideo and portions will be broadcast on upcoming programs of "Views from 10"

Robbery Motive in Gay Slaying

Many members of the Memphis Gay Community are still in shock over the recent beating death of one of its members.

Ron Smith was found beaten to death in his apartment on February 22 at the Claycore Apartment at 42 North Claybrook. Smith was found at 11:40 pm by police who found the body in the bedroom. A short time later, Smith's 1973 Pontiac was stopped near Fourth and Union and two suspects apprehended. Subsequent investigation has shown that the second man was not involved in the attack.

Neighbors who had noticed a man entering and leaving the apartment a number of times, confronted the alleged attacker and asked where Ron was. They were told that he was at a friend's house. When the neighbors called Smith's apartment and got no answer, Fred Brist, owner of the apartment investigated, called the police who found the body.

Smith was found dead on the bedroom floor of the apartment but signs of a struggle were evident throughout. Blood stains were found in the living room and on the walls. A trail of blood leading to the bedroom leads investigators to believe that Smith was killed in the living room and his body dragged into the bedroom area. The murder weapon, a sixteen inch long metal bar, was found on top of the television set.

According to Gaze sources, Smith

and his assailant may have met at "The Other Side" bar and subsequently gone to the Claybrook address from there.

Witnesses and friends of the victim were impressed with the way the Memphis Police Department conducted itself. "The officers who investigated the incident were both compassionate and discreet in their approach to the situation," said Irwin Rothenberg, a close friend of Smith. "We feel that they should be complimented on the way they handled the investigation."

Funeral arrangements were delayed for some time while authorities attempted to locate members of Smith's family. Eventually his sister was located in Baltimore, MD and his body shipped to Virginia for burial. She had been trying to locate her brother for several years and had gone to the extent of hiring private investigators to find him but had been unsuccessful.

Smith was an active member of Black and White Men Together/Memphis, attended Memphis Gay Coalition meetings and was attempted to start a Gay Bowling league at the time of his death. He was employed by City Iron and Metal Company.

A memorial service was held on February 28 at the home of Joe Calhoun by members and friends of BWMT/Memphis. He was buried March 1.

Switchboard Handled Record Calls in 1982

Volunteers of the Memphis Gay Switchboard handled an estimated 4350 calls in 1982, up from 3800 calls reported in 1981, according to an analysis of last year's nightly logs turned in by Switchboard staff. The average number of calls received per 6-hour period reached a high of 16, compared to 13 calls per night average in 1981.

The hotline, unique in Tennessee, was staffed over 230 nights for a total of over 1300 staff hours, according to Ric Sullivan, coordinator of Gay Switchboard Activities. He attributed the increased number of calls handled to more consistent staffing of the Switchboard and a greater outreach into the general community, primarily through Gaze, and a public service announcement aired by WPTY-TV (Channel 24).

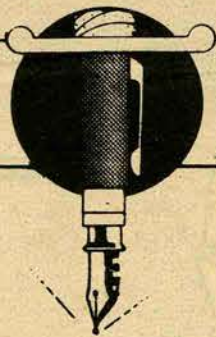
"We noticed increased calls from local Gays, particularly, it seems, from 13-to-16-year olds. Our bar related and special event-related calls also were up," Sullivan said explaining the increase seen in total calls received.

He gave the following analysis by type of call with the corresponding 1981 figure in parentheses--Hang-up calls, 32% of total calls received (33%); 43% information requests (70%) but with 50% of these calls involving referrals to Gay/Lesbian bars, compared to 36% bar referrals noted in 1981; 25% "talk" calls (33%) ranging from suicide/crisis to coming out discussions to ways of meeting other Gays; pranks, 13% (18%); and professional referrals, 4% (5%). Sullivan noted that many calls related to several categories, resulting in a total exceeding 100%.

He also noted that over 800 calls resulted in direct referrals to the Gay and Lesbian-oriented bars in Memphis. Out-of-town callers asked for places to meet other Gays, while local callers generally inquired about new bars opening or special events at the bars. Sullivan emphasized that volunteers are instructed to list all bars to callers, and to describe but not recommend bars.

Calls categorized as suicide and

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Gay Activism Sweeping the Country?

by John House

Gay activism, it's sweeping the country. Or is it?

In practically every Gay or Lesbian publication you pick up these days, you read about some sort of Gay activism or Gay rights movement going on somewhere in the country. In virtually every state there's a group of some kind doing something for Gay rights. In every issue of *The Advocate* you can find at least 10 or more articles dealing with the Gay crusade. Why even in *GAZE* there are always one or two samples of the Gay movement. With all this publicity it would seem that Gays have definitely begun the fight against homosexual discrimination.

This may be true, but if so I have a couple of questions that need some answers. Firstly, if all this publicity is indicative of the scope of the Gay rights movement, then why don't the people in the mid-south see and feel this great up-rising? Let me explain what I mean: any time a minority group such as ours, rebels against the majority, there are usually two waves of public reaction. The first one is hatred and annihilation, a very effective public option. And one that I'm ashamed to say usually stops the minority group from experiencing the second wave. That second wave being a feeling from the public of having accepted the minority and letting them have their niche in society. These two feelings

from the majority are generally very loud and clear and not easily missed. I don't feel like the mid-south Gays have even come close to experiencing the effects of the first wave much less the second one. Why not?

My second question is: if the Gay movement is as effective as the reports indicate, then why is it that Gays are still beaten and robbed with no action being taken by the judicial system? Why is intercourse between consenting adults of the same sex still illegal? Why aren't we experiencing all this new found freedom that the Gay rights movement has supposedly brought us?

Well, to answer these questions we must first do a little investigating. And you don't have to go very far. Just pick up the latest issue of whatever Gay publication you read and scan the articles dealing with Gay rights. What's the first thing you notice? That almost every one of the events you're reading about took place somewhere besides the mid-south! Generally in one of the Gay "centers" such as Houston, San Francisco, etc. Rarely do you read about something happening in Memphis or Jonesboro or Little Rock. And to prove this just count up on one hand the number of times last year that you saw mid-south Gays marching down the streets opposing some injustice or taking a stand publicly for or against some issue. If your hand is anything like mine, you didn't have many fingers showing.

So what does this tell us? Very simply, that mid-south Gays aren't experiencing Gay rights because they're not participating in the Gay rights movement.

I know that this is a fairly dangerous statement to make and one that needs a little expounding upon.

Of course I realize that all over the mid-south there are groups here and there that are really making a concerted effort to bring about Gay equality. I commend them for it. But they can't do it alone. The Gay community as a whole has to be behind them.

Then there are those who would say that there just aren't enough Gay people in the mid-south to make a loud enough voice. Let me disprove this notion. Back in the late 70's a survey was done across the nation to establish a per capita Gay population figure. After the tallying was over, a list came out showing the areas having the most Gay population per person. Jonesboro, Arkansas was listed as the eleventh most Gay populated city in the United States, I find this not only astounding but quite exciting. Obviously, there are plenty of Gays in the mid-south to get the job done.

So what was the problem again? Lack of participation, better put, apathy. Now comes the hard part; what do we do to get Gay people more involved? Perhaps a question that is not so hard to answer is what can you do to get more involved? I'm not going to try to answer this question here because I can't. What you can or will do is strictly up to you. You'll have to answer that one yourself. But to get you started on an answer, I've prepared a partial list of things you might want to do.

Remember, if you want to live a life truly free of Gay discrimination then you are going to have to go and get that life. The Straights certainly aren't going to hand it to you on

a silver platter. Take part in the fight. I'm not asking you to lay your life on the line just do your little part. If everyone just does that, then Gay life will change right before our eyes!

Consider doing one of these:

1. Join a group--there are many: Black and White Men Together, Memphis Gay Coalition, Jonesboro Gay Caucus, Gay Task Forces.
2. Form a group if there isn't one in your area.

3. Support Gay functions sponsored by your local groups.

4. Write your congressmen on issues concerning Gays.

5. Support Gay candidates and Gay sympathizers on election day.

6. Speak out to your friends and co-workers against Gay harassment.

7. Support Gay businesses.

8. Get a friend involved.

9. Quit fighting each other and unite to fight the real enemy.

On the Right (and Need)

to Know

by John Stillwell

GAZE has various columns where people can express personal opinions about a wide variety of things. Our news stories, written locally, try to be objective and accurate but sometimes errors occur. Sometimes we misunderstand or allow personal attitudes to creep into the stories. Sometimes we simply make mistakes.

There are other areas of *GAZE* which offer a window on the world. Stories you won't see in the *Tennessean* or the *Commercial Appeal*. They contain pertinent information about goings on in the world around us and what pertains to our lives and hopes for the future.

The "opinion areas" of the paper are available to anyone willing to take the time to write something to fill those spaces. Opinions and locally written news stories are subject to challenges and we welcome those who wish to do so.

GAZE does not belong to one person or one group. Ideally, it is a reflection of the entire Gay community. A single story may be objectionable to some groups, perhaps. But the paper should be judged on the sum of its parts not on those parts individually.

Recently a local bar (one of our prime distribution points in the Lesbian community) has stopped dis-

tributing *GAZE* to its customers. We don't challenge the right of that bar to ban *GAZE*. But as a publication trying to reach the whole Gay community, we feel it is short-sighted to "throw out the baby with the bath water." If there is a problem, it should be discussed and, if possible, corrected.

We don't care if you sit around and discuss what a "rag" *GAZE* is, but we feel that you should have the right to make that judgement yourself. You certainly can't evaluate what you can't see. Unfortunately, when it comes to local and state Gay news, there are no alternatives.

Anyone who perceives that this paper is biased has the right to challenge us--in print. We are not above printing letters which conflict with our own views or correcting mistakes when they are brought to our attention. Or rectifying omissions.

GAZE is a cooperative effort published by and for the Gay community. Gay advertisers support us. It would not be in our own best interests to favor one over another. So, if you see an error, help us correct it. If you see a deficiency, help us overcome it.

We have the responsibility to provide news of the Gay community that you have the right (and the need) to know.

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Gay Business—

by Allen Cook

A Commentary

Something interesting is happening in the Gay business community and things are looking good.

Let's look at the track record for the past few months.

Item: The Psych Out II has opened and established itself as a bright spot in the Gay bar scene.

Item: Loretta and Juicy re-opened the old Psych Out.

Item: Danny Ray re-opened portions of the old 10 North Cleveland Club.

Item: Tommy Stewart this month opened Encore Cards and Gifts adjacent to J-Wag's on Madison.

Item: The Club Chain has opened Club South in Memphis.

Item: Sharon's is featuring an afternoon happy hour.

The fact that all of these things have happened in a relatively short period of time suggests that there is a confidence among Gay business people that the Gay community as a whole is expanding. Like everyone else, Gay men and Lesbians like alternatives and selection. Sure, you can find Gay greeting cards in shops around town

(usually tucked away discreetly in a dark corner) but to have a Gay card and gift shop is significant.

Also significant is the opening of Club South representing almost a quarter of a million dollar investment--an investment predicated on confidence in the the Gay community.

Gay business people know the Gay community. They realize that many Gay people prefer to "buy Gay." We hear all the time of Gay CPA's, Gay dentists, doctors, optometrists, decorators, lawyers, home repair specialists, auto mechanics.. the list goes on... who get a lot of business from the Gay community by personal referral.

One of the original goals of the Memphis Gay Coalition was to establish a Gay business directory. It never got off the ground. Perhaps the timing was not right. Perhaps now is that time.

Congratulations to all the new Gay businesses opening. You have confidence in the Gay community. We hope it is justified.

Boozer Out at NGTF - Washington

Washington (*The Washington Blade*)-- Mel Boozer, director of the National Gay Task Force's Washington office, resigned his position "with regret" effective February 28. The resignation brings to a rest an upheaval in the NGTF leadership which began last fall with the ouster of the Task Force's former executive director, Lucia Valeska.

Boozer, who has been active in the Gay movement since 1979, said he was asked to resign by current NGTF executive director Virginia Apuzzo because of his "inability" to get along with leaders of other Gay organizations.

"I have a new administration and I want to put a team together that I feel will be able to maximize the potential of certain program directions I have in mind," said Apuzzo. "We'll be working in much closer cooperation with organizations that Mel has not been able to establish a positive rapport with and I don't feel he's in a position to maximize the success of the programs I am articulating."

Boozer, in an interview, said he believes he was asked to resign as a "punitive gesture" because of some disagreements he has had with other Gay leaders, including his lack of support for the reelection of D.C. Mayor Marion Barry. Boozer said he believed he was also considered an "irritant" to Gay Rights National Lobby Director, Steve Endean.

"(Asking for my resignation) is in retaliation for my perceived failure to support Barry," said Boozer, "but I was instructed by (then director) Lucia Valeska to be neutral (in the mayoral election) and I acted neutral. What I felt was a different matter."

Boozer said he also felt that GRNL perceived him as a "threat to their interests" and that Apuzzo believed him to be a "barrier" to NGTF's work with GRNL.

Apuzzo, however, said her request for Boozer's resignation was "absolutely not" a punitive gesture for his actions in political races.

"Most Gay leaders supported Anderson -- I supported Carter," said Apuzzo. "We disagree, and we get on with it."

"Mel is looking at things in the past," said Apuzzo. "My focus is on the future. If I wanted to be punitive, his contract was up on Christmas Day."

Apuzzo said she believed Boozer's relationship with Endean and GRNL "was not a good one" and said she was "developing a whole new relationship of functioning" with both GRNL and other Gay organizations.

"There are many areas where Mel has contributed to the movement," said Apuzzo, "but in this particular sit-

uation at this particular time, he's not right."

Endean said he, too, felt the relationship between Boozer and GRNL had encountered "difficulties" around a "variety of issues," one of which was the division of labor between the two organizations." Endean declined to comment about specific instances of difficulty between Boozer and GRNL but said she had met with Apuzzo several times in the last three months to "talk about how our organizations can work together." Endean said he is "confident" that a "harmonious relationship" can now develop between GRNL and NGTF, which have been at odds for more than three years.

Boozer has held his NGTF position, officially called the director of civil rights advocacy, since its creation in September 1981. He was appointed by Valeska to monitor federal policies and regulations in order to "put some punch" into NGTF's programs in Washington.

The request for Boozer's resignation came as no surprise to most Gay activists. Apuzzo, in accepting the NGTF leadership last October, said she was "predisposed" to replacing Boozer. Apuzzo herself was chosen by the NGTF board to replace Valeska after a controversy erupted over Valeska's alleged mismanagement of the organization. In obtaining Valeska's resignation, the NGTF board agreed to a set of terms drawn up by Valeska, one of which stipulated that NGTF keep its Washington office open, and another which stipulated that a number of Valeska's staff appointees be guaranteed tenure through the end of 1982. Apuzzo said she met with Boozer on January 13 and asked him to resign.

Boozer, a former Peace Corps volunteer in Brazil, served two terms as president of Washington's Gay Activists Alliance. He was chosen by the District in 1980 as an alternate delegate to the Democratic National Convention and, in a symbolic move, had his name placed in nomination for the vice-presidency of the United States.

Gay Activists Alliance President Jeff Levi has been appointed as the new director of the NGTF's Washington office.

Levi, 28, an editor for an Arlington, VA, based consulting firm will assume his NGTF duties on March 14.

Levi who said details of his salary are still being discussed, noted he is looking for office space and hopes NGTF will be able to provide some logistical support as well as an office.

He said his first major task will be to conduct a detailed study of how many Gays are affected by every fede-

ral government agency. Levi said he plans to prepare a written report on the finding of the study which NGTF may soon publish.

Levi will begin his new job in the wake of a strongly worded protest against Boozer's forced resignation by 10 leaders of Washington's Black Gay community. The protest, in the form of an open letter to NGTF, called the departure of Boozer, who is Black, an "extremely distressing development" that is symbolic of the insensitivity to the concern of Black Gays by the "white Gay power structure."

Apuzzo said she was surprised by the letter which she said incorrectly implied that a racial motivation was involved in Boozer's resignation.

"I am in accord with much of the sentiment (of the letter) regarding racism in the Gay and Lesbian community," Apuzzo said. "It is clear that there is much work to be done in bringing our movement in alignment with principles of equality," she added.

"But it is unfortunate that the issue of Mel's termination with NGTF is being singled out as underscoring those concerns."

Apuzzo said the overwhelming majority of the NGTF board and many Gay leaders across the country expressed "grave concern" over the direction NGTF had been going during the past several years. These concerns, Apuzzo said, prompted the board to make staff changes that resulted in a "totally new administration."

Apuzzo said that after discussions last fall with GRNL executive director Steve Endean, she became convinced that differences and disagreements that had developed between GRNL



and NGTF more than three years ago, under the direction of Lucia Valeska, could not be reconciled if Boozer remained as head of the NGTF Washington office.

"This has nothing to do with Mel's qualifications as a movement leader," said Apuzzo. "As someone hired by the NGTF board to make some fundamental changes, I believe it is crucial that I make staff changes necessary to carry out a new administration," she said.

Levi said it would be inappropriate for him to comment on the specifics of the letter written by Black Gay leaders.

However, he noted the letter raises "issues that NGTF as an organization and the entire Gay movement must deal with."

"I hope to use my new position," Levi said, "to promote meaningful dialogue on these issues in the Washington community."

Levi said he will seek approval from the GAA membership to continue as president of GAA for the remainder of his term, which ends in October.

He said he will also continue the duties begun by Boozer of monitoring executive branch programs and policies, as well as the process surrounding the appointment of federal judges, in connection with issues of concern to Gays.

AmEx Says 'No' to Gay Phone Sex

San Francisco's Gay telephone line, the Connector, does not fit the "image" of American Express so the credit card company summarily cut off the Connector's merchant account.

The Connector is a Gay telephone sex line where customers are computer connected to other waiting customers. The Connector's subscribers pay a nominal fee for their time on the telephone; 95% of the Connector's customers charge the amount to a credit card. As of two months ago, a customer could also use the American Express card. The Connector had applied for and received a merchant account with the giant credit card company. The application had been routinely granted.

Suddenly, without any indication of problems, AmEx terminated the account effective on receipt of the notice. This rapid action, done in violation of its own agreement, suggested Amer-

ican Express was out to get the Connector and its clientele. At a meeting on January 31, Bruce Stahley, District Sales/Marketing manager for American Express, said there had been no complaints or problems, but working with "those people" would not be in the "best interests" for fit the company "image." He could cite no standard or criteria other than vague terms, Stahley denied knowledge of other sexually oriented telephone advertisements using the AmEx logo, however, the Connector manager pointed out several such firms (mostly heterosexual).

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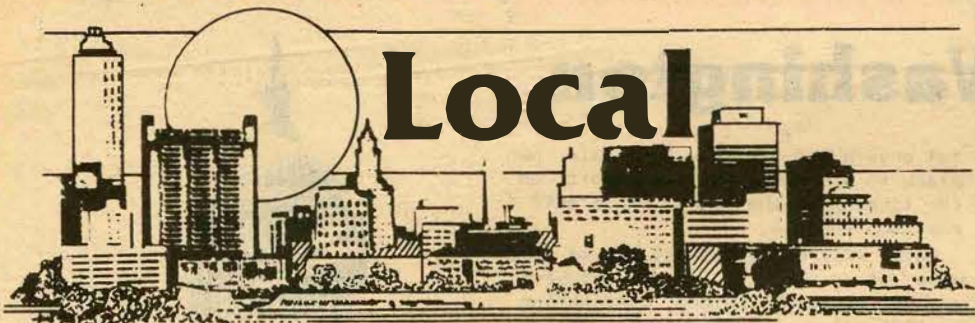
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CBC Opens Club South in Memphis

Club South, a franchise of the international CBC Club Chain opened its doors to the public in Memphis, March 10. It is the only such club between Atlanta and St. Louis.

The club, located at 628 Madison, officially opened for patrons at 6:00 PM for a two week run of reduced hours. The club will be open from 6 PM til 6 AM for "shakedown" and will be open thereafter 24 hours a day.

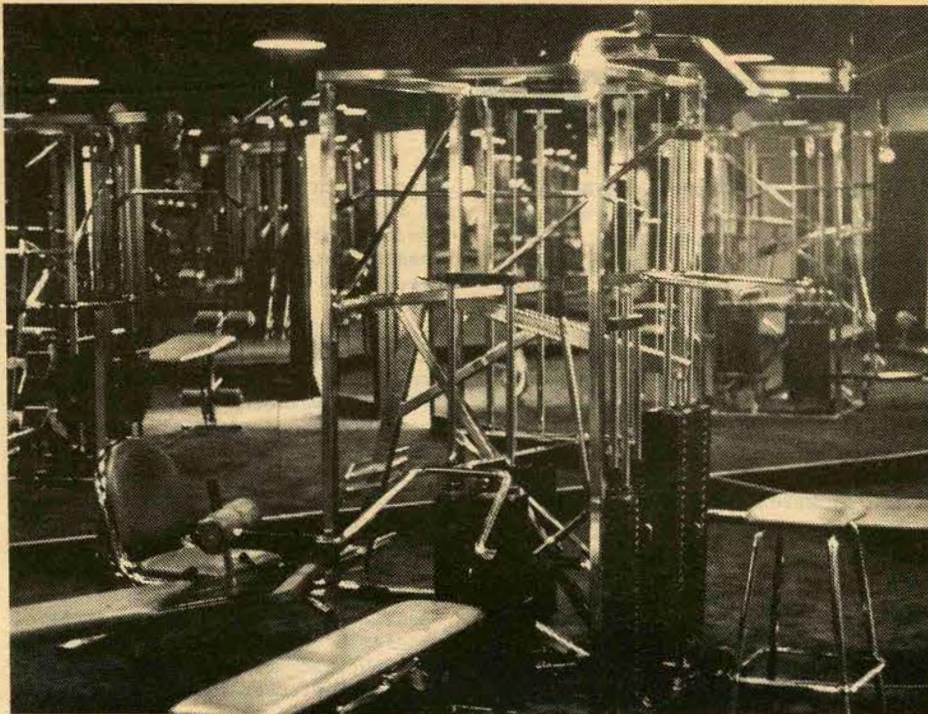
Club South consists of 32 private rooms, a large workout area and 78 lockers. Carpeted and mirrored, the workout area will have universal machines as well as free weights for the serious bodybuilder or for those who simply want to stay in shape or to show off. According to Don Rossignol, "We will have one of the finest health facilities in the South and one of the nicest CBC clubs in the country. A large steam room, redwood sauna, and shower area complement the facility.

Perhaps the most impressive single aspect of the new club is the "wet area", a large raised jaccussi hot tub rises out of the floor with adjacent shower rooms close by. When GAZE talked with Rossignol, he said that plans were being made to build a swimming pool and that a sun deck is being designed. The sundeck will be completely private and will not be visible from the street.

A private parking lot screened by a brick fence is available. Entrance to the club will be from the parking lot and not directly from Madison Avenue. Just off of the entrance/check-in area will be a TV room for lounging and talking.

Rossignol said that cost of renovation of the building is running "right at a quarter of a million dollars."

Club South was originally to be called "Club Memphis". However, because the name Club Memphis had been tied up legally, they opted for Club



South.

The club is owned by a group of investors including George Wilson and Don Rossignol. Rossignol told GAZE that obtaining a CBC Club chain franchise was important because the CBC has an international image as well as national advertising campaign which will serve to draw people visiting Memphis for business or vacation.

Although the club will accommodate only about 111 people at any one time at present, plans are being made for renovation of the second floor of the building for additional rooms.

Rossignol expects no problems from the police because "we will be operating within the law." A dress code

of "Towels and jockstraps-minimum" will be enforced in the public areas. However, what one does in the privacy of his room is "private" and therefore not subject to restrictions.

Apparently, the chain of CBC clubs encounters few problems with the law because it goes to great lengths to avoid violations of the law, Rossignol said, "We wouldn't be putting this much money into a project if we thought we were going to be closed down by the vice squad. No alcoholic beverages will be served in the club, only fruit juices and soft drinks thereby putting the facility above the purview of the Alcoholic Beverage Commission.



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GSU Announces Name Change

MSU's Gay Student Union has been an active little group these days. With a membership roll of at least 50 members, the Union has created for itself quite a name in these past few months. This spring semester looks to be "the" period of permanence in which the group finally takes hold of what it wants. Whether or not it gets what it wants is irrelevant at this stage of the game, so moving on to the actual facts...

Perhaps the biggest or the most worthwhile-thing that's happened to the GSU is a name change. No more will MSU's Gay Student Union be the object of any and all sorts of abuse by ignorant, but well-meaning, objectors. The new phoenix that arises from the ashes is "Students for Gay and Lesbian Awareness" or "Students for GALA." If nothing else, at least it sounds clever. Martin Katz, President of the GSU (oops!-Students for GALA) comments: "The name better reflects the membership of the group... the membership has grown rapidly in the last semester and not everyone in the group is Gay." If my calculations are correct, the group took three weeks to decide on a new title. Names such as the "Coalition for Gay Awareness," "Students for Gay Awareness," or "The Martin Katz Appreciation Society" were knocked around and discarded. Luckily.

New officers were elected in February. After weeks of "Well, let's have elections next week," the big event happened. Fortunately, no speeches, debates, campaigns, or silly drives for political funding happened. Within five minutes, it was all over. Marty stayed with the Presidential Office; newcomer, Kay, moved into the newly-created Vice-President spot; Jim stayed with treasurer, and the spot of secretary went to Thomas. One more crisis a-

verted.

One of the ways that Students for GALA has tried to reach out to MSU's Gay community is with a weekly rap session. At the beginning, they met on Thursday nights and discussed problems that were troubling them. The first session went well, with a large number of people showing up. Attendance for the second meeting, however, dropped, prompting an alarmed Mr. Katz to readily suggest that the rap session be moved to 12:30 on Tuesdays, pronto (Jones Hall cafeteria NE corner-be there). This move seemed to be a shot in the arm for the "rappers." Any and all types are invited to come and discuss.

Dr. William Masters, half of the famous "Masters and Johnson" team, came by MSU on March 8 to speak to a large crowd of interested listeners. A large group of GALA members met beforehand and proceeded to the ballroom to make their presence known. Masters gave quite an interesting speech, running the gamut of subjects from "mounting" your partner (his terms, not mine) to heterosexual fantasies in homosexual men, supposedly a common fantasy amongst the Gay community. Even though these words came from the mouth of the man who "invented" sex, I am skeptical.

Um, it looks like the GALA article has to stop here. Now, please do not think that GALA itself stops here, too. In fact, the group is constantly bursting with new projects like community help, speeches, lectures, and a constant stream of "awareness" projects. Yes, the rest of the country may stand still, slowly sinking in the mire of bad communication and thoughtlessness toward its neighbors, but GALA continues bravely onward. Stirring, is it not? Find out more about GALA. It's there for all of us.

"Views" Sanctioned by MAVV

"Views from 10% Memphis" first and only Gay television program received official sanction by the Memphis Access Video Volunteers' Board of Directors recently.

The Memphis Access Video Volunteers (MAVV) is a non-profit organization which provides volunteers for various local groups to produce programs for airing on the public access channels of Cablevision. The board met to invite producers of higher quality efforts to use the MAVV logo on their productions. Other programs may not use the logo. The Board selected 17 programs currently in production or on hiatus to be aired as productions of the organization. Selection to be a MAVV production will give producers priority in scheduling studio and remote time for productions. The vote of the Board of Directors was unanimous.

Views from 10% has been produced at the rate of one program per month for the last year and a half. This month's program features an interview with Dr. Curran of the Centers for Disease Control taped in Atlanta in February.

TGCHR Appoints New Officers

The Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights has appointed two new co-directors. Alison Smith and David Curtis have been called by the Board of Directors to assume the unexpired terms of retiring Co-Directors Abby Rubenfeld and Sam Adams. Ms. Rubenfeld resigned her position in order to become managing attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund in New York City. Mr. Adams resigned in order to fulfill other personal and professional commitments.

Alison Smith has served on the Coalition's Board of Directors, and currently is one of the business managers of the Coalition's newsletter. David Curtis, an attorney, completed a term as Co-Director in October, 1983. He was reappointed to this position due largely to his prior experience and legal expertise.

Arkansas Gay Athletics Association Formed.

By John M House.

Arkansas is performing a first among most states. Now forming is an organization designed to promote athletics among Gays and Lesbians and to provide sanctuary for Gay and Lesbian athletes. The new club will be called the Arkansas Gay Athletic Association (AGAA). AGAA is open to anyone, male or female who resides in or goes to school in Arkansas.

Intending to better athletics as a whole, AGAA plans to meet regularly and to hold athletic events throughout the year putting aside all discrimination normally found in most athletic events. Another function of the organization will be to provide an avenue of competition for Gay athletes discriminated against in heterosexual competition. The organization believes itself to be the first of its kind in the United States and hopes that other states will take steps to form an association of their own.

AGAA is open to any person regardless of their age, sex, sexual preferences, race, religion or athletic standing. The club is also open to non-athletes. The only qualification for membership is that the person be either a resident of Arkansas or attending school in Arkansas. AGAA charges a yearly membership fee of five dollars.

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All inquiries are kept totally confidential.

Gay Computer Tackles Legislative Business

INFONET (The Guild Information Network) began its Gay Alert service in January. The first alert contained information on 13 bills introduced before the Tennessee House and Senate which may impose dangerous limitations on personal freedoms. In selecting bills for inclusion they have tried first to include all bills which deal with issues of sexual freedom and second to include bills which by their nature may attract the attention of those who seek to limit sexual freedom. The third criteria has been to try to report all bills which seek to create crimes without victims.

According to David Murphy, the system is being used by the ACLU and others to monitor these bills.

The majority of the bills in question must pass through the House Judiciary Committee before being voted on by the General Assembly. The Chairman of this committee, Rep. Mike Murphy, ran for office with the endorsement of the Tennessee Coalition for Human Rights.

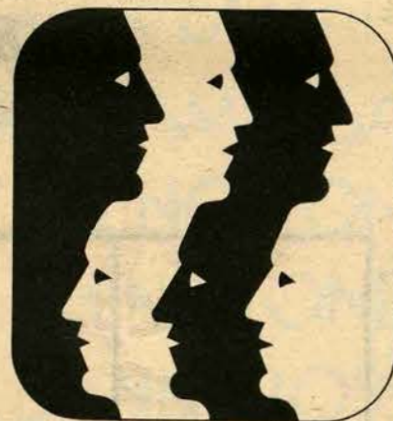
At the end of the Legislature's January sessions over five files were available on the Gay-Alert Service. More information is being added as it becomes available, and daily alerts resumed when the Legislature reconvened in February.

The files can be accessed by personal computers equipped with a telephone modem. For more information on the Gay-Alert Service contact David Murphy at Infonet (The Guild Information Network), 200 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37201. Telephone (615) 242-8197.

BWMT Meetings Slated

BWMT/Memphis, a racially mixed group of Gay men will hold its general meeting Monday April 25 in Meeting Room A of the Main Library at Peabody and McLean at 7:30 PM. Consciousness raising/support groups will be held April 12 and 26. Call 726-4160 or 274-0532 for more information.

BWMT/Memphis is working with the Memphis Gay Coalition on Gay Pride Week plans as well as co-hosting (with BWMT/Atlanta) the 1984 International Association of BWMT.



MGC Meeting Notes

The March meeting of the Memphis Gay Coalition was held on March 7 in Meeting Room B of the Memphis and Shelby County Public Library and Information Center at Peabody and McLean. Quarterly facilitator Vincent Astor conducted the meeting.

The Outreach Committee reported that they had visited the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta and interviewed Dr. Charles Curran, foremost researcher on AIDS. Their interview was taped by Views from 10% and may be presented as a program meeting in the future. Vincent Astor noted that his term of facilitator will expire in April and that he is "posting the banns" for a new facilitator to volunteer for the next quarter. Also the term of Program Director expires in May. Brett Robb indicated that he would assist a new Program Director in developing ideas for programs. The third Monday of each month is reserved for such a presentation.

Ric Sullivan reported on Outreach board activities in 1982 (reported

elsewhere in this issue) and observed that more volunteers are needed to staff the Switchboard and suggested an ad in GAZE to recruit new people.

The Membership Committee reported that it has reached 78% of its goal for new members.

Treasurer Cecil McLeod disclosed a balance of \$255.38 in the MGC treasury with outstanding debts of \$412.55. Most of the deficit, he said will be made up when outstanding Gaze advertising is collected. A deposit of \$350 for reserving the Memphis Queen III for a Gay Pride Week cruise is currently due. A bi-annual treasurer's report was requested to see how budgeted expenditures compare with actual expenditures. This year is the first that the MGC has operated with a published budget.

The Gay Pride Committee issued a call for volunteers to help plan activities for the June event. Also, suggestions are needed for a theme for the celebration.

What Does Ginny Foat Know?

BY MICHELE CLAD

On January 18 the current elected president of the California chapter of the National Organization for Women, Ginny Foat, was indicted for murder. The charge stems from a 1965 tire-iron slaying of an elderly Argentine businessman down in Jefferson Parrish, Louisiana.

NOW California is shocked. The immediate first reaction, suspicions of baseless harrassment of feminist leadership, gives way to amazement as President Foat behaves unexpectedly. Appearing drawn and weary, she cannot deny the charge out of hand, she was the girl who was with one John Sidote the man who now swears she used the tool on their victim.

The New Orleans grand jury has a case against Foat, gradually the realization percolates feminist consciousness. Within our heritage this rude intervention by the State, having one of our good women scooped up on suspicion of murder is a shock, a first. Seems to be a blemish, of sorts, and we're not quite sure what to do with it. How damaging does this need to be? There are some underlying realities of our society; everything that goes on, in Foat's case as in every one's, will be of and part of the social truth, we are woven in the fabric. I just keep thinking, no matter what the papers say, it is the past of an individual that is on trial in Louisiana.

1961. These were heavy days for energetic young girls. The greater American culture was in a paused, kind of sickly green position; the dopey '50's were over, nothing looked good anymore, everybody had questions the upheaval was beginning. The accused woman, then called Virginia

Galluzzi was an airline stewardess-learning about sex discrimination. She quit the job. As rage itself was becoming the national rage, Virginia started knocking around with John. Imagine her aimless, bitter realizing the career of her high school dream wasn't so great after all, dropping suddenly away from institutions, released on a social scheme exploding from within, as she herself must have been. This was a time before a supportive left had grown to present size and strength; a time before the National Organization for Women, before a general sensitivity of the discrimination she suffered on the job. Imagine a jaded young woman, obviously smart, but angry, and mixing with the wrong crowd; a not unusually socialized female, influenced by the man she slept with.

In her own defense, the accused woman has said, the "only killing in my life was the death of a passive woman named Ginny Foat before the birth of a strong feminist by the same name". (NYT 1/24/83)

The path connecting Foat's past and present was cleared by inquiries made in Louisiana by her political colleague and/or rival, Ms. Shelley Mandell, who asked Jefferson Parrish officials if Foat has been cleared of all past allegations (in what she describes as a routine check for security). The West Coast women are conflicted over Mandell's action - if it fingered Foat as the wanted woman, was this responsible action, or contemptible tactics? The debate is behind closed doors. NOW National President Judy Goldsmith makes an unscheduled stop in L.A., asking organization members to quit airing 'internal difficulties' and telling a

press gallery "the bottom line is: We won't waste anymore precious feminist energy on internal fights." Meanwhile, former U.S. Presidential advisor Midge Constanza is quoted saying, "I truly believe in her innocence."

Sole testimony against Foat comes from Sidote, a low-grade, low-life crook who's current batch of legalistics arises from questioning during detainment on the charge of drunk driving while he was under parole, in Las Vegas. Charged with the Louisiana murder, he's been granted immunity from prosecution if he says Ginny did it. Foat's lawyer has said, "Everytime Sidote finds himself facing a lengthy prison term, he tries to bargain away his term by accusing Ginny." Maybe Jefferson Parrish has genuine evidence; maybe it's only his word against hers...after all these years.

There are undeniable implications to the case, in politics, the bloodless form of war, we do take sides. Like Midge Constanza, we hope this sister did not kill. But what if she did, what about the life of this woman. Foat is called attractive, charismatic - qualities which describe a certain kind of energy, a personal force she would have had her whole life, in one form or another, and, if without focus or direction, a potentially damaging energy. Her case must be viewed as this individual's. Not a feminist, but a personally powerful woman, caught in our society of secret oppressions - the ones experienced, again in one form or another, by us all.

One can make colossal mistakes in life, some worse than others; some criminal, others merely embarrassing.

Some situations are more extreme than others, this goes without saying. Items from one's past may be picked up and examined under a variety of lights. I do not belittle the charge of murder, I only say, we can do ridiculous things before we learn better, mistaking and regretting are integrall to the very process of learning. The individual once named Virginia Galluzzo is called to account for past deeds, she is alone in this. She is found amongst us, and we can own her 'though we do not own her past. This is not feminism on trial, but Foat. This is not an internal issue of NOW: a sister has simply been excused to attend to private business, an executive council has been appointed in her absence.

The real plot in this case is what is made of the Ginny Foat/Feminist connection - by cops, courts, barroom theoreticians, mass media opinion, and of course, us, the defending 'lists.'

This accusation makes excellent copy for anti-liberation propaganda: 'the women are killers, they are as bad as us'. 'is she being made a scapegoat and keep a vigilant eye, reading our newspaper accounts with a memory of all the ways that facts can be distorted.

One thing is clear: murder does not inherently hinder political qualification under the system, on the contrary, unfortunately too many gain power through slaughter - so forget the pious wringing of hands. Whatever becomes of Ginny Foat, no barroom theoretician can properly use her to discredit the feminist wave, the facts just don't fit a wider truth.

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PHS Seeks to Limit Gay Blood Donations

The U.S. Public Health Service has issued a list of recommendations that calls for members of groups at "increased risk" for developing AIDS to "refrain" from donating blood and blood plasma.

Dr. Edward N. Brandt, who issued the statement, lists those being at high risk as those persons with "symptoms and signs suggestive of AIDS, sexual partners of AIDS patients, sexually active homosexual or bisexual men with multiple sex partners, Haitian immigrants to the U.S., present or past abusers of intravenous drugs, patients with hemophilia and sexual partners of persons at increased risk for AIDS."

"Since no specific test is known to detect AIDS at an early stage in a potential donor," the statement said, "the recommendation to discourage donation must encompass all members of groups at increased risk for transmitting AIDS even though it includes many individuals who may be at little risk of transmitting AIDS."

In addition, the statement calls on centers that collect blood and blood products to inform potential donors of this situation.

According to Ron Stockstill, medical director of Lifeblood in Memphis, an information sheet explaining AIDS and those who may be at high risk for the disease is being presented to potential donors prior to registration for blood donation. "At this point," he said, a person may disqualify himself simply by leaving the blood donation center." Stockstill emphasized that people are not being asked to reveal their sexual orientation.

Gay rights groups following the AIDS situation have expressed alarm that blood centers may adopt screening procedures which may invade the privacy of individuals and unnecessarily stigmatize the Gay community. Apparently, this is not the case in Memphis.

At least one private plasma manufacturing firm in California has announced it is issuing a questionnaire to all potential donors requesting that persons check a box indicating if they are homosexual males and requesting that such persons abstain from donating blood.

Brandt said, "We will come out with trying to develop some kinds of recommendations which are, in fact, not that intrusive."

GRNL Sets 1983 AIDS Lobbying Strategy

Washington, D.C. -- In 1983 Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) will concentrate on securing more federal research funding for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), seeking increased research by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and increased funding for the Centers for Disease Control.

Nearly 1000 people have now come down with AIDS; nearly 350 of these have died. Two new cases are reported every day. Researchers still know nothing conclusive about the cause, transmission, treatment or cure of AIDS. Tentatively CDC has concluded that the syndrome may be spread by intimate contact (e.g. sexual relations, IV drug use) or blood products (e.g. transfusion). "AIDS is the most complex epidemic we've ever had to deal with," said Dr. William Foege, CDC Director. AIDS is considered the worst epidemic since smallpox.

Last year GRNL, in conjunction with many Congressional supporters, its constituent lobbyists, and other organizations, was successful in getting a \$2 million appropriation for CDC AIDS activities in Fiscal Year 1982. The administration has now announced it will recommend \$2 million be spent in FY 1984 for CDC AIDS activities. Previously the Office of Management and Budget had recommended deep cuts in CDC's budget and staff. GRNL will work with many groups to try to increase CDC's budget and AIDS activities.

GRNL will also be participating in a joint project with the National Gay

Task Force (NGTF) to obtain more AIDS research from NIH. NIH is the largest medical research organization in the world with a budget of \$4 BILLION. Thus far it has spent very little on AIDS (\$865,000 in FY 1982 and \$4.8 million planned in 1983. GRNL will be trying to build support among members of the House and Senate appropriations committees who have significant influence over NIH research priorities. NGTF will be working directly with NIH, using the medical research community to convince NIH that AIDS should be a higher priority.

"Last session we helped secure some funding for limited CDC case analysis activities," said Steve Endean, GRNL Executive Director. "But now it's time for Congress to appropriate significant research dollars. AIDS threatens us all. We must stop the deaths."

Last year GRNL was the only organization working full time on AIDS congressional lobbying. Its constituent lobbyists were effective in influencing key legislators who pushed for the \$2 million appropriation last session.

The entire Lesbian and Gay community is urged to contact their members of Congress to communicate their concern about AIDS and desire for increased research funding. Contact GRNL's AIDS PROJECT if you need advice on what to say (P.O. Box 1892, Washington D.C. 20012, phone (202) - 546-1801).

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Hepatitis-B Vaccine: Known Safety and Unknown Risks

Chicago--Two federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) physicians writing in a recent *Journal of the American Medical Association* underscore the safety of the newly licensed hepatitis B vaccine and urge that vaccination of high risk groups continue.

The statement by Drs. Robert J. Gerety and Edward Tabor comes in the wake of concern that some blood plasma used in making the vaccine is obtained from hepatitis B-positive male homosexuals, who have been the most numerous victims, so far, of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

There has been speculation that AIDS may be caused by an agent that can be transmitted through blood or blood products.

According to Gerety and Tabor, however, "the known risk of hepatitis-B for persons in high-risk groups (hospital workers, homosexuals, intravenous drug abusers) far exceeds the risks of vaccine-induced infection by a theoretical transmissible agent that would have to survive the purification and inactivation procedures applied to the licensed hepatitis-B vaccine."

The manufacturing processes to which Gerety and Tabor refer, which include treatment of the donated blood plasma with pepsin, urea and formaldehyde, have been designed to

inactivate all known groups of animal viruses by interfering with their ability to reproduce and infect human cells.

Only one known case of Kaposi's sarcoma, a tumor characteristic of AIDS, has developed among the more than 19,000 persons who were vaccinated in several clinical trials of the vaccine, according to Cladd Stevens, MD, of the New York Blood Center of New York City. Eleven cases of AIDS have since occurred among 3,600 male homosexuals who remained unvaccinated in a Blood Center trial, while the case of Kaposi's sarcoma occurred among the 1,083 men who were vaccinated.

Subsequent to another clinical trial run by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Atlanta, more than 30 cases of AIDS have occurred among 5,986 unvaccinated men, while no cases have appeared among 714 vaccinated men, says Donald Francis, MD, from the CDC branch in Phoenix.

Because the frequency of AIDS among vaccine recipients in the trials is lower so far than that reported in nonvaccinated participants, there has been some speculation that the hepatitis-B vaccine may protect against AIDS. But, Francis objects, "We have no evidence for that right now, although it appears that (the vaccine) is not causing the disease."

Southeastern Conference

The Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay men will be held this year at the Ramada Hotel/Capital Plaza (formerly Stadium Hotel) in Atlanta, April 28 through May 1.

According to organizers, this year's conference is designed to provide the tools Gays need to establish networks within their own environment "as well as imparting an active retrospective and encouraging new visions."

Conference activities will feature a diverse array of speakers and entertainers including Rita Mae Brown, author of *Rubyfruit Jungle*. *Six of One*, *Southern Discomfort*, and will be introducing her new novel, *Sudden Death*. Also featured will be David Goodstein, President of Liberation publications, publishers of *The Advocate*; and Armisted Maupin, author of the very popular *Tales of the City* series. Saturday night's benefit performance will feature the entertainment of the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus, the Atlanta Women's Chorus, the 'fabulous' Scallion Sisters, and famed mime Pici.

Host hotel for the 1983 Conference is the York Hotel. Reduced rates have been arranged for all conferees (\$39

single/\$45 double). Reservations can be made by calling toll free 1-800-241-7309.

Conference organizers are attempting to find the topics which will be most beneficial to the participants. Prospective conferees are being polled as to which of the following topics would be of the most interest: grassroots organizing, fundraising techniques, grantsmanship, helplines, police/community relations, politics, tie ins to national organizations, voter registration, feminist therapy, Third World issues, same-sex couples, Gay/Lesbian S&M, again, Lesbian/Gay parents, youth issues, single & sober bar alternatives, religion, AIDS, Lesbian Health concerns, Gay male health concerns, Gays/Lesbians in health care, Gay literature/Gay sensibility, on-the-job training/questions at work, and Gay & Lesbian work force/management perspective.

Registration fee for the Conference (includes Friday and Saturday lunch, Saturday night benefit, conference materials and all workshops) is \$20. After March 31, it will be \$30.

Registration materials are available at Memphis Gay Coalition meetings or by calling Gaze at 454-1411.



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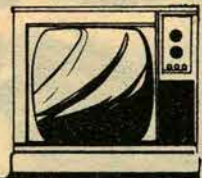
News, Information, Coming Events...

"Sisters" to Meet

"Sisters" a women's support group will meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at The Pendulum (92 North Avalon). General information, discussion, and support groups will be provided as well as planning for parties and social events. Guest speakers on topics from Gay Rights to legal and medical problems are planning for future meetings. Anyone interested in becoming involved in "Sisters" is urged to call 725-1530 for more information or attend one of the meetings on April 24 or 28.

"Before Stonewall" Announces Grants

The producers of "Before Stonewall" the public television funded documentary on the history of Lesbians and Gay men in the United States, announced two new grant awards: The New York Council for the Humanities has awarded \$40,000 and the New York State Council on the Arts, \$15,000 to the project. In addition, a national call for materials has gone out to Lesbians and Gay archives, centers for the research of women's history, the feminist and general press and



organizations for older Lesbians and Gay men.

The two new grant awards are significant steps toward realizing the film's total production budget. A new campaign has been launched to meet the challenge set by major funding agencies to raise the remaining \$25,000 needed to produce the film. Now, all tax-deductible donations from individuals and organizations will be matched by the New York Council on the Humanities.

The producers of "Before Stonewall" are currently looking for photos, home movies, journals and diaries, tape recording, art work, letters, and other materials for possible inclusion in the film. "Before Stonewall" would like to hear from Lesbians and Gay men who have or know of visual and/or audio materials that might be of interest.

For more information concerning tax-deductible donations or the submission of materials to the film, please contact: "Before Stonewall" 630 Ninth Ave. #908, New York City, New York 10036.

Gay Fathers to Meet in Denver



Gay Fathers' place in society would be a good theme for the sixth annual Gay Fathers Coalition national conference in Denver May 20-22, Jim Roberts, convention coordinator, said.

Workshop topics and leaders include Stu Gross, New York male sexuality group leader, "Gay Fathers, the Public and the Future of Gay Fathers in Western Society"; Michael Outwater New Jersey, "Gay Marriage"; Barbara Salaman, Denver attorney, "Legal Rights and Responsibilities of Gay Fathers"; and Gay health concerns.

A panel of wives and ex-wives of Gay fathers will discuss children's needs, problems, development and how children deal with their father being Gay and how fathers deal with their children.

Mark Stephens, chairman of the San Francisco chapter, will present a potpourri session for conferees to get to know one another.

Registration fees are \$15 prior to May 1 and \$20 after that date. Send fees to GFC, Box 18005, Denver, CO 80218 or call (303)288-4109.

Sunday, the conference will conclude with a brunch sponsored by the Denver Chapter. Entertainment will be provided during Friday's registration and Sunday's brunch.

"Every opportunity is being considered to provide for participants to get to know each other, to discuss and share experiences and concerns of being a Gay Father," Roberts said.

He said housing is being provided by Denver chapter members in their homes.

Leather Contest to be Held

The BIG leather event of the year has already started to get underway, as *Drummer* magazine announces the regional eliminations and contests that

will lead up to the selection of the 1983 Mr. Drummer Title.

Regional contests and eliminations will be held in 11 cities between March 5th and May 14th, with the big Mr. Drummer 1983 finals held on June 24, the kick-off of Gay Pride Weekend in San Francisco.

The Mr. Southeast Drummer will be held May 14th at Texas Drilling Co., 1026 N. Highland Ave. N.E., Atlanta, GA.

The Mr. Drummer 1983 finals will be held June 24th at the I-beam in San Francisco. Luke Daniels, the 1982 Mr. Drummer (also 1982 Mr. International Leather) will be on hand to turn over his title to the new winner.

Mr. Drummer 1983 will receive, besides a large number of gifts, \$1000 in cash and will appear on the cover of *Drummer* magazine. He will also head a group of *Drummers* readers to Munich in the fall of '83 for Oktoberfest and will represent *Drummer* at the annual Munchen Lowen Club, which is held during Oktoberfest each year.

Ticket sales are in advance only. For more information or tickets, write: *Drummer* '83 Tickets, 15 Harriet St., San Francisco, CA 94103.

Students Lead Arkansas Homosexual Tide

Fayetteville, AR (GCN)-- A Gay and Lesbian student group at the University of Arkansas will sponsor events which promote discussion of homosexuality in spite of a decision by the school's Student Senate not to fund the group, according to a press release.

The Gay and Lesbian Students Association (GLSA) request of \$136.00 to rent two films--"Pink Triangles" and "Word is Out"-- was turned down by the Senate which said that to fund the screenings would encourage students to break the Arkansas sodomy laws. GLSA has begun its own fundraising drive as well as contacted local, state and national print and electronic media to publicize their plight.

In response to the GLSA's assertion of its right to University-group funds and privileges, Rep. Travis Dowd, Texarkana, has introduced into the Arkansas State legislature a resolution calling on University officials to "stem the tide of homosexuality" at U. of A.

A GLSA spokesperson remarked on Dowd's legislative efforts, "It's funny how they think a bill can make this thing go away."

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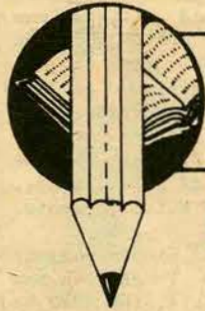
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Bannon Books Re-Released

Five classic Lesbian pulp novels, *Odd Girl Out*, *I Am A Woman*, *Women In The Shadow*, *Journey To A Woman* and *Beebo Brinker*, written by Ann Bannon in the late '50's and early '60's have been reprinted by Naiad Press. The five novels and sequels that depict the lives of three strong Lesbian characters. Beth and Laura are two of the main Lesbians and the third is Beebo Brinker, "a bar dyke," and one of the most famous fictionalized Lesbians, whose life affects both of the main characters. There are several outstanding supporting characters one of whom is Jack, a Gay male who plays a major role in the lives of all three Lesbians.

These novels are enjoyable, easy reading, and you become so involved in the characters lives that you can't put them down until you have finished them all. The five novels are important because they show Gay life as it was in the late '50's and early '60's. Although they were written almost 25 years ago about Lesbians coming to terms with their sexual identity and establishing lives for themselves, they still ring true today! A great deal of progress has been made in the acceptance of the Gay lifestyle today, especially on the east and west coasts, but there are still a great number of Lauras and Beths in today's society.

As Ann Bannon states in the frontpiece of all five novels, "Looking back from the mid-80's to the distant '50's and '60's, let me share a thought with you. The books as they stand have '50's flaws. They are, in effect, the offspring of their era, with its biases. But they speak truly of that time and place as I knew it.

I would not write them today quite as I wrote them then, But I did write them then, of course. And if Beebo is really there for some of you-- and Laura and Beth and the others-- it's because I stayed close to what felt real and right." It is wonderful that these books have been reprinted and are accessible in the '80's, but it would have been overwhelming to have known about and had access to them as a Gay teenager in the late '50's. It would have greatly alleviated the feelings of "I am the only one!" to have seen in print women who were in college and attracted to other women and were called Lesbians.

As much as things have changed, many stay the same, for as far as we know, these novels are not available any place in Memphis, Tennessee, indeed, if it were not for the foresight of Barbara Grier of Naiad Press the books still would not be available to the general public, but only to collectors at about \$25 to \$30 each and would have to be located by book finders. As reported by Maida in the January 8th issue of the Gay Community News, "perhaps because the books have been out of print and almost impossible to obtain for 20 years, they have attained a cult status among many Lesbian readers, "And, adding to that mystique, has been the mystery of Ann Bannon-- their elusive author whose identity has never been revealed, and who completely disappeared after the last book was published in 1962.

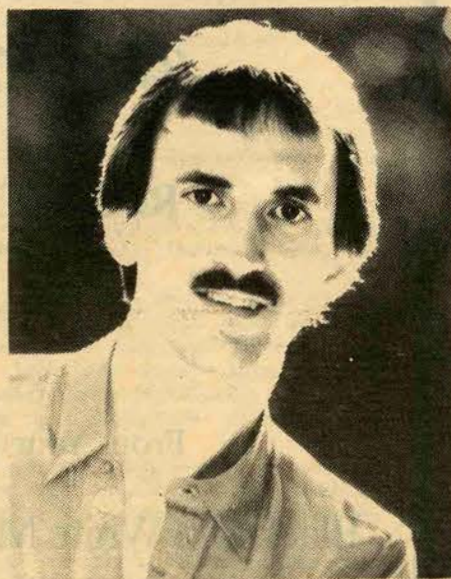
But now thanks to the skillful detective work of Barbara Grier, Ann Bannon has been found and the books will be back in print in re-issues

Album Bursting with Gay Pride

LeRoy Dysart's Album, *We Are Everywhere* has the kinds of songs the Gay movement could have used 20 years ago. It contains a lively treatment of the positive Gay images we've taken decades to develop.

Leading off on one side is the song that has been called the Theme Song of Gay and Lesbian People, *We Are Everywhere*. Written out of Dysart's experiences in his home town of Fulton, Missouri, while watching on television the 1979 National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay rights, *We Are Everywhere* documents a number of social contributions Lesbians and Gay men have made throughout history. *I Love a Man* is a moving and completely honest love letter to his lover; by extension, it becomes a love song for all people. *A New Gay Dawning* (the official theme song for the 1982 Christopher Street West Parade and Festival in LA), with its upbeat rhythms and quick lyrics, is a view of the coming age of liberation for Gays and Lesbians. *You Did It Out of Love* is a message for those who help in gaining that liberation and was written especially for the first convention of the International Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays in August, 1982.

The twelve songs on this album cover many of the moods and feelings of Gay people everywhere in a style unique to this emerging and talented Gay star. From the poignant ballad to



LeRoy Dysart

the rousing dance number, LeRoy Dysart moves his listeners with stirring performances.

We Are Everywhere is available by mail order to LeRoy Dysart Productions, P.O. Box 26A24, Los Angeles, CA 90026-0924. Album cost is \$8.95 plus \$1.50 shipping and handling.



Ann Bannon in 1957

published by Grier's Naiad Press. By a lucky conjunction of circumstances, Grier is now able to realize her long time dream of re-issuing the books at the same time that Bannon is finally free to become public about her identity.

The five books have a new three color cover illustrated by Tee Corrine and can be ordered at \$3.95 each plus 15% for postage and handling from the Naiad Press, Inc., P.O. Box 10543, Tallahassee, FL 32302.

I have purposely not told you the stories of each of these novels, but have tried to introduce you to the characters and their historical significance so that each and every one of you will buy and read these books. For if we do not support Gay and Lesbian business, who will? And if we do not, they may not be available any more. For those of you who perhaps cannot afford the books, if you will call the Gay Alternative Radio Show any Sunday between 3 and 4 pm at 722-8787 and leave your name and phone number, we will make them available to you.

Organizers Sing Praises of Coffee House

Charlie McMullin has been singing for quite awhile. So has Kelly Johnson. Together and separately they have entertained at Gay Pride activities, picnics and spur of the moment get-togethers. Charlie sings Holly Near's "We are Gentle Angry People" at the closing of "Views from 10%." Kelly was also featured on a program of women's music recently re-run on Cable TV.

Together Charlie and Kelly along with Pam Pinkell have created yet another Gay entertainment alternative. Performing each Thursday at Sharon Ray's Psych Out II, the disco floor is transformed into a coffee house and appears to be growing in popularity. According to Charlie, "We started out a few weeks ago and have been averaging about 50 people a night. There's no cover so its not an expensive evening." Anyone who performs live music is invited to participate. In fact, there has even been some poetry reading as well.

McMullin plans to continue the Thursday night offerings indefinitely. Shows begin at 8 pm.

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Gay Poetry Anthology to be Published

Black Cardinal Press, a small publishing company devoted exclusively to publication of books and anthologies of poetry and short stories by Gay writers, announces that it is now accepting submissions for its first annual poetry anthology.

Anyone who wishes to may submit poems for consideration, up to a maximum of ten poems: the editorial staff, of course, reserves the right to make any and all decisions regarding which poems will be selected for inclusion in the anthology, which will be published in paperback. We are particularly interested in poems which deal with Gay experiences or which reflect the interaction between the Gay sensibility and the larger world; erotic poems are acceptable, as are those which deal with political, social, philosophical, personal, religious and "nature" experiences subject per se is not so much the criterion as a Gay treatment of the subject.

Because we are based ourselves in a relatively small, non-urban-ghetto kind of town, we, of course encourage poets living and working outside of the more visible urban Gay centers to contribute.

Because of the usually unprofitable nature of poetry publishing, especially by small presses, no payment beyond a complimentary copy of the anthology can be offered, but because of this limitation we will not assert control over the individual poet's right to use his poems as he sees fit ---copyright of the poems will, therefore, remain with the individual contributors.

Deadline for submissions is April 31, 1983, and projected publication of the anthology is set for August.

All submissions should include the full name and return address of the poet and a list by title (or first line of untitled poems) of the poems submitted. Submission of poems as a result of this announcement, or the receipt of any poems addressed to Black Cardinal Press, will be taken as a granting of permission to Black Cardinal Press by the poet to publish such poems in the anthology. All contributors will be notified as to whether or not any of their work has been selected for inclusion in the anthology. Individuals wishing to have their originals returned to them should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with their original submission.

Annual Lesbian Writers Conference to be Held

For the fifth consecutive year, Lesbian writers, publishers and printers throughout the Southeast will get together in early June to share information, expertise and works in programs at Womanwrites, the annual Southeastern Lesbian writers conference.

To be held June 9-12 in middle Georgia, Womanwrites '83 will feature workshops on different aspects of writing and publishing and group sessions devoted to reading of works by conference participants. In addition to scheduled events, the four-day gathering will provide participants with many opportunities for informal discussions and socializing with other writers, as well as space for working in solitude.

Women of all economic backgrounds, racial, religious and ethnic groups are encouraged to attend Womanwrites '83. For more information and an application, send a SASE to:

Womanwrites '83
7134 5th Ave. North
St. Petersburg, FL 33710





National Women's Music Fest

The 1983 National Women's Music Festival will be held Friday through Sunday, June 3-5, 1983 in Bloomington Indiana. The advance registration fee before May 1 is \$48 for the full three days or \$36 for two days. Housing and food are available at additional cost; there will also be inexpensive housing alternatives.

Some work exchange opportunities are available to help defray part of the cost for low-income women. Other ways of aiding access for poor women are being sought. Accessibility for differently-abled women is also a high priority and will be considerably improved from last year.

The festival, held on the Indiana University campus, features concerts, a diverse selection of workshops, networking opportunities, and usually a spontaneous creation of "community" among participants. The NWMF is traditionally an immersion in women's culture; fine arts, performing arts literature, spirituality, politics... in short, an exploration of many facets of female creativity.

This year's NWMF will offer at least three sets of concerts featuring nationally-known artists in the women's music industry as well as regionally-popular talent from around the country. Theatre and dance will be included.

"Performer Showcases" of up-and-coming talent were a popular feature

last year. They are being given increased emphasis for 1983.

There will also be a showcase devoted entirely to classical music of women composers. A Festival Chamber Orchestra is being assembled for this performance.

Further information for women interested in participating in any of the showcases is available from: NWMF -Showcase, c/o WOMANSPACE, 3711 N. Sherman Dr., Indianapolis, Indiana 46218; phone (317)253-9104. Complete applications are due by March 31.

Open mic opportunities, fine arts exhibits, about 80 workshops, arts and crafts sales and a special conference for those in the women's music industry also are important parts of the Festival. Interested exhibitors, artisans, and workshop presenters should write to: NWMF, P.O. BOX 1568, Bloomington, Indiana, 47402, by March 31.

The NWMF has a ticket "layaway plan," to help raise front money and to aid women in budgeting to attend: send \$10.00 or \$20.00 now for each ticket, and have less to pay in the spring. The full fee must be paid by May 1, to qualify for the lower advance registration rate. No personal checks will be accepted after May 1, without exception.

The NWMF is produced by Women in the Arts/National Women's Music Festival, Inc., a non-profit organization. WIA/NWMF's address is P.O. Box 1568, Bloomington, Indiana 47402.

Stamped, self-addressed envelopes are encouraged with inquiries.

AP Refuses to Change Personnel Policy on Gays

New York(GCN)--The Associated Press (AP), the most widely-distributed print and broadcast news service in the country, has refused to add a sexual preference nondiscrimination clause to its personnel policy.

The Wire Services Guild (WSG) representing 1,245 editorial employees at AP, demanded a sexual preference nondiscrimination clause in contract negotiations that began on November 3. The talks ended when AP representatives walked out on New Year's Day. AP's director of personnel, Thomas Pendegast, said that AP's contract offer, which did not include the sexual preference clause, was "final."

The contract is being voted on by the WSG rank and file. The clause is not considered to be a central issue in the negotiations but there has not been any move to drop it.



'Touch of Class' Scores

for MGC

On the evening of March 10, Marshall Street was buzzing with activity. The opening of the Heartbreak Motel, the opening of Club South, a keg party at the Barracks and the Coalition's benefit for Gay social services at the Psych Out II, provided something for everyone.

"A Touch of Class," the MGC benefit to raise money for Gay social services drew a modest crowd but the enthusiasm of those attending was matched only by that of the performers, a group of "ladies: and men who offered a refreshingly different and classy drag show.

The event was produced by Vincent Astor, one of the few people having both the ability and the desire to take on such a monumental task, and featured some "old queens" and "young dollies." Some faces I'd never seen before but after the show, I came to love them. Dennis Massey was an excellent choice as emcee.

If a cue was missed or someone got out of sync or a hemline was tripped on, it was hardly noticed. These ladies were definitely a class act. They performed with an energy and zeal which would make their "younger" counterparts envious. Even the "camp" numbers were so bad that they were good. It takes a good deal of skill to do a number that's so bad that it's good.

The Lady Astor, of course, stole the show with her magnificent gowns. The Duchess, new to me, moved smoothly between her solo female roles and

her male chorus roles and seems well matched with the Lady Astor.

Loretta was obviously a favorite and there was a special appearance by Michelle Marie. But the show stopper was a visit by Juanita, a trucker (of sorts) with an obsession for buckets. A girl who is going to go far (with any luck), probably drug behind an 18 wheeler. In all seriousness, Sharon Ray's Juanita was the kind of camp I miss. Like the old Batman TV series, it was so bad and hokey, it was great. Thanks, Sharon.

There was \$120 taken in at the door and the performers contributed their tips amounting to another \$141.

Sharon Ray generously donated the use of the Psych Out II for the benefit. If, for some reason, you haven't checked it out yet, you might give it a try. The bar is a good size, nicely decorated and maintained and has a dance floor, good sound system and good music.

The benefit was dedicated to the memory of Loco, who was brutally murdered, and the benefit follows close in the wake of the beating death of Ron Smith. But rather than a memorial service, the benefit was a celebration of the way Loco lived and the money will go to the Gay services that will make life better for all of us.

The Coalition offers its heart-felt thanks to all the people involved in the production. If the Memphis Gay community had half the energy and enthusiasm these people displayed, it would be clear sailing for all of us.

Switchboard Calls

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depression/crisis totalled 41 in 1982 up from 21 in 1981. Sullivan attributed the increase to more local Gays becoming aware of the Switchboard's ability to provide peer support services. "The Gay Switchboard is the only place where lonely or troubled Gay women and men can call and know they'll find an understanding, empathetic person who can identify with what they're going through and help them explore practical solutions." He also noted that several callers were referred by the Suicide and Crisis Intervention line.

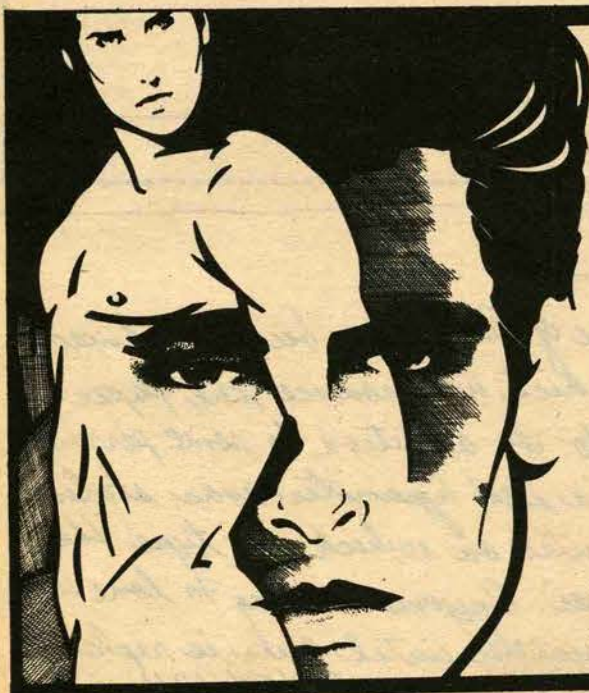
By age, 15% of those who completed calls were minors, 44% were adults and 1% were seniors. Males comprised 50% of total callers, while females numbered 14%. By race 9% of total callers were labelled Black and 55% were labelled white. Local calls exceeded out-of-town calls 38% to 14%.

The nightly logs also noted that calls were received from callers from 28 cities and towns in 22 different states.

"Whenever there's a big event going on in the city, our calls go up," Sullivan told GAZE. "For example, we got five calls from Alabama people the night of the Liberty Bowl. We also get a lot of calls during Memphis in May and June's Gay Pride activities."

The Gay Switchboard, which is funded entirely by donations and is a service of the Memphis Gay Coalition, operates from 7 pm to 1 am nightly. The number is 726-GAYY (726-4299).

Volunteers are always needed to staff the Switchboard. Interested parties can call the switchboard for more information about how to become involved in Switchboard in-service training.



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GAZE READERS RATE

Not long ago, the Memphis *Commercial Appeal* offered its readers the opportunity to select the best places to go and things to do and see. Now, *Gaze* invites its readers to select the "best" of people, places and things for, of and about Gay men and women

Although we'd like to know our readers' opinions of what Memphis has to offer in the way of Gay life, we also realize that much of Gay culture is not to be found in or around the River City. So, with only your experience to guide you, tell us your choice for the best of the following people, places and things. (The "winners" will appear in the June issue of *Gaze*).

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Gentle readers -

As this issue of GAZE was being produced, the office in which we produce the paper was broken into. In addition to some personal items, our lone IBM typewriter was stolen. This is the typewriter on which we type the copy for this paper. Anyone willing to loan us the use of a typewriter until ours is replaced can call the GAZE office at 454-1411.

The Editors

GLAD Announces Travers Executive Director

BOSTON—Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD), New England's non-profit public interest Gay legal defense organization, announced in December that Kathy Travers had been hired as the group's first full-time paid Executive Director.

Travers will coordinate GLAD's educational and community outreach programs and educational talks to community groups. She will also work with GLAD's Board of Directors to determine the direction of GLAD's growing litigation docket and to expand the network of cooperating attorneys handling GLAD's cases.

GLAD was founded in the fall of 1978 by a group of Boston activists in response to media and political attacks on the Gay community to educate the Lesbian and Gay community and the general public about the civil rights of Gays and to vindicate those rights in court.

Currently, GLAD is assisting the Boston newspaper *Fag Rag* in defending its right to receive Gay journals from other countries. Recently, copies of the Swedish Gay magazine *Revolt* addressed to *Fag Rag* were seized by U.S. Customs and are being held as obscene.

GLAD is also representing a Gay prisoner in Idaho who is serving a life sentence for consensual sex with a teenage male. The man's original conviction on the charges was overturned just before he was due to be paroled. On retrial for the same charges, the judge increased his sentence from the original eight years to the life sentence he is now serving.

GLAD is part of the National Educational Foundation for Individual Rights, a coalition of Gay public interest law foundations which also includes the Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund (New York), the Lesbian

Rights Project (San Francisco), the Texas Human Rights Foundation (Houston), and Gay Rights Advocates (San Francisco). As a project for NEFIR, GLAD recently published the Second Edition of the National Lesbian and Gay Attorneys Referral Directory (ordering information is available from GLAD, 2 Park Square, Boston, MA 02116).

Bureaucrats Dodge Blues Questions

NEW YORK (GCN) — Four months after Blues, a Black Gay bar, was raided by 25 police and several patrons were severely beaten, it appears that city officials are content to leave the Gay community's questions about the incident go unaddressed, reports the newsletter of Black and White Men Together/New York.

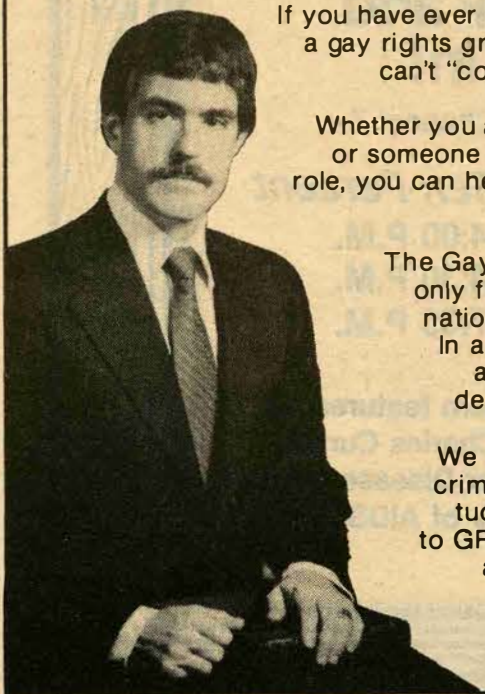
At its January meeting, the Gay Community Council invited representatives from both the District Attorney's office and the office of Mayor Ed Koch to speak to the concerns of Gays and Lesbians. The DA's office declined to send anyone and Herb Rickman, the mayor's liason to the Gay community sent an assistant, Steve Rossario.

Rossario was unfamiliar with the raid and could not explain his office's lack of interest in Blues and the raid victims. He only promised to make public the finding of the DA's investigation. Rossario consistently referred to Gays as "you" and the mayor's office and city officials as "we."

BWMT has promised to monitor the investigation and to pressure officials to ensure that the attacks on Blues and its patrons not be white-washed by police.

Memphis Gay Coalition
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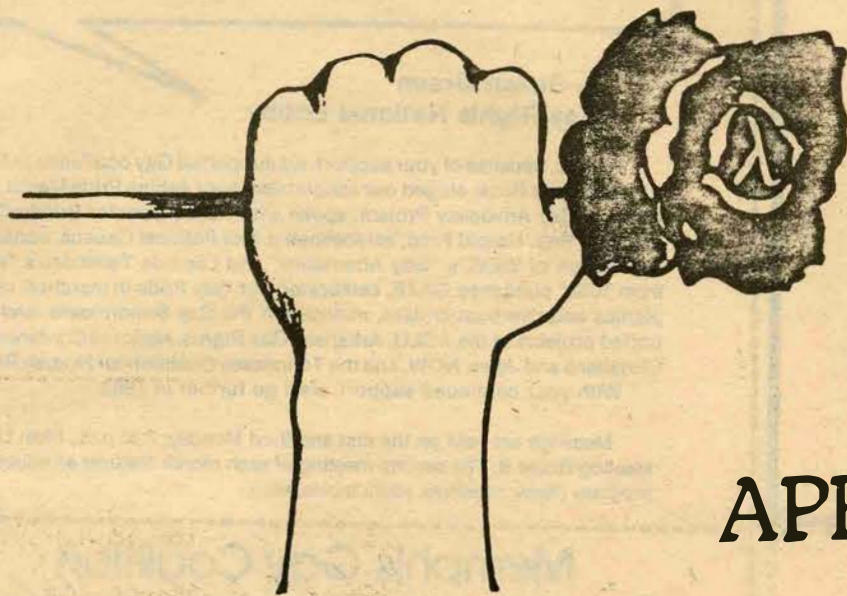
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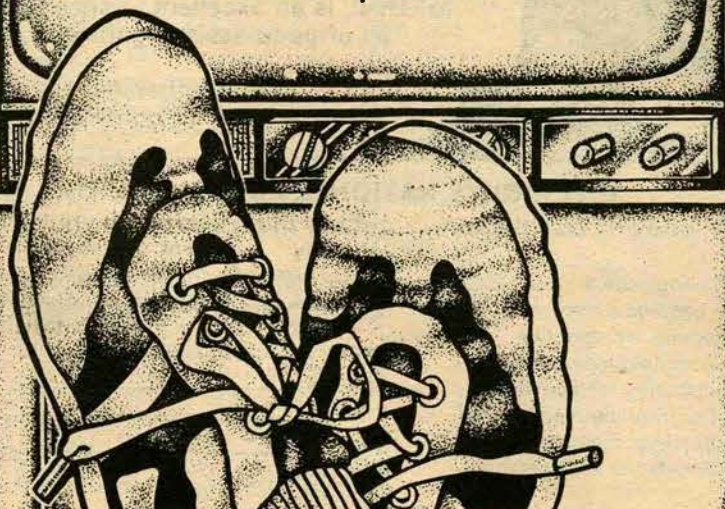
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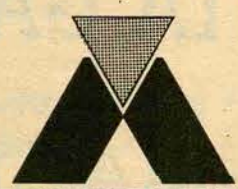
MGC April Program

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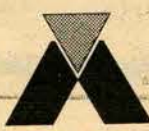
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Memphis

Organizations

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU): general movement; 81 Madison Bldg., Suite 1501, Memphis 38103, 521-9875.

Black & White Men Together: support/movement; 276-4160 or 726-4299

Gay Advocacy Project: movement, ACLU & MGC; 521-9875 or 726-4299.

Gay Catholics: Recommended Sunday Mass 11:00 AM—St. Peters Village.

GOPS: social, private membership; no address listing.

Lesbian Mothers Support Group: NOW, 458-1661.

Memphis Center for Reproductive Health: non-sexist, non-heterosexist; 1462 Poplar Ave., Memphis 38104, 274-3550.

Memphis Gay Activists: movement, private membership; 274-0431.

Memphis Gay Coalition: movement, public; Box 3038, Memphis 38103.

Memphis Gay Speakers Bureau: movement, general education; Box 3038, Memphis 38103.

Memphis State University Gay Student Union: movement/student support; Room 416, University Center, MSU, Memphis 38152.

Metropolitan Community Church: religious, general Christian; 2224 Central Ave., 278-1091.

Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite: social/movement, women; P.O. Box 41822, Memphis 38104.

Mystic Krewe of Apollo: social, private membership, men only; no address listing.

National Organization for Women (NOW): movement, feminist; P.O. Box 40982, Memphis 38104, 458-1661.

Phoenix: Gay alcoholics anonymous; meets Weds., 8 pm in Clark Tower, 5050 Poplar, Room 3102; 365-7153.

Queen's Men: social, private membership; no address listing.

Tsarus: social, levi-leather/motorcycle, private membership, P.O. Box 11831, Memphis 38111.

Hotlines

Gay Switchboard: information, crisis, referrals, counseling; 726-GAYY.

Rape Crisis: 528-2161.

Suicide and Crisis Intervention: 274-7477.

Media

"Gay Alternative": radio, weekly, Sundays 3 p.m. WEVL-FM 90.3, P.O. Box 41773, Memphis 38104.

GAZE: newspaper, monthly; Box 3038, Memphis 38173-0038 (901) 454-1411

Lambda Televideo: television, monthly program *Views from 10%*, cable channel 7.; P.O. Box 3038, Memphis, TN 38103.

Restaurants & Bars

The Barracks: bar, large disco, patio. Late hours; 616 Marshall Ave., 527-6348

Family Affair Club: bar, Gay crowd Sunday nights only; 873 Vance Ave., 527-0672.

The French Connection: restaurant, piano bar, dining menu; 598 Marshall Ave., 526-1038.

George's: bar, shows, large disco; 600 Marshall Ave., 526-1038.

J-Wag's: bar, serves food, moderate menu, patio, late hours; 1268 Madison Ave., 725-4670.

Loretta & Juicy's: bar, late hours; 76 N. Cleveland. Juicy's.

The Other Side: bar, 12 N. Cleveland, late hours, 726-9245

The Pendulum: bar, large disco, serves food, limited menu; 92 N. Avalon St., 725-1530.

P.W. Bumps Disco: bar, serves food, limited menu; 238 N. Cleveland St., 726-9953.

Psych-Out II: bar, shows on weekends; 571 Marshall Ave., 523-1940.

Sharon's: bar; 1474 Madison Ave., 278-9021.

Nashville

Organizations

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU): general movement, Box 3167, Nashville 27219.

Conductors: Levi-Leather Club; P.O. Box 40261, Nashville 37204.

Justice for Parents Defense Fund: legal child custody; 43 Music Square West, Nashville 37203.

Lifestyle Health Services: confidential clinic specializing in STDs, 1727 Church Street, Nashville 37203 (615) 329-1478.

Metropolitan Community Church: religious, general Christian; 131 15th Ave. N., Nashville, (615) 320-0288.

Nashville Committee: social/movement, P.O. Box 23321, Nashville, TN 37202.

Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights (TGCHR): movement, Box 24181 Nashville 37202.

Womankind Books: 2006 20th Ave. S. Nashville, 27212 Open Saturdays Noon-6 p.m. (615) 297-3450

Womankind Health Service: confidential clinic, feminist, 1727 Church Street, Nashville, 37203 (615) 329-1478.

Women's Resources Center: general services for women; 1608 Woodmont-YWCA, Nashville, (615) 385-3952.

Restaurants & Bars

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The Women's Rm: 2110 8th Ave. S., 292-9177.

Little Rock

Organizations

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU): general movement; Box 2832, Little Rock, AR. 72203.

Arkansas Gay Rights, Inc. (AGR): movement, P.O. Box 3115, Little Rock 72203.

Arkansas Women's Network: movement, feminist; Box 1787, Little Rock, 72203.

Gay Alcoholics Anonymous (Gay-AA): meets every Tues. & Sun., 8 p.m., 7509 Cantrel, Suite 102, Tanglewood Shopping Center.

Gay Counseling Service: 409 Walnut, Little Rock 72205, (501) 663-6455.

Grassroots Women's House: 1524 S. Summit, Little Rock, (501) 378-7851.

Metropolitan Community Church: religious, general Christian; Box 1964, Little Rock 72203. (501) 664-3749.

Media

Arkansas Gay Writes: AGR, Inc., newsletter; P.O. Box 3115, Little Rock 72203.

Ours: newspaper, 5 times/yr., feminist; P.O. Box 2352, Little Rock 72203.

National Organization for Women (NOW): movement, feminist; P.O. Box 662, Little Rock, 72203.

Parents & Friends of Gays: movement/support; P.O. Box 1839, Batesville, AR 72501.

Hotlines

Crisis Center: 664-8834 (toll free, 1-800-482-8886.)

Restaurants & Bars

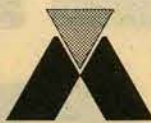
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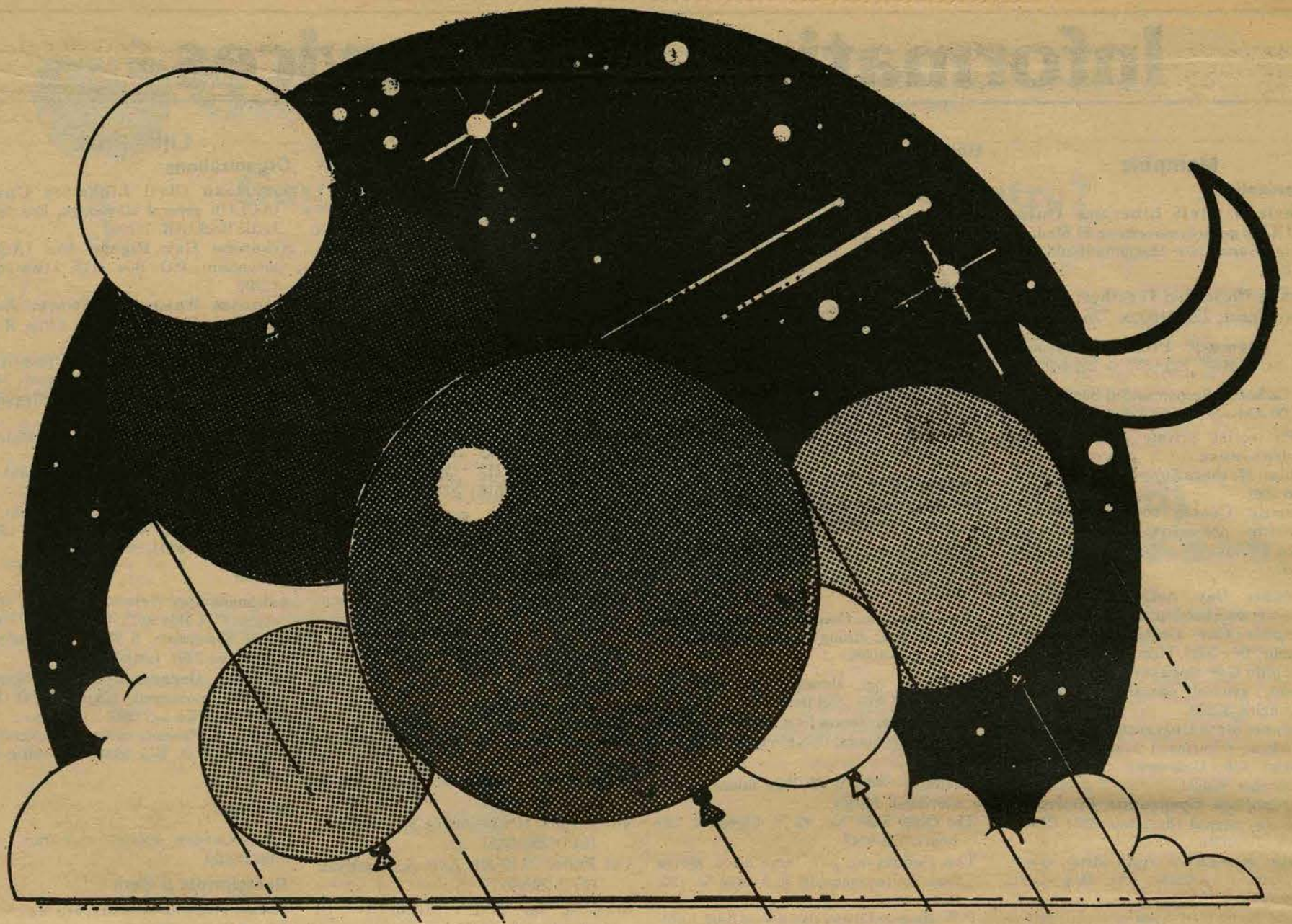
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