

the
MAIDEN VOYAGE

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"Two women,- a kiss,
and a sin of beauty
is born."

(Pat Browne)

DOB BOSTON SURVEY

At DOB Boston's Dec. 5th business meeting President Ann Haley passed out a survey to all those attending the meeting and requested that they complete it and return it at the close of the meeting. The purpose of this survey was to assist DOB Boston to plan functions for the organization by determining the areas of most concern and interest to members.

When the surveys were tabulated, the officers found the results quite interesting. Most women returning the survey expressed their interest in the more serious and educational aspects relating to the Lesbian. Interest was expressed in social events-especially in the areas of dances and hobby exhibitions, but the emphasis was placed on the more educational areas.

The survey results indicated that the preferred topics for proposed speakers were: psychology of homosexuality; discrimination against women; and the work being done by other Homophile groups. Arrangements for speakers on these topics are in operation and, hopefully, we can book them for meetings in the very near future.

The favored topics for discussion meetings should certainly evoke a response from all our members. Since every woman has preconceived ideas on these subjects, and the areas themselves being somewhat controversial (discussions on the topic of homosexuality; Lesbians who have children; changing the public image of Lesbianism, and long term Lesbian relationships) it should insure some very interesting evenings.

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LET'S GET TOGETHER

"Help yourselves" seemed to be the main theme of a talk given by Mr. Edward Harris, Pastor of the Arlington Street Church, (Unitarian) at the DOB meeting of January 16.

Mr. Harris spoke to the first "mixed" (men and women) audience present at DOB meeting since its formation. After an introduction given by Ann Haley, Ed Harris began his speech with the announcement that he was not going to discuss the scheduled topic, (What Organized Religion Says About Homosexuality) because he was "convinced that no one really knows that much about it."

Instead, Mr. Harris preferred to discuss the humanist theory with regards to the homosexual. "What is a human being?" he asked. Mr. Harris formed the rest of his speech by answering this question while reminding us, simply, that homosexuals are human beings 1st, their sexual identities being secondary.

A few of the many good points Mr. Harris made included:

- Tell the world you are here.
- Convince the clergy to have contracural gay marriages.
- Prove homosexuality to be a legitimate alternative.
- Smash false images imposed by society by exposing yourselves ("I'll never be the same person as I was when I came into this room because of the impression you have made upon me".)

"Go slowly until you're ready to accept the responsibility

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... letters to the editor ...

Dear Marty: Let me introduce myself, I am Gene Damon, editor of THE LADDER, and among the seasonal fluff and frolic tonight when I got home I found the first issue of MAIDEN VOYAGE....What an overwhelming undertaking, an 8 page newsletter on almost slick paper virtually free of error... I am astounded...astonished...what a glorious effort and what a delight it will be to see BOSTON DOB chartered as a full chapter. I've been in touch with your new president, your chapter secretary, and I know Kim and Andy very well.... I know I speak for Rita LaPorte our National President as well in wishing you the very best with this undertaking. I know she will be amazed too at how well you have debuted this newsletter. I have no intention of cutting it up to send that coupon back to you, assume you will keep me on the mailing list (it is necessary for me to publicize you properly in the LADDER). Ah, I see you were among the 3 pioneers on the radio show...I've already written that up to some extent in CROSS CURRENTS for the Feb./March issue of the LADDER. Your open forum question is a lulu/ that's been being argued for 15 years that I can recall...I'll be glad when you all have a full file of back issues of the LADDER, some of the self-help and situation articles that dominate about 4 years of the earlier issues would be valuable today for the chapters..it makes me wish for someone willing to cull them and work up a booklet...must think about that. Sorry this is such sloppy typing, I wanted though to quickly congratulate you, and won't you be sure that those who did the bitchy labor involved (assuming you had some help) get thanks too? I'm mildly pleased that Mr. Fredericks restrained your desire to appear as Donna Dyke...I cannot imagine that any city is QUITE ready for that...However, you might be amused to know that there really is a girl whose last name is "Dyke" who belongs to us...far, far away from Boston... Goodnight and merry whatever to you and yours.

Gene

Dear Marty: Enclosed is my contribution to Maiden Voyage..."Thoughts and snow." I have written several commentaries and articles of poetry in the past for the local town newspaper & magazines. I have enclosed "this bit" - by ~~the~~ way - written during a stroll in Weare, N.H., at the party. (By the way,-beautiful country - beautiful people.) If the poem is not appropriate, please disregard it. Also in the newsletter, you mentioned coming events- such as sports, etc...Count me in! I play on a softball league of women & we play against the women at the Mass. Correctional Institute for Women (which is a mile from my home.) By the way- they always welcome outside teams in basket-ball etc., so if anyone is interested, please contact me. Until I see you again (probably every 2nd meeting,) take care & keep up the good cause.

Dear Marty: Please find enclosed a donation towards distribution of the "Maiden Voyage."...I would like to offer assistance with your next newsletter - thought I could take on the boring but necessary tasks like stapling, filling envelopes, addressing or whatever. If you need any help at all, please feel free to call. See you at the next meeting... I thoroughly enjoyed Vol. 1- No. 1 of the Voyage, and felt you did an excellant job for the first time out --congratulations.

Rose Marie

Lori

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Dear Marty:

"Relationships with other people often turn action into phobic reaction. A person may be passive or ineffectual because of learned fear of rejection or disapproval." This statement is very factual regarding our organization here in Boston. Each D.O.B. chapter has been established 'By the people, for the people.' This problem has been presented to me and to others concerned because it is a drawback which could possibly make or break our chapter. Such a problem grows like a cancer and should be removed. Our officers have been elected and have been doing an excellent job concerning their appointed responsibilities, but we are faced with a problem which has quite definitely overlooked. One reason our leaders have been voted into office is to hear important viewpoints of everyone in the group, and to strive to keep unity within.

Of course, each and every person active in D.O.B. is an individual—a person with different ideas and tastes, but the ideas and proposals of the younger set seem to be smothered and cast away into the background and the older set appears uneasy thinking perhaps the younger set is out to "take over". How, under the present situation, can we ever hope for society in general to accept our viewpoints on the numerous issues to be presented if we involved in our new chapter cannot and/or will not readily accept our own??

Our leaders are symbols of the values which the group desires. They are a means of tying together various members of the group in terms of their common purposes. Unfortunately, they also appear at times to be a fearsome force intent on presuming their plans to be the only plans. It seems to me that there is an underlying censorship, gnawing its way through and slowly defeating our purposes. It is felt deeply and it is unjust! Persons are appointed to take over certain responsibilities and are expected to carry them through. Why then, aren't they allowed to do just that? Let's contribute without the stern censorship. Let our leaders avoid the magisterial and dogmatic approach! Great leaders are the interpreters for a groups ideals and have always avoided 'dictatorship'.

We can and MUST strive for unity among all of us. Let us open our minds and ears to the ideas and contributions being offered by our very own members and friends. For the benefit of our organization on the whole and before we risk the loss of our individualism, I say, listen carefully to ALL proposals made by our group, and let us not be too hasty to yell the word, "VETOED".

Before I end this candid letter on one of our most destructive problems within, let me say that this solution as proposed could prove very beneficial and rewarding to all, and in the final analysis, WE WILL GO FORWARD, all working and striving as one D.O.B.!

May I implore you to continue with your greatest efforts, for our common cause so as to insure its accomplishment.

Pat

(Editor's note: MAIDEN VOYAGE would like to thank all those who have shown the interest to write, & we welcome all letters chatty, controversial or cheery.)

EDITORIAL
COMMENT

...Congrats to Kim Stabinski, whose article, "What The Bible Says About Homosexuality" (June/July, 1969, THE LADDER), has been requested by the Metropolitan Community Church in California for reprint as a brochure...

...Seems to me... Are those who are accused of "trying to rush" things at D.O.B. really impatient? That is, were they naive to think walking into the Clarke room would mean gathering in a sisterly fashion, joining others in a common bond, and therefore establishing an automatic rapport? Some have waited for years for this organization: they felt it would mean a place where they could be relaxed and drop the "double role" bit. Those who say "togetherness will come - don't rush it - we're new", should think a no'. Why we take time before we can be ourselves when we've been waiting too long already?

...NOTICE: The D.O.B. Arts & Craft show is to be held March 6 in the Clarke Room, Arlington St. Church. Admission is to members and friends of D.O.B., not the general public. Both men and women are invited to exhibit and/or offer for sale - art work, photography, crafts, or other creative work. Those who want to exhibit should contact Chairman Kris at 783-9669. Also included in that evening's program - live music, and, if the weather and the omens are good, an astrologer.

...Speaking for Ann Haley as well as myself - must say rather frightening (the cold eye of the camera & all that) appearing on Ed Miller's Channel 7 Speak Out. But quite rewarding too, because of the good audience response. Those involved with producing this show were just wonderful to us - made us feel comfortable - even suggested doing a special on homosexuality for the future. Thank you Ed for giving us the opportunity to appear.

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FEARSOME FOUR FAVOR FAIR FELLOWSHIP

Dear Pat,

We're surprised to be called a fearsome force - if anything, we think of ourselves as the "fearful four" - a little overwhelmed by the responsibility of leading Boston D.O.B. into becoming a chapter with meaningful activities for all.

What specific suggestions do you have? Boston D.O.B. needs more people to be leaders and more people to offer ideas to the group.

Sincerely,
Ann Haley
Diana Travis
Donna Ferguson
Andy Cox

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WHAT'S HUB DO?

The Homophile Union of Boston is "a baby that the Mattachine Society produced" according to its president, Frank Morgan.

Formed just a year ago this month as a chapter of the Mattachine Society of New York, HUB has had to fight to regain acceptance in the Boston Community. The people who ran the old Mattachine Society "apparently drove it into the ground" and all Boston hotels and restaurants issued stop orders on any requests from the to use function rooms and facilities

The new members severed their association with the old Mattachine in June when they renamed the organization HUB. Since then "things have improved", said Frank.

HUB is now working to create "mutual understanding between society and the homosexual" through radio and television appearances and speaking engagements. They are also planning to set up a dialogue with the Boston Police Department as the Mattachine Society of New York did with excellent results.

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...Like to take a moment to thank everyone who has assisted MAIDEN VOYAGE and D.O.B. in its various projects.

...EXTRA! EXTRA! Rita LaParte, National President of D.O.B. will not be speaking on the Mike Douglas show, but she will be on the Alan Douglas show seen on Channel 56. Also - the show was reported to be on Friday, Jan. 23 - but that's in Cleaveland and since we're in Boston we don't get it until Sunday night, 10:30, which means it will be Jan. 25, (we think). Wh..? Alan, not Mike; Sun., not Fri.; Ch. 56 not Ch. 4 - HUH? Never mind. Just don't miss it!

...Suggestion for the President - how about appointing 1 chairman from "the older set" and 1 chairman from "the younger set" for various committees so the so-called generation gap in our midst could be bridged and the function involved would be appealing to all?

...Hey, how about some of us getting together for card games, chess matches, etc.? Anyone interested? Let me know, ochay?

...One last word...It would be wise to realize that if one doesn't agree with something concerning D.O.B., she shouldn't cop out but work from within to improve the situation.

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Please contact these people at any time.

HUB (cont. from page 4)

Two student homophile groups are in the beginning states in Boston - one one at Boston University and another possibly at Harvard. Two members of HUB feel the group should be geared to the student. Frank puts a lot of emphasis on the student. He believes they "are the greatest ray of light to come out of the whole thing. If we can't depend on them we're sunk." It is they who don't accept all the values society places on things."

Attendance at HUB's meetings has grown from 30 in the early days to nearly 150 recently. Meetings had been dragging along with little response until the group's treasurer suggested they tap local people to speak instead of inviting people in from New York all the time.

Until recently Hub had no place to meet other than at St. John's Church on Beacon Hill. Frank ran through the entire real estate listing in the phone book in an effort to find a permanent hall or building. Most of the agents were cooperative until they learned what HUB is. However, with the help of a friend, they finally found a place to meet.

HUB's main objective now? Finding room for everyone in Boston!

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of response."

Choose your issues - don't be afraid to get into other things besides homosexuality.

Most important, Mr. Harris broke the ice for those present, and we participated in a most exciting open discussion.

In closing, Mr. Harris encouraged Boston DOB to expand its organization, and "if that means Arlington St. Church is to become the hub of New England Lesbianism, well, that is alright too," he said.

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O.K.,
LADY!

"GAYOLA"

SENIOR SISTER SPEAKS...

A lot of the younger Daughters in our organization have been speaking out lately about our "generation gap" problem (?).

Actually voices have been heard arising from the other end of the gap, too.

One such voice is that of a woman in her middle forties. Bev, (not her real name) felt that if she spoke out at a meeting she might get jumped on by the youthful element as being "old-fashioned". Feeling that the lower end of the D.O.B. age spectrum is in the majority, many over-thirties hesitate to speak out, Bev claims.

The whole idea of the group being split into two age factions doesn't strike Bev as being just. "It's almost impossible to lump everyone into a classification be they young or be they old," says Bev.

Bev went on to explain that age shouldn't necessarily be determined by physical age, since "people show age by how they think". An attractive and lively person herself, it was hard not to think of Bev as being a teeny-bopper with salt & pepper hair!

"When you get down to it, we all have basically the same opinions, but have different ways of expressing them and, perhaps, of carrying them out," states Bev. "Three-fourths of any Lesbian's problem is that she doesn't have anyone to go to - straight women can talk to the clergy, a neighbor, etc. - we have only each other."

It's been said we can all benefit from each other; this is evidenced by this reporter who was greatly influenced by hearing Bev's experiences. For example:- she's been on her own since her early teens - experimented with drugs before some of our younger members were even born ("I think maybe some of my group criticize drugs before they even listen because they think they're expected to."). She's had lovers (the long-term kind) for a total of twenty-five years - ("I've
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made every mistake in the book!") - She's a wise observer - ("You take the most feminine form ... she's still more aggressive than any straight woman").

This reporter was convinced that there was a lot to be learned about gay life from Bev. "This gap they talk about can be spanned if we all just try," concluded Bev.

M.K.

 SURVEY (cont. from page /)

At our last business meeting it was announced that an attorney sympathetic to the cause had offered his services gratis to the chapter. Attorney Alan Cook will also be available to give legal advice to individual members for a fee. D.O. Boston is also planning to offer a counseling service to its members as soon as it can be arranged.

Many of the aspects of public education suggested through the survey have already been instituted by our chapter, including the recent interview on a local TV talk show and the pamphlet being prepared for distribution explaining the work of our chapter. Areas of public education including lobbying for legislation favorable to the Lesbian and engaging in public service projects to promote good will will in all probability be undertaken by the chapter's newly formed committee on public education and legal reform.

Financial suggestions obtained from the questionnaire have been helpful in establishing a more solvent treasury which is essential if the chapter is to succeed. Hopefully more of these excellent suggestions can be utilized as D.O.B. Boston matures.

ON FORKING OVER FIFTEEN

"Why bother joining D.O.B.?" a friend of ours asked the other day. "You don't have to be a member to go to things, and, so who knows, after we all fork over \$15.00 to join maybe D.O.B. will collapse. Fifteen dollars is a lot of money to speculate with these days."

We didn't argue with her because it's her opinion and she's entitled to it. But we don't think she's right.

We don't know of any comparable attempt to do something for Lesbians in the whole history of Boston. Sure, there have been a scattering of gay bars, but did you ever get the feeling when you went into a bar that it wasn't you they wanted but only your money—as much of it as possible? And sure, there have been psychiatrists and psychologists and clergy who were willing to talk to Lesbians—but did you ever get the feeling they secretly thought you were some kind of albatross to be pitied, cured or perhaps put away? And sure, there is plenty of news copy and literature about understanding homosexuals, but do you really think reducing Sister George to a cow sheds much light on you or your way of life?

The thing is true of us, as it is for any minority group— if we bother to do something for ourselves, certainly no one else is going to bother for us. The fact of the matter is that there are an infinite number of literate, intelligent, sensitive Lesbians around New England (you're probably one of them if you're reading this article) who have been put down unjustly, forced into a double life, obliged to meet friends in dingy bars, had no one to turn to for counsel and advice, suffered various degrees of loneliness

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JAN. 2 BUSINESS MEETING
WHAT WE DECIDED

- That men would be welcome at all Boston D.O.B. meetings where there is a guest speaker.
- That a donation of 50¢ from members and 1.00 from non-members would be collected at the door at each program meeting, and that free refreshments will be provided from the money taken in. Admission to business meetings will be free and persons attending a D.O.B. event for the first time will be admitted free.
- That THE MAIDEN VOYAGE will go on a budget after this issue.
- that the treasury will pay the costs in keeping the mailbox, costs of stamps, envelopes, and other office supplies for the Chapter.
- That there will be clean-up committees appointed monthly to pick up after our meetings.
- That a committee on law reform and public education will be formed to lead Boston D.O.B. in its programs of social reform.
- That a committee to plan a party for Sat. Feb. 14, will be formed.
- That we will look into programs on homosexual psychology, job discrimination against homosexuals, and sports programs for the near future.

POSTSCRIPT

In the Dec. issue of Maiden Voyage we told you Boston D.O.B.'s efforts had led our local newspaper of the theatre & arts, BOSTON AFTER DARK, to change its policy and accept ads pertaining to homosexuals. Sure enough, after carrying our ad, a recent issue, we note, carried an ad announcing formation of a Student Homophile League in Boston.

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and alienation from parents and business associates- and who somehow have retained their sanity and become, despite these socially imposed handicaps, dynamic career women, leaders in their fields, and assets to the very straight community which imposed these handicaps on them.

Boston D.O.B. wants to do something about it. We want to work for ourselves in various ways - give ourselves better places to meet each other, give ourselves more interesting things to do than just drink beer when we meet each other, give ourselves better people to turn to for advice and counsel, give ourselves self-respect based on what we really are, not what the straight world likes to think we are. We want to change the world- not by violence and threats- but in small quiet ways that reach out to the thousands who condemn us and show them the injustice of their prejudice against us.

Should it be done? That will be answered as we see how many of you join us in our efforts. If we ourselves don't care, no one will. Can it be done? Yes-perhaps not perfectly, but we can help to make things better. Some of us are in the position to take the lead, to appear in public, and talk with community leaders. Others of us will help in quieter ways, doing small jobs for the organization or donating money or perhaps merely lending moral support. There is a need for all kinds of women to show their support for OUR D.O.B. in all kinds of ways. Is what we are doing worth your \$15 to be sure it continues? Then join us now. Is it worth more than that to you? Then please, won't you help us to help you?

-- THE WAY IT WAS --

Christmas season has finally come to an end, and for those who attended the first Social in Weare, N.H., Dec. 28th, it was just the beginning of more functions, laden with fun and frolic, to follow throughout the "New Year".

Considering this was the first social for Boston, D.O.B., the majority of the interested and, I must add, "the curious", attended. For those who could not attend, we must not forget the dread anticipation of snow-storms, and anything else that could occur unexpectedly, way up North.

Thanks and sincere appreciation is extended and most assuredly for Andy, Kim, Betty and Sandy. Their marvelous hospitality seemed to bring a warmth to the chill of the winter night.

D.O.B.'S activities began at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, where an officers meeting commenced over a delectable dinner, prepared by our very own Kim. "Keep up the good cooking, Kim" Officers and their guests prepared and planned for the festivities which were to follow at 8:00 p.m.. Everyone was filled with holiday spirit but still a bit apprehensive as to what was to take place. "Who is going?" "Who isn't?" "Was the hall suitably decorated?" There is a first for everything, and for D.O.B. this was ours!

At 7:30, fully rested and well nourished, we pursued our plans and directed ourselves across the road to the Grange Hall. Fantastic! The cheerful decorations and delectably buffeted spread put us all in a very "Gay" mood. Members and friends of our organization began to arrive. Such a long journey for many, but well worth it for all.

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As guests and members arrived, our President Ann Haley; Vice President Diana Travis; Secretary Donna Ferguson; and Treasurer Andy Cox transmitted their pleasure and welcomed everyone with their big, winning smiles. All was well indeed.

Music ran through the air, people danced and got to know each other--persons from all walks of life, all joining together in merriment. A perfect way of "Breaking the Ice", for in the future we will all be united toward one cause, that being the liberation of the homosexual.

Toward midnight lights went off as candles flickered on to create a more intimate and inviting atmosphere. Responsibility for the "Heat of the Night" goes to Betty. The deliciously prepared food diminished rapidly; many thanks to you, Sandy. Stickers, both red and green proved to be very, very amusing and most helpful, I must say. Liquor flowed quite freely, and friendships constantly budded.

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 ...OPEN FORUM... - must end; temporarily, of course.

O.F.Q. #1 (What do you tell your family and straight friends when they ask who or where your boy friend is???)

- The crowd began to thin and the hands on the old clock began caressing 2:00 a.m. We all gathered our belongings and for those who had to face many a mile home, you could read the expressions on all the happy faces--"Wow, what a wonderful way to start the Holidays off; now we are prepared for the serious business of the future." FAREWELL TO ALL AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!

Re: O.F.Q. #1 my personal answer came to me quite by accident some years back in the form of one of my college beaus, a tall, athletic "BIG MAN ON CAMPUS". One of the reasons I enjoyed this fellow so much was that I never had to worry about sexual advances from him; the required good-night kiss on the dorm steps was as aggressive as he ever got. It was several years before I knew for sure why he was such a perfect gentleman--my beau was gay! For years since I've kept family, straight friends, and business associates quite happy with my assortment of boyfriends, all of them in the "fraternity" of course. Of far greater importance than bluffing the straight world, however is the fact that these fellows fulfill my need for male companionship. Before anyone misinterprets me, I am not bisexual---but even as a Lesbian, I do not feel I am terribly unusual in having a definite need for male companionship and friendship. It is only with the gay fellows that I can enjoy this without risking sticky emotional scenes or physical aggressiveness. In meeting a wider group of Lesbians

.....Pat Browne

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 through DOB, I have been a little dismayed at one fairly recent discovery: as strongly as most of us feel about wanting to end stereotyped images of truckdrivers with which others brand all of us, some of us still tend to stereotype all gay boys as a bunch of mincing queens. It just isn't so!

Kim Stabinski

O.F.Q. #2 - what do you think of "Butch and Fem"?

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MEMO: TO D.O.B. MEMBERS

FROM: Editor of MAIDEN VOYAGE

Elevenish; day before deadline. Thought it would be wise to remind you - members get Maiden Voyage - * free* ...

Last issue contained subscription blank, if you remember. Because of expense - regret to say if haven't heard from you will be forced to remove your name from ^{mailing} dist - Thanks for response to last issue's requests for donations, and in production, etc. Still need help - always will.

Eleven-fifteen - oh, yes, please remember, donation sent with subscription still very much welcomed* from non-members who wish to continue receiving M.V.

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CALENDAR.

(UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, BOSTON D.O.B. EVENTS
OPEN TO WOMEN ONLY.)

- FRIDAY, JAN. 23 - First meeting of committee on law reform and public education, to be held at Diana Travis' home. This committee will suggest and/or undertake projects, such as writing literature on homosexuality, that will correct misunderstandings society holds about us. Committee members only are asked to come, but there is room on the committee for a few more people. If you are interested, contact Ann Haley or Diana Travis. The success or failure of Boston D.O.B. may well depend upon the success or failure of this committee. This work is essential - it is social prejudices that make life difficult for all of us. We need you to help change all this. Questions? Call to find out more.
9:15 P.M.
- FRIDAY, JAN. 30 - OPEN DISCUSSION - "Should You Tell Your Straight friends?" How did they react when you did? Is it right to be frank about your homosexuality? What are the costs? Come and share your opinions and experiences with others who have had similar ones.
9:00 P.M.
Clarke Room - Arlington Street Church
355 Boylston Street, Boston.
- FRIDAY, FEB. 6 - OPEN DISCUSSION - "The Gay Scene in New England - What's Right and Wrong With It?" Where are the good bars? What do you think of bars as a place to meet people? What other kinds of places should be available for gay women? What should D.O.B. do about it?---Arlington St. Church- Clarke Room
9:00 P.M.
- FRIDAY, FEB. 13 - Business meeting, open to members and non-members, followed by an auction of gay books. Those old gay books in your attic - donate them to D.O.B. for the auction and bring along a couple of dollars to bid on the ones somebody else brought in.
9:15 P.M.
- SATURDAY, FEB. 14 - VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY in Boston - details elsewhere in this issue of the MAIDEN VOYAGE.
8:30 P.M.
Admission by advance sale tickets ONLY.
- FRIDAY, FEB. 20 - Karate Demonstration. Discussion "What Does the Women's Liberation Movement Offer Lesbians?"
8:45 P.M.
Clarke Rm.- Arlington St. Church
- FRIDAY, FEB. 27 - GUEST SPEAKER - Alan Cook, Attorney-at-Law: "Legal Points in Gay Marriages". His speech will cover such issues as legality of homosexuality, the criminal law, wills, child custody, and financial planning. There will be a long question period. Men are invited too.....Clarke Rm.-Arl. St. Church
8:45 P.M.
- FRIDAY, MAR. 6 - Homophile art & craft show. Details elsewhere.



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