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# MAIDEN VOYAGE



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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Mon., 1/11--Maiden Voyage comes out.
- Fri., 1/15--DOB business meeting, 8 p.m. Clarke Room, Arlington Street Church. Open to all women.
- Sat., 1/16--A third self-defense class, 3-4:30 p.m. Clarke Room, Arlington Street Church.
- Fri., 1/29--Martha Shelley of New York DOB will be guest speaker, 8 p.m. Clarke Room, Arlington Street Church.

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## SNOW WEEK-END BEING PLANNED

Do you enjoy skiing? Sledding? Skating? Snow shoeing? Riding around on ski mobiles? Do you like sitting in front of an open fire place, drink in hand, with lots of girls all around?

Yes? Then you should plan to attend D.O.B.'s Snow Week-End!

The program and finance committee has been investigating a lodge in the Sunapee area of N.H. At this lodge, used by H.U.B. for a similar outing, the cost would run approximately \$25 per person. This would include lodging for two nights with breakfast and dinner included both days.

The first week-end in February has been discussed as a tentative date. However, since advance reservations are quite naturally required, NO PLANS CAN BE FINALIZED until it is known how many are definitely interested in such a week-end.

Definite plans will be made at the business meeting 1/15/71. If you are interested, please attend this meeting. If you cannot attend, notify some officer or member who will be there PRIOR to the meeting. Response at the 1/15/71 meeting will determine what definite plans are made...or not made. Let your wishes be known!

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GAY GROUPS

Gay Women's Liberation---Call Mary or Nita--787-0439

Homophile Union of Boston--Meetings every other Sunday, 33 Bowdin St. 282-9181

WOMEN'S GROUPS

Boston Women United, P.O. Box 278, Allston, 02134 or 253-6498

Bread and Roses, Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. 492-4130

Media Women, P.O.Box 8926, JFK Station, 02114

Female Liberation. 1126 Boylston St., Boston, Nancy- 445-3987

National organization for Women (NOW) P.O. Box 346, Cambridge, 02138. 492-5533.

Women's Center at B.U., 232 Bay State Road, 2nd floor. Mon-Fri: 9-5. 731 6858

DOB REFERRALS

DOB recommends these persons to members who want professional advice.

LEGAL

Alan Cook, 1514 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester, Mass. 288 4041

Michael Buckman, 1514 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester, Mass. 288-4041

PSYCHIATRIC

Dr. Richard pillard, 6 Bond st., Boston. 423-9722 or 262-4200, ext. 5251

RELIGIOUS

Roman Catholic--Father Kevin, Newman Center (St. Clement's Church) #105 Boylston St., Boston. 536 2376 or 277 4847

Episcopal -Rev. Gilbert Dent, Christ Church, Zero Garden St., Cambridge. 876 0220

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GAY NEWS AND REVIEWS

New York DOB and Los Angeles DOB both report they've moved to new quarters which will be permanent centers for the clubs.

Today's Education, the journal of The National Education Association, (November) carried a fair article on homosexuality by Dr. Martin Hoffman, author of a book on male homosexuality. Some brief quotations...

"My conviction is that we are going to have to accept homosexuality as a valid way of life and remove the social and legal stigmas that are now attached to it"

"Actually the question of why people become homosexual is part of the larger question: what are the origins and mechanism of sexual identification and sexual preference? When we do find the answer to this question we will know not only why homosexuality exists, but also why individuals become heterosexual."

"Only recently have homosexuals begun to believe that they have any civil rights. Hence they are slow to respond to what really amounts to an attack on their human dignity."

"Nevertheless, if the parents seem troubled by the student's behavior, the entire family should be referred for counseling. In many of these late adolescent cases, it is the parents who need help and not the student. I believe what the student really needs is acceptance from the family, and in many cases this is only possible if the parents are told (by someone they will listen to) that they cannot change their child's sexual preference. The only choice they have at this stage is how much guilt they will burden the child with.



DOB REFERRALS, RELIGIOUS cont. from page 2

Methodist--Dr. William Alberts, Old West Methodist Church, 131  
Cambridge St., Boston. 277-5088

First Congregational Church, Central and Hamilton streets, Saugus,  
Mass. 01906. 617-233-3028 (church) 617-233-0085 (parsonage, Rev.  
Kenneth Claus.)

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The Women of the Green Cafe come out  
by Diane O'Keefe

The Greeks had a word for it--hubris--an arrogant self-destructive act from which one can never turn back or emerge as the same human being. For Jacqueline, it happened in a cabin in New Hampshire where she fulfills her childhood fantasies at the age of fifteen. She blatantly seduces her artist father, causing his ultimate suicide, which in turn brings on the early death of her mother. Haunted by guilt that no analyst can remove, she emerges a strong human being, however driven as she is by a life-long need no man can satisfy.

The Women of the Green Cafe is available in paperback for 75¢, published by Dell Publishing Co. #9635. Its author chooses to remain anonymous.

After her father's death Jackie is immediately placed in a French convent by her mother. Here her lesbianism is engendered and the hypocrisy of religious life is exposed by the author, who graphically depicts the frequent soirees at the convent, which include a little more than the rosary and benediction.

Life eventually carries Jackie to a chateau at the south of France where she tries to lose herself in painting, but instead succumbs to both the sadistic charms of the beautiful Genevieve and the psychotic passions of her homosexual husband, Bobby. For awhile they become a menage a trois, but after a cruel degrading encounter with Bobby she flees in horror to French Algiers for, ironically, a little more of the same. Her self-destructive instinct drives her from one man to another, but her life reaches its lowest ebb after she is caught up in a sexual circus with a group of American sailors.

A breakdown ensues and she is thrown into a psychological fugue--a state in which the mind breaks down but the body goes on functioning without conscious direction. It is accompanied by amnesia and can last for several months.

"Each man kills the thing he loves," Oscar Wilde said. With this unconscious thought Jackie returns to the chateau and the arms of Genevieve. Only death can quell Jackie's wild cravings and dire need for Genevieve's special brand of love. She inadvertently causes the death of Genevieve thus augmenting the guilt of her already overburdened conscience.

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Women of the Green Cafe-continued

To resolve her guilt she reconciles with her own homosexual husband, Steve, who is only too willing to feed her masochism while she agrees through marriage to protect him from society's stigma.

Women of the Green Cafe is well worth reading. It is a fast moving human drama of a talented, guilt-ridden lesbian who will elicit your last measure of sympathy and whose self-destructive drive will move you to tears.

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You in your window and  
I in my cape,  
Dark blue to my white shoe,  
  
holding between the folds  
a load of light lilac buds.  
  
The stream of my yellow bow lies  
quietly on the stiff collar of  
my cape.  
  
It is cold and I hold the light  
lilac tightly  
  
And you stand  
looking down at me  
tired,  
leaning and laying your hand on  
the wall for support  
your other flat on your hip,  
asking the bone what to do.  
  
And in answer it moves you  
to your bed  
  
And you in your light  
and warm inside  
  
And I in my cape  
the folds tight together  
looking up  
  
and you lie down  
  
And I in my cape to cut the cold  
inside.  
  
Gail King

The ocean squall and wind came  
but, we were three hundred miles from  
the ocean  
the desert sun burned us and heated us  
but we were five times three hundred  
miles from the desert  
the thunder of the city reached us,  
shook us  
but we were alone  
the pastoral touched us  
but we were surrounded  
our bodies shook  
but we were lying quiet  
our tongues were silent  
but our minds raced the gamut of  
thought  
we reached olympus  
but we were on earth  
we were siblings to the mountains in  
their age  
but we were younger than the summer  
rain  
our unity was consummated in our love  
and we were everything  
and we were nothing.

Diane Benison

HAIKU from 1962 by Kim Stabinski

I have drunk too much  
Do my eyes show  
I love you  
Here in this straight crowd?  
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Fresh sheets, clean body  
and scented powder  
wasted...  
Off to bed alone



THINGS TO DO/PLACES TO GO

concerts

Andres Segovia, 3 p.m. Jan 17 (Sunday) Symphony Hall, Boston.  
Classical guitar.

Theatre

Headplay. Theatre Workshop, Boston. Boston Center for the Arts.  
549 Tremont St. 482-4778. A new play about drugs and mysticism, done  
environmentally. Performances Thursdays through Sundays at 8:30 p.m.  
Tickets \$3.50.

How to Make a Woman, Caravan Theatre, 1555 Mass. Ave., Cambridge.  
491-9579. 868-8520. Satire on male and female roles in contemporary  
society. Performances Fridays and Saturdays at 9 p.m. Tickets \$3.  
Excellent and worth making an effort to see.

Groove Tube. 24 Brighton Ave., Allston, 782-2235. A videotaped,  
closed circuit parody of American television shown livingroom style.  
Performances, Thursdays at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Fri and Sat at 7:30,  
9:30 and 11:15 p.m. Sundays at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

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newspaper, half published by Gay Men's Liberation for men, the other  
half by Gay Women's Lib.

If you're interested in working on it or in Gay Women's Lib they  
meet Wednesday nights. Call 782-5162 for information or write  
Lavender Vision, c/o Media Collective, 2 Brookline St., Cambridge,  
or 491-7809. The women on it call themselves radical lesbians and  
are looking for contributions. Maiden Voyage is always looking for  
material too, remember.

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Boston DOB's free Christmas party Dec. 12 drew about 50 women, many  
non-DOB members, but active in other gay groups or women's organizations.  
It was a slow moving party, but good to see so many different women  
together despite their differences of opinion, and goals.

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Note a correction about book titles in last month's issue of Maiden  
Voyage. Martha Shelley of New York DOB has chapters in two Women's  
Liberation books, Sisterhood is Powerful and Women's Liberation:  
Blueprint for the Future. The Hand that Rocks the Cradle was the  
original title for Sisterhood is Powerful.



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