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LUTHERANS CALL FOR FAIR TREATMENT by Pam Boyd

The Lutheran Church in America has publically called for fair treatment of homosexuals.

In a statement issued July 2 in Minneapolis by delegates to an eight day biennial Lutheran convention, members declared that it is "essential" that homosexuals receive "understanding and justice" in the church and in the community as well.

The 600 delegates representing 3.2 million Lutherans in this country also emphasized a belief that individuals engaged in homosexual behavior were no more or less sinners than were heterosexuals.

The text of the church's stand, entitled "Sex, Marriage and Family," is as follows:

"Scientific research has not been able to provide conclusive evidence regarding the causes of homosexuality. Nevertheless, homosexuality is viewed biblically as a departure from the heterosexual structure of God's creation.

"Persons who engage in homosexual behavior are sinners only as are all other persons—alienated from God and neighbor. However, they are often the special and undeserving victims of prejudice and discrimination in law,

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"I love you.

But I am told I love you too much.

I love you in this way the world calls outrageous.

I will not stop.

And I will do what must be done

To protect you."

—Dick Summer

D.O.B. THE VOICE OF THE LESBIAN by Candi McGonagle

A Lesbian is a woman. She is not just any woman; she is a special breed of woman. Her thoughts and habits and feelings are different from those of most other women. With a few exceptions. she does not worry about getting an abortion if she forgets to take her Pill. She does not participate in hen-sessions which debate breast feeding vs. bottles or how early Johnny should be toilet trained. She wants her rights as a Lesbian. She does not clamor for free abortion or child day-care centers. Nor does she clamor for homosexual rights per se, such as abolishing the dangers of being approached by a plain-clothes policewoman. The rights she wants are not women's rights, not rights as a homosexual. She is a Lesbian, a woman unique, with a desire for unique rights.

She is usually not interested in the right to have sex as such. She would prefer to have recognized and accepted by society her desire to live with another woman openly in a love relationship.

She is different. She may say to straight people, "I'm no different than you are," but this is untrue. She is different from heterosexual women in that she looks to another woman for her

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law enforcement, cultural mores and

congregational life.

"In relation to this area of concern, the sexual behavior of freely consenting adults in private is not an appropriate subject for legislation or police action.

"It is essential to see such persons as entitled to understanding and justice

in church and community."

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Lack June and July issues of the Mailen Voyage are appearing as a combined summer issue.

Due to the cut-off in activities and the summer committments of some members and interested parties, the M.V. staff felt that the combined issue would be more effective at this time.

As soon as activities pick-up again, we will return to our monthly publication.

--- Pam Boyd

Deadline for the Aug. issue: August 15.

fulfillment rather than to a relationship with a man. She is different from the homosexual male in that her sights are set on a permanent love relationship rather than on casual cruising. She probably goes to a bar for companionship and to see friends more often than straight women; but she goes less frequently than gay men.

Like the straight woman and the gay male, the Lesbian looks for job security. And she wants it for the reasons both groups want it—to earn as much as a man for the same work, and not to be fired if her Lesbianism is discovered. In this way, the Lesbian can benefit from working with both Women's Lib and the

homophile groups.

But Women's Lib is seeking equality with the male in a heterosexual context, and the homosexual males are seeking sexual freedom. The Lesbian is looking for something elusively different, something more subtle, a type of recognition and acceptance of what she is, equality as a Lesbian, freedom to love and create a homosexual home.

This is where D.O.B. comes in. D.O.B. should be the bridge for the Lesbian between Women's Lib and the male homophile movement. It should be the halfway point between the militant demands of Women's Lib and the sexual-freedom oriented demands of the homophile groups. D.O.B. does not wish to avenge the Black Panthers and it does not condone the almost-pornography found in some of the male homosexual publications. It seeks only understanding and acceptance.

Perhaps it is because of this lack of stridency that some members of D.O.B. look to ally themselves with Women's Lib and others with the more male-oriented homophile groups. Perhaps the younger members of D.O.B. find it too conservative. But D.O.B. has been around longer than most of the other civil rights groups—straight or gay—and it has (so far) had a better record and a better reputation.

Just as the Lesbian herself is a unique individual, so is D.O.B. a unique organization. It serves the Lesbian and

VOICE, cont.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Doar Madam:

Re the Open Forum Question #5. I feel I must reply. All involved in the homophile movement, heterosexuals included, must, in my mind, stay within the sphere of cooperation. Are we not all working for the identical cause? Are we not all working towards the day when gay people, men and women alike, can walk openly and proudly, without guilt or fear? Separatism certainly will not help to hasten this day. "Who needs Charlie Brown?" The same people who need Lucy and Peppermint Patty. We need each other. My hope is that members of the homophile community will work with each other and thereby show more heterosexuals that the homophile community is serious and responsible, and will not be detered from its aim. __Cynthia Shippee

Ed. Note: There seems to be a communication gap. It was Lucy and Violet...
not Lucy and Peppermint Patty. Also, how can anyone take us seriously when HUB publishes such things as the "article" on page 16 of its May Newsletter? A sense of humor also seems to come in handy in our striving to solve our problems. Lucy and Violet, portrayed in our last issue as Lesbians, do not need men for everything!

Dear Editor:

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I can hardly express my hurt, my frustration and my anger on reading the last edition of The Maiden Voyage.

I am very concerned with both the tone and the content of the letters from Rita Laporte and Gene Damon. I would suggest those of us who do remember the sting of name-calling or "queer-baiting," could refrain from labeling any of our fellow members of the gay community.

To speak in exclusive, limiting.

rhetoric is to contribute to division. A schism within D.O.B. is inevitable if within our organization there is no room for difference and no right to disagree.

The health and vitality of any organization is indicated by its ability to encompass a spectrum of ideas and approaches to a given problem.

I believe firmly in the concept of gay community...

The working together of gay men and women to change the attitudes and actions of the straight world...

The breaking down of inhibiting

sexual role play ...

These are common causes for both straight and gay members of our society. As race was once thought of as a prohibitive factor in movement within society, sexuality for many of us has confined the course of our lives. The collapse of sexual stereotypes will be an important stop in freeing the human person in each of us.

At this time, in this country, every attempt to free man from externally imposed definitions is a political act. The freedom to be and the right to decide who I am is no more than what millions of my fellow citizens are seeking. I join them.

--Gail and Jo

Dear Editor:

Since the last issue of the Maiden Voyage was sent out, I have heard much discussion on the Open Forum Question and Answers. Most of the comments I have heard have been against the opinions of the people who answered. As a member of D.O.B., I feel I have a right to state where I stand on this issue.

when I joined D.O.B. it was since I'm a Lesbian and I wanted to meet with and work with other Lesbians. I wanted to help educate the public about Lesbianism, help with Lesbian social functions, and help other Lesbians in any way I could. If I had wanted to help homosexuality in general, I could have joined any of the other groups,

but I joined D.O.B.

Recently Boston D.O.B. hasn't been strictly a Lesbian organization as far as our meetings appear. One week we are "homosexuals" (male and female), the next week we are "women in America" as one man sees us, and the next week we are part of Women's Lib. Finally on the fourth week we are Lesbians, having a business meeting. Don't misunderstand me; I think we should have open meetings now and then, but not as a steady diet. I'm not a man-hater, but I don't always want them at D.O.B. If I want to be with the gay guys I go to them. HUB is open to both sexes. I think there are times when we can help each other and when we can, we should. There are also times when we should stand alone. Because we are Lesbians we have special problems the guys can't help us with.

Let's keep 99% of our D.O.B. meetings for D.O.B. only! I enjoy being with the girls and I think most of the other girls would agree. Those who want to be with the guys as well can join HUB but on an individual basis. There is no reason why we can't be members of both groups. Just don't involve D.O.B. as a whole. There are mony things for D.O.B. to do that don't involve the gay guys, Women's Lib, or guest speakers. There are problems within our group to be discussed. Let's stay independent. As Gene Damon said, "We are unique." Lesbians are unique and so is D.O.B. Let's keep it that way. --Beth Restrick

DEFICIT by Kim Stabinski
Reprinted from Opus, 1960

half moon slinking through a murky sky

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you may fool others young lovers who look to you in hope but not me

half is never enough

EDITORIAL by Pam Boyd

Organizations are usually formed by and for individuals who share a common bond. These people work together to promote their ideals. Unity is the key to their harmony and herein lies their strength.

But when the faint line of a schism begins to appear within the organization, the time has come to take a long, hard look at those original goals—the ones that brought everyone together in the beginning.

The Daughters of Bilitis is an organization founded by Lesbians for Lesbians. As an organization, its first responsibility should be restricted to the Lesbian, her place in society and her place with herself. When this committment has been fulfilled—and only then—should its members seek to support outside organ—

In any group there are going to be differences of opinion, but these differences must not move on unchecked and widen the schism.

Quite simply—not every woman is a women's liberationist, not every Lesbian is a women's liberationist, and not every women's liberationist is a Lesbian.

women's Lib is dedicated to freeing.
women from the bonds of society ("Man
is born free," said Jean Jacques
Rousseau, the French philosopher,
"but everywhere he is in chains.")
What is the stated purpose of D.O.B.?-the one we acknowledged was of prime
importance when we got involved?--the
one that brought us together?

A tree must have a trunk before branches and leaves will grow.

Editor's Note:

izations.

All opinions on editorials are welcome.

BOSTON'S FUTURE: THE ELECTIONS by The Saint

After a two month absence from D.O.B. meetings, I finally managed to attend the July business meeting. I walked in with a fresh mind, wondering what had been happening at D.O.B. I noticed a different air about this particular meeting; and that night I left with a good many ques-

The Maiden Voyage is announcing the coming election of officers for the Boston chapter, and one cannot help but feel that D.O.B. Boston is going into a struggle

for its very life.

Although no nominations have been made yet, one can almost predict who will run for each office. And this is the sad part; for it seems to be in the wind-no one need say it, but the feeling is there-because our president, Ann Haley, told the members present at the July meeting that she felt nothing got done unless she kept pushing. She said that if she stopped pushing, everyone and everything also stopped. And Ann is tired of pushing. She seems to be saying a lot more here than appears on the surface. She seems to be telling us that she will not accept re-nomination as president. And if Ann quits D.O.B., it seems that Boston will lose a lot more than just a president.

Since it is impossible to force Ann to remain president, it is of the utmost importance that all Boston members read and listen to the views of all the candidates. You will need to make a solid choice not based on friendship, but based on the issues important to D.O.B.

There are some issues that have caused a lot of discussion recently; juicy items JULY 24, 1970, FRIDAY AT 7:30 IN THE such as: should we allow men into our meetings? Do we need men? Should we become such strong allies with Bread and Roses that we chance sacrificing our individuality? What can be done to attract and keep new members? Why do so fow members attend D.O.B. parties and activities? If we have approximately 50 members, why is it that only 15 or so attend meetings regularly (job and transportation problems understood)? These are but a few of the issues. You can prob-

ably come up with more. Think about it. The coming elections are our future. I do not mean to imply that the end is near, but to draw your attention to the fact that you must vote as wisely here as you would in any other election. Friendship must not take priority here. Those who cannot be present on election night should be sure to vote by proxy. Hopefully, everyone will vote, not just tions in my mind and an almost sad feeling. the usual handful of members. Whether you think so or not, your vote makes the difference.

Other chapters are saying that D.O.B. Boston is doing a great job. A job well done is the result of good leadership, chosen by you. All leaders can make mistakes; but a good leader is one who listens to all opinions (bravo, Ann!) and tries to do what the majority wants, who tries to do the best thing not only for Boston but for the good name of D.O.B. everywhere. Losing Ann Haley will not be easy.

It is unfortunate that the San Diego chapter fell apart. Boston must not follow this path for any reason. (And -we hope--San Diego will rise again?!)

Please remember -- your vote DOES count. D.O.B. needs your active and whole-hearted support now and in the days ahead. Let's keep it together.

Yours for a new and free tomorrow. The Saint



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D.O.B. MEMBERS--BRING A COLD DISH OR CASSEROLE OR SOMETHING TO EAT. NEW PEOPLE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT D.O.B. -- JUST BRING YOURSELF

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL GAIL AND JO AT 436-7393 THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT D.O.B. !!!

BOSTON D.O.B. ELECTIONS

Nominations and election of now officers for D.O.B. Boston will be held at the next business meeting on Sept. 11, as voted on at the July 2 meeting.

The election of dedicated, responsible, capable officers to lead our chapter during the coming year is of vital importance to the continued growth and development of D.O.B. Boston. Therefore, please read the following points carefully and begin giving this matter your serious consideration NOW:

- 1. Only fully-paid members will be eligible to run for office or to vote in the election. Partial members should make every effort to have dues paid in full prior to Sept. 11 (or prior to their 3-month expiration, i partial payments were begun before dune 11).
- 2. The August issue of the Maiden Voyage will feature candidacy announcements (and views if desired) of those members who wish to run for office. Even though nominations not previously announced will be accepted from the floor at the election, potential candidates are urged to announce their plans in advance via Maiden Voyage for a two-fold purpose: s prior announcement will give candidates a chance to express their goals for D.O.B. if elected to office: the membership will have time to consider, question, weigh the candidatos before making decisions. b) the August issue of the Maiden Voyage will also contain a proxy form for those members who will not be able to attend the meeting. Those voting by proxy should know which members are planning to run for which offices so that votes will be effectively used.

Again, the deadline for the August issue of the Maiden Voyage is August 15.

NOTICE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:
The mailing address for the Maiden Voyage is as follows: Maiden Voyage c/o C. McGonagle, P. O. Box 55,
No. Quincy, Mass. 02171

CHAPTER CHATTER

LOS ANGELES: The new name of the Los Angeles newsletter is now LA DOB. They were recently debating the pros and cons "for coming out of the closet, for privately and publicly admitting one's homosexuality."

MELBOURNE: On June 1 Melbourne D.O.B. held a Mad Hatters Tea Party where a prize was awarded for the best hat. The newsletter initiated a discussion on the differences in gay life between England and Australia.

SAN FRANCISCO: San Francisco D.O.B. is planning a trip to Angel Island, a flea market, and a joint dance with SIR. The chapter is planning to take a new office and would like a store front to provide space for both social activities and office equipment. The Maiden Voyage is grateful to the S.F. newsletter for its kind words about us and its reprints from us.

NEW YORK: New York, as everyone knows, was hostess for the National Convention. Their weekly meeting following the General Assembly will be a Rap Session. They are planning a discussion on "Lesbian Life Styles-How Open is Your Mind?" Speaking of New York, we would like to remind you that the Gertrude Stein Bookstore carries a complete line of Lesbian books. The address is:

PERSONAL:

Part-time teacher, past 35, desires to meet other women with whom to enjoy cultural pursuits, travel, etc., especially during the day. If interested and free, please write:

Helen Bakor c/o D.O.B. Boston P. O. Box 221 Purdential Cent. Sta., Boston 02199

CHURCH NEEDS HELP

The All Souls Universalist Unitarian Church of Braintree suffered more than a quarter of a million dollars worth of damage in a general alarm fire June 14. The authorities suspect arson and the controversial paster of the church was the target. He has supported people in need for more than seventeen years in the town and nation.

Money is not the most available thing around for a lot of us, but if anyone has a spare dollar or two, it would be a nice gesture to send it to the All Souls Fund, c/o The Braintree Savings Bank, Washintton St., So. Braintree, Mass., 02185.

Like most Unitarian churches, All Souls was open to everyone.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE-SNEEZE!-CAMBRIDGE
COMMON SU DAYS by Candi McGonagle

It would be an interesting way to spend a Sunday afternoon, except for the fact that I°m allergie to the smell of grass being smoked. I spent the whole afternoon rubbing my itching eyes and sneezing. Ecology students should campaign to clear the air over the Cambridge Common for the poor, square people like me who prefer the smell of fresh, clean air.

The place was jammed with weekend hippies looking for a piece of the action; old ladies out for what they thought would be a quiet Sunday stroll through the Common—with their startled eyes bulging; some commercial minded capitalists in their Mr. Softeo trucks; and some very unbelievable people in some very unbelievable costumes.

The gay people I saw were doing their thing-that is, watching the straights surreptitously to see if they were recognized. A few bolder Lesbians held hands, a few reckless girls did some obvious cruising of my girl.

It was fun, though, to see everyone trying to out-shock everyone else, and everyone pretending they weren't shocked at all.

However, it was a relief to leave

at the end of the afternoon and return to Quincy and the familiar smells of diesel and soot and other more common forms of air pollution. As I said, I'm allergic to grass.

QUIETUDE by Kim Stabinski
Reprinted from Opus, 1960

Ah—what a pleasant interlude
To spend a summer in the nude,
To seek a higher altitude
And all society elude.
I shuddered at the magnitude
Of such a comfortable habitude
And laughed at the multitude
Who'd consider this a turpitude.
Preparing for my solitude,
I disrobed, and sorrowfully viewed
My definite lack of plentitude
At just the right latitude
And vice versa. Subdued,
I put back on my clothes.

PHOTO CONTEST

Amateur and professional photographers might be interested in submitting entries to the Travel New England Photo Contest. First prize is a Ford Maverick, \$1000.00 in cash and other items.

The photo must have been taken between February 1 and November 30, 1970. Entries must be in no later than December 15, 1970.

For additional information, write:

Travel New England Photo Contest P. O. Box 1970 Boston, Mass. 02184

ON JULY 24, 1970 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE CLARKE ROOM OF THE ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, AN ORIENTATION SUPPER FOR POTENTIAL MEMBERS OF D.O.B. WILL BE HELD. ANYONE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT D.O.B., BE SURE TO ATTENDIT

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ATTENTION: ANYONE INTERESTED IN SELLING LEMONADE, COOKIES, ETC. ON CAMBRIDGE COMMON, SUNDAY AFTERNOONS, TO MAKE \$\$\$ FOR D.O.B., CONTACT LAURA ROBIN AT 625-1263.

AN OPEN LETTER TO READERS OF THE M.V. by Laura Robin

This spring Boston D.O.B. has had its share of internal dissension (see, e.g., Open Forum letter from "Name Withheld" in the May M.V.) I feel we should not be surprised at our lack of unanimity... after all, we have different jobs, different political outlooks, and, especially, different reasons for being in D.O.B.

I think we forget sometimes...as "Name Withheld" has forgotten...that D.O.B. has several functions...social events, for lesbians is one, public education is another. We have had meetings and activities geared to each of these functions. Please, "Name Withheld," if you feel we need more activities for lesbians only, offer your help to organize some. Boston D.O.B. is so tiny that every member who does something plays an important part in making it go.

One last thing we want out of D.O.B., but we must consider each other and keep talking out our disagreements. A living, functioning D.O.B. is very important for each of us, and for many others still unknown.

INVITATION. .

IF YOU'RE IN THE STURBRIDGE VILLAGE AREA THIS SUMMER,
ROP IN AND VISIT MY ART STUDIO.

CALL FIRST--NIGHTS OR ANY TIME WEEKENDS.

PHONE MAE IN DUDLY, MASS. AT 943-7232

COMING EVENTS AT BOSTON D.O.B.

July 24, Friday, 7:30 P.M.—
Orientation Supper for those interested in learning more about the Daughters of Bilitis, in the Clarke Room of the Arlington Street Church, 355 Boylston Street, Boston

August 14 is the deadline for deposits on the fishing trip scheduled for September 19, Saturday. Details on the following page.

September 11, Friday, 9:00 P.M. Members Meeting in the Clarke Room of the arlington Street Church. Election of officers will be held at this time.

UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, ALL EVENTS FOR THE BOSTON CHAPTER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF BILIT'S ARE FOR WOMEN ONLY: 1:

ANACHAT EMENTA

Kim Stabinski is in THE LADDER again soon with the publication of her article

DON'T FORGET...THE DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST ISSUE OF THE MAIDEN VOYAGE IS AUGUST 15 AND ALL MATERIAL SHOULD BE SENT ONLY TO:

THE MAIDEN VOYAGE C/O C. MC GONAGIE P. O. BOX 55 NO. QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS 02171

WE NEED WRITERS, REPORTERS, REVIEWERS AND ARTISTS. WILL YOU CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR NEWSLETTER?:? HERE IT I' -- WHAT YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR -- THE D.O.B. FISHING TRIF \$4.50 Price per person: MUST be paid by August 14 as we must pay for chartering the boat in advance! FEE INCLUDES: Bait *Drop lines

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1970 1:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

This will be a half day trip sailing from the Al Gauron Mackeral and Deep Sea Fishing Tier, located at the state pier, Hampton End of Bridge, Hampton Beach, N.H.

(Some people actually fish)

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(For the refreshments everyone brings) Can openers

(Al says beer is ok--but nothing stronger please!)

(For the biggest fish--if we can get a pot going) Prizes

*Rod and reel rental \$1.00 if you plan to catch fish too big to haul up on a drop line.

YOU SHOULD BRING: a cooler of liquid refreshment -- food, if you plan not to get sea sick--tackle, if you have it and plan to fish--WARM clothes for the evening sea breeze, no matter how hot it is when we start out--bathing suit and suntan oil if you're going along for the ride -- a camera to record this memorable 'first" --a sturdy plastic bag or pail if you plan to carry your catch home.

In order to charter this boat, we must pay for it in advance -- and we must pay for a minimum of 20 fishermen and/or fun-lovers. This means we must fork over \$ 0. to hold our boat! PLEASE HEL US MAKE THIS TRIP A SUCCESS--SEND YOUR \$4.50 NOW, ALONG WITH THE TUB BELOW, TO THE D.O.B. .O. BOX. If we don't have 20 payments by August 14, we will refund your payment and relinquish our claim to the boat. We don't claim that we will "cheerfully refund" your money, because we hope we don't have to -- but we will refund it. If you pay in advance and if we have enough to go ahead and charter the boat and then you can't go at the last minute, we will try to sell your place to last-minute fishermen and still refund your money. The boat will hold 45 people--we need 20 of you to sign up immediately or it will hold somebody other than our group! Do it--NOW!

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