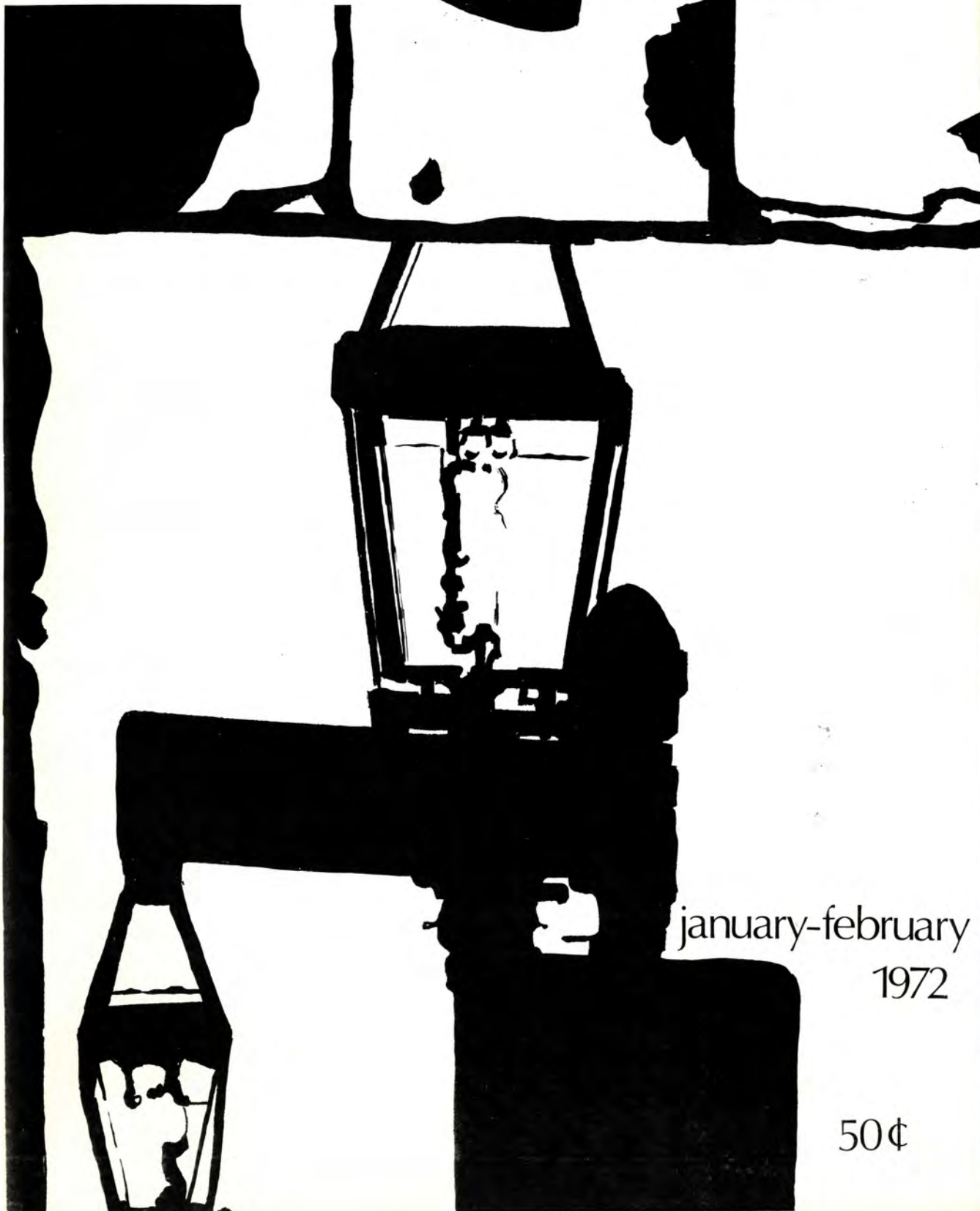


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MWPC supports gay women

The Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus has called for an end to criminal sanctions on sexual activities between consenting adults and has declared that discrimination against Lesbians and homosexuals in employment, public facilities, accommodations and housing be illegal.

The resolutions were passed in a series of MWPC workshops held on January 8 on the Smith College campus at Northampton. Between 200 and 500 women attended the caucus.

Representatives from NOW, the League of Women Voters, and the State Republican and Democratic Committees joined individual women in a "strong" show of support for the rights of gay women in society.

The following resolutions, dealing primarily with gay women, were passed:

"We affirm our solidarity with all women. We are distressed that we have failed to bring together women who are multiply oppressed because of sex, race, sexual preference, economic status, and social disapproval.

"We intend to act as a positive force to reach out to all women to establish a feeling of sisterhood based on our common lot and to work together to improve that lot.

"Resolved that discrimination in employment because of sexual preference be prohibited.

(Majority vote)

"Resolved: Stereotyping people in any way is offensive, and whereas traditional female stereotyping prevents women from participating in many areas of American life, including politics, resolved:

1.) The MWPC endorses in its platform the eradication of such stereotyping in the educational system and the mass media, and

2.) The MWPC supports the repeal of all laws which restrict private sexual behavior between consenting parties.
(Unanimous vote)

"Criminal sanctions on sexual activities between consenting adults should be removed.

"It should be illegal to discriminate against Lesbians and homosexuals in employment, public facilities and accommodations, and housing.

"We support written marriage contracts between consenting adults.

"Maximize choices to insure accommodation of all life styles.

"It is resolved that MWPC urges the repeal of all laws that restrict a woman's right to control her own body: laws that restrict contraception, abortion, and private sexual conduct between consenting adults.

(Majority report--also
Minority report)

"Resolved that youth and minorities be reasonably represented in all levels of party organization.

"Be it resolved that all women study and attempt alternate life styles..."

Boston DOB's Elaine Noble is a member of the steering committee of the MWPC. She also serves as one of three women responsible for the functioning of the 21-member committee.

Telephone Co. discriminates: Quakers change view of gays

Members of the GAA demonstrated in front of the New York City office of the Bell Telephone Company recently to protest hiring and firing practices in the organization. According to the GAA, "homosexuals are refused employment and known homosexual employees become former employees."

HUB has two job counselling programs—one is free and one charges a "minimal" amount. HUB is also forming a "senior citizens" group for the over-35 crowd.

Socialist Workers Party candidate Linda Jenness is running on a platform that includes "equal pay for equal work, equal education and job opportunities and rights for gays."

The third issue of *The Second Wave* is now available. It features an article entitled "Lesbianism: A Political, Cultural and Personal View."

The Melbourne, Australia group (similar to DOB chapters) has its own club rooms. They were opened to members on August 7. The organization charges a 20¢ entrance fee for members and 50¢ for non-members during the week. Coffee sells for 5¢ a cup, and members are instructed to bring their own "grog." The club rooms have open fireplaces.

Photographs showing explicit Lesbian sexual activity, including embracing, have been ruled "obscene" by the U.S. Court of Appeals. In the written opinion of Judges Harold Leventhal, George M. MacKinnon and David L. Bazelon, pictures of two women "undressing, caressing, fondling and embracing contain a dominant appeal to the prurient interest and exceed contemporary community standards."

"It was the most shocking and, to many Americans, the most surprising liberation movement yet," says an article entitled "Homosexuals in Revolt"

in the special year end issue of *Life* magazine. The eleven-page study highlights "a gallery of men and women important to the movement"—Barbara Love, Jack Baker, Jill Johnston, the Rev. Troy Perry, and others—and examines the gays' unwillingness to sit on the sidelines while their basic rights are abused. The feature concludes with a full page essay, "Is homosexuality normal or not?"

The Detroit DOB newsletter, *Reach Out*, describes several incidents of harassment and violence against gay women in the motor city. A gay woman was sitting in a parked car near a gay bar with a married woman when the latter's husband discovered them. He reportedly sent his wife on her way and allegedly beat the gay woman so severely that she lost the sight of one eye. No charges were brought against the attacker because there were no witnesses. Another woman, involved in a disturbance in a gay bar, was arrested and her arm broken by the police when she protested the arrest. She was "thrown into jail without medical treatment."

The next edition of *MOTHER* will appear in February with a new name.

News of the Los Angeles gay community is broadcast every Friday evening over KMET-FM.

The Quakers no longer consider homosexuality a sin. Rather, they define it as "the state of loving one's own...a state of affairs in nature." The Quakers are undertaking a study to find ways that will assure homosexuals they do not have to hide their identities in public.

Fraudian Slip

by MARTHA SHELLEY

...who may someday be given a medal for movement work and then face the firing squad for bad puns.

Last night I went with Phyllis Chesler to Douglass College, where she had a speaking engagement. Phyllis is a psychologist who has made a study of rape, in particular the rape of female patients by male therapists.

Rape, as you may have discovered, does not have to include physical violence. In the cases studied, the therapist simply manipulated and seduced his patient, playing on those anxieties which brought her into his office in the first place. He then justified what is widely considered unethical behavior by calling it "therapeutic."

This sort of rape is more common than one might imagine: when Phyllis started her inquiry into the subject, she found that one out of three women who had seen male therapists alleged that sexual intercourse had taken place. But this startling figure should hold no surprises for feminists.

Think of the setting. A troubled woman, often quite attractive and intelligent, enters the private and lushly decorated office of an affluent, older man. She is encouraged to lie down on his couch, confess her most intimate secrets, including especially her sexual fantasies and frustrations. Any sexual interest she might dimly feel towards the analyst is carefully cultivated by him, under the name of bringing about a "positive transference."

The psychiatrist or psychologist is, in most cases, no more an expert in human relations than the average parish priest, and he is considerably more subject to temptation because the rules are less clearly defined. Like the priests of any religion, in any society, he is paid to reinforce the values of that society.

And is it any wonder that, like the priest, his payment is extracted from the exploitation of human suffering? Suffering which he is paid to alleviate, but which he is strongly tempted to perpetuate in order to perpetuate the source of his economic security?

In a male supremacist society, the values to be reinforced are—you guessed it. And all the Latin mumbo jumbo of the priest translates into "worship Big Daddy in Heaven." If you are a psychiatrist in a more hedonistic age, the Latinate phrases become "worship Big Cock on earth." The male headshrinker's basic belief is that all a woman needs is a good lay, and he proceeds to give it to her. Some shrinks actually have written books justifying this form of treatment. Others practice it more covertly. Unfortunately, according to Dr. Chesler's findings, most patients report that their therapists are lousy lays, lack the capacity to give affection and—worst of all—continue to charge the patient for her sexual services to him.

A few years ago I was in a form of "radical therapy," where male therapists often slept with female patients—but no one would sleep with his own patient. This was deemed unethical. If a man became interested in such an affair, he would transfer the woman to another therapist and then sleep with her.

My first consultation was with a male therapist who was treating my lover. Later on, I found that he was quite seductive with her, but he never did take her to bed. She did sleep with other male therapists in this group, which really burned me up—though it was as much her fault in this case as theirs—I felt that I could not compete, in financial power or prestige, with these affluent males.

Please turn page

NEW YORK REPORT

As an obviously recalcitrant and not particularly gorgeous-looking dyke, I was sent immediately to a straight woman therapist. About a year later, after developing "positive transference" to her, I was sent to another straight woman therapist. I earned \$75 a week before taxes and paid \$30 a week to my shrink. Among other things, I was indoctrinated with the notion that paying for treatment was good for me (presumably because one values what is difficult to obtain), that I should enjoy my job as a secretary because it was the best I could obtain without a Ph.D. Look on the bright side. We all deserved to have good things in life. I deserved good things like my therapist had. And I would get them when I earned them; but meanwhile, she wasn't giving any of it up to make my lot easier.

I can't say that my shrink was totally bad for me. On the contrary, she told me a lot of useful and good things and helped me get through some extremely rough times. I can't blame her (both of them) for not being feminist. The women's movement was less than a small cloud on the horizon, no bigger than Friedan's fist. What I hold most against her was her justification of the disparity between our incomes. What I hold against that entire group of therapists, in addition to their continuing chauvinism and in addition to their assumption that we all started off at the same place somehow, is their very tricky anti-gay line.

They told me that one should not ignore half the world. Exclusive homosexuality was a self-deprivation, they claimed, and one should learn to love different kinds of people. However, this line applied only to the gay patients. The straight patients and therapists continued to remain exclusively heterosexual.

These therapists had city houses and country houses, and every adult had a

car and a tape recorder. Some of the men were inclined to motorcycles, but none of the female shrinks rode them. All of the women had at least one or two babies. There was constant talk about releasing ones creative energies, but most of the therapists' art work seemed quite constrained and lacking in passion. Thinking about it, I came to the conclusion that their theories were sometimes very good and beautiful, but they were too constrained by their life styles, too upper middle class, too much into analyzing life, to be free in their artistic expressions.

This saddens me, not for the men—most of them I avoided—but for the women therapists I knew. I remember when my shrink showed me a nine-foot self-portrait, done in poster paint, in what was almost cartoon style. She was both pleased and surprised at herself for having dared paint her life in such large characters. And I felt then, and still do, that that moment was one of our few experiences of equality, of shared intimacy, in a relationship which was mostly one-way. Those few shared experiences make me think now that I really like the little I saw of her as a person, and I wish that she were in Women's Liberation.

Phyllis has written a book about male psychiatrists who abuse their patients, and it will be published next year. I am sure it will have male psychoanalysts clutching at their collective castration complexes. She also tells me of a woman in a consciousness-raising group who was propositioned by her psychoanalyst, and who told the other women in her group. The women then told their boyfriends, who were in a men's anti-sexist consciousness-raising group, and the men promptly went out to beat up the therapist. The only sad part of this story is that the women didn't go out to beat up the therapist.

I end with another pun: therapist, the rapist, The Rapist...

Kennedy states position on gay rights: Muskie evades issue

Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass) would issue an executive order if necessary to insure the basic rights of homosexuals if he were elected President.

The disclosure from the Massachusetts senior senator came during a busy round of speech making in New York City November 16. Bruce Voeller, the chairman of the GAA State and Federal Affairs Committee, asked Sen. Kennedy if he would, as chief executive, "order the federal government to cease—in all its branches—discrimination against homosexuals by the issuance of an executive order."

"All citizens should be allowed to exercise their rights as guaranteed under the constitution," said Sen. Kennedy. He told Voeller that if an executive order were the necessary first step, he

felt it was a necessary and compulsory move to take to ensure those rights.

Sen. Kennedy urged an end to all Defense Department and other security measures which deny homosexuals the right to work gainfully in their professions as committed Americans.

1972 Democratic Presidential contender Edmund Muskie was "visibly shaken" when a member of the GAA asked him for his opinion on equal rights for homosexuals.

According to those attending a seminar at New York University, the Maine senator replied, "I haven't thought about them." He also told a GAA member who asked for his opinion on the sodomy laws that they were "the state government's worry."

Muskie did not reply to any other questions and dropped a piece of gay literature handed to him. Sources say he was "whisked into a waiting car."

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Dear Sisters,
i just got a letter from "uncle Sam" and "aunt i.r.s.", and they want everyone to write to them no later than April 17th 1972.

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A Sunday

Once—not too many years ago—just about everyone who moved in cultural circles had heard of Gertrude Stein's famous "Sunday afternoons" in Paris.

Expatriate and native artists, writers and musicians gathered in the drawing room of the left bank apartment she shared with Alice B. Toklas. There was always talk of work in progress, and there were often exhibits or demonstrations of work completed.

It was a quiet time, a warm and sharing time, with them.

And so it was last month in Boston, when the Janus Wind Quartet opened the first in a series of cultural events for the gay community.

The scene was different and so was the execution of the program, which was strictly musical. But the feeling and intent were the same, and people were brought together to share an experience.

The Janus Wind Quartet was formed about three years ago when its four members were students at the New England Conservatory of Music.

Katie, who plays the flute, is study-



Afternoon

ing for her Master's degree at the N.E.C. Diana, the clarinetist, is a teacher. John, who plays the French horn, is a free lance musician and teacher. And Judy, the bassoonist, has just returned from a tour with a national orchestra. She has two Master's degrees—one in bassoon and one in clarinet.

Most of the group started playing an instrument in an elementary school program.

As a quartet, they play established classical pieces and contemporary works.

"Only a few original compositions have been written for wind quartets and quintets. We play a lot of transcribed pieces," explained Diana.

Their program of works by Villa-Lobos, Mozart, Piston, Rossini, Debussy and others was broken by a candlelight brunch.

The Oberlin Piano Trio is scheduled to present a program of works by Hayden, Beethoven and Tchaikovsky at the Arlington Street Church on Jan. 24.

Ticket information is available from the Homophile Community Health Service, sponsors of the series.



Girls appeal fines; get continuances

Four women, who appealed \$100 fines following their arrest outside Jacques this past October, have received six month continuances in the case.

Originally eight women, including one straight bystander, were arrested outside the bar at the corner of Piedmont Street and Broadway in the Bay Village section of the city. They were charged with disorderly conduct and spent a night in jail.

Two women involved in an argument that ended in the arrests were fined \$100 and placed on a year's probation. The others were found guilty and fined \$100.

According to observers at the first hearing, the arresting officers were unable to identify any of the women, claiming they were "dressed opposite from what they are now. They looked like men."

The defendants, denying all charges against themselves, charged that the officers used cruel and abusive language and unnecessary force during the arrests.

In the latest development, the four girls appealing the \$100 fines appeared at a hearing in Superior Court in Jan.

"The case took from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.," said an observer. "The atmosphere was extremely hostile and no testimony was

given. Counsel for the straight girl would not let her near the other three defendants," she continued.

The judge lectured the girls and explained that he would "do the same if you were my own daughters or friends."

Regarded as a "political trial," observers expressed the opinion that the girls were judged "guilty before they ever came before the court. Had the case gone to trial, they would have been crucified."

Under the conditions of the six-month continuance, the girls are restricted from going to Jacques and other gay bars in the area. They will appear in Court in September and, if at that time their records are "clean," the case will be dropped. They were not fined.

Police harassment and arrests in the Bay Village will be stepped up in an effort to close all the clubs.

"The bars are Mafia-run and the police are not going to run the Mafia out. They'll just harass the patrons of the bars, drive them away, and succeed in closing the bars completely," according to a FOCUS observer. "We've been warned by people who are close to the situation, and they advised us to tell the people we care about."

Boston DOB loaned the defendants \$100 to help pay legal fees.

Calendar of Events

January 30--DOB open meeting on gay politics. St. John's Church, 33 Bowdoin St., 8 p.m.

February 1--and every other Tuesday at 8 p.m. Open rap session.

February 5--Couples rap session.

February 13--DOB meeting.

February 19--Couples rap.

February 27--DOB meeting.

Classifieds

Femme, 30, nurse, desires friendship with sincere butch. Must be discreet and employed. Lori, 875-1841 after 8 p.m.

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This combined issue of FOCUS marks the beginning of a new publication schedule. FOCUS will be published the first week of each month.

Letters to the Editor

To all FOCUS readers:

Senators Kennedy and McCarthy have opened themselves to all sorts of criticism by their public statements on behalf of job opportunities for homosexuals.

The criticism will be there--at every hand they will be confronted for their support of us.

Now is the time for OUR support. Every one of us should sit down and write to these senators to commend them for their attitudes and for having the courage to state them publicly. We should also write to any other politicians who make favorable--or unfavorable--statements about us.

In addition, we should all write letters to the editors of newspapers which carry comments about the statements made by various politicians.

An editorial swipe was given to Senators Kennedy and McCarthy by *The Union Leader* (Box 780, Manchester, N. H. 03105) on page one of the January 13 issue. This paper reprinted a story from *The Village Voice* under the heading "Gay Lib: Gene and Ted Say OK." Editorial comment preceding the story was most offensive. The attitudes of both senators are called "disgraceful," and *Union Leader* comment further clarified that the story was being run only to give "an attitude of some of the Presidential candidates which has not been generally revealed to the public." *The Union Leader* implies that it would withhold support for either candidate on the basis of their "disgraceful" views.

The Union Leader is known as a very opinionated paper, to put it mildly. Return addresses in the Letters to the Editor section reveal a nationwide readership, which is probably due to the strong tone of editorial comment. However, we could not let this one get by so easily. The editors, in their haste to get in still more nasty digs

at Kennedy, also got in a hearty dig at us this time. Since the only support either Senator gave in the article that was reprinted involved job opportunities, and since the editors found this "disgraceful," we can only assume they feel that all homosexuals should be denied equal employment opportunities.

After talking with friends, we know of at least five letters of protest in the mail now to *The Union Leader*. If you have time, write them (but write the senators first). For publication, keep all letters down to 400 words. You must furnish your name and address, but you can request that they not be published. *The UL* boasts that it publishes more letters to the editor than any other newspaper in the U.S., so yours will doubtlessly be printed.

Gay liberation is bound to make the news over and over during the pre-election political battles which have already started. We should all keep our eyes and ears open--we should offer written support when warranted, and we should blast out with letters to the individual politicians involved and toward them through newspaper letters when this is called for.

Some of us can't afford to take part in public marches or demonstrations. But we all can write. And there was never a better time to do it. Join our campaign.

Andy Cox
Kim Stabinski

Copies of the Limited Edition of *MOODS OF EROS* by Elsa Gidlow are still available at \$2, plus 25¢ to cover postage and handling.

Each copy of this collection of Lesbian poetry and other pieces of particular interest to women is autographed by the author.

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Reuben's book withdrawn from distribution in Holland

The Dutch Society of Homosexuals COC celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary this past November. After facing some years of opposition by the authorities and certain groups, the COC is now generally accepted and valued as a social organization which strives for the acceptance of a social minority and for the integration of deviating patterns of behavior and relationships.

The integration of homosexuals has progressed further in Holland than in most other countries, and the COC believes it has made a "modest" contribution in bringing this about. The COC is no longer a league of homosexuals, but rather it is a constructive force that critically pursues and stimulates the development of society as a whole.

The following article was taken from the COC International Newsletter. The original text was written by Ko Sterken, General Secretary, and translated by (Miss) Willy Snippe:

Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Sex, but Never Dared Ask is no longer being sold in Holland.

The voluntary withdrawal of the best selling American book from further distribution by the Dutch publishing firm A. W. Bruna and Son came on the heels of a meeting between the Central Committee of the Dutch Society for Homosexuals COC and the management of the publishing firm.

During this discussion, the management of the Bruna company expressed the view that regardless of any possible decision of the court, they had "come to recognize that (they) had previously decided too hastily and therefore too carelessly upon the translation of the American sexseller."

The Central Committee had lodged a complaint with the Public Prosecutor at Utrecht against the management of the Bruna Company because the COC found

the book "contained a large number of exceedingly insulting and degrading passages about homosexuality."

The committee was particularly concerned about the fact that homosexuals are, according to author Dr. David Reuben, not capable of a love relationship, and furthermore that they are interested in sex exclusively. On July 26, the prosecutor, Mr. Justice W. H. Overbeek, decided to dismiss the complaint.

In his opinion, however, the book was very shallow, insignificant and bigoted, and he regretted that such writings appeared on the market. He said he didn't believe the remarks about homosexuality could stand the test of criticism. These remarks were based on American assertions, but Mr. Overbeek told the Central Committee that he fully understood that the Dutch homosexuals were grievously affected by them.

He chose to dismiss the complaint, however, because "the Prosecutor would judge it scarcely fortunate if Holland, with its traditional conceptions about freedom of the press, were to become the only country where action was brought against the book.

Two weeks after the complaint was dismissed, the COC met with Bruna Company officials, who agreed to cease distribution of the book in the mother tongue.

Meanwhile, in England, the Campaign for Homosexual Equality has started circulating a petition to stop the sale of Dr. Reuben's book. The group will try to get the distributor to withdraw it voluntarily from distribution.

The CHE statement said "passages about homosexuality lend greater credibility to the popular misconceptions held about the subject and are, we believe, grossly inaccurate and insulting."

Gay newspaper comes out

The Gay Forum, "a gay newspaper that has a little something for everybody," has just begun publication in Washington, D.C.

Similar to *The Advocate* in layout and content, it contains gay oriented features, news stories, reviews, and a number of articles about gay women—including Gene Damon's "Lesbiana."

Gay Forum is geared for national readership. "If you can supply us with news events, coming events, even little trivia, we will be forever grateful. In the case of full articles and columns used, we will be glad to pay," says Advertising Manager Bob Cramer.

Subscriptions are available—13 issues at \$6.50 or 26 issues at \$13—from *The Gay Forum*, P. O. Box 385, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044.

All copies are mailed first class.

DOB rents office

Boston DOB has voted to rent two rooms in a "centrally located building" at 419 Boylston Street.

Members approved the action at the January business meeting.

The rent is \$60 a month, and the organization plans to have a business phone installed as soon as possible.

The Homophile Community Health Service and HUB are also thinking about renting other suites in the building.

NOTICE

FOCUS is now available nationally on microfilm through Bell and Howell of Ohio, and it is also on film at the International Women's History Archive at Berkeley, California. If you are a FOCUS contributor or the subject of a FOCUS article, please be sure to indicate to the editor if you wish to use your real name or a pseudonym.

Boston Highlights

The Women's Center office will be opening at 595 Massachusetts Avenue in Cambridge. There will be a Lesbian section.

Kay Bourne, a member of the Governor's Commission on Women, would like to talk to any woman who has served time in prison. Everything is confidential, and your contribution may be instrumental in bringing about necessary changes in our penal system.

Boston DOB will be receiving \$500 from San Francisco DOB sometime in the near future. The money was left to the organization.

If you would like to join a women's band or help start one, call Joan, 423-4478.

Photography and taping for the Universalist Unitarian slide show on sexuality will take place January 29. DOB's Media Committee is working with the Unitarian photographer on the project.



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Gay Pride Week inspires Gay Co-Op

Inasmuch as the gay community—since the activities of Gay Pride Week—has returned to its regular state of affairs, with established groups maintaining their identities *within* the gay community, as well as each possessing an appeal to a certain segment *of* the gay community, the Gay Co-Operative has been founded to fulfill the needs that are not currently being met by existing gay organizations.

There is, of course, much to be done at all levels for the gay community—political action, public education, social and advisory functions, etc.

The Gay Co-Operative is a new approach to organizing the gay community, one that aspires to fulfill the *potential* of the community in a directed way. It seeks to mobilize and co-ordinate the talents and resources of groups and individuals to solve specific problems.

The Gay Co-Op was inspired by the example of the inter-personal and inter-group co-operation experienced during the planning and execution of Gay Pride Week; the Gay Co-Op has proposed to continue this “ad-hoc” approach on a more permanent basis. And the Gay Co-Op seeks a broad base of support, to be reflective *of* and directed *to* the needs of the entire gay community.

The Core Group of the Gay Co-Op has stated that affiliations with other gay groups or the lack of such affiliations should not prevent co-ordinated action when such action would be effective. The collective experience of Core Group members and those on specific problem-solving Task Forces in other gay groups has provided us with an awareness of some of the resources of the gay community. The Gay Co-Op proposes to co-ordinate such resources when it will be towards the greater good of the gay community.

The Gay Co-Op does not intend to

infringe upon or duplicate those activities and services already being provided by other organizations. It seeks to initiate action in those areas where there is currently none.

Among its more immediate goals, upon which Task Forces are at work, are promoting greater co-operation between gay men and gay women, fund raising, and the establishment of a Gay Community Center. This last is felt to be the most pressing need.

Having brought the Gay Co-Op to your attention, we hope for the support of you and your organization. That there can be much more done to meet the needs of the gay community is an unfortunate fact, but one which the Gay Co-Op, in partnership with the experience and resources of individuals and established gay groups, seeks to change.

For additional information on meetings and other Gay Co-Op activities, call 536-3233 or 536-8588.

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Regge Healey, Legal Action for Women (L.A.W.), 492-5520. Ms. Healey only handles cases occurring in Cambridge and only for those women who are in a low-income bracket.

Rook, Roth, Rubino, 7 Water St., Boston, 742-2243. This is a team of male lawyers with extensive experience in handling cases of gay males.

Ruth Budde, call 926-3439.

Medical

Dr. Joanna Perlmutter, Beth Israel Hospital, 734-4400.

Dr. Rita Kelly, Mass. General Hospital, 726-2000.

Dr. Emma Varvaro, General Practitioner, 894-0058.

Dr. Carol Nadelson, Psychiatry, Ext. 765, 734-4400.

Dr. Dorothea Hellman, Internist, 469-9550.

Religious

Roman Catholic: St. Clement's Church has initiated a dialogue with gay women and men. The priests listed below have made themselves available to counsel gay Catholics. Call 536-3476 and ask for Fr. Terrance Dougherty, Fr. Brian Hennigan, or Fr. Tom Mickey.

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Methodist: Dr. William Alberts, Old West Methodist Church, 277-5088. Rev. Ruth Robinson, 277-5088.

Gay Groups

Gay Women's Liberation, 492-1915.

Homophile Union of Boston, meetings every other Sunday at 33 Bowdoin St. Call 282-9181.

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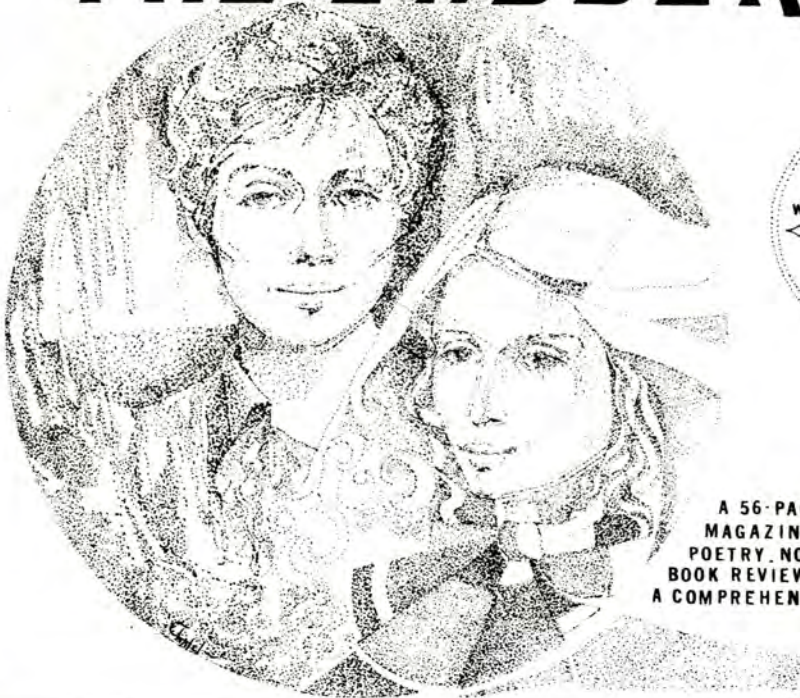
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