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Our Turn

Comments and Opinions from The New Voice staff

Alcohol and drug abuse continue to be a major problem among gays/lesbians in Nebraska and elsewhere. Societal pressures, family concerns, fragile relationships, a low self-worth, menial jobs and other variables all contribute to abuse of chemicals. It is an easy escape to cover up your problems with booze or drugs rather than deal with the real world. Especially since the real world is so unfriendly to our lifestyle. Our basic needs for love and affection are continually being undermined when we are told how deviant we are and feel we should hide under a mask. Like most gay men, I started meeting other men and socializing in the bars. It was easy to over-indulge in booze and poppers, especially on weekends. Over the years, I saw many of my friends lose themselves and waste their lives on pills and drink. I don't blame the bars for causing these problems, but I always felt other social outlets were needed.

My biggest frustration was how to help friends who abused

alcohol. Especially when they won't admit to having a problem and use denial and rationalization at every turn. This occurs even after you report the changes you have seen in your friend's life--loss of job, break-up of relationships, unusual mood changes, and lying and distorting facts.

I will never forget a friend who, after 3 DWIs and a jail sentence, still claimed he didn't abuse alcohol. He blamed the judicial system, the police, and being forced into treatment for all his problems. I gave him advice on several occasions, but it appeared that he wanted rejection, and we eventually separated ways. Sometimes a person really has to hit bottom before they realize that they have a problem and are willing to change.

If this editorial hits home, don't be afraid to seek help. Many groups and counselors are available. Call the GLIS Line at 475-4697.

--Larry Wiseblood

Alcohol/Drugs

Life as a Sober Lesbian

"In order to confront myself and to express my sexuality, I had to be under the influence of some type of chemical. In other words, I was always self-destructing myself, even though I wanted so much to love me and learn to love others."

LIVING SOBER:

V.L.: I finally have true self-respect and values to live by, which I try to follow. When I was drinking, I tried to follow my values, but I couldn't as I'd lose control of my drinking and do things I told myself I'd

never do again. I was never really close to anyone, and I felt like the world was out to get me. Not anymore, do I live in fear!

S.H.: I have the choice to decide who I am intimate with now. All the times I woke up with strangers next to me--that I don't have to do anymore. Life isn't always easy being sober; it is just easier to cope. How many days I said in my past life, "It's such a beautiful day," and I'd go spend it in the bar. The best
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thing I have now being sober is the chance to believe in myself.

B.B.: I don't have to drink anymore just to meet people. I have enough self-worth to be involved in many different types of relationships. I don't worry about what I did the night before and if someone will approach me and tell me the things I said or did. I finally have true freedom.

Between the three of us above, we have 18 years of sobriety. During the past 8 years, the Sober Lesbian community has grown from only a few in Lincoln to probably 40-50 women. Our ranks should and hopefully will continue to grow, as some professionals estimate that 35-50% of the lesbian community, nationally, will or do have problems with the drug alcohol. (This doesn't include street drugs and prescriptions). The statistics are mind-boggling, and add on to this 35% of all the women who are involved with a partner who has chemical dependency. Co-dependents and chemically dependent women could add up to as many as 70% of us affected in some way by a chemical. Why is our community so centered around a false reality? Hopefully, we will begin to examine the effects of chemicals on our lives and to assist those who need help NOW!

FINDING OUT:

V.L.: I finally found out that

The Baby and the Bathwater

In the mid-fifties I was in high school and sexually active with my "fellow" students. I graduated from high school on a Friday night and was in basic training for the Air Force by noon the following Sunday. My deep religious training was telling me that my sexual activities were perverted, and Uncle Sam confirmed that belief by ejecting men from the service who were caught doing what men were not supposed to do.

I wasn't crazy like I thought I'd been all those years, that I had a treatable illness, alcoholism.

S.H.: I didn't think my drinking was a problem. I thought everyone else had the problem. Drinking was my only friend. Deep inside though I always knew I was an alcoholic.

B.B.: I went to get help, as I knew I needed something, somewhere; my life was going nowhere. I also knew that I had many secrets that were eating me alive. My drinking wouldn't work for me anymore.

If you think that you have a drinking or drug problem, SEEK help! Alcoholism kills our loved ones, accidents, suicides, physical problems, and o.d.s. Don't let a well-meaning lover or friend tell you that you are too young, or couldn't be like those people (alcoholics). YOU are the one who really knows if you are honest with yourself.

CALL: A.A. Lesbian or Gay groups meet weekly, also Womens AA and NA (Alcoholics Anonymous) and (Narcotics Anonymous). Lincoln's alcohol/drug abuse treatment resources are abundant:

Lincoln Council on Alcoholism and Drugs; Valley Hope; Lincoln General Hospital Independence Center; Full Circle and the Lincoln Indian Center are only a few which provide evaluation, referral and counseling services.

I was now too old to discount my activities as being "experimentation." The fear of a dishonorable discharge (no pun intended) kept me on the straight (again, no pun) pathway.

Four years of celibacy passed agonizingly slow, and I celebrated my twenty-first birthday in Greenland on a base with only men. I had never drunk

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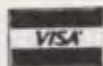
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before, and I was afraid to do so on this occasion. My return to the U.S. found me discharged honorably and free to follow my own desires. A fellow former Airman and I were stranded in New York City for three days. I had my first Manhattan, and it led to nearly \$800 in drink before I reached Nebraska -- hung over, broke, but pure from the evil of man-to-man sex.

As a novice civilian, out from under my parents' roof and the dictates of the military, I moved to Lincoln -- two blocks from the University. Well, you know how those college boys can be -- and I loved it! However, I was going against a vital moral standard. Drinking was just another standard that had to fall to tolerate the fall of the first. One standard after another fell until I was twice involved in things that the FBI could have used to change my address to Leavenworth, Kansas.

At one point in time, my average consumption of booze reached 2-3 quarts of wine in the morning followed by a fifth of vodka in the afternoon, followed by a fifth of bourbon to get me to the bar in time for a good time. After a few months of this, I woke up really broke, in debt, and minus everything of value that I had ever owned. What a rude awakening this was! I cut back on my drinking and was only drunk evenings. Then an amazing thing happened.

A neighborhood minister came to visit me and told me that God loved me in spite of the depths to which I thought I had sunk. He did not sanction my sexual preferences, but he did not condemn me for it either. He made it clear to me that I must deal with my sexuality as I searched the scriptures for myself and as I related to God, the God of my youth and upbringing. It seemed that I had, in my confusion, thrown out the baby with the bath water.

Once I recovered my other moral standards, I was able to clearly investigate and evaluate my sexual desires. That, too, is now reconciled as a part of my ethical values. I am not a total abstainer from the booze, but I no longer need it to protect me from guilt or to give me false courage to do that which I was ashamed to do sober. I am now in control of myself rather than Jim Beam. I can also recall all the things that I have done which make me gay and happy.

If you think you have some dirty bath water in your life -- check to see what it is that you are throwing out. Don't lose the baby in the process. That important baby is that which can blossom into a mature, responsible and respected human being. Gay people without any moral fiber are a disgrace to themselves and to the community which I wish to be a part of.

--Jerry Peck

Therapist Speaks at Forum

Carol Rogers, sex therapist and chemical dependency consultant in private practice in Lincoln, spoke at a forum on April 27, 1984, at Buffy's Buffet. The forum addressed Alcohol, Drugs, and the Gay/Lesbian community. The New Voice covered this forum in one of our early issues, and we are repeating this story because of our May theme of alcohol and drug abuse.

Ms. Rogers addressed several reasons why gays and lesbians have turned to chemical abuse.

Most gays and lesbians, she said, have self-identified themselves from ages 9 to 24. These years are tumultuous and a time when teens and young adults are not only trying to figure out who they are, but a time when alcohol and drug experimentation is quite significant. Social outlets for gays center around the bar scene, which, of course, is selling alcohol. In a research article which Rogers cited, she pointed out that 10% of the adult homo-

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sexual population in Los Angeles County is in the crisis or dangerous stages of alcohol consumption. There is also another 21% who drink excessively and are at a high risk for needing possible future treatment. Several cultural factors influence people to seek such escape mechanisms as drugs and alcohol. One of them is homophobia, which is a negative moral value judgment and prejudice based on myths and stereotypes of the gay community. So many people have irrational fears about homosexuality that they are afraid to associate with someone gay or someone with a different sexual preference. As a result, homophobia leads to a conspiracy of silence about a gay identity. This conspiracy of silence not only involves interactions with one's family and friends, but it also involves jobs, housing and religion.

There are few places such as coffeehouses, where gays can go to socialize without chemicals. So it is logical that gays are forced to go to the traditional meeting places--bars. Bars provide that "safe" meeting place. Chemicals lower inhibitions and also make it easier to be comfortable in uncomfortable situations. It also helps gays to think that they can accept rejection.

There are few role models for gays and lesbians. The public does not foster a positive image for gays to look forward to. In treatment facilities, gay counselors are asked not to reveal their own sexual identity. Thus, they can't be role models or persons who could say what they can relate to what the patient is going through. Isolation and loneliness could be breached if more people in the "helping professions" could be more open about themselves. Also, there is very little training that straight counselors can receive to help them understand the gay life-

style. Treatment centers are geared towards the male, white middle-class person and tend to be homophobic. How is a client to feel if he or she faces hostility when they are trying to find honesty and trust in a group which is supposed to help the person remain sober? This problem needs to be corrected in treatment facilities if the objective is to help others. In addition; many centers don't allow partners in family therapy. This is unfortunate, for there are patients who are involved in bad partner relationships, and when these significant individuals are not involved in the process of healing, counselors are missing half of the patient's relationship and trouble.

Many families have the "no talk rule"--there are certain things that you can't talk about. Alcoholism and homosexuality are two subjects often included in the denial process. It has been found that especially in male homosexuals, the individual gets farther and farther away from the family, while the person is still carrying the family values and traditions. The "no talk rule" and fear of rejection cause some to turn to alcohol. This starts a cycle of more isolationism, and continual use of chemicals to protect oneself. When we ask gays to give up chemicals, we are asking them to give up their comfort, their way of coping with a hostile world.

The chemical dependency problem comes first, even if the person also has a sexual identity problem. The other issues can be worked on along with the dependency, but if the person doesn't get help with the chemical dependency, solving the other issues won't matter.

Sexual identity is important as the individual finds he has conflicting value systems. Are they really his own values,
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or were they handed to him? Another issue is relationships, and counselors need to help gays and lesbians with their relationships. Is the relationship healthy or could the relationship lead to more trouble? People tend to stay in an unhealthy relation-

ship because it may be the only love and acceptance they receive. It is better to have somebody, even in an unhappy relationship, than nobody at all.

--Larry Wiseblood

EVENTS & ORGANIZATIONS

Imperial Court News

On April 7, at the Max, Prince Royal David Hansen held his fund-raiser for The Imperial Court. He sponsored a Wet Jockey Shorts/Wet T-Shirt Contest. A \$50.00 prize went to the winner of each event. A total of \$528.00 was raised, with \$428.00 going to the staging of Coronation V, and the remaining \$100.00 going for the African Relief Fund.

Monday, April 15, the selection of candidates for Emperor and Empress V occurred at The Olympic Cafe in Omaha. There are three candidates for Emperor:

Steve Chaney
Kevin Duggan
& Emperor IV Gary West, all of Omaha

The Empress candidates include

Laura Lee (Jeff Johnson)
Marsha (Tony Nunn)
& Empress III Toadie (Tom Mauer).

All were introduced formally on May 1 at The Max. This should prove to be a good contest and The Imperial Court wishes good luck to all applicants. Also on April 15, two Board positions were filled: Steve Lucart and Keith Houndesheldt.

Empress Velvet and her "entourage" returned from Denver, where they attended the Coronation of the Rocky Mountain Empire. Velvet attended from April 17-22. In Denver, she participated in shows for both the monarchs

ascending and descending the throne. She also attended a "Hospitality Suite," as well as the Coronation on Saturday, April 20, at the Radisson Denver. During his stay, he also met monarchs from other courts and got new ideas on the holding of a Coronation.

On the weekend of May 4-7, Emperor Gary West and President of the Board of Governors, Don Flowers, will be visiting Washington, D.C., to present a check for \$10,000 to GRNL (Gay Rights National Lobby). The Court is releasing a statement to the news media. This news release will appear in next month's issue of The New Voice.

On Saturday, June 1, The Imperial Court will hold Coronation V, "A Night on the Nile," at the Carter Lake Warehouse. Voting will begin at 6:45 pm and conclude at 9:00 pm. Crowning will take place at approximately 11:30 pm. As the theme is Egyptian, Egyptian Attire is suggested.

As a stepping down party, Emperor Gary and Empress Velvet will hold a rafting excursion down the Elkhorn River in June. This will be FREE to everyone and is a Thank-You for a tremendous year. We will keep you posted as to the date and time. Thanks to everyone and Good Luck to all of the candidates.

Gary West, Emperor IV
Velvet, Empress IV
Scott Rezek, Sec--SoG

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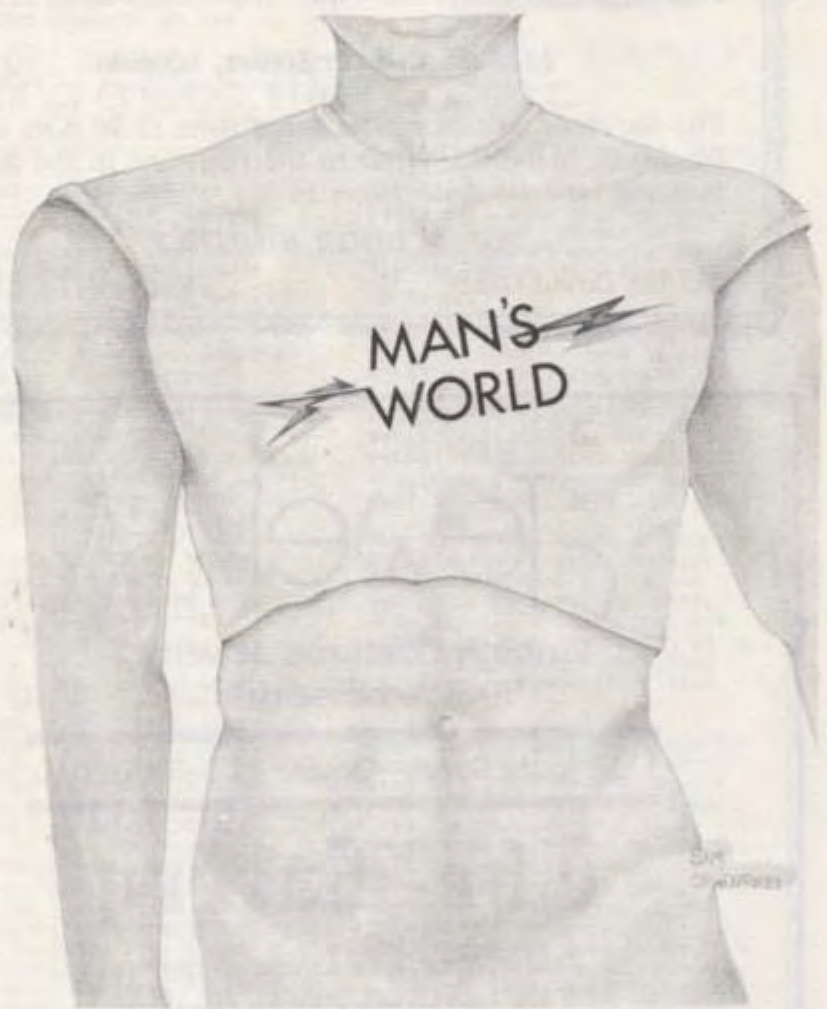
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Open Door Moves to Different Location

The only mainline church in Lincoln, and possibly in Nebraska, which has an open, direct ministry project to gay people will be moving to its new church facility on June 1, according to Father David Glaze, Pastor of Holy Archangels Orthodox Church.

The new location at

1319 South 11th St.

in Lincoln, offers about three times the worship area as the old church at 535 F Street. In addition, it provides the added benefits of kitchen facilities, larger altar space, and meeting room, all of which the old church did not offer.

Holy Archangels was opened as a mission church in August of last year for the Saint Louis Orthodox Diocese. Shortly thereafter, the parish attained a membership of ten households and was granted full parish status by the Diocese. Ever since it opened, Holy Archangels has taken the position that the church must reach out to all people and particularly gay people--in order to bring the services of the church to a much oppressed minority. To do this, the parish voted to sponsor

Open Door Ministry, the specific project of the church to gays. It has been a controversial project locally and in some national quarters, but one which the church is fully prepared to continue with. It offers free counseling and access to sacraments to the gay community.

In keeping with the parish resolve to continue with the project, Board President David Michael told The New Voice, "We see it as part of our mission that the new church building be made available to groups in the gay community for meetings and functions whenever that is possible, something which wasn't very workable in the old facility."

For those who attend occasionally, the new address is:
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This is effective June 1, 1985. Liturgy (Mass) will continue to be at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings. Until then, services will continue at the old location.

The first Liturgy to be offered in the new church will be on June 3 at 5:30 p.m. All are invited to attend it, and a cake/coffee reception will follow at the church.

Health Professionals Organize

Efforts are underway in Omaha to organize a group of gay, lesbian, and bisexual people who are health professionals or students in the health profession.

Individual members can choose to participate in either one or both of two types of activities sponsored by the group. First, the group will provide social activities aimed at meeting the members' need for contact with peers or role models in their field. Second, the group will undertake "community directed" projects aimed at educating sexual minorities about health, and

educating health professionals about selected issues involving sexuality.

All inquiries and participation in the group will be held in confidence. All contacts with individuals outside the group concerning the group's activities will be made by a spokesperson for the group and will personally identify only that spokesperson. For more information, call 345-5637 or 341-9448.

Anyone considering himself or herself a health professional is encouraged to become involved.

Alternate Interest Update

GAYS TO THE ORPHEUM

May I borrow from the Imperial Court of Nebraska's "Gays Night Out?" For those of us who saw "The Odd Couple," many have expressed an interest in going out as a group more often.

Friday, June 28 at 7:30 p.m., Richard Harris headlines the cast of the Broadway musical "Camelot" at the Orpheum Theater in Omaha. Group rates (\$3 discount per ticket) are available for groups of 10 or more. Main floor, grand tier, and loge group rate is \$24 per ticket. Middle balcony group rate is \$20 per ticket. I am willing to coordinate the purchase of a block of seats in each area.

Send your check or money order payable to Jerry Peck -- to Jerry Peck, P.O. Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103, with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to arrive by May 14. On the 15th, I will either mail you tickets with seating block limits (you can trade seats once there), or your voided check if there is not

sufficient interest. This will allow you time to purchase your tickets individually if need be. If your check bounces, I will ask Geraldine to sit on you while Empress Velvet does a Mexican Hat Dance on your face wearing capped spike heels.

EATING OUT

Easter Sunday found a full sanctuary at MCC in Omaha. Following the 10:30 a.m. service, 17 of us went to Casio's Restaurant for dinner.

Each Sunday there is a group that eats or goes out for coffee at a local restaurant -- usually JB's, Pappa Calaveties or the Neon Goose. You are welcome to attend MCC services or stop by the church at noon to find out where everyone is going. If the group gets too large, we'll just have to find a larger restaurant. We do not go where reservations are needed normally, but wouldn't it be great to get so large as to need a special room for the Sunday Gay Brunch Bunch?

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A number of people have told me verbally of their interests, but alas I don't always carry note pads. I have put three people together that are computer people, I have 2 people interested in a gay canoe trip, and 3 people that enjoy woodworking --but all are short on power tools.

One of the computer people would like to work on a Gay Bulletin Board. Anyone interested? Anyone want to organize a canoe trip, or have a basement woodworking shop they would share?

--Jerry Peck

Spring and summer activities are now underway. Let The New Voice and Alternate Interest Pool know if you like swimming, tennis, softball, and jogging. We will put you in contact with others who share similar interests.

Gay Pride Week is June 23-30

Would you be willing to help set up an activity? If you have something planned, or if some of our staff could help, Let Us Know.

--Larry Wiseblood



Hot Tonight a Smash

Gather around my little darlings and let me fill you in on what you should have been doing Sunday, April 14, at 8:30 p.m.

The Boardwalk presented "You're Looking Hot Tonight." The show starred Barry Manilow along with other famous personalities such as Chaka Khan, Sheila E., Elton John, Buddy Holly, Frankie Goes to Hollywood, Wham!, and Diana Ross. All the entertainers were impressionists. This production was not a drag show; however, Tasha did make her appearance, and as usual, she sizzled in her little (and I do mean little) ensemble. She helped emcee and performed throughout the evening.

I would love to elaborate on the wonderful job these performers did and all the hard work that went into making the show so dazzling, however, I can only highlight the evening.

Barry, decked out in his formal, opened with "You're Looking Hot Tonight." Although he performed several songs, the best, in my opinion, was "Even Now." Elton John followed with "Who Wears These Shoes," supported with props -- what else but shoes.

With Wham! coming next, singing "Careless Whisper," was a George double, right up to the

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double hoop earrings. Sheila E. received the first standing ovation for "Glamorous Life," and it was Glamorous. Chaka Khan was next with "I Feel for You," and with her outfit she could.

Next on the gay-la agenda was Tasha doing "Shop Around," and let me tell you my little ones, she can shake it. After a short intermission, Frankie Goes to Hollywood came back with "Relax." He hardly relaxed after he jumped off the speaker in his look-alike outfit. Then out jumped Buddy Holly singing "That'll Be the Day," with his "dated" guitar. Love those

glasses, Buddy!

All entertainers deserve honorable mention, but in my opinion, Diana Ross stole the show with "Swept Away" and "Missing You." She practically had the standing-room-only audience dancing in the aisle and received the second standing ovation of the evening.

At this point I would like to thank Barry Manilow and The Boardwalk for all their hard work in making this enjoyable evening possible. I sincerely hope we see more in the future.

--Chamla

Gay Mens Rap Group Dissolves

Due to the lack of interest in the last month, I have decided to discontinue the Gay Men's Rap Group. I am turning over all of my material to others in hope that another rap group will be formed. I felt that the Omaha community is in need of such a group.

I apologize to all of you who have come for a rap group and found no one there. (My work

schedule has increased.) To those of you who have shown up just to cruise, I'm sorry that you didn't find the rap group a little more interesting. I hope that you will give a little more of your time to the person/persons who form an organization. We do it for a reason.

--Butch Addleman

FEATURES

Gail's Hit List

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| 1. RHYTHM OF THE NIGHT Debarge | * 9. MEETING IN THE LADIES ROOM Klymaxx |
| * 2. STIR IT UP Patti LaBelle | *10. HERE TO GO Devo |
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| 5. I'M NO ANGEL Madleen Kane | *13. VICIOUS GAMES Yello |
| 6. PUTTING THE NIGHT ON HOLD Lauren Grey | *14. CELEBRATE YOUTH Rick Springfield |
| * 7. THINGS CAN ONLY GET BETTER Howard Jones | *15. SUDDENLY Billy Ocean |
| * 8. YOU SPIN ME RIGHT 'ROUND Dead or Alive | * = new entry |

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"Dancing underneath electric stars"--a line from the song "Rhythm of the Night" by DeBarge describes the dancefloors of many of our Midwestern night spots. "Disco" may lie moulding in the grave along with mounds of decomposing polyester, but the dance spots of the mid 80s have again taken on the luster and energy of the late 1970s. It's no longer disco, but simply "dance music." It's fog machines, lasers, UFOs, helicopters, oscillators. It's hi-tech European lighting, and it's finally hit the Midwest and hit hard. Video, which replaced lights, is out and lights are again in, but different. Computerized, electronic wizardry has seized the floor and is taking its gyrating revelers on a sensual flight which encompasses sight, sound, and even smell.

Nebraskans should be proud of their dance spots. If you doubt my word, just amble off to one of the adjoining states for an evening out, and you'll wonder why you ever left home. Omaha, for instance, can boast and rightfully so, The Max. This hi-tech establishment was the

first to bring Euro-tech dance-floor lighting to gay Nebraska. Dancers are dazzled by a variety of moving lights and spectacular shafts of color projected on cloud banks of fog. The Stage Door recently installed a barrage of light effects, many of which can be enjoyed off as well as on the dancefloor. In Lincoln, the former Sanctuary, now Imaginations, has installed a dancefloor complete with UFO, rumored to have been handmade by dj Steve Ward. At the Board-Walk, dancers may be found enveloped in vanilla-scented fog as a number of helicopters, oscillators, and motorized mirror-reflected spot lights bathe the floor in pastels and primaries. Rumor has it they've just begun. Rumor also has it that the cutest djs in Nebraska spin discs (and who knows what else!) behind that ruby red screen.

So there you have it--hi-tech is here--take advantage and enjoy. Support your local dance spot!

yours,

GAIL

Restaurant Reviews

Rocky Rococo, 14th & P. Hours: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday through Thursday; 11 a.m. to 12 midnight, Friday and Saturday.

You may think "Oh no, another pizza place!" It is that; however, this pizza was very good.

Specializing in deep-dish, pan pizza, Cham and I ordered a medium pepperoni with extra cheese, a beer (yes, they have beer and wine coolers) and a medium coke. The medium coke was a little small for this girl and at that point I wondered what I'd gotten myself into. After seating ourselves, we checked out the decor. Still being able to smell the fresh paint and carpet, the color scheme is very much like another pizza place in town. After a 20-minute wait, our pizza arrived. The extra cheese was

very extra. In fact, sometimes all I could taste was the cheese. There was no skipping though on pepperoni or sauce. Our eyes must have been bigger than our stomachs. After one and one-half pieces, we were contently full.

Glancing at the salad bar on the way out, there appeared to be quite an array of goodies for the "rabbit food" lovers. Rockys also has two or three special pizzas, including a vegetarian pizza and a Hawaiian pizza. Also, for the student on the move, they sell pizza by the slice at a reasonable price.

Spending under \$10 on the meal, we decided to give Rocky Rococo our business again.

--Heidi & Cham

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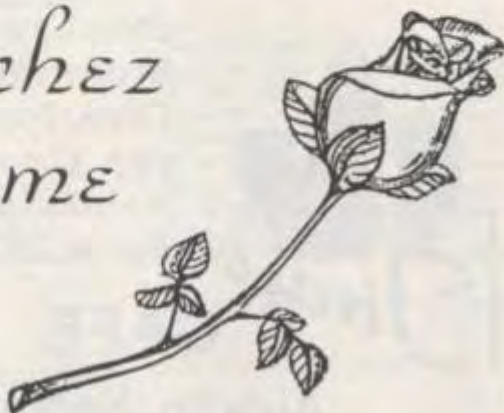
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Chicago will be the host for the North American Gay Volleyball Association's Annual National Tournament. Twenty-two teams in the A Division and 28 teams in B division will be competing on May 25 and 26.

--Gay Chicago Magazine

A deadlocked U.S. Supreme Court has handed gays an "important victory" by affirming a lower court decision that invalidated portions of an Oklahoma law. Oklahoma and other 10th Circuit states (Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming) cannot fire teachers simply for speaking out publicly in favor of homosexuality or gay rights.

--The Advocate

Polk County Attorney Don Johnson of Iowa told a recent audience that he had decided to "stand up . . . and be counted in the cause of my Gay, homosexual, and Lesbian brothers and sisters." The Des Moines Register reported that Johnson, who is leaving for a new job in New York, did not wish to say whether or not he is gay himself.

The National Women's Music Festival will be held the weekend after Memorial Weekend, May 31 to June 2 on the Indiana University campus in Bloomington. Start on Broadway, Kansas City's newest gay bar is reported to be the largest bar in the Mid-

west. The bar is located at 3605 A Broadway.

--The Gay News-Telegraph-St.

Louis

Valerie Terrigans, West Hollywood, California's newly-incorporated lesbian mayor, is being investigated by the FBI on the basis of allegations that she mishandled federal funds while directing a social service organization: Crosswood's Counseling Service. West Hollywood elected a city council of five last fall, three of whom are openly gay or lesbian.

--Gay Community News, Boston

A bomb threat to My Place has helped--not hurt--business at North Dakota's only gay and lesbian bar. Heavy publicity of the March 18 incident brought in new faces of gays who didn't know the bar existed.

--Equal Time, Minneapolis

The 2nd International Gay Square Dance Convention will be held May 25-27 in Denver, Colorado, at the Executive Tower Inn. The theme for this year's convention is "Promenade Along the Rockies," and will feature hundreds of dancers from over 25 gay square dance clubs from across the country.

--Pony Express, Hollywood, Florida

Pages from the Past

6 YEARS AGO . . .

The glitter had gone out of the Hollywood Discoteque, reported GAIN after many of the gay crowd left in frustration of straight crowds. However, the owners and managers of The

Hollywood were working out plans to keep the Hollywood gay. The Omaha club was the largest and most elegant gay bar that Nebraska ever had. Owners Bruce and Don now own The Max, another Midwest drawing card.

If everything around you is beginning to look the same, perhaps it's time you discover the **Boardwalk** where the *Music, Magic, and Energy* continues to **Shine** all day every day. Truly an experience you deserve.

*Matthews Bookstore is sponsoring an autograph party with wine and cheese for Dr. Louis Crompton at 1620 Harney St. Omaha NE. Sunday May 26th from 2-5 pm. In honor of publication of *Byron and Greek Love* by the University of California Press at Berkeley. Dr. Crompton's book is the study of Byron's homoerotic involvement and the effect of homosexuality on his work.*

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Nate & Eric— fiction

"The Over-Nighter"

Nate and Eric had dated every night for a week. It was complete bliss. The two talked, laughed, shared secrets and were generally sickly sweet in their courtship. But so far, there hadn't been the Over-Nighter.

This Friday, Sarah would be out of town, so Nate decided it was time. After dinner out and a movie, they returned to Nate's. At the door, Nate asked Eric if he would care to stay the night--then held his breath. Eric replied, "I have always relied on the kindness of strangers" and sashayed in.

He was greeted by Sarah's over-excited puppy, Jeri. "That dog," sighed Nate. "He loves men more than he does Kibbles and Bits!"

After wrestling the dog into submission, Nate and Eric retired to the bedroom, followed by Jeri. Jeri was left dejected at the door, resolved to dig his way into the room.

During one of those moments that is as water crashing against rocks, Nate's head began to pound repeatedly on the wall. Suddenly, a pounding answered Nate's knocks of love. "Oh God, Sarah must be home," Nate rasped. Positions changed and a quieter Round Two began. Only the sounds of Jeri's attempts to get in invaded their love nest.

Then at a moment that would rival a virgin's first visit to her gynecologist, the door swung open and in ran Jeri,

making the two into a thrilling threesome. Eric yelled, due to Jeri's licking of his behind.

Eric then jumped in horror. There was a woman at the door. "Close the door, please!" Nate begged. Now it was over. Eric would never ever speak to him again, much less care to come over. Nate looked up to find Eric wrestling with the dog. Their eyes met and they both laughed.

Later that morning, Nate began Brunch. As he hummed around the kitchen, giddy as a school-boy, he spied overnight bags by the door. These were not Sarah's. "May I help you with breakfast?" It was Sarah's mother. "My goodness, you seem rather pale," she added. "Have you been here long, Mrs. Lovins?" Nate asked, his voice hitting new octaves. "All night, Dear," she answered with a twinkle in her eye. "Will your friend be joining you?" Nate felt faint.

"You know, Sarah told me all about you. I think it's grand. Besides, I need to talk with you about something." Nate's stomach began to dance. "You see, I'm not sure, but I think I'm a lesbian." Nate slipped into a chair. "I feel I can talk with you, you being such a good friend of Sarah's."

"Listen," Mrs. Lovins added, "I'll talk with you later about this. I'm going shopping. I think your eggs are done," then left. Eric joined Nate and asked, "Was that Sarah?"

"No, that was her lesbian mother. Juice?"

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Exhibit A: A sign in the parking lot of the United Auto Workers' Union headquarters saying "Foreign made cars parked in this lot will be towed at owner's expense."

Exhibit B: A bumper sticker which says "Buy American, the job you save may be your own."

Exhibit C: At the request of the owner of a gay bar your reporter visits several straight bars on a Wednesday evening -- the Zoo, the Lucky Lady, and P O Pears. In all of them I recognize people known to me to be gay or lesbian. The bar owner had previously complained to me about all the gay people who on weeknights go to straight bars, thus depriving gay bars of revenue.

Is it unpatriotic, unAmerican and anti-gay to patronize "the enemy"? After all, let us be honest and admit that we as gays and lesbians tend to have an us-against-them mentality whenever we talk about so-called straight society.

Obviously, we cannot refuse to do business with society as a whole, unless we choose to move to an island in the middle of the ocean somewhere. At the same time, there are some businesses which depend almost entirely on the gay and lesbian community to stay open, gay bars being one of them.

By the same token, there is a law of economics which basically says that people will do business where the merchant puts together the best package for them. For years there was only one gay bar in Lincoln

and I remember reading about it in Milton's Paradise Lost. One can hardly blame gay people for spending their money elsewhere. Such is no longer the case, though; for a city of its size, Lincoln does have a decent selection for a change. Enjoy!

I would prefer that my doctor, dentist and lawyer be gay, but more importantly I want them to be competent. (My lawyer is; I haven't discussed it with my doctor or dentist but if I had to guess, I would guess my doctor is and my dentist isn't. Gay, that is.) Likewise, I prefer to spend my entertainment money in the gay community, but more importantly I want to spend it where I will have a good time. So long as there are good times to be had within the gay community, though, it should have top priority.

Most economists are of the opinion that strides toward equality for blacks and women, such as they have been, have been the result of encouraging minority entrepreneurs and building up the capital within those communities. We know from experience that obtaining gay and lesbian civil rights through the legal process is difficult if not impossible and will remain so for the foreseeable future. Therefore, we would do well to borrow a leaf from the books of other minority groups by building ourselves up economically. As a start, how about going to the Boardwalk or Imaginations this Wednesday instead of P O Pears?

--Mel Dahl

Consumer Watch

Coupon Wars are once again back on the scene. Now would be a good time to use coupons as several grocery stores are offering double coupons. The new Sinky Dinky and Price Rite Foods recently started offering this incentive again. Some sack & fill stores and other grocery stores also offer double coupons. The key is to use only coupons that you normally use on products you buy and find products in smaller

sizes. For example, a small box of laundry detergent at \$1.09 with a 50¢ coupon would cost only 9¢. Coupons can be found in Wednesday's and Sunday's local newspapers, magazines, coupon bins at local supermarkets, and by trading with other coupon collectors. Coupons can save a consumer between 20-50% on the total food bill if used correctly.

--Larry Wiseblood



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Gay Couples Part III

In this article, I want to talk about Stage Three in coupling. In the last two articles, I gave an overview of all the stages, and I looked at Stage One and Stage Two. McWhirter and Matison, in their book The Male Couple, call the third stage "Maintaining" (the fourth and fifth years). There are several aspects of this stage that need to be looked at.

This stage brings back the individual. During the first two stages, one's individuality is blended with the other for the good of the relationship. One's individuality begins expressing itself in many different ways now. Sometimes it comes out in one partner wanting to spend more time with old friends or doing an activity which he or she did before the relationship started. One partner of a couple I worked with wanted to spend more time with her music. This threatened the other partner because that meant her lover would spend more time with other people. There was also the possible threat that her partner might find someone else if she spent time with other women. The other concern was that the time spent playing music took away from time spent together.

This brings us to another part of Stage Three which is "Dealing with Conflicts." Most of us will avoid conflict at all cost, but let's face it--you can only do that for so long. By this time the little things that were cute or romantic in Stage One or Two have worn thin. Putting laundry down to be washed may have been overlooked up to this point, but after telling him 400 times, the other partner might just blow his stack this time. The bonding in the first two stages is helpful here as couples learn to fight. Folks have to learn how to deal with conflict if they ever hope to stay together for any length of time. Each couple will deal with conflict in their own way. They usually rely on the ways they learned while growing up. Sometimes

this leads to more conflict since each partner grew up in a different family. Most of us think that we are going to do things differently from our parents, but when push comes to shove, and the pressure is on, we tend to go back to Plan "A." Conflict also brings up old fears of loss. Does it mean that if we "fight" we are going to break up? Sometimes this causes folks to feel depressed and irritable. It is helpful to realize that it is only a stage you are going through rather than a sign that the relationship is dissolving.

Along with conflict, the old issue of monogamy raises its head, so to speak. According to McWhirter and Matison, men have a tendency to begin taking risks in this area during Stage Three. In their survey, only three couples remained monogamous throughout their relationship. This was a relatively small survey, but is probably fairly true in the general population. I am not sure that this issue is the same for women, and in my clinical experience, women are usually more monogamous. Outside sexual relationships can rock any relationship to the core. The conflict resolutions skills learned before are needed here to deal with this issue.

Monogamy is a tough issue to deal with, but it looks as if it's an issue that has to be dealt with sooner or later. In Don Clark's book Living Gay, he also talks about it for himself and his partner. The thing to remember is that other couples work through this issue and stay together and you can too! Remember that couples grow with each issue which they deal with successfully. Some will choose to be monogamous, and others will find a non-monogamous situation more satisfactory. This is one area in which gay couples cannot look at the straight world and find solutions. Gay couples are pioneering here, and it will probably be the straight couples who will have to look at gay relationships to find some solutions around their problems with monogamy. So long, until next time.

--Mike Fitzpartick, M.S.W.

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Gemini—The Twins

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Gemini, the third sign of the Zodiac, is the third spring sign and the first sign of the Air element and the Mutable mode of expression. The key words for the mutable mode are Adaptability and Flexibility. The key word for the air element is Aspiration. The air element represents the mental plane and deals with the intellectual capacity of man, including communication and relationships.

In Gemini, the intellectual bent appears in the ability to acquire, use and communicate information. Originality in repatterning ideas is often present. Gemini gathers and scatters knowledge.

The mutable mode grants richness of experiences in dealing with many different circumstances. There is flexibility and ingenuity, especially in emergencies.

CONGRATULATIONS to Julie Morgan, a regular contributor to The New Voice. Julie has had an article published by Ear Shot, a broadcasting trade newspaper published in San Diego with distribution throughout the United States and Canada, with emphasis on ABC, CBS, & NBC affiliates.

Julie's article deals with the problems of being a transexual and continuing a career in

Interests are centered in direct/personal relationships; in Gemini, these are often in the areas of learning and communication.

There is a tendency to scatter personal forces, to changeableness and a lack of persistence. Often outside conditions overshadow personal wishes/desires due to a lack of stability and inability to strongly assert individuality.

Gemini is least compatible with Virgo (earth) and Pisces (water). Problems are also likely with Capricorn (earth) and Scorpio (water).

Gemini is most compatible with Libra and Aquarius (the other air signs) and with Aries and Leo (fire signs).

Gemini can build a positive relationship with Sagittarius, Gemini's opposition sign, if a balance between the two is reached.

Gemini-Gemini relationships can be a lot of fun if the "twins" are well matched and one does not "call" the other on things both do (eg. "You flirt with everyone you see!")

--Phoenix

broadcasting. Both Julie and Ear Shot are to be commended for the courage to present this issue to the broadcasting industry. Many eyebrows will be raised, and hopefully some minds will be opened. Julie, as Julie, has had to leave the broadcasting industry locally. Wherever you go from here, Julie, we support you with our best wishes.

--Jerry Peck

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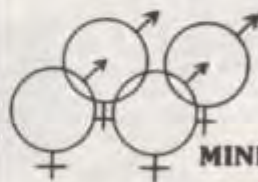
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Letters

Note: the following letter was submitted to The Wesleyan on April 5 and was approved for publication by the editor, Chris Graves. This letter was typeset and ready for print when it was suppressed by Judy Bruce, advisor to The Wesleyan. Her reason: "lack of space..."

-AF-S

Dear Editors of The Wesleyan:

We feel a need to address several statements made in the article, "Student Questions Previous Article's Perspectives," published March 29. We also want to be sure that other students of Nebraska Wesleyan fully understand our position and our objectives as members of the (as yet) unofficial, unrecognized Gay/Lesbian Student Group.

We do not consider at issue here "homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle." Sexual proclivity, whether homosexual or heterosexual, is only one part of any person and should not solely determine citizenship. The individual merits of each person must be evaluated objectively, gay or straight, and what is "acceptable" criteria for some is not necessarily that of everyone else. To imply otherwise is not only erroneous, but presumptuous.

It is correct, however, to say that prohibitions based on discrimination and sexist prejudice are nothing unique to the gay community. This does not mean that such policies are legitimate and that we will continue to accept them as is. We are not seeking special privileges--we are asking for equity in the administrative policies that govern every student organization. We think a separate policy that levies restrictions yet denies us equal status and representation is clearly discriminatory. It is not our aim to make ourselves known--we would like the opportunity, as students in

good standing, for quiet and equal co-existence as an organization.

Also, reference was given to Love in Action, an Evangelistic California-based ministry designed to "convert" homosexuals to heterosexual behavior under the premise that homosexuality in and of itself is "satanic," and that Christian homosexuals are an "anathema" ("devoted to evil, accursed, detestable"). Like several other Christian organizations that focus on homosexuality, Love in Action has a very homophobic approach to sexuality. What they "offer" is certainly not what Christian homosexuals need. Under the surface, some of these organizations are viciously anti-gay, and they specialize in guilt and psychological abuse--telling gays that they are not Christians until they conform to heterosexuality (some, like Love in Action, do not believe celibacy is enough). Under these intense pressures, it should be no surprise that many converts find that they have been ultimately set up for conflict and eventual tragedy.

Instead, we would like to point out an organization directly related to the United Methodist Church, Affirmation. Affirmation is a community of homosexual and heterosexual persons designed to give support and growth for gays and lesbians, their families, and friends. Affirmation provides fellowship, education, and worship facilities in an atmosphere of understanding. There are others: Kinship International (Seventh-Day Adventist), Casa De Cristo (Orthodox Evangelical), Evangelicals Concerned, Brethren/Mennonite Council for Gay Concerns, Dignity (Roman Catholic), Lutherans Concerned, Wingspan (Lutheran), and American Baptists Concerned, to name a few. All of these organizations focus on reconciliation instead of intolerance.

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ance. Like Affirmation, each supports the belief that the gay person can be a Christian--with moral standards (such as fidelity) and good character. These Christian Organizations truly exemplify love in action.

The students in the Gay/Lesbian group come from various backgrounds and educational interests, but our common bond brings us together in fellowship and in friendship. In every other respect, we are

just like everyone else on campus, and we've come to Nebraska Wesleyan because it is an excellent school with a sound Christian environment. We don't want to disrupt this environment; as a student group, we want to be part of it. Nothing more, nothing less.

--Members,

Gay/Lesbian Student Group
at Nebraska Wesleyan

Building a Good Relationship

Looking into their eyes you could tell they were lovers. They really didn't need to say anything. It was the way they sat next to each other.... It was the gestures they made with their hands....a kind of shy tenderness. It was the feeling you could sense being radiated between the two of them like two warm suns shining on each other and sharing their light. And...if you were close enough...you could feel it! But mostly, it was the eyes. The eyes, dark and deep...offering quick glimpses of concern, compassion, understanding and love.

For 14 years they have struggled through a lover's life of ups and downs...learning from each other...sharing their strengths and weaknesses. There were separations, but mostly there was love. Love that has been strong enough to allow them to give each other the freedom to grow and to know themselves. A special relationship between two women who inherently knew that love cannot be defined by sexual differences. A love which was strong enough to survive in a world where most can only see the outside of a person...a world that hasn't saturated where it realizes love flourishes naturally between people regardless of the shell that defines their sex.

On a warmer than average spring day, Nancy and Alma were home... at the Chesterfield, the small gay women's bar they own and

operate near 20th and St. Marys.

It was on Mother's Day, 14 years ago, they decided they were in love. It was on Mother's Day at the old Cave bar that Nancy gave Alma a flower.

After 14 years, that love which the flower symbolized is still exciting. They are still discovering each other, still finding new sides to their personalities. As a result, the relationship has changed. It has grown stronger and more open.

Many gay young women get bored quickly with a relationship, moving continually from one lover to the next. To Alma, this says..."I think they are afraid to open themselves up to each other and let the other person know exactly how they feel and why."

What makes a good relationship? Communication! And, as Nancy sees it..."You have to accept some of the things your lover does whether you like it or not, or whether you would do it yourself or not, or whether it meets your morals or not." You also have to be the best of friends and be honest. Particularly with the person you love, even if you cannot be with anyone else. And, most important, accept them for what they are. Don't try to change them.

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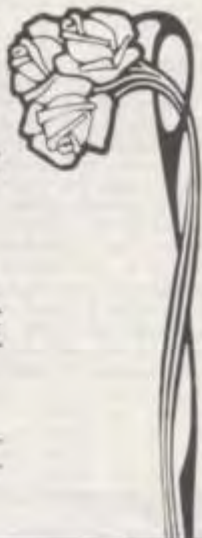
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quickly added, "We're crazy in love with each other; I'm more in love with her now than I was when we first met and I thought I was crazy in love with her then."

Building a relationship takes a lot of hard work but what you get out of it is worth it. "The security of a relationship, the security of a friendship, the security of knowing THAT one person on the face of this Earth is everything to you and is going to be there." Nancy offers this analogy: "If you get in a car wreck and you're paralyzed for the rest of your life, you'd know that person would still love you just as much, even without sex if your body couldn't perform."

If you are in a relationship that seems to be spiraling downward, don't give up. Fight harder! "It's worth it," says Nancy, "to go through hell to find some happiness. Life is not like you see it on TV or in the movies."

By now, the mood of the Chesterfield had changed from the afternoon drinkers to the nighttime partiers. A few couples threaded their way to the little square dance floor. Others sat quietly at the bar. Laughter erupted from a pool game and drifted with the smoke across the room to compete with voices vying for attention at a dart board.

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I know that we will never forget the fun during this year, and I wish to thank my Empress, Prince and Princess Royal, the Imperial Court Board of Governors, Royal family, the many volunteers, the bars, the gay/lesbian community that all supported me. And through their efforts made this year a Royal success. With the continued support of these people, there is no doubt that 1985/86 will be a bigger success.

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What does a flower do,
pushing itself out of the
ground, when it is at odds

with the world?

Past the parching season
there is autumn rain and the
stillness, and blossoming.

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Men only, please
- *Imperial Court of Nebraska 342-5710
Social organization for the advancement of gay society. Omaha meeting first Monday of every month except when falling on holiday. Phone for location.
- *B.A.G.L. (Battered/Abused Gays/Lesbians) P.O. Box 8141 Omaha, NE 68108 345-5797
Providing support through mutual self-help to gays/lesbians who have been involved in abusive situations with ones they love.
- *Imperial Court of Nebraska Bowling League 451-1662
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- *Black & White Men Together (BWMT) 556-9561 P.O. Box 31291 Omaha, NE 68132
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- *Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha 420 S. 24th St. 345-2563
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- *Dignity of Omaha 341-1460 or 553-2308
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- *Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) P.O. Box 3173, Omaha NE 68103 345-2563
Support group for parents, friends and relatives of lesbians and gay men. Phone for information.
- *Anou Rainbow Pageant c/o Kim Meake 2116 No. 15th St., #21 Omaha, NE 68110
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- *Community of Grace
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- *Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous
466-5214. Groups meet weekly.
- *Gay/Lesbian Information and Support Line. Call (402) 475-4697
- *UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Association. 278 Andrews Hall, UNL
Meets Thursdays, 8 pm.
- *Lesbian Support Group 477-2597
Informal discussion group for lesbians, all women welcome.
Meets weekly. For more information, contact the Womens Resource Center, Room 117, Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 68588
- *Lincoln Coalition for Gay & Lesbian Civil Rights. Box 94882, Lincoln, NE 68509
An advocacy group which lobbies for lesbian/gay civil rights, provides education presentations, publishes a newsletter and sponsors cultural and political programs
- *Lincoln Legion of Lesbians
Box 30137 Lincoln, NE 68503
A lesbian-feminist collective founded in 1978. Provides a newsletter, confidential referral and support groups for lesbians and sponsors cultural and social programs.
- *Ministry in Human Sexuality, Inc.
Box 89122 Lincoln, NE 68501
478-9913 -- A non-profit agency which provides counseling, education and supportive action for those seeking growth and understanding in the areas of sexuality and relationships. Contact:
J. Benjamin Roe, Executive Director
- *The New Voice of Nebraska Box 80819
Lincoln, NE 68501
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- *Open Door Ministry 535 F St.
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- *Parents/Friends of Lesbians & Gays-Cornhusker Box 4374 Lincoln, NE 68504 466-1151
A support group for parents, friends, and relatives of lesbians and gay men. Meets in the evenings on the 4th Tuesday of the month.
- *Support Group for Gay/Lesbian Students at Nebr. Wesleyan Univ.
Contact Dr. Mary Smith NWU, 50th and St. Paul Lincoln, NE 68504 466-2371
- *Third Culture. Contact Pat at 474-2213
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