

V O L I

N O. XI

*The
New Voice*

O F N E B R A S K A



The New Voice

Editor - Larry Wiseblood
Recorder - Randall Barron
Wimmin's Assoc. Editor -
Anita Freeman-Soltisyyk

Staff - Gary, Julie Morgan

Assoc. Editors - Tom Pasco, Mel Dahl
Assoc. Editor for Omaha - Jerry P.
Treasurer - Bob B
Copy Editor - Gary Carey

Contributors - Gail, Dave, Louis,
John, Gary W., Scott, Don, Aaron,
Cynthia

The New Voice is published and distributed each month by a dedicated volunteer staff. We are completely financed by donations and advertising. Copyright 1984. All rights reserved. Publication of the name, photograph, or likeness of any person, business, or organization in this publication is not to be construed as any indication of the sexual orientation or preference of

such person, business, or organization. Opinions expressed herein by columnists do not necessarily reflect the opinions of The New Voice or its staff. Subscriptions: 1 year--\$10.00. Display \$2.00 for 20 words or less.

The New Voice
P. O. Box 80819
LINCOLN, NE
68501

Don Longmore
401 S. 39 St.
OMAHA, NE
68131

January 1985

Happy New Year!

Our Turn

Comments and Opinions from The New Voice staff

As you may notice, January's issue is smaller than previous issues and has an overabundance of advertising. This was planned so that The New Voice staff could enjoy the holidays without the pressure of deadlines. As with many other volunteer groups, burn-out is a problem, and recently we lost some key people on the staff. In the near future, we will have a recruitment drive to replenish our ranks. If you have free time and would like to be on the staff of The New Voice, call me at 475-7740 or write P.O. Box 80819, Lincoln, 68502. Or write to Don Longmore at 401 S. 39th St., Omaha, 68131.

The New Voice recently incorporated with the Secretary of State as a cooperative. In our next issue, we will explain how incorporation will benefit our publication and what it means for the community.

--Larry Wiseblood

The subject of feminism has been the topic of interest in recent months. I believe it is a topic well worth discussion. I am all for the right of woman to alleviate the dominance of masculine repression. I feel very strongly for the positive steps which The New Voice can make in the future for halting sexism within our community.

I want to personally congratulate and thank the woman of our community for their sincere and educational input into the community's publication.

--Randall Barron

WANTED: People to contribute articles for consideration for publication in The New Voice. If it is in good taste and tastefully done it has a chance. Contact The New Voice, P. O. Box 80819, Lincoln, NE 68501.

We are Everywhere In all Occupations

Recently The New Voice of Nebraska conducted a non-scientific survey to confirm what is already known--gays, lesbians and persons living alternate lifestyles are located in every occupation imaginable. There are gay and lesbian police officers, dentists, construction workers, lawyers, doctors and farmers. We are located in schools, large business firms, hotels, retail stores, factories, and state and city office buildings. We serve the sick and elderly,

build bridges, fight fires, deliver the mail, and maintain our nation's security in every branch of the military.

Many straight people stereotype us and place us into categories. Gay men are pictured as beauticians, interior decorators, florists and ballet dancers. There is nothing wrong with those chosen professions but we are not limited to a select group of careers.

continued on next page...

Disclosure in the work place can be difficult or nearly impossible in the midwest. Many gays and lesbians in Nebraska separate their private lives from their careers. Lovers and significant others are referred to as roommates and imaginary heterosexual facades often materialize. Sometimes marriage occurs to protect one's identity and attempt to fit into the norms of society. Most gays and lesbians do not fit stereotypical images so it is easy to blend in the work-place without any suspicion.

The survey asked over 100 people to describe their jobs, how they enjoyed their work, questions concerning disclosure and how some occupations benefited gays and lesbians. Members of The New Voice staff passed out written questionnaires as well as receiving verbal responses.

Most gays and lesbians indicated that some people in the workplace knew about their lifestyle but total disclosure was a rarity; most individuals did not fear losing their jobs but some felt it could hurt their chances for promotion or acceptance among co-workers. Over 70% of those responding to the survey indicated that they enjoyed their work.

A surprising outcome of the survey was that a slight majority of respondents said their jobs enabled them to help other

gays and lesbians. For some this was done very indirectly.

A sampling of some of the job descriptions follows:

AUDIO-VISUAL PRODUCTION—make sound and video recordings, photo events and people and produce slide/tape shows.

BARTENDER—mix drinks and serve public.

BROADCAST JOURNALIST—write, edit, collect, investigate and announce "news".

COMPUTER PROGRAMMER—write, research, document and test programs.

FINANCIAL CONSULTANT—manage portfolios.

POST OFFICE MAIL CARRIER—sort and deliver mail.

MARKETING REPRESENTATIVE—Sell computer communications, software, systems and consulting.

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR—group therapy, individual counseling, crisis intervention.

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY COUNSELOR—Provide group training in Transactional Analysis and treatment for individuals having drug and alcohol problems.

PROFESSIONAL MUSICIAN—member of a symphony orchestra.

continued on next page....

• Mike Fitzpatrick MSW, ACSW •

Couple Counseling — Family Counseling
Dealing with your parents and
problems with children and step-parenting
Individual Counseling (depression, coming out, etc.)
Omaha Phone: 397-0330

The Palace Glass Co.

*Specializing in Custom Stained Glass
Etched Mirrors and Panels
Quality Repairs*

**725 South 11th St.
Lincoln, NE 68508
476-9661**

**Hours:
2-8 M-Th. 2-5 Fri.
10-3 Sat. or by Appt.**



Graybeard's Collectibles

*733 S. 11th
Lincoln, NE 68506
Open Mon.-Sat. 12-5*

*China, jewelry,
furniture, glassware,
vintage clothing,
art deco.*



RUMORS

**Nostalgic
Collectibles**

**725 S. 11th St
Lincoln, NE 68508
Mon.-Sat. 12-4**

**DECO-POSTERS
MOVIE PRINTS
ORIGINAL DESIGNS
POP ART**

NURSE (LPN) --supervising staff and giving general nursing care to people.

PROFESSOR--teach at local university.

OFFICE CLERK--Filing, typing, sorting, and answering the phone.

RECEPTIONIST--PBX switchboard, greeting and directing clients, typing, filing, cashiering.

SENIOR RESEARCH ANALYST--Develop life insurance products, write policy language and obtain product approval.

SUPERVISOR, FAST FOOD RESTAURANT--Food preparation, supervise 3-6 employees.

SALES-RETAIL STORE--Stocking, selling, operating cash register.

SECURITY GUARD--Provide security and theft control at shopping mall.

SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE--Sales and service for a major telephone company.

STOCK COMMODITY BROKER--Sell stocks and commodity futures to clients.

TEACHER--elementary school teacher.

EVENTS & ORGANIZATIONS

Open Door Sponsors Pasta Feed.

Mark your calendars for January 26th.

Holy Archangels Orthodox Church will be sponsoring a pasta feed fundraiser for Open Door Ministry.

Open Door requires much time and funding and needs your support to continue and provide a place where members of the gay and lesbian community can go for support and counseling.

A \$4.50 advance ticket will get you all the spaghetti you can eat with homemade

sauce, salad, garlic bread, and tea or coffee, plus you'll have an opportunity to meet new friends. Tickets will be \$5.00 at the door.

You may purchase advance tickets by calling (402) 476-0287 or (402) 474-3390.

The Pasta Feed will be held at 429 F Street--Lincoln, NE, 68508 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

This is the first fundraiser to be held for Open Door, so make your reservations now to help this worthwhile cause.

Twin Cities Chorus Coming

We need bodies! And we need beds! If you have a spare bed, clean sheets, can perk coffee, and stick a Sara Lee in the oven--and would like to host one or more of the 80 members of the Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus, call Carl at 476-1572 or Alan at 476-2667.

at 8 p.m., the 80-member Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus is coming to Lincoln--their first trip ever to the capital city. If you were in the audience when the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus performed in Lincoln, you remember the electric surge of pride that rippled

February 23, Saturday evening,

continued on next page....

throughout the audience. This is going to happen again, and this upcoming evening of exciting music is being sponsored by the American Foundation for the Fine Arts. A large audience for the Gay Chorus is expected--Kimball Hall on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus has been hired for the evening--so make plans to be there.

And, at the same time, plan to

Imperial Court News

On December 12, the Imperial Court of Nebraska, along with the Metropolitan Arts Council of Omaha co-sponsored a fund-raising event for BAGL (Battered/Abused Gays/Lesbians) at the Omaha Magic Theater. Both organizations paid a \$250.00 fee for the use of the facility to see their production of Astro-Brides, starring Ms. JO Ann Schmidmann. A total of \$33.00 was raised from the door and donations. Along with \$150.00 given the BAGL for facilitators' fees, the Imperial Court of Nebraska donated \$433.00 to this worthwhile organization.

The Imperial Court of Nebraska would like to thank Kelly from Cherchez la Femme in Lincoln for the fund-raiser which they put on for BAGL, during which they raised \$35.00.

With all of the burdens put upon the management and staff of The Sanctuary in Lincoln, they still managed to put on a show for "Toys for Tots" on Tuesday, December 18. Performing were Tasha, Carmen Rose, Danielle, Amy, and Connie in a show which raised \$42.00 for "Toys for Tots."

Thursday, December 20 was "\$1.00 or 1 Toy Night" at The Sanctuary, The Chesterfield, The Max, The Alley, and The Run bars. These bars put on various specials to entice gays to bring toys for needy children. As of December 20, without hearing the outcome of The Sanctuary's "\$1.00 Night," the community has helped the Imperial Court raise \$302.00, plus various toys for the "Toys for Tots" campaign. This total has yet to include money raised from

share your apartment and your city and time with some of the 80 members of the Gay Chorus. In addition to housing, the Chorus needs people to sell tickets, work toward promotion, and usher. Anyone wishing to assist AFFA with time, talent, and contributions should contact Carl at 476-1572 or Alan at 476-3667.

--Carey

the December 23rd show at The Max.

On Christmas Eve, the Imperial Court sponsored a "Holiday Spread" at M.C.C. Church in Omaha. From 2 p.m. until 5 p.m., people feasted on ham, roast beef, cheeses, crackers, and soft drinks. It was a good turnout, and a good time was had by all.

Again, we would like to remind everyone that the Imperial Court will be sponsoring a night out at the Firehouse Dinner Theater on February 20 (Wed). Starting at 6:30 p.m., this show includes a buffet dinner and the show The Odd Couple. The cost is \$17.00 and is not a fund-raiser for the Court.

Special thanks go to The Chesterfield, The Max, The Alley, The Run, and The Sanctuary for all they've done to help with "Toys for Tots." Thanks also go to Mr. Pat Phalen and Ms. Carol Dietz for all the work they put into the showing of Astro Bride for the community. Thanks also go to Pastor Jan Kross for the use of the church for the "Holiday Spread," and to Princess Royale, Liesa Durant, and Empress IV, Velvet, for the shows which they held for the "Toys for Tots."

And most important, thanks go to everyone of the gay community of Nebraska, for which none of these activities and contributions would be possible.

With all sincerity,

Gary West, Emperor IV
Scott Rezek, Secretary
of the Board of Governors

FUNDRAISER

Pasta Feed

Saturday
JAN 26

6:30 - 9:30 PM

429 F STREET

\$4.50 IN ADVANCE \$5.00 AT DOOR

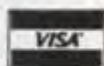
CALL 474-3390 OR
476-0287



- SPIRITI
- TEA
- COFFEE
- SALAD
- GARLIC BREAD



Don's
Small Appliance Repair
And Fix It
(ALL BRANDS)



WE CARRY FULL LINE

CLEAN RECONDITIONED REFRIGERATORS
RANGES WASHERS DRYERS FREEZERS

We take Trade-ins / Layaway
"HAPPY NEW YEAR"



HOURS: 10 A.M. — 5 P.M. weekdays
9 A.M. — 3 P.M. Saturdays

PHONE ANYTIME 322-4634 DAYS OR EVENINGS
3430 W. BROADWAY COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA

Guys & Gals Get Together
at the

STAGE DOOR

NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION. A
TOTALY NEW STAGE DOOR
LOUNGE!
FOR YOUR EXCITEMENT

1. NEW EUROPEAN HI-TECH LIGHT
SHOW WILL COMPLETELY DAZZLE
YOUR EYES.
2. A TOTALY NEW RED ROOM FOR
THOSE WHO ENJOY QUIET
LUXURY.
3. TOTALY NEW BATHROOMS
4. SEPARATE GAME ROOMS

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
5PM - 1AM

1512 Howard St. OMAHA

Holiday Performance Festive & Fun

On Sunday, December 16, a holiday performance of the River City Mixed Chorus was enjoyed by a full house at The Max bar in Omaha. The Chorus, under the direction of Jerry Kruse, was small in number, but the quality of the music was excellent. In addition to the choral offerings, we enjoyed a quartet, a piano solo, a flute solo, a duet with guitar accompaniment, and an old-fashioned sing-a-long.

The performers appeared in

front of the large flocked Christmas tree in the ballroom. The dance floor was filled with tables and chairs. Additional seating was found on speakers and along the bar. Refreshments were served during intermission. It was indeed a "cultural" event that was fun for all.

A spring concert is planned for April or May.

--Jerry P.

River City Mixed Chorus Looks for Growth

With the great success of their Dec 16 concert at The Max, members of the River City Mixed Chorus are now looking to expand their ranks. The primary goal of the R.C.M.C. is growth, and they want to encourage anyone interested in singing to look into joining. (In fact, there's a support group, "Friends," composed of those who want to help but don't/can't/won't sing!)

The Chorus has recently hired a new music conductor and has joined GALA Choruses--the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses, a nationwide organization of nearly forty choruses. R.C.M.C. is proud to be one of only six member choruses which are composed of mixed voices.

R.C.M.C. also plans to take an active part in the upcoming Twin Cities Men's Chorus presentation in Lincoln. The Twin Cities' Des Moines Concert last spring was the spark that started R.C.M.C.

Rehearsals for the "Spring Concert Preparation Period" begin Monday, January 14, at 7:30 p.m., at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1023 North 40th in Omaha, and will be held weekly. New members are welcome to audition at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 14, 21, 28, or February 4.

For more information, phone 345-0939 or 345-5797.

--Gary

Third Culture Holds Anniversary Celebration

Third Culture held its first anniversary on December 5 at Wesley House with great success. Twenty-five people were in attendance for the evening of splendor.

The evening was marked by a sociodrama, presentations, and a scrumptious steak dinner. Third Culture is a group that

deals with issues of coming out, alcoholism, and gay lifestyle issues.

Several people remarked how exciting the evening was. For the gay community, this celebration was a trendsetter in its own right.

--Randall Barron

SEND A MESSAGE OF LOVE

Valentines day only happens once a year so send a special message to your special someone. For only \$2.00 for twenty words or less The New Voice magazine will

place your ad along with your favorite design in the February issue. Pick a heart, cupid or love arrow. Send your message and design request to P.O. Box 80819 or call 475-7740.

NEWS & FEATURES

A Visit to Man's World

Several issues ago I wrote a column about bathhouses. I basically said that going to the baths was a foolish thing to do but that people have the right to do foolish things. Some time later, I was introduced to David, the owner of Man's World Baths in Council Bluffs, who was less than pleased with my column. He asked me to visit Man's World in Council Bluffs to see for myself what kind of a business he operates. I accepted that invitation and would like to share with my readers my impressions of Man's World and Man's World's owner.

I made several broad generalizations about baths because I have not been to the baths since AIDS became a health problem for the gay male community. I remember filthy hothouses where cooties were in abundance, and it took hydrogen peroxide to make one feel really clean again.

Entering Man's World at 5:30 on a Saturday afternoon, one notices the clear odor of bleach and learns that one just missed cleaning time, a ritual that takes place before the Saturday night crowd arrives. David has a policy of maintaining as clean and safe an environment as is humanly possible, including occasionally telling a patron, "Excuse me, but this is your third trick. Don't you think a shower would be a good idea?" Negotiations are underway with the County Health Department to test for sexually transmitted diseases.

David says that he believes baths serve a positive role in gay society because gay males have always had a penchant for tricking anonymously. In a bathhouse, gay males can anonymously trick in relative safety--the muggings, fag bashings, and other occupational hazards that accompany tea rooms and parks do not exist within the

walls of bathhouse, for the most part. Since gay males have always and will always be more promiscuous than the general population, David believes that by providing a relatively safe atmosphere for such activity, he does the community a service.

What about the AIDS scare? "Studies show that the people who are at risk for AIDS are the people who are promiscuous, whether or not they are promiscuous at the baths. A person who picks up two or three tricks a week at the bars is just as high a health risk as the person who goes to the baths."

Shortly after David purchased Man's World with his partner, he approached some women in Omaha about the possibility of women's night at the baths. His idea was to hire a female attendant for one night a week and to admit only women that night. The idea was dropped for lack of interest in the women's community.

We also talked about Man's World's ad, the ad which has appeared in *The New Voice* and elsewhere, bearing the caption, "Don't let anyone tell you it isn't Man's World," and which has generated controversy in some quarters. David said that when he created the ad he did not intend to discuss any "world" other than the world within the walls of his business. Since his customers are exclusively gay males, there to celebrate gay male sexuality, Man's World is a man's world.

So, dear readers, are people who go to the baths stupid? That is for you to decide. I don't feel as strongly about that as I did before I visited David and Man's World. I do have good feelings about a man who has created as safe a place for the celebration of gay male sexuality as is reasonably possible.

--Mel Bahi



Dedicated to an appreciation of Books, Art, coffee and Conversation

1215 HARNEY STREET

Omaha, Nebraska
Phone: 341-8077

Biographers Debate Orientations of Writers/Artists

The controversy in the Lincoln and Omaha press over Willa Cather highlights some general problems facing biographers. Before the twentieth century, few writers or artists with homosexual or bisexual orientations were open about the fact--which is not surprising in view of the prejudices they would have faced. There are very few cases like those of Michelangelo, Byron, Wilde, and Verlaine where "conclusive" evidence in the courtroom sense exists. In most instances of historical figures perceived as homosexual--Sappho, Leonardo, Marlowe, Cather--the evidence is and will probably remain only circumstantial.

Consequently, biographers must be sensitive to delicate nuances and take negatives into account. If the men or women they are writing about showed no interest in the opposite sex, formed strong emotional ties with their own, printed or described them with unusual fervor or sympathy, or chose to deal with explicit homoerotic themes, etc., these clues can legitimately be given their due weight. If they are consistently discounted as not "hard" evidence, the world's lesbian and gay heritage will remain forever obscured, and the contributions such men and women have made to culture

will be overlooked. Popular ignorance is still great, even in the gay community. A friend of mine who is an enthusiast for Tchaikovsky recently expressed surprise when I told him that composer's homosexuality had been public knowledge for eighty years. In certain circles any admission of such facts would be unthinkable--in Russia, where he is idolized as a musician, neither the popular press nor specialized scholarship is candid about Tchaikovsky. In homophobic Cuba, although the national theater in Havana is named after Federico Garcia Lorca, any reference to Lorca's sexual orientation is taboo.

But then, in how many American high schools is the question of Whitman's homosexuality discussed? When actors from England's Foyal Shakespeare Company came to Lincoln three years ago to give a public reading of passages from Shakespeare on the theme of love, they began with Sonnet 18-- "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day;" perhaps the most unequivocal declaration of love Shakespeare ever wrote. I remember wondering how many in the audience realized these lines were addressed to a man: it would have been interesting to know.

--Louis Crompton

Feelings on Female Impersonators

Recently, I have engaged in a number of discussions concerning what we call "Drag Queens." In my ignorance, I was very prejudiced against men who wore dresses.

My education began as I realized that a Drag Queen is a man who prefers women's clothes over men's. Female impersonators are not necessarily Drag Queens. Miming is an art form, and a great deal of talent is required. Any store dummy can have a frock draped over it. A female impersonator studies facial expressions and body movements. Synchronizing one's mouth to correspond to the words sang is but a small part of the act.

It has been said that female impersonation by men is indeed a gay art form. What is this talent so often sought and developed? I offer the following possible answer:

The singularly oldest social center for gay men has been the bars. Bars have music, and music is an invitation to dance. As we dance (or at least when I dance), we either sing along with our favorite words--or at least lip sync. The majority of the songs that I dance to today are performed by females. To imitate totally, one must dress the part.

continued on next page....

The question of popularity among the people in the audiences is more difficult. While watching a recent drag show I noticed a number of gay women (lesbians). Most of these people were wearing jeans with a front fly and shirts without darts. No one accused them of "cross-dressing." I was also aware that the performers were among the best adorned

within the gay community. The versatility of costuming open to female impersonators seems unlimited. Now, if I were only younger and talented.

Next time you have a chance to attend a drag show, attend with appreciation--or perform yourself with whatever talent you have.

--Jerry P.

New Ad Policy for Daily Nebraskan

The Daily Nebraskan formulated a new policy for roommate ads following a complaint by two women. One of the women attempted to place a roommate ad describing herself as a lesbian. The idea of placing gay/lesbian roommate ads was discussed December 4 at a UNL Publications Board meeting.

The UNL Publications Board voted for the use of only the words "male" or "female" in roommate ads, and eliminated a statement of preference based on sexual orientation, race, religion, age, disability, marital status, or national origin.

The Publications Board consists of five students and four "outsiders," citizens asked by the University to serve on the Board. The decision was, in actuality, made by the four non-students, who voted solidly against allowing self-identification. Two students were absent, and the vote was 4-3.

The publication policy now reads, "The Daily Nebraskan will not print any advertisement which discriminates against any person on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, race, religion, age, disability, marital status, or national origin. The Daily Nebraskan recognizes and respects the

right of persons to specify a preference of gender when looking for a roommate and will not prohibit stating such a preference."

The Publications Board had five options in deciding a roommate ad policy: 1) put in anything, 2) no self-description or preferences, 3) arbitrary decisions based on individual ads, 4) self-description only, or 5) gender only.

In a personal interview with Chris Welsh, the editor of the Daily Nebraskan, he stated his idea of a sound ad policy: "There are costs to anything we do. I've come to the conclusion that a self-description roommate policy would be in the best interest of our readers."

Asked about the risks in identifying oneself as gay or lesbian, Welsh replied, "I don't think it's a huge risk to place your sexual orientation."

The result of the gay/lesbian roommate ad controversy is that gays cannot be discriminated against in advertising in the Daily Nebraskan, but one cannot describe oneself openly as gay in a roommate ad.

--Randall Barron

COMING SOON TO TV

"Consenting Adult," the made-for-television movie based on the controversial best-selling novel by Laura E. Hobson will air Monday, February 4 on ABC-TV at 8:00 p.m. Starring Marlo

Thomas, Martin Sheen and Barry Tubb, and produced by Ray Aghayan, it is the story of how a college student comes to terms with the realization that he is gay, and the way in which those around him deal with this news.

T H E M A X • O M A H A

T H E M A X • O M A H A

T H E M A X • O M A H A

T H E M A X • O M A H A

T H E M A X • O M A H A

T H E M A X • O M A H A

T H E M A X • O M A H A

T H E M A X • O M A H A

T H E M A X • O M A H A

T H E M A X • O M A H A

T H E M A X • O M A H A

T H E M A X • O M A H A

T H E M A X II

KANSAS CITY - SUMMER '85

T H E M A X • O M A H A

Ms. FLOWERS UPSTAIRS PARLOR NOW OPEN

Homosexuals Who Marry

It is a fact that there are gay men and women who are married. Some of them are happily married, and some of them are not so happily married. Some have been married and are now divorced. Some have told their spouses and children of their sexual orientation, and others have not. In other words, there is a wide spectrum of married gay men and women today. They live and work in this society and culture, and they survive. How they survive, how they live, and how they cope with those in our society who are anti-gay varies from individual to individual.

There exists in our society many myths held and espoused by the anti-gay groups. They foster these erroneous beliefs to win approval for their persecution of gay men and women. One of these beliefs is that the gay community seeks to break up the family and, therefore, it is right to be anti-gay so as to protect the institution of marriage and the institution of the family. Pardon me, folks, but that is just a lot of B... S....!

Dr. Michal W. Ross, in his book The Married Homosexual: A Psychological Study, has documented four common reasons why homosexual men get married. These reasons are not listed in any particular order. Gay men marry because they don't know they are homosexual, although they know that they are "different." Gay men also marry as a conscious flight from their homosexuality --they believe that by getting married their "problem" will be cured--or else it will vanish. Homosexual men also marry because of social pressures, particularly from their families. And, gay men marry because they want to have a family, to have children.

Dr. Ross also has this to say in his book:

"In societies where there is no education, or negative education regarding homosexuality, there will most likely be a greater number of homosexuals who lead unhappy lives and lack self-esteem. There will also be a greater number who marry, either in ignorance of their sexual orientation, or in an attempted flight from it. The major contradiction in lack of education or negative information about homosexuality is that it produces a far greater toll of broken marriages and human misery: the very reason advanced for anti-homosexual stances--the 'protection of marriage and the family'--in fact directly contributes to more marriage breakdowns where homosexuals have married."

Think about it. What Dr. Ross found in his research in Australia and New Zealand also applies to the U.S. It makes sense--common sense. By denying knowledge of alternative lifestyles to men and women, we increase the likelihood that gay men and women will continue to flee from their homosexuality, please their families, or they will marry, believing that marriage is the only way to live. The results of such marriages are usually misery and divorce with no one really happy and fulfilled.

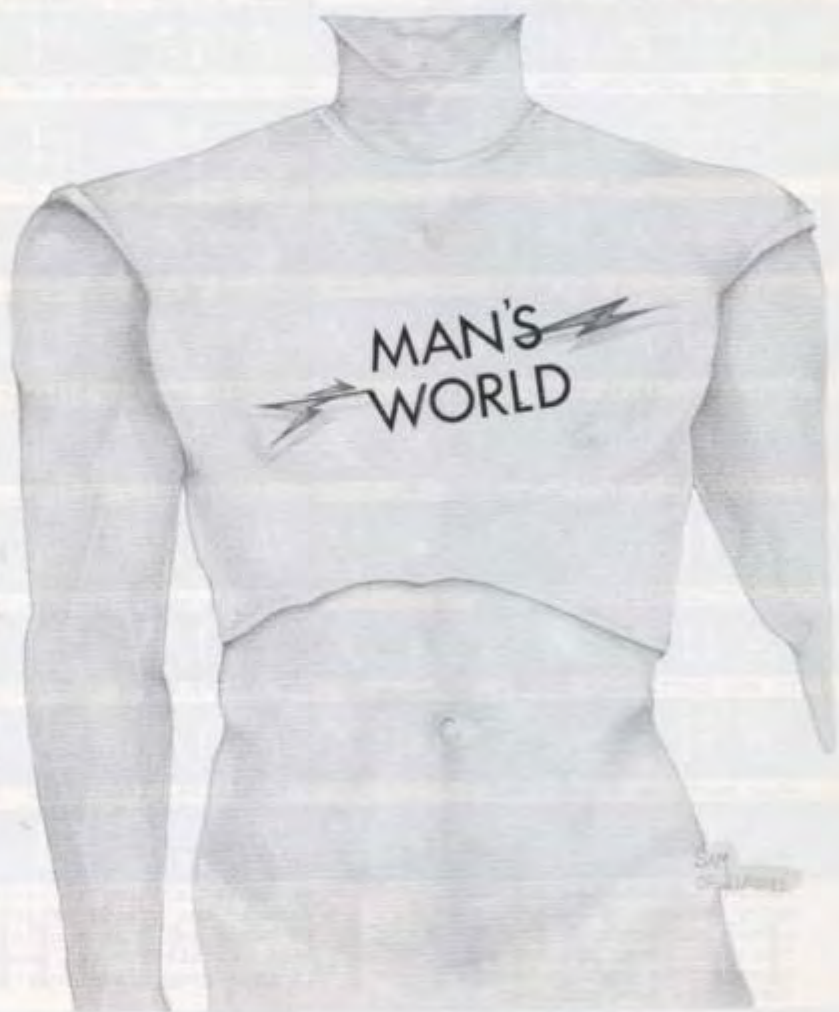
So, what should be done? For one thing, colleges should be providing information about alternative lifestyles. The gay community should make available information about "being gay" and what it means. And, most of all, we should all try to banish forever the stigma attached to being gay. We should begin within our own community. It is a good place to start.

--John

If there is anything you want us to know, please contact us, or write The New Voice, P. O. Box 80819, Lincoln, Nebraska 68501.

The New Voice needs advertising staff for both Omaha and Lincoln. Call 475-7748 for more details.

**Don't let anyone tell you
it isn't ...**



Man's World Spa

1525 AVENUE B, COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA 51501

PHONE (712) 322-9623

**Hours: Tuesday • 5:00 p.m. / 12:00 mid.
Membership special • FREE room with
purchase or renewal of membership**

**Wednesday • 5:00 p.m. / 12:00 mid.
Bring a friend nite • 2 for 1
(with membership)**

**Thursday • 5:00 p.m. / 12:00 mid.
Student Special — 18 to 21
FREE Locker (with membership)**

Friday • 5:00 p.m. to Sunday 12:00 noon

**Sauna • Exercise • Lounge with Cable T.V.
Video Room • Rooms & Lockers**



Astrology

A VIEW FROM THE STARS

Aquarius--the Waterbearer
Jan. 20 - February 19

Element: Air
Ruling Planet: Uranus
Key Words: I Know
Mode of Expression: fixed

Life Task:

For Aquarius, it is two-fold: to learn to feel love, rather than think love, and to learn that freedom without responsibility is license, not liberty. The planet Saturn is the secondary ruler of Aquarius and is the planet of limitations and restrictions. Uranus tears down the old so that the new may rise, but without the discipline of Saturn, chaos is the result.

Aquarius is complex. Uranus here grants future orientation and forward thinking, and Saturn grants the gifts of discipline and structure (if heed is paid to Saturn's lessons--if not, limitation and restriction is the result).

Aquarius, in common with the other air signs, is primarily mental, and these natives live in the future. It has been said that as Aquarius thinks, so the world will

think--in 50 years. Maybe so, but lots of people will think that you're crazy now, and being that far ahead of your time is a lonely business, as is the fact that these people--while very social--tend to have many acquaintances and very few close friends (though they are very loyal to friends). Remember Mr. Spock? An exaggeration, true, but there is much of Spock's character in most Aquarians. They are often more emotionally involved with their work than with people and they relate more to the kinship of humankind rather than to individuals, each of whom is brother/sister and fascinating.

Because of an innate dislike of restraint and a strong will that brooks little interference with their desires, there are often difficulties in partnerships.

Negatives: self-willed; (often) to freedom seeking; high-strung; can lack discipline; suspicious.

Positives: humanitarian; perceptive, rational; thoughtful; interested; interesting.

Happy Birthday, Aquarius!!

--Phoenix

Ever hear of a Printing Company That's Open Until Midnight?



If you have, then you know about

Accent Printing / Copycenter

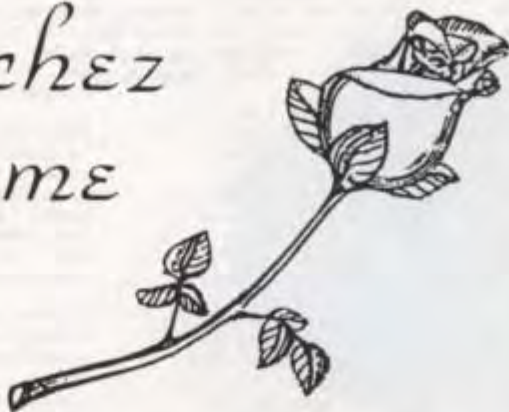
226 So. 16th

Lincoln

402-475-5000

Cherchez La femme

*Spirits
and
Atmosphere*



*200 S. 18th • Lower Level • Lincoln, NE
Ph. 474-9162*



AN EXPERIENCE IN FINE COOKIE DINING !

Dō Biz cookies are made fresh daily and taste just like the ones mom used to make.

We have 12 delicious varieties to choose from. And we're open till 11 PM.

So when you get the munchies come to Dō Biz.

120 N. 14th
Lincoln, NE 68508
474-6158

Mon. - Sat. 10AM-11PM
Sun. 1PM - 11PM

In Good Company — Malcolm Boyd

Sometime, it might be a good idea to devote an entire issue of The New Voice to coming-out stories. Everyone has a different and a unique story, and yet I've never read a coming-out story that I didn't find myself identifying with. Malcolm Boyd's story of his coming out, in Take Off the Masks (paperback), is a case in point.

For years, Boyd, the so-called hippie priest, fought a long battle against accepting his homosexuality. He grew up in New York City as a rich kid, an only child, and most of his free time was spent reading or playing imaginative games. His father tried to interest him in softball, but like many of us, Boyd was a klutz. And his father, like many of our own fathers, was disappointed in him. Boyd knew what was happening: he was not the son that his father wanted him to be. Not surprisingly, Boyd retreated into books. And like most of us, he was turned on by fantasy. In his case, though, it was Robin Hood's bulging groin in his romantic nineteenth-century tights.

After Boyd moved to Denver, he was still fearful of making close male friendships in high school because he knew that he wanted his friendships to be more intense than was allowed. The few times that he honestly confessed his affection for another boy, he was scorned and rejected. Finally he gave up trying. He graduated from high school and went to Hollywood.

But even in California, Boyd wasn't happy. He saw an enormous gay spectrum of people there, but he didn't like their flip attitude toward sex. He especially disliked the promiscuity that he saw. Boyd longed for a lover, and at the same time, he denied himself a lover.

He entered the Episcopal priesthood, and there he found other gay men who were sublimating their homosexuality. For a while, he believed that a life of prayer and a life of abstinence from sex was the only way that he could conquer his craving for other men.

Then one day he fell so deeply in love with another young priest that he was convinced that God did not look on him with hate. He forgave himself and at the same time, he liberated himself to live his life fully--spiritually and sexually.

Boyd's confession is a very honest coming-out story. There are no high-flung melodramatics here. There is only hard-core pain and loneliness and, finally, triumph. The book is haunting, but it is also very rich and positive and very joyous. I feel that after you finish it, you will feel prouder of being gay because you too have suffered many of the same kinds of anguish that Boyd did. You too know how painful it is to want to express love for another man--and be afraid to do so.

Books like this one always make me aware that we gays should be fiercely proud of ourselves and, we should be especially proud of one another. Each of us has wrestled with our sexuality until we finally had the inner strength and courage to assert our integrity to be gay. Homosexuality is our nature, and we have the right to our sexuality. In contrast, heterosexuals have no such challenge, no search for sexual self-confidence and identity. All gays are fellow veterans of a struggle to find our self-worth and self-esteem. Our self-knowledge has been earned. We've faced deep truths, and we can celebrate life--especially in this new year--as few can.

--Gary Carey

Tell our advertisers that you saw their ad in THE NEW VOICE and thank them for their support.

If there is anything you want us to know, please contact us, or write The New Voice, P. O. Box 80819, Lincoln, Nebraska 68501.

THE ALLEY

1113 Howard (rear entrance)
Old Market
Omaha, Nebraska
402-346-6624

Presents

Mandy Renee DuLay

"A NIGHT OF 4 DECADES"

JANUARY 13

COMING EVENTS-

B.A.G.L. SHOW FEBRUARY 3

Hours
MON-FRI 4 til 1
SAT 4 til 1
SUN 6 til 1

21





Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha

"If you haven't seen us lately, you haven't seen us!"

Sunday Worship Services — 10:30am and 7:00pm

Monday: Men's Rap Group — 7:30pm

Wednesday: Bible Study — 7:00pm and Praise
& Healing — 7:45pm

This is my commandment, that you love one another."

— John 15:12

Rev. Jan D. Kross, Pastor / 420 So. 24th — P.O. Box 3173
Omaha, NE 68103 / Ph. (402) 345-2563

GAY/LESBIAN INFORMATION
AND SUPPORT LINE

P.O. BOX 94882
LINCOLN, NE
68509

GLIS
L I N E

SUN. - THUR.
8:00p.m. to 12:00a.m.

FRI. & SAT.
8:00p.m. to 1:00a.m.

475-4697

*open door
ministry*

- Valid Liturgy
- All are welcome !
- Counseling (no fees)

MASS: Every Sun. 5:30 pm
535 F St / 474-3390

Father David Glaze
Orthodox Priest



Open Monday—Saturday

1:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.

Sunday 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 P.M.

200 South 18th;

Lincoln, Nebraska

Ph. 474-9142

Imaginations

**A New Concept for A New Look
in Lincoln's Gay Community**

**A place where you have a
choice to be a part of the
Beautiful People---**

**We Have- TV VIDEO
DANCE FLOOR
LIGHT SHOWS**

-Relax-Enjoy- more to come!

**SUNDAY MOVIES IMPERSONATION SHOWS
DANCERS**

**Why wait for your friends to make their first
move-- Be Original -- Be Unique Just
Be There Sit Back**

Gail's Hit List

January, 1985

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| *1. Neutron Dance Pointer Sisters | *9. Centipede Rebbie Jackson |
| 2. Like A Virgin Madonna | *10. Cool It Now New Edition |
| +3. I Feel For You Chaka Khan | 11. Lovergirl Tenna Marie |
| 4. Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go Wham! | *12. I'm So Beautiful Divine |
| *5. Loverboy Billy Ocean | *13. Sugar Don't Bite Sam Harris |
| *6. I Would Die 4 U/Baby I'm A Star Prince | 14. Last Call Jolo |
| 7. The Belle of St. Mark Sheila E. | *15. Sex Shooter Apolonia Six |
| *8. Hello Again (remix) The Cars | + #1 Last Month * New Entry |

TOP 25 FOR 1984

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. Jump Pointer Sisters | 13. Ghostbusters Ray Parker, Jr. |
| 2. I Feel For You Chaka Khan | 14. The Reflex Duran Duran |
| 3. When Doves Cry Prince | 15. Head Over Heels Go Go's |
| 4. Footloose Kenny Loggins | 16. Dancin' In The Sheets Shalamar |
| 5. Girls Just Want To Have Fun Cyndi Lauper | 17. Body Rock Maria Vidal |
| 6. Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go Wham! | 18. Like A Virgin Madonna |
| 7. Let's Hear It For The Boy Deniece Williams | 19. High Energy Evelyn Thomas |
| 8. Coming Out of Hiding Pamala Stanley | 20. Swept Away Diana Ross |
| 9. Let's Go Crazy Prince | 21. Somebody Else's Guy Jocelyn Brown |
| 10. I Sweat (Going Through the Motions) Nona Hendryx | 22. Boys Do Fall In Love Robin Gibb |
| 11. She-Bop Cyndi Lauper | 23. The Belle of St. Mark Sheila E. |
| 12. The Glamorous Life Sheila E. | 24. Erotic City Prince |
| | 25. Last Call Jolo |

MISS GAY CAPITAL CITY CONTEST
IS ALMOST HERE

The Miss Gay Capital City Contest will soon arrive at The Sanctuary Complex in Lincoln on Sunday, January 13 starting at 9 p.m. There is a \$2.00 cover for this exciting annual event. For a great time and fun show come to 200 North 18th St.

NOTICE-- NOTICE-- NOTICE--

On Sunday, January 13 from 3 to 5 p.m. Man's World Spa will offer a free blood test that will be administered by the Iowa Department of Health. The tests will detect syphilis. You do not have to be a member to receive a free test. Man's World is located at 1525 Avenue B in Council Bluffs, Iowa.



LEO-GEM CLUB

Private Membership Club
2224 Leavenworth St.
Omaha, NE 341-1013



AVAILABLE:

- Sauna • Exercise Room • Lockers •
- Lounge • Group Room •
- Vending Machines • Treatment Tables •
- Body Wraps • Cubicles •

OPEN 8 P.M.—MONDAY—SATURDAY

DAILY ADMISSION \$5.00

"The Club with a Warm, Relaxing, Caring Atmosphere"

DIAMOND BAR

Nebraska's

Oldest & Gayest

712 So. 16th

OMAHA



Letters



This is in response to Mr. Brygger's letter chiding The New Voice for not using ads paid for by adult bookstores.

Mr. Brygger,

The same sexist ignorance that perpetuates the wanton abuse of wimmin in pornography --and in society at large-- causes heterosexual men to despise the "feminine char-

acteristics" in gay men. It is probably in your interest not to support this ignorance.

Please note: The New Voice is a publication for gay men and lesbians. Therefore, we are concerned about every issue affecting us as homosexuals and as men and wimmin.

--Anita Freeman-Soltisyk,
Wimmin's Assoc. Editor

BUY YOUR SWEETHEART
A CLASSIFIED AD FOR VALENTINE'S DAY. \$ 2.00 FOR
20 WORDS OR LESS. WRITE BOX 80819, LINCOLN,
NE. OR CALL 475-7740 ♡♡♡♡♡♡♡♡

Imported Coffee, Tea
Herbs, Spices
and Accessories
(402) 475-5522

119 North 14th Lincoln, Nebraska 68508 U.S.A.

Avant Card
contemporary greeting cards & balloon bouquets.

1340 "O" St., Lincoln, NE • 68508 / 476-1918

POETRY

Voyeur

Bronze stallion boy,
Tight astride your hard-muscled,
Proud-prancing stud,
Rein in your mount sharply,
Lift up his head heavenward, and
Let me bite my eyes fiercely into
you both.

Thrust your polished Levi thighs
circle-wise

Around him,
And then, hold it--both of you--
A centerfold for fantasy.

Hold it, poised, and
Let me watch in wonder
As you squint your sea-dark eyes
Horizonward,
And then you
Watch me.

Watch
How easily I accept with aching
hunger
Your slow-spreading, slow-sunning,
Warm-sharing buddy-smile.
Watch me as I hold you up,
Eyes pressed as if in sleep,
Upward toward my open mouth.

And then look downward,
Behold my crotch, and
Imagine the bursting blue denim
Basket breaking with pleasure,
Breaking and releasing, at last,
Smooth-tongued hot rushes,
Draining my stubborn and straining,
Thickcut and shuddering cock.

--Aaron Woolf

To a Special Friend

We both know other loves
Yet our love is unique.

We both have other obligations
Yet when we are alone we can
be free.

And now when I'm feeling lonely
for you
I have only to look into my
heart to find your image.

We both know other loves
Yet our love is real.

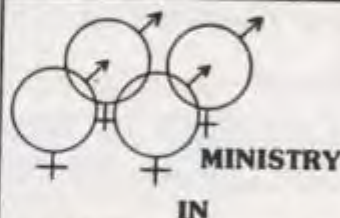
--N.

Classifieds

Gay roommate wanted. Rent is \$116.67 a month and 1/3 utilities. Close to UNL. Call Mike at 476-3400. If no answer try again.

23 yr. old, gay male student looking for serious dating and relationship.

Serious inquires only.
Dial 475-3726, Rodney



MINISTRY IN HUMAN SEXUALITY, INC.

J. Benjamin Roe, D. Min.

COUNSELING SUPPORT FOR
PERSONAL GROWTH

COMING OUT

MIXED ORIENTATION

MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS

P.O. Box 80122
Lincoln, Nebraska 68501
(402) 476-9913

To Our Readers:

Circulation of the New Voice of Nebraska—Magazine is limited. Guarantee yourself a copy each month by subscribing to Nebraska's publication for and by the gay community.

Only \$10.00 insures you that 12 monthly issues will be mailed, discretely to your home, office, apartment, dorm room, condo, villa, post office box, etc. A one year subscription makes a great gift for friends and family too.

As a bonus to your new subscription, you will receive a free classified ad of up to 20 words.

Order your subscription today by filling out this form and mailing it to: New Voice of Nebraska/P.O. Box 80819/Lincoln, NE 68508.

_____ \$10.00 — 1 yr. subscription
Name
_____ \$ _____ legal defense fund
Address
_____ \$ _____ total check
City/State/Zip send no cash

*The
New Voice*

O F N E B R A S K A

GAY/LESBIAN RESOURCES

OMAHA

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous 345-9915

WEEKLY MEETINGS:

Fridays, 8:15 pm
Lutheran Medical Center, 3rd Floor Open to all

Saturdays, 1:30 pm
Omaha Chapter House, 216 N 48th Open to all

Sundays, 4:00 pm
Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church 1023 N. 40th
Men only, please

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.

Black & White Men Together (BWMT) 556-9561
P. O. Box 31231 Omaha 68132
Multi-racial organization, with goal to realize human equality. BWMT engages in educational, cultural, and social activities to further these goals.

Dignity of Omaha
345-9426 or 553-2308
Providing common experience through Mass and meetings for Lesbians and Gays and their friends. Regular Mass second Sunday of month. Discussion fourth Sunday of month.
For all faiths. Phone for location.

Gay Men's Rap Group
MCC Omaha, 420 S. 24th St.
345-2975 or 345-2563
Community rap group, combining planned format with general discussion. Other activities planned. Meetings every Monday at 7:30 pm.

Gay Parents Support Group
553-2308
Support Group for gay parents who have children. Please phone for meeting times and locations.

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

Imperial Court of Nebraska
Bowling League
451-1662

Over fifty people bowling weekly on 14 teams. Sundays 4:00 pm at King Louie Rose Bowl. Current league is full; please phone if interested in next league forming.

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha 420 S. 24th St. 345-2563
Chartered church with Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. Sunday worship, 10:30 am and 7:00 pm. Wednesday Bible study 7:00 pm. Wednesday Praise, Prayer and Healing, 7:45 pm. Rev. Jan D. Kross, pastor

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. No formal organization at this point. Phone for information.

River City Mixed Chorus
P. O. Box 3173, Omaha, 68103
345-0939; 341-8249; 345-5797
Volunteer community chorus for gay and lesbian, and gay-sensitive men and women to sing together; with musical excellence in performance. "Friends," a support group, is open to all.

T.W.O. Motorcycle Club
712 S. 16th
Omaha, NE 68102
or call Diamond Bar for information 402-342-9595

U.N.O. Gay and Lesbian Support Group 554-2730 or 556-2355
Meetings every other Tuesday at 8:00 pm in U.N.O. Milo Bail Student Center. Please phone for more information.

Boardwalk

Striving to give you the
best!
Lincoln's gay owned and
operated bar.



20th & 'O' St. Lincoln, NE PH. (402) 474-9741

LESBIAN/GAY RESOURCES

LINCOLN

American Foundation for the Fine Arts

A non-profit foundation committed to making a positive contribution on behalf of gay men and lesbians to Lincoln's cultural life.

Community of Grace
Box 81645

Lincoln, NE 68501
An interdenominational worshipping community of lesbians, gays and those associated with us. Meets weekly on Sunday evenings at 7 pm.

Gay/Lesbian Alcohol Anonymous
466-5214 Groups meet weekly.

Gay/Lesbian Information and Support Line
Call (402) - 475-4697

Lesbian Support Group
472-2597

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 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.

Lincoln Coalition for Gay and 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

Ministry in Human Sexuality, Inc.
Box 80122

Lincoln, NE 68501 476-9913
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

MCC-Lincoln

Contact Mel Dahl
Box 80733
Lincoln, NE 68501

The New Voice of Nebraska
Box 80819

Lincoln, NE 68501
Monthly magazine with emphasis on creative literature and promotion of local organizations and activities. Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month in Lincoln, 2nd Tuesday in Omaha.

Open Door Ministry
535 F St.

Lincoln, NE 68508 474-3390
A project of Holy Archangels Orthodox (Old Catholic) Church to specifically minister in a supportive way to the gay community. Services provided: Free counseling by trained, validly ordained priests. Opportunity for worship. Mass open to all. Mass every Sunday evening at 6 pm. at 535 F Street. Contact: Father David Glaze 474-3390

Parents/Friends of Lesbians and 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 fourth 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.

A non-residential sub-culture within the gay subculture, that deals with issues such as coming out, social behavior, the gay lifestyle, suicide, and drug & alcohol abuse.

UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Association

228 Andrews Hall, UNL
Meets Thursdays, 8 pm
