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Our Turn

Comments and Opinions from The New Voice staff

As the only woman on the Steering Committee of The New Voice I feel a tremendous sense of obligation and responsibility, not only to other women in the community but to myself. When I decided to give what effort and ability I have to offer, I had a very clear-cut goal in mind: to make The New Voice a publication for the gay and lesbian community.

I recognize the other publications that are available for special interest groups in our area, but I wanted to see an objective communication tool—one that could be utilized and shared by all gays and lesbians. I feel a sense of urgency about it, perhaps because I see (in particular) the gay and lesbian community pulling apart.

I realize gays and lesbians have different personal concerns and priorities, and I am trying to empathize with both sides while answering to my own concerns and beliefs. As a woman I am deeply committed to equity and humanity—which calls for an end to sexism, pornography, social and financial discrimination and violence against women. As a member of the gay community I am anxious to see us work together to end homophobia, discrimination in housing and employment and violence against homosexuals.

Perhaps I expected too much too soon. I started to take criticism of The New Voice personally and I wondered if there was any reason to stay on. Then someone told me I am making an important contribution—by keeping at least one line of communication available.

So, I am going to keep trying—not trying to patch up misunderstandings and differences—but to make sure there is always a line for communication whenever anyone wants to use it. If it is all I can do for now, I will.

Anita Freeman

The New Voice magazine has always committed itself to being a communication source for the entire community. We have offered a wide scope of opinions and views. However, recently we have come under attack for allowing some individuals to express their opinions. Our sub-culture is very diverse and we don't always agree on every issue. The New Voice will continue to print different sides on issues and we will not allow slander and misinformation to stop this important right to freedom of speech. I want to clear up for the record some important misunderstandings.

The New Voice is not pro-pornography nor have we ever indicated that we are pro-pornography. We respect the rights of women in every way and deplore the use of violence and humiliation used against women by the media. That is the major reason we have decided not to accept advertising from adult bookstores in Lincoln and Council Bluffs. No other Nebraska gay/lesbian publication, past or present, has ever taken such a bold stand. In fact, most midwestern publications continue to accept advertising from adult bookstores.

Recently a Benefit Ball was held at the Alley in Omaha. Some organizations were upset that their names were used in direct sponsorship of the event. The New Voice apologizes to all the organizations listed. In the future we will not use the name of an organization in direct or indirect sponsorship of an event without their permission. The individual who designed the ad only wanted to express the cause of unity (which is greatly lacking by many organizations in this state).

The New Voice no longer uses the word Editorial. For several months we have used the word Opinion. A staff member's opinion was mistakenly thought to represent the entire magazine.

Larry Wiseblood

Our Turn

The New Voice received a contribution from the Lincoln Legion of Lesbians for use in our wimmins issue. It came with the stipulation that it be used unedited or not at all. The piece was largely critical of The New Voice. The New Voice accepts that some of the criticism in the article was valid, and we certainly would not claim The New Voice is perfect.

We would sincerely like to publish the piece from the Lincoln Legion of Lesbians but are unable to do so because of the stipulation that it be used totally and without editing. It is a lengthy piece (it would run approximately three pages in The New Voice) and the truth is, we don't have that kind of space to give to anybody. The only way it could have been published in full would have been to drop at least two other features.

Our associate editor in a telephone conversation with a member of the LLL collective offered to run their article in installments. That

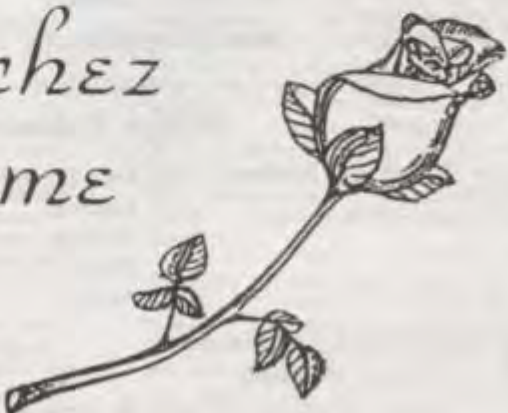
suggestion was rejected. We offered to send it back to them to see if they could shorten it, and that offer was rejected. Having made those offers, it is our position that we have tried to accommodate the LLL and are unable to do anything more. We hope the wimmins community, and especially the LLL, understand that our decision not to publish is based on space rather than content, as well as the stipulation that we not be allowed to edit.

The New Voice Steering Committee

Due to an error on the part of the advertising staff of The New Voice the Leather and Lace advertisement in the October, 1984 issue was mis-identified as a Board-Walk function. We apologize to Jamie Miller and Steve Gesch for having to cancel their private party, not a Board-Walk function.

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The Wimmin's Issue

Associate Editor's Note:

I'd like to thank everyone who has contributed to the wimmin's issue of The New Voice. Right now seems to be an extremely busy time and I appreciate everyone's effort to schedule an article for us. For some, the time

just wasn't available and this issue will be less in their absence. In the future I hope to see more contributions from the wimmin's community to ensure a shared and expressed interest in The New Voice.

Anita Freeman

On Christianity & Homosexuality

Last week I picked up a book by Dr. Tim LaHaye entitled The Unhappy Gays. By the time I put the book down I must confess I was more than a little upset. After much inward searching I once again came to the same conclusion: From what I read by Dr. LaHaye he backed up his opinions with Old Testament Scriptures and the writing of Paul. Nowhere in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John have I read where Christ condemned anyone. What he said was "Come unto me, all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." He didn't say come unto me all who are straight or all who are white or educated or rich (or need I go on?).

Secondly, I feel that we as Christians tend to take the Bible too literally. In my opinion the Bible is a conglomerate of 66 books written

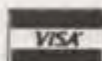
by human beings just like you and I. When we start taking one or two verses and use them to deflate another human being we are missing the whole point that God's grace extends to every one and all we have to do is to believe in God.

Lastly, though I do not claim to be any theologian, I do believe that the God I know is all inclusive and as a Christian I could be a little more so. My message has been simple. I know of the struggle I've had with this issue but the faith I have found because of my sexuality is so much stronger and I hope that any of you who are struggling in your own lives with the issue of Christianity and your sexuality will find the strength you need. God bless you.

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I walked south on 48th Street from the shopping plaza toward my new apartment. Somehow I'd severely miscalculated my expenditures. The realization weighed heavier on me with every pace. I gave in to a step beckoning at the sidewalk's edge, and hunched with the gathering shadows of night over my sack and my sorrows.

A couple weeks before a concerned friend had flown me to Lincoln to stay with her while I tried to forget my first lesbian relationship, forget about being a lesbian, and prepare myself to reunite with my husband in order to escape the fires of hell. Now circumstances had demanded that I move into a place of my own. My lover had sent money by overnight delivery and my husband promised to send some soon.

I'd rented an efficiency apartment with a bay window walking distance from my friend and from where I hoped to get a job. I bought a small set of K-Mart dishes, and a few items: bread, cream cheese, Grape-nuts and milk. It was these little treasures that I clutched and cried over sitting on the sidewalk that evening in late fall, 1981. How many days would this food last? Why did I buy the dishes? When would I have to use my remaining \$8.40?

Back at the apartment, there were no books to read, no radio to play, no paper on which to write, no needle with which to sew, nothing with which to do anything. All my possessions would fit in the suitcase my lover sent me off with. I thought about going crazy those early weeks.

Eventually my husband shipped my bike. I borrowed tools to uncrate it (saving the nails and boards for similarly hard times) and to put it together again. My world grew seven miles in three directions.

That bike was my sole transportation that winter, including five miles downtown to the welfare office for food stamps. I didn't know I would

probably have qualified for money as well. I only asked for food stamps, and that was all I got. Anyway, I soon had a job, but had to wait six weeks for my first paycheck.

Christmas I silently collected discarded houghs clipped from store bought trees and tied them into a Christmas tree shape. I decorated my dressertop "tree" with winter berries gathered on the Union College campus. Desire to be with my firstlove during the holidays obscured other festivities. I still have a hard time remembering the loveliness of friends who shared their Christmas activities with me that year; all I could think about was being with Barb.

Poverty pressed me to put off tending to a fever and a sore throat until I thought I was going to die, likely from stress and exposure. Somehow I survived finding a doctor that would accept time payments, survived snow trips to the welfare office to get prescriptions filled, and survived biking to work daily so as not to reduce a paycheck.

Amazons must be made for obstacles. My boots, my bike and I had crunched through leaves then snow then spring. The beauty of the local parks, the beauty of the view out my bay window centered me and strengthened me. It was a very quiet winter. A growing winter.

My husband had moved to Lincoln in February and we took a house together. We planted a garden and played baseball and had a good friendship if not a marriage.

Marriage classes didn't seem to help, either. I pored over my workbook, doing all the assignments and tried to persuade my husband to do them as well. We were getting along fine, but he was pushing for sex and I couldn't bear the thought of it.

By spring I knew I had to see Barb. I flew to Michigan for a weekend. Being with her was like being home to myself. We began talking on the phone twice a day.

A month later she drove down and Unhauled me away. Meanwhile my husband had secured a divorce, having found out that my weekend away was with my true love, not with a trick I picked up at the gay bar as he had imagined.

That winter's exile in Lincoln, designed to help me go straight, was a memorable experience for me, not only for the tremendous hardships

Isthmus

"(It's) very important for women to be able to work in the medium of theatre because I believe so strongly in the effect it can have on one's life."

—Eve Felder

To Eve Felder, Isthmus denotes a passageway "between women and society at large: speaking from what women feel, from what women experience, the way women perceive life and the work-a-day world. And that is what our goal is with the Theatre company."

Isthmus, founded in October of 1983, is a women's theatre primarily concerned with exploring social issues.

I faced, but for the inner strength I developed quietly pondering my life in those beautiful settings (especially at the dyke). Whenever something reminds me of Lincoln, the courage and joy I developed there rise up in me, and the remembrance that in Lincoln I decided for the last time that I had to be, that I am a luscious lesbian!

Lin Shepherd

For example, its presentation of *Ashes, Ashes, We All Fall Down* deals with the nuclear arms issue. Two other plays under consideration include an expose of women's roles in the Catholic church and another examines the issue of rape through society's definition of sex roles.

"Theatre" observes Eve, "is a very powerful medium for self expression for communication...a microcosm of the world...a little safe environment where one can feel what it's like to be different people, feel what it feels like to experience different emotions...feel what it feels like to be up in front of people, talking, communicating and



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Since *Isthmus* does only new plays, Eve says, "It expands the boundaries of traditional theatre." The Theatre, she says, "is primarily concerned with exploring social issues

Its Okay to be Gay

My critics always figure they'll finally reveal my true hypocrisy when they ask, "So how would you feel if your son or daughter told you that he/she is gay?" My answer is always the same...I'd feel sad, not because I feel that it's immoral or unnatural or wrong—but because being gay is so hard. And it's us non-gays that make it difficult with our prejudice and our ignorance and our superior, holier-than-thou attitudes. If my child does come to me to tell me that he/she is gay, I'll tell him/her that being gay means you don't know who you can ask out for a date without getting your lights punched out. It means being the object of ridicule and even hatred on the part of insensitive and ignorant bigots. And it means being feared and pitied by those who see your lifestyle as

that we as women are concerned about and we as the world are concerned about and how we as women are going to deal with it."

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Julie Morgan

being immoral or dangerous.

But first I'll pass on these words of wisdom:

It's OK to be gay! And the most important thing is to accept that in yourself and be the best person you can be. Be true to yourself. Seek out people who respect and value your integrity and whom you can respect in return for mutual respect is the basis of any good relationship. Always be sure of who you are and what you stand for and never compromise that because you are your most valuable possession. And know that I love you always not in spite of your being gay, nor because you are gay, but because you are my child and you are a good person and worthy and deserving of my love.



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you will come to know at least one of us, and vice versa, so that together we can all benefit from one another's unique vision and work toward true equality and respect for all human beings.

So I'll pick up my soapbox and take it home now. It's getting pretty well worn, I must say. Thanks for the opportunity to make use of it in your forum!

Anita Remy

Impersonations of Darrell

I was asked to write about my impersonation act as Darrell, and it's really hard to know where to begin. The idea of doing the act was something that I first thought of a year before my first appearance. It probably would have remained just a stray notion if a friend had not asked me to help out with a benefit for muscular dystrophy a year ago. We had been making a list of things I'd do to help, and my friend was lamenting that she didn't have enough acts. Before I knew it, I had popped up and volunteered myself to perform. (Immediately afterward I thought, "Oh, God, what have I gotten myself into? I can't get up before an audience like that!") Fortunately a few rehearsals and supportive friends managed to calm my jangled nerves. (A few shots of rum didn't hurt any either.)

When I first started thinking what I wanted Darrell to be like, I took bits and pieces of several male performers and built them into a character. After the second performance, I changed Darrell's image with a tuxedo to see

if the audience would like a more polished look. I began to put more of myself into him when I started giving away a red rose at each show, and the rose became Darrell's trademark. The roses are my way of showing appreciation for the women, and it's become my favorite part of the act.

When people ask me why I do the act, I usually say, "Because it's a heck of a lot of fun," and leave it at that. There are other reasons: Darrell has been a way for me to contribute to certain benefits and causes, such as MCC, that I want very much to help financially. Also, it's a way of saying, "We're gay women and we're proud of it." Darrell was formed from the romantic, campy and extroverted side of me, and I think that's the main reason he's such a kick to do. But maybe part of the reason people like Darrell is that he's not perfect. Sometimes Darrell tries to be overly "slick" and he blunders on occasion, but it's just his campy way of having fun with the audience.

Susan K.

A Pastoral Chat

"Jesus is a Feminist" said the eye-catching button that was being sold at MCC's recent Mid-Central District Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. When one reads the Gospels they find a good deal of evidence to support that claim.

Many women claim to be turned off to Christ and Christianity because of the historically very patriarchal stance of the Judeo-Christian tradition. And, certainly, the role that women have been allowed in the churches of most major denominations is not terrifically encouraging. There is

progress, albeit slow.

However, one can hardly blame Jesus for that! Being a revolutionary in many of his sociological, economic and religious teachings and lifestyle, his credentials as a feminist are also intact. Not only did he break with tradition in the way he related to women, but he encouraged them in a sense of self-worth as individuals—something far too many women are still searching for, in all the wrong places.

The apostle Paul is often seen as the

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culprit in not allowing women an equal place in the church or home. This is an over-simplification of the facts, but it seems that many churches preach and teach Paulianity rather than Christianity, and the 2,000 year traditions of the Christian church often obscure Christ.

In the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) you will find us dealing not only with feminist issues and inclusive language in a historic way, but women are working in equality with men at every level of church government. Our Board of Elders is presently comprised of four women and three men.

In the process of UFMCC's application for membership in the National Council of Churches, not only did we raise consciousness about gay/lesbian issues but also we had an opportunity to share

the very positive effect that equality of roles has had in our denomination.

Within the history of the gay/lesbian civil rights struggle, men and women have often seemed to work at cross purposes and have often times been defeated by the struggle among themselves before they could even deal with the over-all issues.

Somehow, not without pain, a tremendous desire to grow in the love of the spirit of Christ has helped men and women in UFMCC to minimize those struggles. We go a long step toward acceptance of each other when we see each other as individuals instead of seeing every man as an oppressor or every woman as a castrating — (Mrs. Bush said it rhymes with rich).

Pastor Jan

Seven Laws of Success

I have found new values in life as a gay woman here in Nebraska, which I'd like to share with ones of them that still may be searching for their own purpose and values of success in their lives.

I grew up in a large family, where you worked to keep your own while still living at home. There were no explanations on the values of life, purposes for your being as you are, or the importance of setting personal/professional goals. I have lived 24 years of my life searching for the person, the profession that I want to fulfill in my lifetime. Now at a shocking age I have found Seven Steps that have turned my life around from a dead-end road to an open prairie that's open to be experienced.

The Seven Laws of Success for You

1. Find the right Goal! Not just any goal! The goal that best suits you for the wants and needs of you. The right goal will give ambition; ambitions will give desire. You may find an overpowering purpose to life.

2. Education or Preparation. We need to learn that we need to learn! Success in this means to learn the way — to acquire additional education, training, experience, to give you the know-how to achieve the goals.

3. Good health. Sufficient sleep, exercise, plenty of Nebraska fresh air, and proper elimination, right

thinking, clean living, constructive thinking, a good simple attitude of confidence.

4. Doing it well, drive. Without energy, drive, constant propulsion, a person need never to expect to become truly successful.

5. Resourcefulness. To solve problems, surmount the obstacles and continue on the right course. You need a cool head to quickly get all the facts in order to make a wise decision. When you reach a decision, act on it.

6. Perseverance—Stick-to-it-iveness Don't fold up and throw it away now. You've already put too much into it; that is, you have read this far into the subject, why not look further? Work, think, learn, and keep at it until it gets better.

7. Have contact—with the special guidance of a friend, a lover, or a Higher Power of your choice. This step grants that all persons who carefully look into this progress of 7 simple steps shall see an emotional, spiritual, and physical change that could lead to a new outlook upon life. You too can seek to learn the true values of life.

This is what was given to me through my Higher Power. May it be there for you all.

Thank you for listening.

Barb C.

Magic Theater

"And so that's what I set out to do, to make a theatre that was stimulating, innovative and exciting and spoke to people right now and talked to them about what they were thinking about."

—Jo Ann Schmidman

The Story of the Omaha Magic Theatre begins in the Old Market in 1969. It presented works of contemporary European playwrights. Today, you'll find the Theatre at 1417 Farnam, presenting works of contemporary American writers, musicians, composers, painters and sculptors. "Now when we work with writers," says Jo Ann, the Theatre's Producing/Artistic Director, "we invite them for a residency."

Playwright Megan Terry points out that the Theatre produced a number of presentations dealing with feminist issues in the early 1970's but "since all of that is out in the open now, we always seem to be moving on." She recalled an example: We did a piece about

spouse and child abuse in '79 and it looks like the media (are) just discovering it." Megan says as soon as television has picked up on it, it's on to the next thing.

So, what is the next thing? Communication! Megan cites lack of communication within the family as the basic problem: "People cannot speak to one another." A piece still in research and development, called *Family Talk*, deals with positive, interpersonal communication within the family.

Astro-Bride, the next scheduled production, opens December 21. Written by Jo Ann, it offers a perception of humans through the eyes of a woman from another planet who has spent 30 years visiting Earth.

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Julie Morgan



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Willa Cather

The current issue of *Signs*, which may perhaps be described as America's leading scholarly journal for women's studies, has an interesting essay by Sharon O'Brien of Dickinson College on "Willa Cather as a Lesbian Writer". This "Lesbian Issue" of *Signs* has several articles which should be of interest to Lincoln's lesbian and gay community, including one on discrimination against lesbians in employment and another on the persecution of gay men and lesbians in Cuba. But readers of *The New Voice* will probably find the Cather piece especially exciting. It presents the first detailed account of Cather's love affair with Louise Pound when Cather was a student at the University of Nebraska.

It's well known that Willa Cather destroyed one important set of letters she had written, those to Isabelle McClung, a Pittsburgh society woman with whom she shared a room in the latter's family mansion for several years. Others letters to women have survived, but Cather's will provided that none of her correspondence should be quoted by biographers. It has been possible, however, for scholars to read some of these letters and to paraphrase them. The two significant letters on which Sharon O'Brien bases her account of Cather's feelings for Louise Pound were written in 1892 and 1893. They are in the Pound collection at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

In the first, Cather praises Louise's beauty at a party the night before and regrets that friendships between women are regarded as unnatural. The note of emotional involvement is quite marked. In the second she pleads for proof of Louise's affection, begs her to visit Red Cloud, and then in a startling bit of self-dramatization adds that if "Louise did come to Red Cloud she might as well bring a pistol and deliver a miserable soul from its earthly torment."

Cather signed her first letter "William". A note added by Louise Pound's sister explains that the Pound family regularly called Cather "William" because she always dressed like a man. Early photographs of Cather confirm this male image with a hair style that is almost military. Louise Pound herself looks more conventionally feminine

in her photos. She was a brilliant student in Lincoln and in Heidelberg, Germany. Later she became a well-known scholar and the first woman president of the Modern Language Association. She was also the first woman elected to the Nebraska Sports Hall of Fame. She was formidable in tennis tournaments, organized the women's basketball team on campus and led a women's military group which practiced with heavy rifles. She and Cather collaborated in campus journals and dramatic productions. For many decades she was a professor of English at the University of Nebraska. I remember meeting her when I first arrived in Lincoln in the mid fifties. A professor emeritus by that time, she was still a vigorous and formidable woman in her eighties.

Sharon O'Brien's article is not the first publication to discuss Cather's lesbianism. Jane Rule included a sensitive essay on her in *Lesbian Images*, and Phyllis C. Robinson's recent popular biography also assumed this orientation. There is much circumstantial evidence to support this point of view and nothing to contradict it, but O'Brien is the first scholar to give a full account of the intensity of her feelings for Louise Pound. Cather had rhapsodized on female beauty in art reviews in the *Lincoln Journal*, for which she wrote extensively, and in 1895 she had published in its pages an ardent appreciation of the love poems Sappho wrote to other women in ancient Greece.

Unlike Gertrude Stein, who seems to have been willing to have posterity see her as a lesbian, Cather in later life was very private and conservative in her lifestyle. But it is becoming increasingly obvious as evidence accumulates and censor increases that America's greatest woman novelist did, indeed, belong to its most despised minority.

Louis Crompton

The special "Lesbian Issue" of *Signs* (Summer 1984) is available from the University of Chicago Press, Journals Department, Box 37005, Chicago, 60637 for \$7.00.

Personal Profiles - Rosemary Machacek

The gay and lesbian community lost a vocal ally on the Human Rights Commission last month with the resignation of Rosemary Machacek, a vocal supporter of the so-called gay rights bill sent to city council by the commission in 1982. She has resigned in order to more effectively work for civil rights in other areas.

Rosemary Machacek was born into a family in Crete where discussing politics and religion at the dinner table was not considered rude, though intolerance for the opinions of others was. Her parents were, and still are, strong and vocal supporters of civil rights for all. "A civil society lets people be different," she told me over coffee a few weeks ago. She went on to say that she firmly believes prejudice of any sort to be taught rather than innate. "I have a brother in New Mexico who is straight who was a high school and college athlete, a real jock. But growing up in the same environment I did, and being taught that it is OK to be different, means that he has no trouble at all with the concept of gay civil rights or civil rights in general."

A student at the University of Illinois-Carbondale during the anti-Vietnam protests, her commitment to civil rights was refined and confirmed by seeing what happened at Kent State in 1970 when freedom of speech conflicted with John Mitche'll's idea of law and order. Her own university was forced to close during the spring quarter that year because of the rioting.

Returning to Lincoln with an M. A. in English, she was awarded a Regents' Fellowship to study the Education of Psychology and human

learning. A staunch feminist, she volunteered to work for the Women's Commission.

In 1982 Betty Brasch left the Commission on Human Rights to become Election Commissioner and Mayor Helen Bossalis found herself with one last appointment to make. "I think she wanted to use her last bit of influence to benefit a Commission whose work is very important. Look at what Reagan's influence has been in the area of civil rights. Membership in the RKK is way up from the 1960's. Poverty in this country is the highest since the 1960's. The bigots have crawled out of the woodwork."

Machacek is an optimist, however, pointing out that politics is cyclical in this country. While conceding that the Human Rights Commission is controversial ("If these issues were not controversial there would be no need for a commission") she also says that human rights are more important than political expediency.

When the Coalition asked the Human Rights Commission to pass a gay civil rights ordinance, Machacek immediately seized upon it as a human rights issue. She spoke to numerous groups, including churches, to ask them for their support. While being disappointed by the outcome of the vote, she thinks it is too early to tell whether the campaign was worthwhile.

It is not too early to tell that Rosemary Machacek has been a boon to those who believe that equal rights under the law means exactly that. The self-styled "sturdy peasant" says she loves her life, sleeps well and is ready to go in the morning. May she have many mornings yet to come.

Mal Dahl

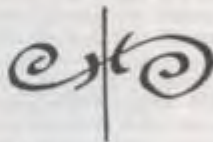
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572-2229

B.A.G.L. (battered, abused gays/les)
345-5797

Child Saving Institute
553-6000

Council Bluffs Shelter
328-3087; 328-0266

Displaced Homemaker Center
345-6555

Douglas County Child Support
444-6438

Emergency Pregnancy Service
(9a.m.-5p.m. wkdys; 9a.m.-1p.m. Sat)
554-1000

Family Planning Clinic
559-5121

Legal Aid Society of Omaha
348-1060

Maternal and Infant Care Project
559-4250

National Organization for Women/Omaha
449-1880; 346-0906

Omaha Headstart
444-5570

Parents Assistance Line
397-9909

Personal Crisis Service
444-7442; 444-7443

Planned Parenthood of Omaha-Cncl Bluffs
554-1040; 322-6650; 455-2121

The Salvation Army
346-6462

Santa Monica Half-Way House
(for women treated for drugs/alcohol)
558-7088

Sarpy County Shelter
291-6065; 339-2544; 331-3390

Shelter for Victims of Family Violence
558-5700

Sexual Assault Support Group
345-6555

Shelter Alternatives
345-6555

Sienna House
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Solitaires
(self-help therapy group for widows)
498-0871

UNO Women's Resource Center
554-2730

Wesley House
451-2228

Women Against Violence
345-6555; 345-7273

Special thanks to Barbara Wheeler,
Personal Crisis Service and Lori
Shoehigh-Walsh, Women Against Violence
for providing resource data.

Julie Morgan

Letters



To the Editors of The New Voice:

This letter is in response to an editorial entitled "A Different View" written by Mel Dahl and published in The New Voice. This statement about pornography reflects the opinion of Lincoln Women Against Pornography. We do not attempt to present the "other side" of the pornography issue. Rather, we hold that there are no sides to be taken—it is not a debatable issue. Pornography harms women, children and men; it is a gross form of exploitation.

Pornography at the root means the sexual slavery of females. It depicts women as sexual objects, animals and whores who enjoy pain, rape and humiliation. Pornography is forced sex used as a means of controlling and degrading women and all those oppressed by the male power-over system. Those oppressed include other men and children, with added denigration and violence directed toward women of color and other minorities. The issue here is one of inequality and denial of civil rights through subordination, not an issue of puritanism or obscenity. Our analysis is a feminist one. We are not anti-sex and do not find women's bodies "dirty" but rather we object to the link between sex and violence, using women's bodies as objects, and the subordination of women.

Pornography promotes the message that it is the function of women to be used sexually for the pleasure of men. This pleasure ranges from passive displays of body parts to rape and murder. The message of pornography contains the assumptions that it is OK to use women in this way, that we want and like to be used, and that we are always available for anything a male wants to do to us. These are false assumptions, in fact lies, about women's sexuality and male license.

Corollary relationships have been established between the viewing of pornography and increased male aggression toward women. It works like this: pornography presents women being raped, beaten and liking it; men read pornography; men believe pornography; men in turn rape and beat women.

Pornography is not women posing freely for large sums of money. Women and children are forced into the making of pornography by kidnapping threat, job harassment, low self-esteem, poverty and child abuse. Many pornography models are runaways and 70-80% are incest victims. Models see little or no money from pornography—Linda Marchiano (Linda Lovelace in Deep Throat) made no money from that movie. Money is an issue in the making of pornography, but it is the pornographers who enjoy the profits of an industry which reaps 9 billion dollars per year.

Models are not the only women hurt by pornography. It is forced on all women in many ways—a direct link between pornography and other forms of sexual abuse exists, e. g. rape, child molestation, wife battering and marital rape. Pornography is used in rape on the street, in the workplace, in educational systems and assaults us in the grocery store, on billboards and TV.

Pornography is women-hating propaganda and to support its existence is to support the hatred of women and the consequent violence done to women. Pornography harms everyone, including the men who believe pornography to be about sexuality instead of an issue of power and violence. It is men's need to control women which keeps them raping and battering—violence is the means of control and pornography is the sexualization of violence. Stop violence against women—no more pornography.

Sincerely,

Anna Capek
Lincoln Women Against Pornography

POETRY

Demise of Love

What do you do with love that doesn't
work?

What happens when expectations die?
Commonplace sharing—
Occupying the same house—
Paying bills without dreams—
Dutiful pairing without knowing why,
Knowing you have nothing,
And yet caring,
hurting,
wanting.

Knowing you have nothing,
Knowing it's ended—
hurting
wanting

Caring nonetheless.

J. D. C.

Untitled

Isn't it awful what they've done to
the word "gay"?

There is beauty in the heart,
perceived by Grace alone
barely glimpsed in the half-light
of intimidation and stern voices,
"Don't get too close!"
"Don't love your friend too much!"
(How dare they shut out God!)
To me it seems so "queer"
so very "strange"
so very "odd" . . .

Pat Arwall

EVENTS

Omaha Organizational News

The River City Mixed Chorus is planning its first full concert. The concert is scheduled for Sunday, December 16 starting at 3 in the afternoon, at the Max, 1417 Jackson in Omaha. The concert will have a holiday theme and will include a sing-along.

The first special presentation at the recently opened Max in Omaha will be a December 9 show, presented by the Meat Packers. This will be the first Meat Packers show in two years.

The Imperial Court of Nebraska Bowling League is contacting other regional leagues concerning a Regional Gay Bowling Tournament in Omaha in April,

Untitled

Do you know my friend?

She's the dark haired one, who bounces
and laughs
and looks you square in the eye.

Isn't she wonderful? You'd love her
—she's sweet and sensitive, and

I just don't know how to tell you
about her.

We've loved each other a long time, and
shared
our tears
and joys

We've made each other stronger. . .

I'd like to introduce you to her
and I would, except

You might discover our secret.

Pat Arwall

1985. Up to 65 teams could be involved.

The UNO Gay and Lesbian Support Group has a number of special events planned for meetings. November 6, they'll welcome guests from gay-oriented church groups. November 20, they will have a speaker from the health department. December 4 the group is planning a holiday party.

The Two-Wheelers Motorcycle Club of Omaha is sponsoring the 1st Annual Mr. Gay Nebraska Contest at the Diamond Bar on November 10, beginning at 10:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. All remaining proceeds from the contest will go to The New Voice Legal Defense Fund.

Gary E.

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The Antiquarium Bookstore is a unique shop dedicated to the appreciation of books, arts, used albums, magazines and antiques. Coffee and conversation are always available in a friendly, non-threatening environment.

Tom and his sister Judy Radloff started the original bookstore quite by accident. They bought used books from Duchesne College in 1969 when the college sold. They sold masses of books from their

backyard for 10 weeks. After looking for persons to buy the remainder of the books, they bought a dilapidated bookstore at 1210 Farnam and started stocking and cleaning up the store. The Antiquarium Bookstore was born and stayed at the original location for 5 years.

The bookstore moved to its present location from November, 1974 to March, 1975. The move was quite an undertaking and the store has expanded several times, offering new services along the way.

Tom Radloff and staff welcome every one to attend the Appreciation Party. It will be an evening worth remembering as people of different tastes meet on common ground. The dress will vary from evening gowns to cut offs. Food and drink will be provided. Individuals may bring their own dishes. Come join in the celebration.

Larry Wiseblood

NEWS & FEATURES

Once again the "Imperial Court" is busy at work planning the events for the upcoming months.

Thanksgiving is coming soon so many of the bars will have a barrel which will enable people to leave canned goods for the needy families at Thanksgiving. On Thursday, November 15 all participating bars will require either a food article or a \$1.00 donation as

Imperial Court

a cover charge with the cash proceeds going for food for the needy. The Thanksgiving food drive will conclude with a show at the Alley on November 19. Come join the fun.

Our next venture will be "Toys for Tots". The barrel will continue to be present at the bars to be used as a drop for new and usable toys to be used at Christmastime. All of the

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proceeds for this will be used for the children and families of gays. A \$2.00 donation cover charge can be a replacement for a toy. The "Max" bar will host a show on Dec. 23 to wrap up the "Toys for Tots" functions. This show will also include the crowning of the "Snow King and Queen". We will need your continuing support to make this a success. We hope you all can attend.

In the near future we will be sponsoring events "outside" of the bars that all can attend. If you have any

ideas that can help us bring your ideas to our next Board meeting Mon. Nov. 5, 7 p.m. at the "Max" in Omaha. Hope to see you soon.

Respectfully,

Empress IV "Velvet" Vince Percy
Emperor IV Gary West.

P. S. We would also like to thank the bars for the support they have given all of the gay organizations.

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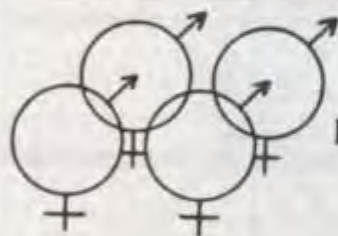
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A Special Thank You

On Sunday, October 14 the Alley Bar hosted The New Voice Benefit Ball. The purpose was to raise money to pay the legal bill from TNV's recent legal battle. The event was a tremendous success. We raised \$532.27 through the combined efforts of some very special people. Mr. Pat Phalen of Omaha spearheaded the project and put together an evening to remember.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to Mr. Phalen and to Sam and Tom of the Alley for hosting our fundraiser. The Alley sponsored a balloon/dart toss, a pie throw (thank you, Emperor Gary West) and a waterballoon toss. M. C. C. of Omaha, under the supervision of Pastor Jan and with the help of Jo Jo, Constance, Jerri, Jerry and Bill sold spicy Nachos that were delicious. Scott of T. W. O. polished leather and danced for us (nice luns, Scott!) Bart, Tom, Fred and Rich also strutted their stuff for us (Thanks guys!) Steve, our D. J. for the evening kept us all hopping. Muffy and Roz did Bette and Tina then Mysti (forgive me, hon, I forgot your number) performed under the organizational efforts of Vanessa (thank you, ladies, we love you all). A new "fun" raising organ-

ization called Heartland sold Bar-B-Q sandwiches and homemade cookies. Don sold sweets and ran a 50-50 raffle (Thanks for being you and for doing all those nice things, Don). Jamie was up from the Boardwalk and did an excellent job as our guest M.C. Thank you to Chuck and Gary for serving those cocktails. Jimmy, Larry, Bob, Ken and Jerry donned grease-paint, clowned around while working for us, and were truly wonderful. Thanks also to the independents that were not affiliated with any specific organizations: Rusty, Tom P., Louis, Shane, Ann, Gary G., Jonathan, Terry and Tom W. who helped decorate entertained and in general showed us that they care about The New Voice.

All of the above fine people united to help us. Many fine people braved the nasty weather to join us for the festivities. We love you all. Do us a favor. If you happen to run into one of these men or women in the near future, grab hold of them and give 'em a BIG HUG and a kiss. Tell 'em it's from The New Voice!

Thanks again! We love you!

Ken Dillard & Tim Kuntz
Co-Chairs, New Voice Legal Defense

Coalition Sets Goals, Elects Board

The Lincoln Coalition had its membership meeting October 6 at the Unitarian Church. By-laws were adopted and members were elected to a coordinating council.

While coalition members looked through books available as part of the GLIS Book Fair, workshops were offered on Self-Esteem, Coalition Goals, Alcohol and Drug Dependency, among others. During lunch Dr. Natalie Porter of LNL talked about the recent expulsion of Paul Cameron from the APA. Beatty Brasch, Election Commissioner, was there to register voters for the November election.

During the actual membership meeting, which John Taylor moderated, every gay and lesbian organization in Lincoln was invited to talk about itself.

Newly elected members of the coordinating council, evenly divided among men and women, are Kit Boesch, Jean C., Cheryl Long, Maggie Roe, Panna Schoepf, Fay, Pat Wall, Joel Brodsky, Mel Dahl, Steve P., Dick Kurtenbach, Rodney Life, John Taylor and George Wolf.

Mel Dahl

P—Flag Receives Grant

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Cornhusker, a Lincoln support group, has received a \$1,770 grant for educational and outreach efforts. The money will be used: to develop a core library of books, for educational outreach to parents in Lincoln and other Nebraska communities, to maintain a monthly newsletter, and to subsidize members' attendance at the International PFLAG Convention to be held in Denver later this month. PFLAG provides a safe/confidential place for parents, friends and gay and lesbian "children" to openly share their feelings and experience, as well as to support one another. Because of the homophobic attitudes frequent in our society, this is often the only place where they can talk about homosexuality as a personal experience. The group is educational in its efforts to learn about and to teach others not only what homosexuality is, but also what it is not. It is estimated that one out of ten persons is homosexual, which means that there are many parents in Lincoln along who might be interested in the support and information pro-

vided by PFLAG Cornhusker. Anyone interested in more information may write to PFLAG Cornhusker, P. O. Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504. All queries are held in strict confidence. A self addressed, stamped envelope would be appreciated. The grant was received from the Chicago Resource Center (CRC), a foundation which is concerned with gay and lesbian issues. In 1982 the CRC funded two conferences in Nebraska for pastors on counseling gay and lesbian people and their families.

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 90819, Lincoln, NE 68501

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OPINIONS

A Pox on Both Your Houses

The thought has occurred to me that two worse presidential candidates could not have been found if a search committee had worked on it for a year. Reagan or Mondale, ugh. That's like the old Utah law that permitted condemned murderers to decide whether they would rather be hanged or shot.

I cannot for the life of me understand why the gay community is having a love affair with the Democratic party. Eighteen of the 22 states that still have sodomy laws on the books also have Democratic legislatures. A Democratic president named Carter promised to repeal the military's anti-gay ban as a candidate but broke his promise as a president. A Democratic U. S. House voted 3-1 to keep homosexual acts illegal in the District of Columbia after the City Council passed repeal. Here in Nebraska we have a Democratic gutless wonder named Bob Kerrey who fired one of his aides over the Antelope Park incident and whose office does not answer mail from The New Voice. And the list goes on. By the way, of the fifteen states that never ratified the ERA, eleven have Democratic legislatures.

Let's face it, folks, a politician is a politician is a stunk regardless of which party he or she serves.

I don't doubt that many that many of the above-mentioned grievances were committed by people who privately are on our side but do not dare say so. Yet, what practical good is a fair-weather friend?

The record of both parties has been absolutely monstrous, not just in the area of gay civil rights, but overall. The two parties have brought our world inches from nuclear disaster. The two major parties have run up a national debt that we will never pay. The two parties have given us a tax system worse than the plight of the serfs in the Middle Ages (that is not an exaggeration. A serf worked two months a year for his lord. The American taxpayer works five months a year for the government).

I'm voting libertarian this year. I say a pox on both parties. Meanwhile, I hear somebody suggested changing the election law so that "None of the Above" would be an option for every position but the politicians don't like the idea because then there wouldn't be a safe race in the country.

Mel Dahl

Cameron is Removed from APA

Speaking of stunks (see above column) Paul Cameron was finally invited to leave the American Psychological Association.

Last December the Board of the APA voted to drop Dr. Cameron's name from its list of members. The decision was announced last month.

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Cameron has tried to say that he voluntarily resigned from the organization, but the fact is the APA does not accept the resignations of members under investigation. He did try to resign but could not.

Speculation has been wide over why specifically Cameron was dropped. The APA will say nothing more than that there were "ethical violations". So what else is new? Gee, I thought everybody knew that Paul Cameron was just a paradigm of ethics.

Those who remember the 1982 referendum may recall that Cameron started a story that a small child's genitals had been mutilated by a homosexual in the Gateway. When this story turned out to be, er, not quite accurate, his reply was that it did not matter if this particular story is true; other incidents like it happen-all the time.

Another curiosity in this whole affair is Cameron's statements that

the APA is a disreputable organization. If that is the case, why did he himself try to get one of his papers published and read by the APA only a short time ago?

We hope that Cameron will now be known, not as "the psychologist who was instrumental in getting the gay rights bill defeated in 1982" but rather as "the goniff who was expelled from the APA for ethical violations and who threatened to sue the Lincoln Journal if it published the fact that he had been expelled from the APA."

By the way, we have been led to believe that Paul Cameron's childhood dream was to become a star. We are so pleased that he has been successful, particularly since every schoolchild knows that a star is a flaming ball of gas.

Mal Dahl

Here and There

Violence against lesbians and gay men is widespread in America, according to a recent survey released by the National Gay Task Force. Results of the study, which was conducted in cooperation with local gay/lesbian organizations in eight U. S. cities in June and July, 1983 show that of nearly 2,100 lesbian and gay people surveyed, more than 90% said they experienced some type of victimization because of their sexual orientation. Physical abuse was reported by 20% of the males surveyed and 10% of the females. Approximately 1/3 of respondents stated that they had been verbally abused by relatives because of their sexual orientation. Other forms of abuse included objects being thrown and individuals being chased or followed.

Guide Magazine, Denver

After eight years of court appearances and legal battles a gay and lesbian student group at Texas A & M University has won recognition from the school administration. The Fifth Circuit court of appeals ruled that the school's refusal to grant GSS (Gay Student Services) recognition is unconstitutional and impermissibly

denied their First Amendment rights of freedom of association.

Gay Community News, Boston

The Salvation Army of New York City has refused to accept donations of clothing of gay men who have died of AIDS. Bob Brennan, direction of operations for the Army's adult rehabilitation center, said that he would not, under any circumstances, direct his employees to pick up clothing donations from "people who, to my knowledge, have died of AIDS—no matter how clean the clothes are."

Washington Cascade Voice

A recent report by U. S. News and World Report listed homosexuals as the seventh largest block of voters in the United States, with 17 million potential members. The report also noted that gays and lesbians had more electoral power than Hispanics, Jews and farmers combined.

The Patier, Sacramento

Gail's Hit List

It used to be that the only ones who ever bought 12" records were, like, you know... "us". Now everybody's coming out (so to speak) with hot dance mixes of their hits. Such an example is Robin Gibb's "Boys Go Fall in Love" (Secret Agent, Atlantic Tapes and Records). If you listened to the album out of "Boys" you might say, "eh, it's OK, but Dick Clark would never get more than a 70 out of me." But give your ears a listen to the funky up 12" version and your little feeties just won't stand still! Another such cut is the 12" of Sheila E.'s "The Glamorous Life". Sheila is first and foremost a percussionist, having played with such greats as Lionel Richie, she really lets her sticks fly

GAIL'S HIT LIST

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|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. I Peel For You | Chaka Khan |
| 2. Swept Away | Diana Ross* |
| 3. Let's Go Crazy | Prince* |
| 4. Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go | Wham! |
| 5. Body Rock | Maria Vidal |
| 6. The Glamorous Life | Sheila E. |
| 7. High Energy | Evelyn Thomas |

in the 12" extended version. And the list goes on.

Twelve inch records used to be as hard to find as Top Siders in a leather bar. If you wanted 12" you had to travel to the big city (Denver, Chicago, Kansas City, etc.). But as the popularity of these mega cuts increases, so does their existence in cities such as Lincoln. Several record stores in town, including both Dirt Cheap stores are beginning to carry more and more of these delectable licorice ear candies. So go out, splurge and enjoy! Take a 12" home with you today!

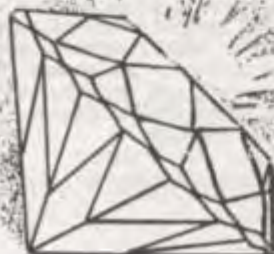
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| 8. Caribbean Queen | Billy Ocean* |
| 9. Better Be Good to Me | Tina Turner |
| 10. Dynamite | Jermaine Jackson |
| 11. Strut | Sheena Easton |
| 12. Boys Do Fall in Love (remix) | Robin Gibb* |
| 13. You Don't Stand Another Chance | Janet Jackson |
| 14. Erotic City | Prince* |
| 15. Masquerade | Evelyn Thomas* |
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Alternative Pool

Tis the Season

The Holidays are upon us! Halloween is over and it is time for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. You may think I'm rushing the season, but time marches on. In the last issue I suggested an alternative interest pool. One of the things that I enjoy sharing is the holidays. Many gay people are separated from their families and attempt to celebrate the holidays alone. The last four years I have had the joy of good friends to share Thanksgiving Dinner, Christmas Eve and New Years Day. There are usually some

people at these gatherings that I don't particularly like, but that is not so much different from my family get-togethers.

If you would like to host a "Holiday Affair" (no pun intended) but don't have anyone to invite, or if you would like to be invited and are willing to contribute to the occasion in some way (pot luck) let me know. I will try to get the party goers and the host/hostesses together. No one should spend the holidays alone. Write Jerry P., Alternative Interest Pool, The New Voice.

Pages from the Past

Recently a candidate for the U. S. Senate refused to accept a campaign contribution from a strip show sponsored by a gay organization. For years benefit shows have raised thousands of dollars for many worthy causes in Nebraska, including shows that include impersonation or as some say, "drag". The former Crisis and Referral Line raised most of its money by co-sponsorship of shows that represented impersonations of men portraying women and in some cases lesbians portraying men. Six years ago it

was reported by The Lincoln Gay News that the Mime to Madness Revue raised over \$300 for the Lincoln Gay Crisis and Referral Line. Performers included Buddy Starr, Banni Lynn, Ginger Snapp, Miss Gay Des Moines, Aundra Summers, Miss Stage Door, Deonne, Miss Gay West Texas, Nikki De'Angelo. The show was held at the Villager Hotel in Lincoln and except for some technical problems was a rousing success.

Larry Wiseblood

C.O.G. Plans 4th Anniversary Get-Together

The Community of Grace (COG) will have its fourth anniversary celebration Sunday, November 18, 1984 at 6:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street. PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and

Guys) will again sponsor the activity.

PFLAG will be providing a turkey for the evening meal. Persons attending are asked to bring a covered dish and table service for themselves.



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Astrology — Sagittarius

A View from the Stars By: Phoenix

Sagittarius the Archer Nov 21-Dec 20
Ruling Planet: Jupiter
Key Words: I perceive
Element: Fire
Mode of Expression: Mutable

Life Task: To reach beyond the every day work through the use of the gift of perception into the abstract realm of philosophy and social trends; choose and lead others by example into the higher, more positive more productive paths.

Jupiter here gives an expansive nature and love of travel and philosophy. Growth and learning can come from formal or informal education, or through travel or experience with people from different walks of life/ other parts of the world or any combination.

Sagittarians have a deep love of liberty and freedom and there is a basic sense of justice and honesty—almost always straightforward. Sag can sometimes be too much so—the phrase "Frank to a fault" was, I believe, coined to describe a Sagittarius—a cupful of tact stirred in the nature would be a positive thing, especially in terms of interpersonal

relationships.

The Sagittarian nature is open, friendly and outgoing. There is usually a love of sports and the outdoors and frequently a weakness for gambling. Sag is also naturally spiritually inclined. This does not mean religious in a traditional, dogmatic sense. Although in the less evolved the strong idealism and devotion to principles may manifest as a tendency to be narrow minded and bigoted and in a spiritual/religious realm to religious fanaticism and blind adherence to dogma.

On the level of personal relationships Sag requires a long, long leash, especially in youth, these are difficult to pin down. However, they are also interesting, stimulating, and lots of fun to be around (and most do settle down as they get older).

Negatives: Over indulgence, tactless, restless, bigoted, fanatical, a bit fickle

Positives: Honest, just, forward thinking, friendly, outgoing, interesting.

Happy Birthday Sagittarius!!!

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People of The New Voice,
You guys and gals are doing a great job. Thanks for a first rate publication. God Bless You!

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Sandy

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Letters



I recently attended the Benefit Ball held for The New Voice at the Alley Bar in Omaha.

I would like to congratulate the individuals and organizations that participated in this worthy endeavor for a very fun evening.

I noticed that the Imperial Court of Nebraska was not represented by a booth which came as a great surprise.

I was told that The New Voice had asked the Imperial Court for a donation toward their Legal Defense Fund and was turned down and told they should establish a non-profit status.

I can't understand how the Imperial Court justifies refusing the need of The New Voice when they have donated to the bowling league and the volleyball team, and they don't have non-profit status.

Having raised over \$10,000 as well as receiving a \$10,000 private donation over Labor Day Weekend for AIDS re-

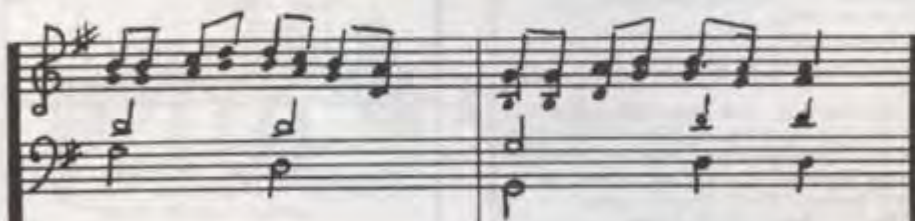
search I can't understand why an organization that can raise over \$20,000 on a weekend can't give their time and energy toward trying to raise \$1,500.00?

The bars, organizations and individuals bend over backward to support the Imperial Court of Nebraska. It's rather disheartening when I hear that when another organization asks for their help they refuse. What happened to the "unity" of this year's court?

I will find it very difficult to support future goals of The Imperial Court of Nebraska until such time as I see them giving their support when another organization needs them. After all, the Imperial Court is supposed to be the largest fund-raising organization and yet they choose to do nothing.

Confused and Disappointed,

John Flory
Omaha

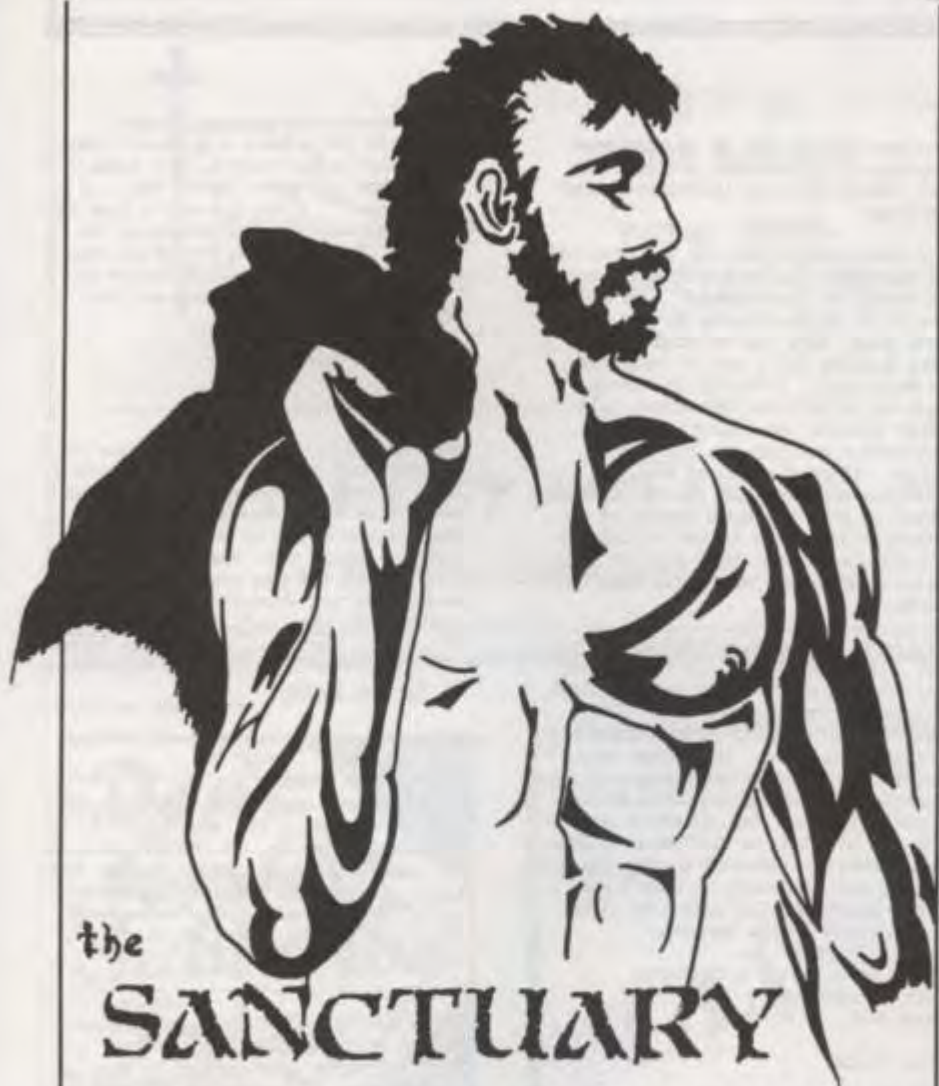


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T.J.'s Corner

Dear T. J.:

Who are we? On May 25 of this year a group of individuals got together who shared the same interest—motor-cycling.

Our main concern was the gay community of Nebraska. In the following months we formed an organization. We saw a few other organizations in the state, some good, some not so good. We were looking for a way to help gays in this area. A fairly new group sent out a call for financial help. After careful consideration, we attended a meeting for The New Voice. After discussing the problems that TNV was facing, we decided to show the good people of Nebraska that we are indeed a club for the people and not just another fund raising organization out to take their money.

We are T. W. O.—Two Wheelers of Omaha. Our goal is to help raise money for The New Voice Legal Defense Fund. Please help us to help them. We have set up jars in various bars in Lincoln and Omaha. The money collected in these locations along with any additional funds raised through the First Annual Mr. Gay Nebraska contest (at the Diamond Bar in Omaha) in November shall be donated to The New Voice. We ask that you help us help them. Also, thanks to the bars that have contributed to the contest.

Thank you, fellow Nebraskans,
Scott Fleischman
President, T. W. O.

Dear Scott:

Thank you for the support. It's people like you at T. W. O. that make me proud to be a Nebraskan and proud that I'm gay. I wish you, T. W. O., and the Mr. Gay Nebraska contest the best of luck and great success.

Love,
T. J.

Dear T. J.:

Maybe you can answer a question that I've asked other people. It seems I always get the same reply, "Hell, I don't know." I for one would like to know what organization received the \$20,500 that the good people of Nebraska and Council Bluffs donated to the Imperial Court of Nebraska for AIDS research?

Curious in Omaha

Dear Curious:

Good question. I'm sure that you're not the only one out there that would like to know. I have heard that the money from last year's Labor Day weekend was given to the UNO Medical Center. As of yet, the proceeds from this year's efforts are still in the account of the Imperial Court. I'm pretty sure that we'll be finding out who, what, where and when in an upcoming installment of Imperial Court News in The New Voice.

Thanks for writing,

T. J.

Send letters, questions, comments to T. J.'s corner, The New Voice, P. O. Box 80819, Lincoln, NE 68501. Letters are subject to publication unless specified otherwise. Opinions expressed in T. J.'s corner are not necessarily the views of the editor or staff of The New Voice.

A new toll-free national gay information service called Gay 800 is designed as an alternative to gay guidebooks. A feature of the service is that it is computerized and always current. The switchboard for Gay 800 is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Those wishing to reach the service for referrals should call 800-223-7030.

Call Toll Free 800-342-AIDS to obtain materials or ask questions and get the most current and accurate information on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and its transmission.



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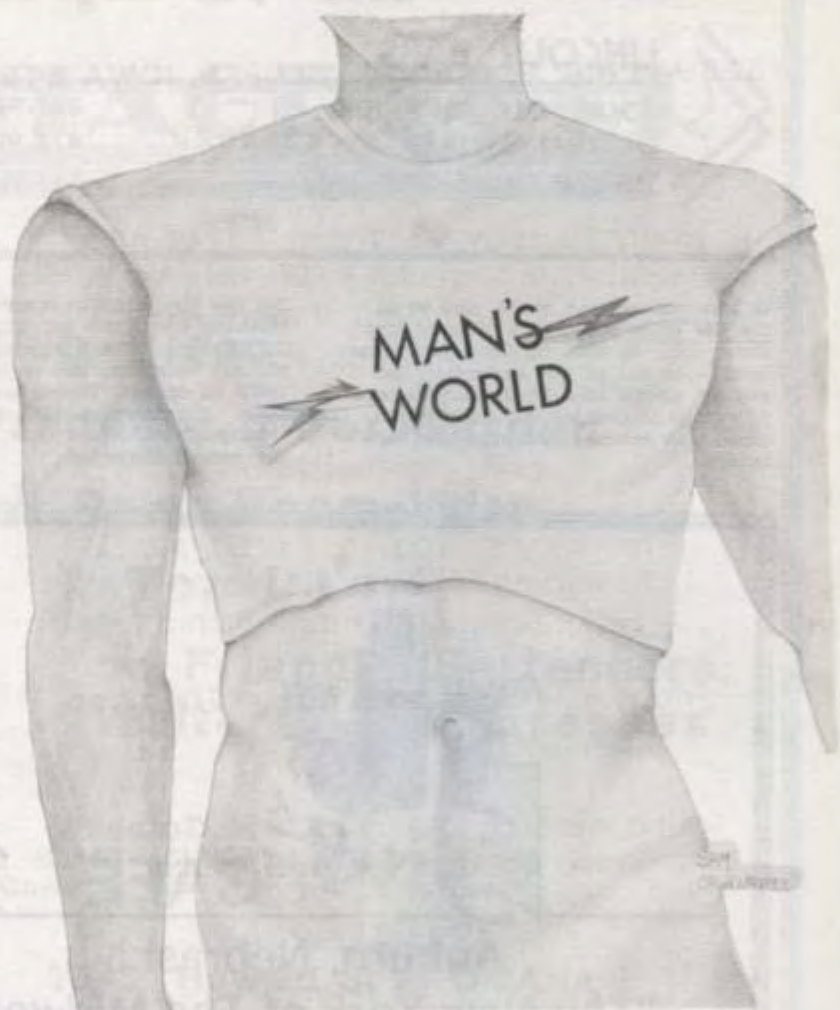
We know you are out there, and we at The New Voice would like to know more about you. We want to share your knowledge with all of the community, but are not always able to do so. We need your help in getting out information about your events, meetings, and happenings.

The New Voice has an opening on its Steering Committee for Graphics Coordinator. The position is completely voluntary and requires knowledge of design, layout and illustration. The magazine also needs a staff photographer. Write to P. O. Box 80819 for more information.



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345-2975 or 345-2563

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every Monday at 7:30 p.m.

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

Heartland
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Imperial Court of Nebraska
342-5710
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of gay society. Omaha meeting first
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Churches. Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.
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7:00 p.m. Wednesday Praise, Prayer
and Healing, 7:45 p.m. 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.

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Call (402) - 475-4697

Gay and Lesbian Volleyball League
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Lesbian Support Group
472-2597

Informal discussion group for
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Lincoln, NE 68588

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

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
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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
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Contact J. Benjamin Roe,
Executive Director.

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Contact Mel Dahl
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Lincoln, NE 68504
466-1151

A support group for parents,
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on the third 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

UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Association
228 Andrews Hall, UNL
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