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Our Turn

View and opinions by The New Voice staff.

Political Observer? Looking Ahead to Changes

-by Sharon V.

Jerry Roemer is apparently a very naive political observer. Along with the great positive accomplishments of Governor Kay Orr, he is now giving her credit for helping establish the Republican Party Truth Squad. Like Rip Van Winkle, Mr. Roemer must have been asleep for the last twenty years while the truth squads of both parties follow candidates across the country. It has become an accepted part of the political election process.

As far as what either political party says in their platform or does at their convention, nothing is going to help our community until we elect more compatible candidates to public offices. Maybe we can come up with one in Nebraska in the not too distant future.

-Name withheld per request

The New Voice is a vital and growing publication and, as with all growing things, there are changes.

Beginning in January the New Voice will be published on the first day of each month. This will enable us to give better coverage to events planned and presented early in the month. This means that there will now be a deadline of the 10th of the month for articles, classified ads, and display ads which need art work or typesetting. We feel sure that this will not place a hardship on our advertisers nor our contributors but will result in better service to the community.

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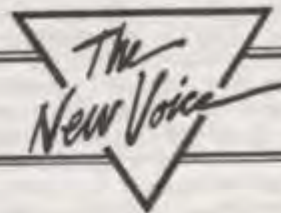
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New Voice Survey "Tell Us How We're Doing"

In July, we printed a survey asking for your opinion regarding the performance of the New Voice since we moved to Omaha. Now, I realize that surveys are notorious for a low number being returned but our rate of return left us without a true statistical sample. We put out 900 magazines and had only 9 surveys returned. One out of one hundred is not a good showing.

However, here are the results as promised. Opinions are still welcome. Just put your comments in the form of a letter to the Editor.

*The overall performance of the New Voice:

Excellent - 2 Good - 5
Improving - 1 Poor - 1

*The New Voice represents the Gay and Lesbian Community:

Always - 4 Sometimes - 1
Never - 1

*The Articles are:

Timely and interesting,
Yes - 6 No Opinion - 2
No - 1

Well Written,
Yes - 7 No Opinion - 2

*The New Voice uses good taste in:

Articles,
Yes - 7 No Opinion - 2

Art Work,
Yes - 6 No Opinion - 2
No - 1

Advertisements,
Yes - 5 No Opinion - 2
No - 2

*There should be more:

Local Events,
Yes - 6 No Opinion - 2
No - 1

Humor,
Yes - 6 No Opinion - 2
No - 1

Features, photographs and other art work,
Yes - 5 No Opinion - 2
No - 1

National, sports, women's news and poetry
Yes - 3 No Opinion - 3
No - 2

Fiction,
Yes - 3 No Opinion - 2
No - 4

*Paper and print style are easy to read:

Yes - 7 No - 1

*The New Voice is readily available:

Yes - 5 No Opinion - 2
No - 2

*The subscription rate is:

Just right - 5 Too high - 2

*I support the advertisers:

Frequently - 1 Never - 1
Sometimes - 5

*Favorite parts of the New Voice:

Articles re: Bible and homosexuality. Six people identified coverage of local events and local news as favorite. Fantasy sex section. Coming out articles. What I need to know is condensed and the rest eliminated.

*Least favorite parts of the New Voice:

Too much on AIDS, religion and dreary downer poems. Limit discussion of gay publications. National news.

*Readers feel the New Voice should:

Keep looking for ways to improve. Keep up the good work. Get magazine out to subscribers earlier. Include more articles from Lincoln. Identify advertisers as Omaha or Lincoln. Include more personal experience articles.

So, as you can see, the results are positive. You are generally pleased with the New Voice but there are still areas where we can improve. Thanks for your input. Continue to let us know how we're doing. We want to hear from you.

Say What?

-by Jean Mortensen

I'm probably going to ruffle a few feathers, but I'd like to pose a question to the community: Why do we have to have the music in our bars so awfully loud?

Recently another couple and my partner and I made a weekend trip to Omaha for a bit of fun. One of the places we visited was the Max on Saturday night. It's a fine place; I love the lights and I enjoy dancing there very much, so please don't think I'm against the Max or any other of our establishments. But all four of us left the bar with our heads throbbing and our ears ringing from the volume of the music. I used to have the same sensation after a night at the old Stage Door, and the same thing has happened at the Boardwalk in Lincoln and Chancy's in Grand Island.

I don't know about all of you readers, but I'd rather not have to be wearing a hearing aid by the time I'm thirty-five years old. I'm rather fond of being able to hear, and I'm thankful I can. I don't want to have to ask people who speak to me to please repeat themselves.

Yeah, yeah, I know: There are quiet places designed into some of these bars, places like the outdoor patio at the Max. The owners are to be praised for their thoughtfulness in providing such quiet areas where the old-fashioned art of conversation can still be practiced. However, part of the fun in going to a bar is dancing and another part is watching people dance, neither of which can be done from the patio. Again, the Max has glassed-off areas where people may sit and watch the dancers without an assault against their eardrums, and I think this was considerate and insightful planning.

But the fact remains that in the dancing areas themselves, the music can reach some pretty incredible levels. And over an extended period of time, such as a few hours on a Saturday night, it can make your head buzz and ring even while you're trying to fall asleep later. Might this be hazardous to one of our senses after repeated exposure?

I hope you all aren't thinking I'm an old fuddy-duddy. I've never thought of myself that way. In fact, I enjoy listening to loud (but not THAT loud) music when I drive down the interstate. I love to go out dancing to music you can feel all through your insides, music that makes you want to move. And some of our bars have wonderful sound systems that make the tunes sound even better. I like listening to the music in our bars because I can't find that kind of body-moving music on the radio. From a business' point of view, I can understand that the better the music sounds, the more people will dance, and the more people will come to the bar. But I also have a healthy respect for my senses. I'm lucky enough to be able to taste, touch, smell, see and hear. And I'd like to keep on using my senses the rest of my life. That means not abusing them.

Does anybody out there agree, or am I in a very small minority? What do you think? Perhaps we can generate some discussion here. Anybody care to express an opinion in the New Voice? Would it hurt anything to turn the volume down a few decibels? It certainly wouldn't hurt our eardrums.

Community Calendar Aug. 10 - Sept. 10, 1988

Weekly Events

Sundays

Metropolitan Community Church
420 South 24th Street, Omaha
Worship Services 10:20 am, 7 pm
Bible Rap 6 pm

Mondays

Adult Children of Alcoholics
MCC-Omaha, 420 South 24th
7 pm, 346-0561

Fridays

Gay AA
Lutheran Medical Center
8:15 pm, 345-9916

Gay Al-Anon
MCC-Omaha, 420 South 24th
8:15 pm

Monthly Calendar

Sunday, September 11

Dignity
St. John's (lower level)
Creighton Campus, Omaha
Mass - 7pm

The Max
1415 Jackson
"Brandi Alexander and Kim
Alexis"
9:30 pm

Monday, September 12

AIDS Interfaith Network
Prayer Service
St. Cecelia's Cathedral
701 N. 40th, Omaha, 7pm

Womyn Together (Lesbian Rap)
Dale Clark Library, Omaha
Meeting Rooms 2 & 3
7 - 9 pm

Saturday, September 17

MCC-Omaha
Bowl-a-thon
Ames Bowl
56th & Ames
1pm

Sunday, September 25

Dignity "Gathering"
Call for location, 331-4919
7 pm

The Max
1417 Jackson, Omaha
"Front Page News"
Benefit for Dorian Drake and
Miss Muffy Rosenbury to attend
Miss Gay America
9:30 pm

Monday, September 26

Womyn Together (Lesbian Rap)
Dale Clark Library, Omaha
Meeting Rooms 2 & 3
7 - 9 pm

Friday, September 30 through Sunday, October 2

MCC-Omaha
420 South 24th, 345-2563
"Spiritual Renewal Weekend"
UFMCC's 20th Anniversary

Tuesday, September 27

P-FLAG/Lincoln
Call for location
(402) 435-4688

Sunday, October 2

The Max
1417 Jackson, Omaha
"Tina and Pearl"
Brian Murphy from NYC
9:30 pm

Tuesday, October 4

P-FLAG/Omaha
First Methodist Church
(Northeast Entrance)
69th & Cass, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 5

MCC-Omaha
420 South 24th
"Coming Out" Support Group
7 pm

Thursday, October 6

Bars and Organizations of Omaha
(800) Call for location

Sunday, October 9

Dignity
St. John's Lower Level
Creighton Campus, 7 pm
Mass

All Iowa AIDS Benefit
Park Inn, Downtown
Des Moines, IA

A New Look!	T WOMYN G E T H E R	All Womyn Welcome BUILDING COMMUNITY Sept. 19-- Loving Yourself Sept. 26-- Loving Others Oct. 3-- Building Community COMING NEXT: Legal Issues for Womyn
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Features



Gay On Campus

-by Wes Perry



Pomp and Circumstance played as I marched down the isle at my college graduation. I was filled with anxiety about what the world held for my future and yet I was ready to leave campus for the last time. Being a student, no, make that a gay student isn't always easy.

Take, for instance, those Friday night dances. I wanted to go to those so bad. I love to dance but I'm not crazy. I would never have been able to take my lover with me. Imagine it, two fashionably dressed handsome men waltzing arm in arm as we brush past the quarterback and head cheerleader. Not a pretty sight.

And speaking of the quarterback, I would have given my right arm to be able to "play" with the football team. (No pun intended.) Somehow, though, I don't think they would have gone for a rousing game of two-hand touch. In gym class we had a co-ed team but when I was picked last on a regular basis I began to take the hint.

And then there were those Greek houses. What really happened in those places anyway? I never tried to find out for fear that they would find out about me. I think this was the reason I couldn't do a lot of things. I was worried about who would find out my secret.

After I graduated from college I had some time to think about things. I decided that college was not all bad after all. I realize now how I kept myself from doing all those things I thought were not available to me. I was going

back to graduate school so I vowed to give it another try.

School started and right away I came out in all my classes. Now, I must admit, I am in a liberal field so I can do things like this and get away with it a little easier than most. I just knew that I would be hated from the minute I said I was gay. Wrong! I wasn't hated, I was busy. I spoke to classes and the people from those classes still say "hi" when they see me. I spoke to faculty meetings and now the school is setting up a gay and lesbian issues class. I became the president of the gay and lesbian student group and was known by many students on campus and liked by most. I knew what I was, I was comfortable with my sexuality and even though I told people about myself I didn't push it on them. And ya know, they didn't back away.

No, I still didn't play football, but I did take my lover to a school dance and we did waltz next to some pretty big guys. I found that I made my own experience. People treated me the way I treated myself and others.

Coming out to everyone on campus is not something everyone can do and I'm not saying that people do that. What I am saying is that many times we limit ourselves because of our own fears. We need to look past ourselves and take chances from time to time. We have all the same opportunities that our heterosexual peers have and we need to take advantage of them if we ever plan to succeed.

"Professional Homosexuals" Tour K.C.

-by Gary

Ron Romanovsky and Paul Phillips -- a nationally-popular gay musical duet who call themselves "Professional Homosexuals" -- brought their alternately hilarious and thought-provoking act to Kansas City over the July 4th weekend. The concert was sponsored by the Heartland Men's Chorus, who, along with the Kansas City Woman's Chorus, provided the opening act.

R & P are well known for their blatantly gay lyrics ("The Sodomy Song", for example,) well-performed folksy tunes and audience participation antics. Phillips, the more - er - "nuveau fashion" of the two, came on stage with red and black striped stockings that were vaguely familiar. Soon his partner made reference to last seeing those socks in "The Wizard of Oz" on the legs of the Wicked Witch who had the house dropped on her.

Their songs ranged from the humorous ("Don't Use You Penis for a Brain", sung back and forth with the audience) to the serious ("The Woman Next Door" about violence against women). Along with songs from their newest album, a number of R & P favorites were performed, including "Outfield Blues", "What Kind of Self-Respecting Faggot Am I?" and the poignant "Carnival People".

A recommendation: at least 8 folks from Omaha made the journey to K.C. for this concert and had a great time. Some local person or group should sponsor Ron and Paul in concert in Omaha. They tour twice annually, and have never been to the River City, although they performed in Lincoln a few years ago. The concert would be a breath of fresh air here.

This writer is not familiar with any local stores which feature Romanovsky and Phillips records or tapes, but they can be purchased directly from Fresh Fruit Records, P.O. Box 4418, Berkeley, CA 94704.



The Second Most Important Room In The House

-by Hedda Lettuce

Well guys, here it is September and it's out of the pool and back to school. Luke Warne isn't as hot as I originally thought, but he is a really likable guy. I wish I could say the same about his cousin, Stu Pidd. If nerds are "in", then Stu is the cream of the crop. We met one evening at Chuck Wagon's Chuck Wagon, a barbecue place on the outskirts of town .. but that's another story and not suitable for this column.

Let's concentrate, this month on soups. They make a simple, delicious Sunday night meal; serve with french or Italian bread and a salad.

Vegetable Soup for a Crowd

Ingredients:

13 cups of water
1- 16 oz can tomato juice
1/2 green pepper, finely chopped
a chunk of cabbage, chopped
1- 16 oz can V-8 juice
4 large carrots, cut in 1 inch slices
1 medium onion, chopped coarse
2 celery stalks, chopped coarse
1 tsp dried parsley
1 tsp salt
2 beef bouillon cubes
1 pkg vegetable soup mix
1 pkg onion soup mix
4 oz uncooked extra-fine noodles

Directions:

In a large covered pot combine water, V-8 and tomato juice. Bring to a boil; add carrots, green pepper, onion, cabbage and celery. Reduce heat and simmer for about 2 hours, stirring frequently.

Add the rest of the ingredients except the noodles and simmer for 30 minutes more.

Add noodles and simmer an additional 10 minutes.

This will make a gallon, so unless you are bringing this to a pot-luck dinner, you should have plenty left over for another meal.

Potato and Cheese Soup

Ingredients:

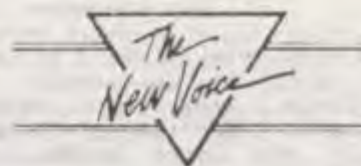
2 cans condensed chicken broth
1 can condensed beef broth
3 cups water
2 large onions, sliced
5 med. size potatoes, peeled and diced
2 cups sliced celery
8 mushrooms, sliced
1/3 cup butter
1/3 cup flour
salt & pepper
1/3 cup chopped parsley
6 oz Emmenthaler cheese, shredded

Directions:

In a stock pot or large saucepan combine broths, water, onion, potato, celery and mushrooms. Cover and simmer 30 minutes, or until potatoes are tender. In a small pan melt butter. Stir in flour and stir constantly until mixture becomes golden brown. Add the butter mixture to the simmering soup and stir soup until it bubbles and thickens. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Ladle into soup bowls and sprinkle with the cheese and parsley. Serves 6.

A brief word about pepper. If you don't have a pepper mill, go out and buy one. Buy pepper corns and have fresh ground pepper. It is vastly superior to the ground pepper most people use.

Barb Wire came over the other day. Good old Barb; she sure is a live one. After eating ribs at Chuck Wagon's, we came home and watched old cult films on TV. Speaking of ribs, next month we'll whip out a couple of rib delights. Bye for now.



A True Friend

-Bear

She is always kind
And when you're having trouble
And you don't know what to do,
She'll lend a hand or let you talk
And listen 'til you're thru.
She'll never breathe a single word
Of what you had to say
But calmly reassures you
That tomorrow will be a beautiful day.

- To:Moe

Around the Milkrun

- With Belinda Loveless

Wasn't Miss Flowers lovely in her gown at the Labor Day show at the Max? She looked absolutely ravished (oops I meant ravishing). The house of large sizes is handling better merchandise these days. It all goes back to the old quandary of how do you get ten pounds of sugar in a five pound bag or in this case a 200 pound bag in a size eight dress. Understand her red hat has been condemned by the city health department for harboring so many dirty ideas for too many years.

The annual romp in the mud at the Labor Day picnic at the Warehouse was its usual exhilarating affair. Unfortunately there isn't enough mud in Carter Lake to make any of those broads beautiful.

Rumor around town is that the big remodeling job at the Diamond Bar has been put on hold. It seems that the designer in charge of the tea room committed suicide. The graffiti on the blackboard was too much to cope with.

Fashion Note: Miss Payton, the darling of the Run volleyball court was seen in one of last years' outfits. But really darlings!



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Commercials

-by Don Longmore

I like Television. I believe God put it on earth to entertain kids and senior citizens. I don't know too many people who don't watch the tube, but I know some who don't watch the commercials, and believe they may be missing something.

For instance, have you seen the terrific looking guy on the Grapenuts commercial? When I first saw him I thought to myself, "sweetie, you're in love again." I probably only see him 3 or 4 times a day, and you might say that's not enough, but darn it, I know when I'm in love.

Remember little Michael last Christmas on the water bed ad? That was a classic. The kid never said a word but his expressions said it all. Well they goofed this time, they never should have let him open his mouth. The bed is too big, too little or too hard. Now I'll go along with the too little part, but too big and too hard? Grow up Michael.

How about that naked hunk on the Drano ad sitting there in a bubble bath. Well, I'm forever blowing bubbles, and would like to help him clean out his drain. But then I am in love with the Grapenuts man.

Now they have weenies to fit your buns. Isn't that just special.

There's that sexy beauty who says, very seductively, "I have a new roommate." Oh mercy, let it be me. But I can't forget Grapenuts can I?

One guy even sends me to the fridge or the bathroom when he appears. That Aussie on the Energizer ad. (Barf-arama). He could star in a horror film and they wouldn't [have] to use a bit of make up on him. I feel about that commercial the same way I do about the Preparation-H ad. They can stick it.

I do like that cute little fireman in the shower lathering everything up with Shield soap. Then he goes dancing around the fire truck in tight jeans. I'd like to help him put his fire out. Sorry GN.

Here is one to insult the intelligence. This hunk is being chased by men and hounds through the forest, swamps and wilderness and the dogs are sure to pick up his scent. Suddenly he comes to a rustic old cabin in the middle of nowhere, rushes in and strips, (they don't show that - darn it!), then he throws his clothes in an electric washer with Dash detergent. Come on now - what in the hell did he plug that washer into?

I really like the Downy fabric softener babies. Are they adorable or what? Makes me want to be a mother. Lord knows I've tried for years.

I must dispell this dirty old man image I've been projecting, and don't want to slight the ladies.

You've all seen the disposable douche commercial. What did they do before, save 'em?

Martha "Jaws" Raye touts a breath freshener for folks with dentures. I don't need it, but glad she has it. She could clear the dance floor with one exhale.

And you can forget about Victoria Principal's fantastic shampoo. It didn't do a thing for me. Same old crap I've had on my noodle for years. Maybe I wasn't supposed to use it on my noodle.

Wasn't I just sick when I found out about June Allyson's bladder control problem. Well, it Depends.

Enough of this, the typesetter gives me dirty looks if I rattle on too long; besides, its time for another bowl of (sigh) Grapenuts.

None Out of Three

-by Jean Mortensen

In the July issue I reported on three gay seminarians under scrutiny for ordination into the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Official policy from the bishops of the Lutheran Church required them to be celibate in order to be ordained as ministers. Well, here's an update on the situation.

The August 6th Kearney Daily Hub newspaper reported that none of the three men would be ordained now because they failed to pledge future compliance with the bishops' policy allowing only non-practicing homosexuals to become ministers in the church. Although apparently not involved in a current relationship, none of the three felt he could promise celibacy for the duration of his ministerial life. Each seminarian felt the celibacy policy was unfair and unhealthy. Bishop Lyle Miller of San Francisco said that any statement of compliance made by the three gay seminarians was "conditional and temporary and therefore not consistent with the spirit of the abstinence requirement." There is no policy requiring sexual abstinence for heterosexuals in the Lutheran seminary or ministry.

In one of the most ironic situations I have ever seen, Kearney's Family of Christ Lutheran Church ran an ad in the paper that day as well -- right below the above newbrief!! The ad read in part: "God is His wisdom made us different. ... Jesus loves each of us for the unique and wonderful person we are. And if God accepts us, who can condemn us? ... Lutherans cherish diversity. ... Lutherans do not try to make you like us; just a part of us. The Lutheran Church welcomes you."

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Summer Vacation

-Carla

Adventure - Excitement - Romance. Well, okay, maybe it wasn't exactly like that. As many of you know, I started my summer by moving to Omaha from the land of Oz. At age 38 I entered into my first--yes, my very first live-in relationship. May 28 my final load of boxes arrived. For the next week we shared the warmth and joy of new love finally realized.

Then on June 6 we had a rude awakening--I packed the Bronco and returned to Kansas. Earlier we had decided that I should take the final nine hours I needed to complete my master's degree. The next seven Mondays we would replay this tearful scene as I cried that I didn't want to leave and my lover bravely sent me off, desiring in her own heart to hold me here.

For 8 weeks I was like a yo-yo--back and forth, study and sleep, read want ads, send resumes, drive and eat, hold my lover. Life was so hectic. We visited the zoo and that night had 25 friends over to celebrate my arrival in Omaha. Read, study, write abstracts. We went to Coronation. Study. Make Pride Parade Posters between chapters of finance. Oops! It's Parade Day. Do I walk? I told the 'New Voice' readers in April they'd see me there. I just can't do it--I know--I'll video-tape it instead. Yeah! I'd like that. It would make for some good memories. Then the Memorial Service. I was touched. Between times--I guess there was some time between all of this--boxes, boxes, boxes--everywhere I turned we had stacked boxes to be unpacked. Slowly we dug our way out from under them.

Halleluia! It's the Fourth of July weekend. My lover is going to meet me and we're going to spend the weekend camping. OH! SHIT! She had car trouble. She's pissed I wasn't there when she tried to call. Her arrival has been delayed by a day. This is going to be a lonely weekend.

She arrived. Finally and I do mean FINALLY we left town headed for the lake. I have dreamed of this moment for years. I have yearned for an evening sitting by the campfire listening to the waves lap against the shore. Ah! This is truly what Heaven must be like.

There couldn't be anything better Ah. ACK! I let her behind the wheel of my brother's trolling motor. First it was two foot from the rocky shore. Surely she knows that rocks can beat the HELL out of the bottom of a fiberglass boat. How will I explain to my brother that his boat is the one on the bottom of the lake?



Now she's headed out there? You'd think someone who could edit a magazine could steer a boat.

On Monday she hurried back to Omaha to spend time with her grandchildren, and I hurried back to school to study for my master's exam on Friday. I survived Friday. She survived seeing her daughter and grandchildren leave for their new home in Virginia on Saturday. We coped by again inviting a houseful of friends over. Friends, fun, and food--what could be better! And Sunday night's concert by the River City Mixed Chorus topped off the weekend. I can hardly wait for the snow and their Christmas concert!

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Back to Kansas on Monday. Now I really do have to get serious about those projects I have been assigned. There's a paper on some aspect of school finance. There's a project for my strategies for change class. There's those exemplary practices that Stewart wants for the Principals' class. Add to that quizzes and reading--don't college professors know that it is physically impossible to read four chapters and 160 pages of handouts over night! God, please take me back to Omaha. Drive, drive, drive.

Oh, yeah, this is the weekend we're going to Minneapolis to see that quilt. Drive, drive, drive. Oh, no! There have been tornadoes sighted in Omaha! What should we do? It sounds like our neighborhood could have suffered some damage. All this driving would be wasted--okay, we'll call back and then decide. Whew! nothing serious for us. Onward we go to Minneapolis to the Humphrey Dome. The quilt--hundreds of 3 x 6 panels--a moving experience--simple blocks with names scratched on by markers--detailed needlework--a friend--a lover--a child. For 3 hours we walked up and down the aisles experiencing just a fraction of the pain AIDS has caused in this world.

Then it was back to Kansas--back to those crazy papers and projects. One more week of summer school. Halleluia! Soon I should be hearing about that master's exam. Did I pass? Was I able to get enough written on each question during those 3 hours? What if I fail? Will I be able to return to Kansas in the fall to try again? I know I should have studied that chart on interagency cooperation more. Why didn't I do it?

Wednesday night has arrived. One more day and I'll be headed for Nebraska--this time for good. All I've got left to do is print out this paper for my change class and load the Bronco. I can do both at once. Sure, just push CONTROL-P and go load the car. Yeah!

OH! SHIT! There was a power surge and the printer quit. Oh, well, I'll just reload the paper and try again. DOUBLE SHIT! The end marker is gone! The computer won't let me reload the program. Damn. I just want to cry.

And so I did--for about an hour. My lover got pretty fed up with it all and told me to get busy and get the damn thing retyped. There was no sense in all that weeping and

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moaning. She was even heartless enough to remind me of what I would have said to one of my students in the same predicament..

Yes! Yes! Yes! I passed my master's exam. The official paper would be arriving in 4-6 weeks! Now! I am so happy! Today is Thursday and I can go home FINALLY. I am so relieved. Talk about homecomings! What a glorious day! I pulled in just in time to vacuum before the church board arrived for a meeting at our house.

And then my bank statement came. Today, 2 weeks later, I, Carla-----, BA, MS, received my first paycheck--\$69.09. I forgot to mention that in Omaha teachers are a dime a dozen so I went to work as a temporary--pulling staples. Welcome to Nebraska--Home of the Good Life!

And that, dear readers, is how I spent my summer vacation? Adventure, excitement, romance--a little of each and a whole lot more. I loved every minute of it (If you believe that, I do have some choice land in Florida for sale.)



-THE BEAR FACT (from Rocky Mountain Girth and Mirth Club)

S&M. I'm just fed up to the spiked tips on my Tina Turner-wig over guys who are into S&M.....No, not those big, butch beauties in leather that prefer to pinch your nipples over kissing them---my tirade stems from those ultra-pretty boys who live and breathe for a 1980's type of S&M: STAND AND MODEL.

You've seen them around. They are most prevalent in the park, on Capitol Hill, and at the various nightclubs around the city. They saunter around in their ultra-chic Benetton blouses, and usually travel in herds of three or more. They stand, pose, model, and giggle a great deal. They can often be overheard complaining about fellow gays as too ugly, too fat, too bitchy and too superficial while they rate people's outfits and gossip incessantly.

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Unfortunately, these young sweet things fuel the fire to the stifling notion that all "sexy" men are slim, under 25, and have more teeth than Dolly Pardon has...um, hair. Plus the fact the their "etched in a heart of stone" attitudes of aloofness further splinters the structure of the gay community. We do not need this disservice when we are already in a weakened state, plagued with the termite of AIDS which is rapidly eating away at our foundation of humanity. It would be a cruel enough world if we were mistreated only by some small minded slugs outside our community (you know them - the ones who call it "God's Revenge..." puke-o-rama!) Now,

we must bear the burden of disgust and rejection from gays, too.

Mind you, I do try to maintain an open mind (no, not a hole in my head, thank you) and accepting attitude about all of my gay brothers and sisters. But, honestly, isn't it about time these glamour-queens were taken down a notch or two? I may not be in the mainstream of opinion, but I know what I lick...I mean, LIKE. I'll take Louie Anderson or Dick Butkus over a room full of Rob Lowe-Charlie Sheen-Madonna wanna-be's any day.

I think it all started when I was three years old and I developed a very intense attachment to my Teddy Bear...But that's another story.

Until next time, remember this: It takes a big man to admit he's wrong, and an even BIGGER MAN to admit that he is MR. RIGHT.

Treasures or Trash

-by GCA

More people are buying antiques and works of art of every kind to furnish their homes. Why? -- because they find these objects to give them personal satisfaction, give character to their rooms and that art and antiques are increasing in value in a few short years. Quality antiques have stood the stresses of life for one or more generations and will go on to survive and be useful and appreciated into the future. A good example of better living is the vastly increased interest in museums, private collections and craftsmanship. Illustrated books on works of art and antiques are being sold as fast as they can be published. All these factors have a great effect on our appreciation and enjoyment of antiques and art.

When furnishing rooms with antiques and art it is not necessary to restrict yourself to a single style or period of furnishing. As a matter of fact, when done properly it lends class and the effect can be very comfortable to live with and enjoy. Interior designers are now blending the old with the new - it improves the atmosphere of your living quarters. It also tells a lot about a person. Your home is a reflection of your personality and your character. Our homes and rooms should be "composed" as it were a work of art or a piece of music, which indeed it is, as we spend most of our lives in our self-constructed surroundings. Most importantly, buy things you really like and will be comfortable with for some time. It would also be wise to ask advice from an experienced dealer of good antiques and art or from a friend whose taste you admire. Don't be worried too much about the price - once paid for, you will forget about the cost like

last years light bill. It is better to pay a little more for something you will be using most of your life and really be happy with, than to buy something of a second choice and be miserable forever because you couldn't sell it in your garage sale and after offering it free to some thrift store they refuse it and recommend that you throw it in the trash.

We do not have to be rich to enjoy the good life in America - Thanks to our Veterans (A sign seen in an ad around town). The rich are few in numbers (3% of our entire population), so that leaves the larger percentage of us in a completely different category. This broader group of us (middle income - low to high if you like) can enjoy just as nice surroundings as the other 3 percent -- more than they do. You may see a design or period antique in a book, or while walking through some great home and think to yourself "If we could only afford it." Well you CAN afford it! It is just as easy to buy good quality home furnishings whether antique or good style reproductions of fine art and certainly much more rewarding and satisfying. Carpet for carpet, chair for chair, table for table, you can buy sound antiques for no more than you would pay for today's often poorly made modern pieces. Once you start buying or replacing your pieces with quality antiques you will have furnishing of lasting beauty whose value will do nothing but increase year after year instead of losing value as new furniture does the moment it is delivered to your home, much the same way a new car depreciates the minute it's yours even though it takes three or more years to pay it off.

All tastes are legitimate and it is not necessary to account for them. Think about that one for a minute. We may be talking about more than antiques and decorating taste. Your taste may not agree with

that of your friends or family - it is yours alone. If they approve of your taste they say you have a 'flair' for decorating, writing, clothes, drawing, design, the arts, etc. If they disapprove they may say you have bad or no taste or perhaps 'You're different'. Basically it is their way of saying your taste is different from theirs - what's comfortable for you is not good for them. What it boils down to is that taste is often no more than a feeling or instinct for what is right for you.

'Champagne taste and a beer pocketbook' is not necessarily so. Buying antiques and honest pictures has the advantage of buying at your own pace and your own level. If your income is limited you can set aside for something that appeals to

your champagne taste. When contemplating antiques and art what you need most is patience (your own taste) and time (piece by piece). The furnishings of a home should be what Ernest Hemingway called Paris in 1920 - "a movable feast." Today's comfortable home furnished with some antiques is a blend of old and new. The style has no definite period and is called 'Eclectic' - the dictionary says the word means "choosing what appears to be the best from diverse sources, systems or styles". Does that mean mixing styles and periods - of course it does and it does NOT reflect bad taste. It just goes back to the statement of all tastes are legitimate and it is not necessary to account for them. Styles change - tastes change. 'Yesterday's trash is today's treasure' and the converse is not necessarily true for everything. If it was made good 50 years ago it's probably still good today. If it began with poor workmanship and style 50 years ago it's probably still cheap and trashy today. The only thing that doesn't change in this world is change itself.

Where can you find reasonably priced good antiques and art and other goodies today? That's simple - at auctions, antique shops, garage sales, thrift stores, tag sales, moving sales. Often a lot of good buys are made when someone is moving out of town or from their homes into an apartment. The auction market is the place where experts and amateurs alike must go to find a reference as to the dollar value of articles, period or

style. It sets its own determination of quality and price. Bargains are found at all auctions as long as you have some previous knowledge of what you're interested in. Auctions are also a good way to get stung and be very unhappy with your purchase as soon as the auctioneer's hammer comes down and he says 'sold,' it's yours. So have some idea as to what you should set as a limit and ask someone about the items you are interested in and really don't know how much you should bid on it. There's a big, growing market out there... big may not be the proper word. Take the stock market for example; it is an auction where securities are sold through a bidding process. The stock exchange serves as a middleman between buyers and

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sellers and takes a modest cut on each transaction just as auction houses do in the art and antique world. The going rate today at antique auction houses is 20 percent of the sale. That's quite a hunk of money when they have no investment in the items being sold as most of it is usually on consignment.

If you have those two qualities mentioned earlier of patience and time you will find a lot of bargains. Those two qualities will more often than not, be the difference between Treasures or Trash. Shopping and browsing seems to be the best way to find most treasures. It does take a lot of time and looking and really seeing has to be learned. Take your time - pick up things and examine them closely - ask questions about them.

A final thought about prices of quality art pieces and antiques. Most knowledgeable observers of the art and antique markets state: "The present is still a buyers market. With inflation and the fluctuating economy all around us, this market (art & antiques) reacts more slowly to general conditions. Today's inflated dollars will prove an advantage to homemakers shopping the auctions for art and antiques."

Director



Announced

The River City Mixed Chorus is pleased to announce the appointment of John J. Kelly as Music Director for the 1988-89 season.

Mr. Kelly received his bachelors degree in music from College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN, his masters degree in music theory from the University of Iowa and has done doctoral work in choral literature and conducting at the University of Iowa. John is a member of the Association of Choral Conductors, the American Choral Directors Association and the Iowa Choral Directors Association. He also has an extensive background in teaching, research and theatre.

Local Organizations & Events

John is music director of the Des Moines Men's Chorus and the Des Moines Choral Society Chamber Group. He is also director of music for the adult and youth choirs of Collegiate Presbyterian Church in Ames, IA.

Mr. Kelly is a resident of Des Moines and will be commuting to Omaha each week for rehearsals.

G.L.S.A./G.L.R.C. Community News

The UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Association, a social, educational and political organization for students and non-students, conducted its first meeting of the fall semester on September 1 at 8 p.m. in Nebr. Union, Rm 342. Meetings will be held Thursdays at 8 p.m. in Nebr. Union Rm. 342. Topics for the semester will include: Gay Parenting, Safer Sex, videos and discussions. The Executive Council is open to suggestions for activities. On Sept. 15th, GSLA will hold elections for the school year. The organization is holding a fundraiser October 20th. Call 472-5644 for further information.

The student organization held meetings during school year 1987-88 on Bisexuality, AIDS Testing, NCLU, AA, the Lincoln Arts Council and videos. During the past 4 years, GSLA was involved in: panel discussions in classes and dormitories, pursuing non-discrimination policies, producing concerts and a play, and promoting gay/lesbian concerns on/off campus. The UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center, a service of GSLA, provides resource and referral, a library, free publications (Kansas City Alternative News, Gay Chicago, Equal Time) and roommate referrals.

UNL-GLSA is working in conjunction with the UNL Gay/Lesbian Programming Committee, a committee of the University Program Council, to develop a Gay/Lesbian Pride Week during February 1989.

The UNL/Gay/Lesbian Resource Center may be accessed by calling (402) 472-5633 or stopping in Rm. 342 of the Nebraska Union. New students drop in and check out what's new at UNL!!!

ICON Reports

As a follow-up to the letters published in the August issue of the New Voice, we will be reporting from time to time on the financial status of the Imperial Court of Nebraska, so the readers are better informed of the results of ICON fundraising activities and their contributions to the community.

Sharon V., Editor

Imperial Court of Nebraska
Revenue & Expense Statement
2nd Quarter 1988
April 1 - June 30

REVENUE:

Doors & Gates	\$6,102.00
Advertising	890.00
Donations	520.00
Fees	190.00
Deposits	70.00
Misc.	75.00

TOTAL REVENUE \$7,847.00

EXPENSE:

Advertising	\$1,030.80
*Donations	1,020.00
**Banks.....	550.00
Sound.....	407.50
***Budgets	388.42
Grounds and hall rent.	300.00
****Travel.....	208.00
Food and Drink.....	199.90
Awards	193.97
Sets	145.00
Attorney	100.00
Deposit returns	70.00
Bank charges	46.88
Door & gate fees returned	10.00
Misc.	141.91

TOTAL EXPENSE\$4,812.38

NET PROCEEDS\$3,034.62

NOTES:

- * \$495 - Viral Syndrome Clinic
- \$75 - Lambda House
- \$75 - MCC-Omaha
- \$375 - New Voice of Nebraska

** These monies are returned to the account after fundraising events.

***These monies are recorded in the appropriate expense accounts after all receipts and monies are returned to the treasurer.

***This amount is for airfare to and from an out-of-state coronation for the Emperor and Empress.

Safer Sex ... -by Rodney A. Bell, 11

Nationally known medical anthropologist and professional sexologist, Clark Taylor PhD., Ed.D., will appear in Nebraska during the first week of October. Clark Taylor is widely recognized for his sensual, erotic workshops on making sex safer and fun. Dr. Taylor will appear Oct. 2, 1 pm - 3 pm, at The Max and Oct. 8 at UNL in the Centennial Room of the Nebraska Union from 2-5 pm. There is no charge for participants. His workshops feature a relaxed responsive atmosphere where participants learn that eroticizing the safer sex guidelines is not only possible, but pleasant. Dr. Taylor was last in Nebraska Aug. 26-27, 1986. Gay/bisexual men and those interested in safer sex won't be disappointed with the fun, witty and comfortable style of Clark Taylor.

Since 1981, he has been deeply involved in AIDS prevention research, writing and teaching. He is a Research Fellow on AIDS at the Center for Research and Education in

Sexuality, at San Francisco State University; director of the Safe Sex Certification Program at the Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality. Dr. Taylor is co-author of The Complete Guide to Safe Sex, and author of "Condom Use, AIDS Prevention and Sexual Enjoyment" a pamphlet widely used by private, state and federal agencies. Clark also has created an illustrated brochure, "Using Condoms" which is distributed by public agencies, hospitals and universities throughout California and many other states. He is the co-producer of The Complete Video Guide to Safe Sex, has directed two other safe sex videos and worked as a participant and consultant on five AIDS education videos. In addition, Clark has helped design two safe sex kits - one for the Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality and one for the AIDS Education Program at Stanford University. Clark Taylor's visit to Nebraska is being sponsored by

the Douglas Co. Health Department, the State Health Department - AIDS Education Division, the Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights, Nebraska AIDS Project, Imperial Court of Nebraska, the Lincoln Lancaster Co. Health Department and the UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Association.

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Solid as a Rock - The MAX

Entertainment at the Max proved to be solid as a Rock all through the late summer months. August 21, the Max hosted a special patio show - one with the Miss Max's. It was a special evening - Muffy Rosenberg - Miss Max I, Veronica O'Rourke Miss Max II, Sable from NYC - Miss Max III, and the current Miss Max, Katrina Kane. The show was in concert style, with layers of scaffolding on the patio - it was truly, "solid as a rock".

As a fundraiser for the New Voice - Mr. Gay Nebraska presented "Puttin' on the Lips" August 28 at 9:30pm. The winners received \$100 - 1st place, 2nd place \$50 and third place \$25.

Labor Day Weekend was a huge success - Sunday the Max hosted the fabulous Pudgy - a fundraiser for AIDS. Don Flowers hosted "Foolish Follies" on Monday and once again - it was an evening of excitement and a step closer to

cure AIDS. (Thanks Don)

The following events at the Max:

September 11, Special guests: Brandi Alexander and Kim Alexis.

September 25th, "Front Page News" Benefit for Dorian Drake and Muffy Rosenberg to Miss Gay America

October 2nd, "Tina and Pearl" Brian Murphy from NYC

Once again, the Max is proud to present the finest entertainment in Nebraska - It's solid as a Rock.



AS TINA



BRYAN MURPHY



AS PEARL

Peck Hears Peck

-by Jerry Peck

Recently I had the pleasure of hearing Dr. M. Scott Peck, author of A Different Drum, The Road Less Traveled (which I have review for the New Voice) and other books, speak at Joslyn Museum. I had hoped to meet Dr. Peck but that was not possible. I was delighted with the morning sessions in which Dr. Peck reviewed the material in the books that I have read, and emphasized the points that I had found outstanding.

The afternoon session was not covered in the books I have read, nor did he refer to any book in print. He did express some views which I have held for years. Since I know that at least two are in agreement, allow me to share my notes (not exact quotes) from Dr. Peck's talk on Sexuality and Spirituality.

According to Dr. Peck, our humanity was created as half creators, and as human beings we seek a wholeness which is a God likeness. Whether we seek a mate that makes us whole, or as we seek a spiritual wholeness, we are all religious by nature. Our sexuality and our spirituality lay so close together that it is impossible for one to be aroused without the other. Dr. Peck read a number of poems written by religious figures to demonstrate that in order to love our God passionately, we must be sexual passionately. As we enter into a relationship with another human being, we often confuse our sexual and spiritual needs and therefore create an idol of our partners. Both sexual and spiritual activity can be so liberating as to allow abandonment of the self in enjoyment of the relationship to the point of being unaware of one's mate or state of completeness. The God of Christianity pursues us with a greater vigor for our spiritual wholeness than we can possibly pursue another for sexual wholeness. Failure to complete a wholeness in both spirituality and sexuality can be a hindrance to a wholeness of either and both. Seeking only a mate for physical gratification is to lower one's self to the animal or plant species of creation.

Needless to say, the concepts presented have the makings for a very interesting book, and should Dr. Peck write it, I will want to read it.

Social Problems Class on AIDS

-Rodney A. Bell, II

At UNL this fall, Joel Brodsky will teach a class in "Social Problems" (Sociology 210-Section 002). The class will be taught Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

Social Problems comprise a broad range of substantive areas such as drug/alcohol abuse, racism, homophobia, medicalization, violence, sexuality and institutionalized social inequality. The first part of the term will focus on the breadth and scope of the study of social problems. The latter portion of the course will "demonstrate how sociologists define and study problems by doing an in-depth analysis of the case of AIDS." The text for the portion of the course on AIDS is "Sex and Germs: The politics of AIDS" by Cindy Patten, a lesbian feminist author.

The course is useful for those considering careers in medical care, criminal justice, political science, counseling, journalism, social work, education and public policy.

Adult Children of Alcoholics

People who grew up in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional home find that they have much in common. They are often uncomfortable with other people especially authority figures. They have a hard time getting in touch with their feelings and an even harder time sharing feelings. They often choose to concentrate all of their energies on another person in preference to themselves, and they often become involved with alcoholics or become alcoholics themselves.

Many of us have found help and hope in a group called Adult Children of Alcoholics. We meet to share our thoughts and feelings about our lives, past and present.

We're proud to announce that Omaha's first gay and lesbian ACA group began meeting on Monday July 4th at 7pm at MCC - Omaha. Feel free to come and share. If you have any questions call Karen at 346-0561.

Rehearsals to Start

You're Invited: September 12, 7:30 pm Lowe Ave. Presbyterian Church.

This is the first rehearsal of the River City Mixed Chorus for the 1988-89 season, and its an open rehearsal, which means

if you are interested in learning about the chorus this is the time to find out. If, after the rehearsal, you like what you see and hear, you are invited to stay a few extra minutes and audition.

20th Anniversary of UFMCC Celebrating 20 Years of Ministry 1968-1988

For 20 years, the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches has been faithful to its vision of being a church with a special outreach to the gay and lesbian community, but with its doors open to all people. We have seen the formation of U.F.M.C.C. congregations in 12 other countries, with correspondence to adherents in 43 others. We are the largest organization touching the lives of gays and lesbians in the world. October 6, 1988, we will celebrate the occasion of our 20th anniversary at the Registry Hotel, Universal Studios, Los Angeles, CA.

Locally MCC-Omaha has planned a spiritual renewal weekend September 30 through October 2 to celebrate the anniversary. Special services will be held Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:00. These will be followed by the regular Sunday services at 10:20 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. A reception will follow both Sunday services.

On Saturday morning a Bible study of discipleship will be held. Saturday afternoon a work time is planned for fall cleaning and fix-up around the church. For more details call the church office at 345-2563. MCC-Omaha is located at 420 South 24th Street. Come Join us as we celebrate the Fellowship's 20th Anniversary.

Hot Sex With Condoms

-Clark Thompson

You can't make rubbers feel exactly the same as naked skin. But you can explore the sensations of condoms. Once you do this, they can become as sexy as jock straps and as much fun as other toys.

Experiment! Try using condoms by yourself. If you're clumsy the first few times, don't sweat it. If you make a mess, open another rubber and start over again. Keep several types and sizes around so that you and your partners will have a choice.

Communicate! Talking about condoms with your partner becomes easy with practice. Be honest about your feelings. If you are nervous or awkward, say so. If you are excited by rubbers, tell your man. It gives you room to experiment and takes the pressure off of performance expectations.

Use Imagination! There are a 1000 ways to make putting on condoms a hot part of sex instead of an interruption. Put a condom on your man very sensuously with your mouth.

Lubricate! Use generous additional water based lubricant. The lubrication on condoms helps, but is usually not enough. You can heighten enjoyment by pouring just a little bit of lubricant into the reservoir tip before putting on a condom. This helps keep air out of the tip and greatly increases sensation when the lubrication seeps

around the penis head. It takes a little practice to get the right amount, but it is well worth the effort.

Fantasize! Put your favorite fantasy partners into scenes with condoms while you masturbate. When you're cruising, think up ways you'd like to get the guys you see into condoms and what it would be like.

Wet! Even the best water based lubricants dry out during use. But if you wet them with a little water they're as good as new. Have a container of warm water around such as a squeeze bottle sprayer, squirt gun or bowl.

Many people make the mistake of thinking that once they've put a rubber on, they have to ejaculate or else. This is a sure way not to enjoy condoms. Use as many rubbers during sex as you like.

Rubbers cut down on friction and can make guys last longer before shooting. This is a wonderful feature of latex for lots of men.

Dildoes! Condoms make dildoes and butt plugs easy to clean and the surface of the toys slicker so there's less wear and tear on body orifices.

Now you know some of the basics. But don't stop here. Ask around and try out some of the ideas that are interesting to you.

Beware!

-by Jerry Peck

There is, within the gay populace, an illness more pathetic than AIDS, an illness that is not manifested in a culture or a test tube.

I recently met a young man who was infected. We met at a local bar. We went to my home where I told him that I have AIDS. I told the truth. I suspect that truth is a stranger to this person. He claimed to have recently moved to Omaha from Des Moines where he had been diagnosed as having ARC, and was not employed (nor had he sought treatment in Omaha). According to his story, his mother has a chicken farm outside of Des Moines in a small rural area. He also claims to have lost a lover in an auto accident within the last year, having appeared on TV as a PWARC in Des Moines, moved to California, back to Des Moines and finally to Omaha.

We spent the remainder of the night talking. The next day he helped himself to my food without asking. (Had he asked, he would have received). While I slept in the afternoon, he left (as did the pennies from a candy dish).

A couple of weeks later he returned to my home asking for food. I fed him. I let him smoke my cigarettes, I listened to him talk. He gave a sympathetic ear as I talked. He helped himself to additional food. He asked to borrow \$5.00. I obliged. He went out and got 3 quarts of beer. Again, as I slept, he stole the \$19.00 remaining cash that I had.

I find it sad that in my state of loneliness I was vulnerable enough to allow this person into my home. I find it pathetic that anyone could sink to the depths of humanity to use the virus that is possibly going to kill me to play on my sympathy, invade my hospitality and rob me.

Should this person indeed have ARC, what support should he expect from the humanity which he has so flagrantly mocked? I have no doubt that by the time this is published he will be the victim of another "fag-bashing" such as the one he related on his last visit, will have drifted on, or changed his story. I cannot diagnose his illness; however, I am confident that he is not in touch with reality, and I am sorry that he chose to expose me to the reality of his being.

For Micki M.B.

I feel the time has come,
To let you go.
The talking was over months ago
I will let you go now
But I don't mind at all,
It has hurt me but time is
Healing the pain.
I will always cherish all
Those Special moments that
We shared together.
Several months have past by now
and
Times are changing. People
change in time
Good-bye is a very painful word
when
You loved someone as much as I
loved you
It's all right. Say good-bye
Time is healing the pain that I
Feel for you.
Love always.
Christie L.S.

Architecture is frozen music.

Coalition Makes Plans

-by Rodney A. Bell, II

The coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights is making plans for its fall annual meeting to be held Nov. 4, 5 and 6. These plans will include a six feature film festival and book sale. The film will include movies seen mainly in larger cities by, about or for gay and lesbian people.

The Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights will make further plans known in the October Issue of the New Voice. Watch for further details!



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Reflections on Pride

-Jerry

PRIDE in oneself is the reasonable sense of one's worth, position in life and their own unique identity even though this definition is irrelevant to a person's sexual orientation, race, national origin or religious affiliation and applies to all people, it does have a special meaning to those of us in the Lesbian and Gay community. I know that each of us has our own feeling concerning the Gay and Lesbian "lifestyle" and what that "lifestyle" means to us. I dream of the day that we, along with all other minorities, can be accepted for WHO we are, not WHAT we are. Yes, I do get irritated every time I hear a derogatory joke aimed at any minority group, and yes, depending upon the social atmosphere I am in at any time, I may or may not defend the minority group being made fun of.

For numerous personal reasons I am unable to be as public as I would like to be about my own "lifestyle" and I am sure there are others in the same situation. Because of this I am extremely thankful for those in our community who are able to go to the forefront and carry banners for us. We are fortunate in the Omaha/Council Bluffs area to have some remarkable people who have accepted the various leadership roles and who actively and openly work to better our position in society. Along with these people are the numerous silent volunteers who work in or with the various religious, medical and/or social outreach programs in our community. To all of these people I would like to give them a long overdue THANK YOU and a PAT ON THE BACK for the work they have

been doing. These people truly do have PRIDE in themselves.

For those of us who, for whatever reasons, haven't taken an active part in our community, maybe it is time for us to reflect on the reasons we don't actively participate. For each of us the reasons will be different, and for each of us our individual reasons will be just as compelling for us as another individual's reasons are for that person. By thinking about your reasons you may find that yes, there are ways in which you can support our community, even without going public and waving a banner. When was the last time you went up to someone and gave a friendly handshake, smile or compliment about the work being done to support our community? Yes, our leaders and volunteers do need your support, even if it is nothing more than that handshake and smile.

Parade Day Reflections

-by Jean Mortensen

"I'm glad I did it," my life partner said to me as we cooled off in the shade at Turner Park. I was glad, too. June 25 marked our first march in a gay and lesbian parade.

Even as perspiration droplets trickled down my spine and we all baked in the 95 degree heat, I was euphoric. Omaha, you honored me by choosing my design as this year's logo. A big thank you to the contest and parade organizers, and to everyone who wore the buttons and T-shirts! (remember folks, there are still shirts left over. Send one to your friends). With so many of us displaying the same logo, we showed our solidarity.

We also showed our numbers. The ten o'clock news reported 80 people in attendance. News coverage ran only about a minute, with only a few of our faces and posters being shown on the film clips. But we were

able to make our statement; we are here, year after year, and we will be heard. I wonder if there might have been more coverage and reaction if we'd been able to march around the perimeter of the summer arts festival?

Two Native American women from Arizona were stuck in Lincoln with transmission trouble. They were offered a ride to Omaha, and thus kindly joined us. I also heard Grand Island was represented, and two of us came from Kearney.

The MCC parade unit carried crosses bearing the names of our community members lost to AIDS. Later the crosses were set up in Turner Park near another larger cross bearing, "We remember..." By wearing the pink triangle, we also remembered the 50,000 homosexual persons who died in Nazi death camps, victims of blatant hatred and oppression.

The nazis tried to make the pink triangle a symbol of shame; as we marched, we turned it into a symbol of pride and power. Thank you to the P-FLAG parade unit, who showed us and everyone else that gay and lesbian children and friends are indeed loved. Your presence was touching beyond words. Thank you also to our Omaha police escort.

It is our hope, as we continue to march in increasing numbers, year after year, that we will gain those rights basic to human beings living in the U.S. We hope our legislators will hear us and pass laws banning discrimination of all kinds, and proclaim harsher punishment for crimes of hate against us. We hope, too, that no one will ever have to die again because of ignorant prejudice. We hope for a brighter future, one which we will create ourselves.

Mr. Gay Nebraska -Jerry K.

Two Wheelers of Omaha are proud to announce their 1988 Mr. Gay Nebraska Contest to be held on Saturday October 15, 1988 at the Diamond Bar.

As in years past, contestants will be judged on various areas that include bar attire, talent, and other areas. In addition to the

contestants, various local performers will fill out the program so that an entire evening of fun, entertainment, and enlightenment will be had by all who attend.

Further details along with rules and regulations of entrance will be available at local bars, organizations, and

publications in August and September. Anyone interested in competing or knowing of anyone interested in competing should contact I.W.O. at P. O. Box 3216, Omaha, NE, 68103

The title "Mr. Gay Nebraska" is the property of the Two Wheelers of Omaha, M.C.

The Book Report:

Another Mother Tongue

By Judy Grahn

Have you ever wondered where some of our gay traditions and words unique to our subculture come from? How did the word "bulldyke" develop? What was the real legend behind the warrior-women known as Amazons? Why do gay men wear an earring as a sign to other gays? Why do we hear the term "a flaming queen"

ANOTHER MOTHER TONGUE will answer those questions and a whole lot more. It is full of interesting tidbits of information. Very often someone just entering the gay subculture will hear certain words that straights never use, or will be told of certain customs we gays follow. But when they ask where the words came from or how the traditions developed, no one seems to really know for sure. So Judy Grahn spent years researching the origins of gay words and traditions to give us a documentation, in 1984, to which we can refer when asked those questions. She has even gone to the extra effort to footnote her book to provide a more sound basis for her claims than mere hearsay.

Here are some brief tidbits from her book (though I strongly suggest reading it for the full story). Purple or lavender is a traditional gay color because it combines the colors blue and red, or pink, which have traditionally stood for masculinity and femininity. Gay people see and value the fact that everyone has both masculine and feminine traits, and we are not afraid of seeing both in ourselves.

Many of the early American Indian tribes had gay people serving in high offices of the tribal hierarchy. Shamans or medicine men were often gay men because the tribe felt they were most closely in tune with the spirit world, as well as being in tune with the duality of masculine/feminine traits in all people. Only a person who was spirit-related knew the best ways of healing and offering sage advice, for the spirits were the wisest guiding force of all in the Indian culture. It was only when the Europeans started settling America, with their Christian beliefs, that gay shamans began to be shunned. And of course,

the history books conveniently ignore any mention of the high esteem once awarded gay shamans.

Remember hearing in high school that you should never wear green (or maybe yellow) on Thursday? That came about because of stories of the Fairy People who inhabited Northern Europe, especially the British Isles, long before the Celtic tribes. Green was their favorite color, and Thursday was a sort of holy day in their culture, much as Sunday is to Christmas, except that some of the rituals performed by the Fairies were sexual in nature. According to legend, the Fairy People did not always pair off into male-female couples; it was acceptable to them to have male-male or female-female couples.

This book is far from being a dry, boring narrative of history and legends. It will tell you things you've probably never heard of, and answer the questions that you never had an answer for.

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National Spotlight

Volunteers Needed

Additional volunteers are being sought for the AIDS vaccine study that is underway at NIAID in Bethesda, Maryland. The study is designed to determine the best dosing regimen and the nature of the antibody and cell-mediated immune response to this vaccine. At the recent Fourth International Conference on AIDS in Stockholm, NIAID scientists reported promising new results from this study -- the first experimental AIDS vaccine to be tested in humans in the United States.

Dr. H. Clifford Lane, Deputy Clinical Director, NIAID, said that 20 volunteers had developed an immune response to the vaccine. He presented data on 60 volunteers who have already been inoculated using escalating doses of a recombinant AIDS vaccine manufactured by MicroGeneSys, Inc., a biopharmaceutical firm in West Haven, Connecticut. The vaccine consists of purified envelope protein (gp160) derived from the genetic material of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV),

the cause of AIDS. Participants in the study are healthy homosexual and bisexual men who are at low risk of HIV infection.

The first group of volunteers received 10 micrograms of gp160 and the dose was doubled for each successive group. Two-thirds of each group received a booster dose (either 50 percent or 100 percent of the primary dose) one month later.

The Western blot test is being used to examine blood specimens, taken weekly, for antibody responses to the various doses of the vaccine. This test can detect the specific HIV proteins against which an individual's immune system has produced antibodies.

Of the 16 volunteers who were immunized with 40 micrograms of the vaccine, 10 showed an antibody response. Four of the 5 persons who received primary immunizations and no boosters developed antibodies within 8 weeks. Six out of the 10 persons who received a primary dose and a booster at one month also

showed antibodies by 8 weeks. Of the 15 volunteers who received 80 micrograms of the vaccine, 10 have developed antibodies so far. The investigators stated that immunization with gp160 appears safe during short-term followup with initial doses up to 80 micrograms.

Local reaction (tenderness, redness and swelling), flu-like symptoms, and fever of up to 24 hour duration, common in the administration of any vaccine, occurred in some volunteers. No serious toxicities attributed to the vaccine have been seen.

Volunteers must be healthy homosexual or bisexual men who are at low risk of HIV infection, and are able to come to NIAID once per week for the first month after vaccination, and subsequently once per month for the next year. Travel expenses for volunteers who are not local will be paid by NIH. To obtain more information or to volunteer, call 1-800-634-3027. In Connecticut, call 1-203-932-2538. Prospective volunteers may also call 1-301-496-7196.

Anti-Gay Violence on the Rise

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Anti-Violence Project has issued its annual report on anti-Gay violence, victimization and defamation, revealing that nationwide reported incidents of anti-Gay violence in 1987 had increased 42 percent over 1986. Statistics were gathered from 64 groups in 32 states and the District of Columbia by the National Gay / Lesbian Crisis line.

"Statistics gathered for last year account for only a very small fraction of the actual total," Kevin Berrill, Anti-Violence Project director, said at a press conference. Citing the low rates of reporting by victims and the lack of systematic data collection, Berrill concluded

that his group was unable to measure whether the 42 percent increase of 1986 is a result of an increase in victimization, an increase in reporting or both.

Nearly two-thirds of the groups reporting acknowledged that fear and hatred associated with AIDS exacerbated Gay hatred in their communities. The increased visibility of Gay people as a result of AIDS "has made them more vulnerable to discrimination and violence," the report notes.

The purpose of the report "is to make injustice visible and to show that anti-Gay violence has consequences, and those consequences are often brutal and lethal." The NGLTF report called for combatting anti-Gay violence through

several measures, including the "passage of Lesbian and Gay civil rights legislation, and repeal of 'sodomy' laws, so that Gay people can report crimes against them without fear of discrimination." In addition, the report recommended state-level legislation for dealing with hate crimes, education for "criminal justice practitioners" to help them in recognizing and pursuing such crimes, and education in community-wide institutions to combat anti-Gay prejudice.

In a related development, the US House of Representatives in June passed legislation mandating federal collection of statistics on crimes motivated on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity. A companion bill has been introduced in the Senate.

GAY LESBIAN



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Basket and Bow

-Cynthia Scott
Equal Times

A spirit of hope, a shared sorrow and dreams, and gentle good humor permeated "The Basket and the Bow," the first ever gathering of American Indian gays and lesbians, held in Minneapolis June 18 and 19.

The conference's 60-plus participants traveled from as far away as Arizona, California, Pennsylvania, and Canada.

The name for the conference was derived from an Indian tradition which allows children to choose their sexuality, symbolized by either a basket or a bow.

A dominant theme of the conference was the quest for wholeness among Indian gays and lesbians. Workshops and discussions centered on the participants' experiences with chemical dependency and recovery; AIDS; spiritual practices; reservation and urban perspectives; coalition-building; and homophobia and racism.

Beverly Little Thunder of Fargo, N.D., spoke of the homophobia she encountered when she came out as a lesbian.

"My fear was that if I came out, some unknown hand would take the sacred pipe from me and tell me I had no right to be here," she said, referring to the Sundance, a sacred ceremony of the Lakota Sioux nation.

Little Thunder's fears about rejection from the Sundance became real once she began to come out to others. Both she and her lover, Charlene, were asked to leave the Sundance, and were told to "go have their own ceremony for their own kind."

After a year of prayer, that is exactly what the 2 women decided to do, organizing a womens' Sundance in Arizona in August. Little Thunder said

Betsy Revard, an Osage from Washington, D.C., also spoke of being asked to leave a Sundance once her lesbianism was known, but in her case, some other dancers became angry and advocated for her right to be there. As a result, Revard was able to return to the Sundance the following year, and said that there were more gay and lesbian people there. They will be "trusting in ourselves to remember the ways we were taught and creating our own tradition."

Revard is politically active in Washington, D.C., where she works for Indian rights and other efforts. She said she is not out as a lesbian to all the different people she works with.

"Many of us separate ourselves, wear different hats," she said. "Today I'm an Indian, tomorrow I'm a lesbian. We face homophobia among Indians, racism among the gay and lesbian community."

Lee Staples, another conference organizer, said that the traditional teachings are an important part of his recovery from chemical dependency. He said that he is out in Minneapolis but not on the reservation.

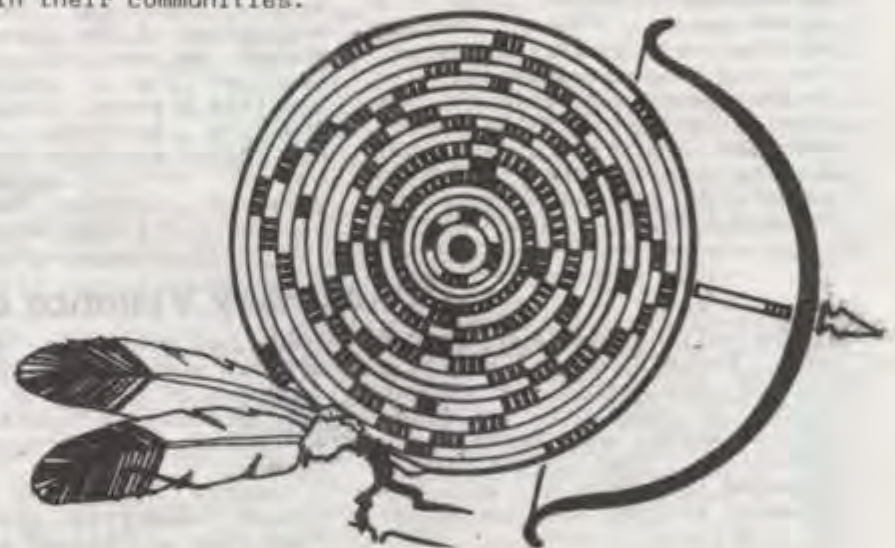
"I wondered how people in traditional ceremonies would react to my being gay," Staples said. "But I decided that if they stay away because of their homophobia, it's their loss."

Some conference participants spoke of their frustration at unsuccessful attempts to find a niche in their communities.

In response to one question, Beverly Little Thunder said, "We have all been taught from infancy that we don't belong. I finally have realized that I have a right to be doing what I'm doing. There was a time when people trusted their own feelings. There was a sense of balance within. Our people need to find that balance again. You don't have to be taught. All you have to do is open up and remember."

Lee Staples of Minneapolis said there was consensus among conference participants that another gathering be held, preferably on an annual basis. "We know that the next conference will be a lot bigger," Staples said.

(-Editor's note- Beverly Little Thunder marched with us in the Pride Parade as she returned to Arizona where she now lives.)



AIDS News

-Washington Blade

Even moderate drinking may hasten the onset of AIDS in people who have been exposed to the AIDS virus and may make people who have not been exposed to the disease more susceptible to the infection, the NEW YORK TIMES reported.

Omar Bagasra, a researcher at the university of Medicine and Dentistry in New Jersey, reported at the annual meeting of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology that the AIDS virus grows up to 250 times faster in the white blood cells of someone who has had several drinks than someone who has not been drinking.

Bagasra tested the white blood cells of six healthy volunteers after they had stopped drinking for a month, and after they had drunk the equivalent of 4 - 9 beers. Bagasra found the AIDS virus grew 25 - 250 times more quickly in the cells after the volunteers began drinking. He also discovered that after all traces of alcohol were gone from the body, the immune system of the volunteers were still not functioning as well as they had when they abstained from drinking.

Bagasra said he hopes to repeat his study with about 200 volunteers to confirm his findings.

Quilt to Return to Washington D.C.

The NAMES Project Quilt, a National AIDS Memorial, will return to Washington, DC to be displayed once again across the Capitol Mall, Columbus Day Weekend, October 8-10, 1988.

In the eight months following the Quilt's inaugural display on October 11, 1987, during the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, the Quilt has more than doubled in size, now containing nearly 5,000 individual 3 foot by 6 foot panels. The memorial is expected to reach 10,000-15,000 panels by October, a dramatic visual symbol of the epidemic which continues to take its toll on men, women and children worldwide.

"The Quilt demonstrates that Americans possess the national will to defeat AIDS" said Cleve Jones, founder and executive director of The NAMES Project. "People from every state and from all walks of life have worked together to create this symbol of compassion and commitment."

The NAMES Project Quilt is currently on tour, being displayed in 19 U.S. cities as the centerpiece of locally coordinated educational and fundraising campaigns. "Everywhere the Quilt is displayed, we raise urgently need funds for direct care services for people with AIDS, and inspire hundreds - sometimes thousands - of people to make volunteer commitments to the fight against the disease," said Jones. "Now we will take that commitment back to Washington, DC."

The NAMES Project has applied with the National Park Service for all required permits and logistics teams in Washington and San Francisco are already at work. NAMES Project organizers from 21 cities met over Memorial Day weekend in Atlanta to evaluate the progress of the National tour, and to discuss strategies for the October weekend, when the Quilt will be the centerpiece for an entire weekend of AIDS related benefits and other events. The NAMES Project is sponsoring the events, scheduled to include: a large-scale rock concert, a Lesbian & Gay Community Concert, a candlelight memorial march and others, in addition to two full days of the Quilt display.

Interracial Newsletter

Thom Bean, a past Chairman of Black and White Men Together (BWM) has announced a new, national newsletter for gay men interested in interracial and cross-cultural relationships.

The QUARTERLY INTERCHANGE will provide a national forum for men of different racial, ethnic and cultural backgrounds who want to meet. In addition to ad listings, Q. I. will accept contributions - especially having to do with the interracial experience - and print other materials of interest to its readership.

For more information, contact: QUARTERLY INTERCHANGE, P.O. Box 42502, San Francisco, CA 94101.

Adoption Approved

-Windy City Times

The Boulder County Department of Social Services has approved an adoption application filed by a lesbian.

Unlike other states, Colorado had no laws prohibiting gays and lesbians from adopting children. A department spokesperson said each applicant is considered on an individual basis on their ability to be a parent, stability and motivation to adopt - "sexual orientation is not a factor, we look at the qualification of the applicant and consider the needs of the children." The woman is currently waiting to be matched with a child and that process could take up to two years.

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Grape Boycott

-California AFL-CIO News

Howard Wallace has been named a national field representative for the United Farm Workers to work on the California table grape boycott.

UFW President Cesar Chavez said Wallace would work out of a new office the union has established in San Francisco. Rosemary Lackey, a full-time volunteer, also is assigned to the new office.

Wallace was Northern California coordinator of the Coors boycott through most of that highly successful campaign. He is a founding member of the Gay/Lesbian Alliance of San Francisco and is credited with organizing the solid support that gays and lesbians give to the Coors campaign.

Wallace also is a longtime peace activist. He has been a leader as well of the Shell boycott in support of black South African workers.

His UFW assignment will include organizing national gay and lesbian support.

The "Wrath of Grapes" boycott cut heavily into table grapes sales during 1987 despite a costly propaganda campaign by growers.

The boycott aims at halting use on grapes of five pesticides known to cause cancer and birth defects among farm workers and their families and among residents of heavily-sprayed vineyard areas. Consumers also are heavily exposed to the toxic chemicals.

Chavez says the boycott is the only course available because UFW collective bargaining strength has been sapped by a hostile Agricultural Labor Relations Board.

The new UFW office is at 240 Golden Gate Ave. in San Francisco. The phone is (415) 441-5008.

Volunteers are needed to help staff the office, to serve on a speakers bureau and to leaflet, UFW spokesperson said.

*The sun never sets
on good friendships.*



Classifieds

Beginning October 1, 1988, Classified Ads in the New Voice will cost \$3.00 for the first 20 words and 20 cents for each additional word. We hope this modest increase does not cause you any difficulty. All classifieds received and paid for by October 1st will be at the previous rate.

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The secret of any goal: tenacity.

-Louis Pasteur

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Box 3772, Omaha, NE 68102. Social organization for advancement of gay society. Omaha meeting first Monday each month, except holidays

The New Voice of Nebraska

Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103
Monthly magazine serving Lesbian/Gay community.

UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center

(402) 472-5644
Nebraska Union, Room 342-Meetings (Mail Room 222)
UNL Campus, Lincoln, NE 68588
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Lambda Resource Center

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Gay men and lesbians are everywhere; we need to communicate this truth to those who do not know. We are lawyers, doctors, mechanics, engineers, architects, teachers, bank tellers, secretaries, artists and truckdrivers. We work within every field at every level. We touch the lives of millions of people whose negative view of homosexuality would change dramatically if they were to know who we are.

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Your coming out can help turn fear into acceptance. One-to-one contact with gay men and lesbians is our most powerful tool to use in bringing about a major shift in society's attitudes. *Coming out is the most powerful statement we can make* -- powerful in its political influence and personally powerful in releasing energy that is wasted in hiding the truth.

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Become an *Organizational Sponsor* of National Coming Out Day. As a Sponsor, you will receive a special support kit which will help your group to:

- Plan and implement a National Coming Out Day Activity in your area.
- Rally members of your community to sign Next Step Commitment Cards.
- Order and distribute National Coming Out Day merchandise.
- Develop and implement local media and public relations strategies.

The success of this national event depends on the grassroots participation of the individuals and organizations in your community. Become an Official Organizational Sponsor today.

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