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Our Turn

Comments and Opinions from The New Voice staff

Next month, The New Voice will celebrate its first year of existence. A special Anniversary Issue will highlight the events of the past year, the changes and policies of the magazine and also what we can look forward to in the future. With a recent change in printers, increased circulation, incorporation as a cooperative, double-column format, and other changes, we have come a long way in a short time.

We realize that we are not perfect, but the community can be proud of the volunteer staff who spend countless hours working on The New Voice. Soon, an advisory committee will be formed to help The New Voice steering committee set up advertising policies, editorial policies, and a

statement of purpose so we can be more consistent, and our readership will understand our goals and policies. We want to be your magazine, so your input and constructive criticism is very important. Don't be afraid to write us at P.O. Box 80819, or call me at 475-7740.

Our February issue is dedicated to love and relationships. As someone who has recently broken up after a seven-year relationship and started a new relationship, I can relate to the emotional ups and downs of loving. Gays and lesbians have a particularly difficult time because of societal attitudes. Happy Valentine's Day from The New Voice Staff.

by Larry Wiseblood

EVENTS & ORGANIZATIONS

Student Assn. Shrinking

The UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Association, once numbering 30 students, is in serious trouble. Due to the graduation of many members, and a lack of interest among other students, this support/discussion group is suffering a severe shortage of energy and active participation. If direct

action is not taken soon to revive the group, it may cease to exist altogether. In our next issue, look for a feature article detailing the UNL student group's history, potential, and prospects for the future.

--AF-S.

New Year Begins for Third Culture

Third Culture is starting off its new year with time devoted for therapeutic issues and Transactional Awareness Training.

At the end of January and through February, T. C. will be discussing "Alcohol and Drugs in the Gay Community."

Transactional Awareness (Second Series) classes will begin March 1, 1985. Persons desiring to enroll now may enter the current class late and finish with the next group. Students are welcome. The only costs are to cover duplicated materials only. Transactional Awareness

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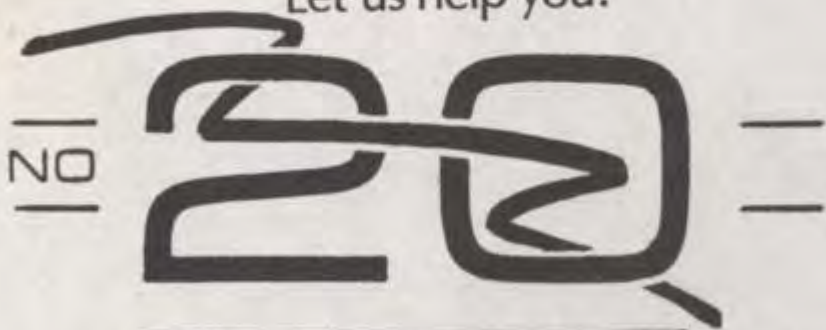
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Alcohol in the Gay Community," or Transactional Awareness Training, please contact Pat 474-2213, or Rodney 475-3726.

--Randall Barron

Twin Cities Chorus Coming

Saturday evening, February 23, will prove to be a memorable evening for the city of Lincoln and the state of Nebraska as the Twin Cities Men's Chorus from Minneapolis-St. Paul make their debut in Lincoln at Kimball Center for the Performing Arts on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. and will feature a wide variety of classical and popular music.

The Twin Cities Men's Chorus was formed in 1981 and is a volunteer community group, organized to provide the opportunity for gay and gay-sensitive men to sing together. The primary purpose of the Chorus is musical excellence in performance. The Chorus has performed regularly in the Twin Cities and has also given concerts in Chicago and Des Moines. The performance in Des Moines was the inspiration behind the forming of Nebraska's River City Mixed Chorus.

Richard Weinberg, conductor, has many credits to his honor. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Duke University and holds a Master of Music degree in choral conducting from the

University of Cincinnati, Conservatory of Music. As a vocalist, Mr. Weinberg has performed in choral groups under such well-known conductors as James Conlon, Robert Shaw, and James Levine and has toured Europe as a member of the Vienna Philharmonic Choir.

The concert is being sponsored by The American Foundation for the Fine Arts, a Lincoln-based, non-profit organization devoted to promoting fine arts in the gay/lesbian community.

AFFA is still looking for volunteers to house Chorus members. Volunteers may contact AFFA at 476-3657.

Tickets are \$9.00 and may be purchased at the Kimball Hall Box Office, The Student Union, The Board-Walk, and Imaginations. In Omaha, they may be obtained at The Max, The Alley, The Stagedoor, The Diamond, and from members of the River City Mixed Chorus. Tickets will also be available at the door.

A reception, catered by Deserts 222, will follow the concert in the Great Hall of Sheldon Art Gallery, across the street from the auditorium.

Imperial Court News

On Wednesday, February 20th, the Imperial Court sponsors a night out at the Firehouse Dinner Theater. The cost of \$17.00 includes a buffet dinner and a play, The Odd Couple. This is just a night-out, and the Court will not make any money. We encourage all to attend what will prove to be an enjoyable evening.

In March, the Court will sponsor

a "Closet Ball" at the Alley Bar in Omaha. This is where an entertainer sponsors some one who has never performed in drag before and on this night, he will perform for the audience. The contestant will walk out before the audience "as he normally is," then he will come back in one hour to perform in drag. No facial hair is a prerequisite. Trophies will be given to the winner and his

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sponsor, as well as to the 1st runner-up and his sponsor. The actual date has not yet been set, but will be announced shortly. Entry fee is \$10.00.

Our next monthly meetings will be February 4th at the Alley, and March 4th at the Max. Both meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Be on the lookout for more

Special thanks are to be extended to many for the first six months of the present reign. All fund raising records have been broken as of the conclusion of the "Toys for Tots" campaign. Thanks go to the Board of Governors of the Imperial Court of Nebraska, all entertainers who have produced and performed in fund raising efforts, and to you, the gay community, who have given your dollars for the many worthwhile causes.

The Court spent a total of \$759.00 on the "Toys for Tots" effort. Instead of explaining everything in words, we have decided to give the breakdown of everything:

information on future events. Again, thanks to all who have helped in our endeavors in the past 6 months, and we hope to have your continued support.

With all sincerity,

Gary West, Emperor IV
Velvet, Empress IV
Scott Rezek, Secretary
of the Board of
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We spent \$589.44 on food for families; \$50.17 on toys, \$100 gift certificates; \$5.25 on Snow King & Queen crowns, and \$14.14 on tickets. This was a very successful holiday for the Imperial Court, the needy families, and for you, the gay community.

The New Voice Becomes a Cooperative

In the last issue, you were told that The New Voice is now The New Voice of Nebraska Cooperative. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you what that means for us and for you.

First of all, The New Voice did not make a net profit last year, due in large part to our legal expenses. We do not expect that this will be the case every year, however. A mechanism must exist for disbursement of those profits, and such a mechanism now exists.

Under our Articles of Incorporation, every year that there is a net profit, The New Voice Steering Committee must take that profit and give it to other gay and

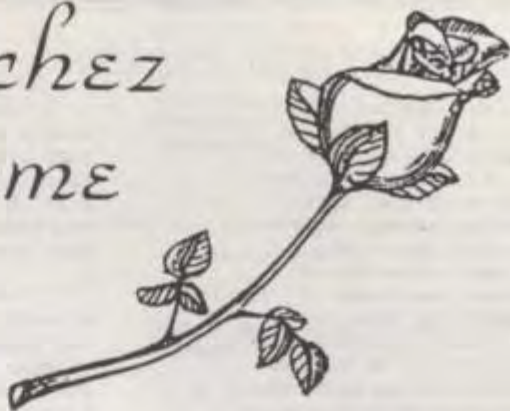
lesbian organizations. That means that if we end next year with a million dollar surplus (we all have our fantasies), the Steering Committee's first item of business in the new year would be to divvy the cash up among deserving gay and lesbian organizations.

A second feature of our new status is that it will now enable us to apply for tax exempt status. Filling out the necessary forms for tax exempt status is on my list of things to do, and rapidly approaching the top of the list. Up until this point, any gifts to The New Voice have not been tax deductible; that should now change.

--Mel Dahl

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Love and Relationships

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If you are working full-time, you are spending a good part of your life at work. As such, it isn't easy to keep the "spark" in a relationship, especially when your working hours are inconvenient (evenings, weekends, holidays), or when your hours do not coincide with your lover's. Either you or your lover is bound to feel neglected or lonely, or both, and eventually this can cause some serious problems in a relationship. So, what can you do to keep a little romance in a "work-a-day (or night)" love life? Here are just a few ideas:

1. Buy your lover a single rose. Beautiful roses are available at grocery markets after hours when most floral shops are closed. They don't cost much, and roses are traditionally romantic. It's a sweet gesture to come home from work with a rose for your lover.

2. Drop an intimate note in your lover's lunch, coat pocket, briefcase - or even mail one to his/her work address. A silly poem, flowing sentiments, or a simple "I love you" will make your lover's day.

3. Surprise your lover with a candlelight bath (or hot tub), wine, and soft music. Soaping and bathing your lover will be a soothing treat for him/her, and a sensual delight for both of you.

4. Prepare a special dinner for when your lover gets off work - something that is his/her favorite. A fresh bouquet of flowers and chilled wine are excellent accessories.

5. When you have a break at work, call your lover and (if feasible, of course) whisper sweet nothings. Just a quick call to let your lover know you think about him/her even when you're working.

6. On a snowy evening, go for a walk together, listening to the sound of your footsteps on the snow. After the walk, make hot chocolate and sip it over intimate conversation.

7. Buy your lover a little gift once in a while - something that expresses your affection in a warm and simple way -- a small stuffed animal, cosy slippers in his/hers favorite color, warm mittens or gloves, a box of chocolates, a sentimental card, a book of love poetry, a pair of sexy panties or briefs (perhaps edible???) . . . be creative!

8. Make love in an unusual place. Try it in the living room, the dining room, the kitchen, the shower or bathtub. Making love in the car can be exciting, if not reminiscent (although it can be risky, too). Also, try dressing up -- in your best dress clothes, something very masculine or feminine, or something

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kinky -- then act out a fantasy.

These are just a few ideas; the key to revitalizing a sluggish relationship, even under the worst circumstances, is in letting yourself be impetuous and following your own romantic instincts. It's

really a matter of making the most of your time together, and it requires a mutual effort. I firmly believe that gay men and lesbians can be the most romantic of lovers when they take the time and energy to be so.

--AF-S

Dining Room Infatuation

I am sitting here on my chair in puppy dog-like anticipation, savoring the man I see waiting tables. A blond Adonis college student in tight black slacks, white shirt, and black bow tie. His name is Steve. I gaze at him wishing for a closeness I can never know.

Curly blond hair and sparkling blue eyes gaze at me as he stops to converse with me. He talks to me, the cashier for the miniscule dining room, not knowing any of my latent thoughts or feelings. The subject is why women are tipped more often than men. I reply, "It's an example of covert sexism. Male customers tip women more than men." Steve agrees and flaunts that mystical look. The look makes me want to reach out and touch him. I know that I dare not do so. I stare into his

dreamy eyes with intense infatuation.

He glides swiftly about the dining room. I watch as an aesthetic voyeurist wishing for the melting of two men's hearts. I long for the tender touch of his soft, warm hands. I know he's straight. We often talk about his girl friend. I think she's lucky to have such a tender, sexy man.

It happens every time I work and Steve is there waiting tables. The deep feeling of hyper-infatuation grows into a deeper feeling I can never express. At nights I dream about the hidden relationship I have with this man. As Chaka Khan says, "I feel for you"; to Steve, I can never tell this.

--Randall Barron

Valentine from the Past

At 23, I had my own key to the restroom, a comfortable downtown Omaha apartment, and life held the promise of a wonderful life. A Danish girl had jilted me and I had returned to my pursuit of male companionship.

It was spring, and a neighbor's fancy turned to the washing of his '57 Chevy. Seeing those bare feet splashing in the suds on the other side of that car carried me around to be greeted by a smile that shone more than the chrome. A young, muscular blond announced that his name was Richard and that he was stationed here with the 16th Army.

We became inseparable except for the time I spent at the Ron-De-Voo getting urges satisfied that Richard had aroused. I often encountered Richard in government issue underwear which concealed very little. Richard even stood a foot from me in the nude. With all of this, I was unable to speak what was on my mind. My attraction to him was so strong, and I feared rejection so greatly. In the early '60s, being queer was still evil in my own mind, but I lied to myself.

We swam at Merritt Beach often, and once I buried him in the

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sand and sculpted a nude woman over him. What a state of confusion! We shared so many secrets and experiences, but held back my inner being. We were nearly arrested for gutter splashing downtown in our underwear. We shared music, drinking, and philosophizing.

In the autumn, Richard was discharged and returned to Detroit. We stood in the parking lot, hugging and crying until we drew a

crowd. He left embarrassed, and I continued to cry. That winter, I saw Richard briefly in Detroit. He seemed so hurt and confused, but I still could not risk being a homosexual. It has only been recently that I have realized that Richard was my first experience of loving another man. Richard was given a part of my heart, and I don't even know where to send a valentine.

--Jerry P.

The First Time

I saw him for the first time while trying to decide where my "Pigs in Space" poster would go. He was standing in the doorway of my dorm room: tall, blond, good-looking, and all teeth!

He introduced himself as Bart, a senior pre-law major. He was running for floor rep (which he won!). I was a sophomore nerd who had fallen in love.

He walked into my room, looked at my books, posters, and records and sat down. We chatted for about five minutes-- I have no earthly idea about what--then he left. I began to pick out our china at this point.

The next time I saw Bart was two days later when I walked out of a bathroom stall. Bart was nude, toweling himself dry. I had swooned once before, but found out that I hadn't forgotten how. When I came to, Bart and someone else were standing over me. Bart flashed those teeth and asked if I was OK. I smiled weakly and said it must have been the heat (of the showers).

We became fast friends. He said I was like his younger brother. We would talk and laugh, but we seemed to never see enough of each other. This lasted until the End-of-the-Year-Party.

The Floor Party is another name for increasing the profits of the liquor industry. If I had known the amount of booze to be consumed that

night, I'd have bought stock in Seagrams.

This party, scheduled for 7:00 pm, began promptly at 8:30. When I walked onto the floor at 8, I was greeted with the overwhelming smell of barley and hops.

Within seconds, I had a cocktail in hand and was headed to find Bart. An hour and six more drinks later, I found him. He was discussing foreign economics with a Vanessa Williams look-alike. Here I was, barely able to remember my name, and he was discussing the gold standard.

I started to leave when his eyes met mine, and he smiled. He asked me to join them and I did. Vanessa seemed annoyed.

I went for refreshments and when I returned, Vanessa was gone. So was Bart. I went back for a quick refill.

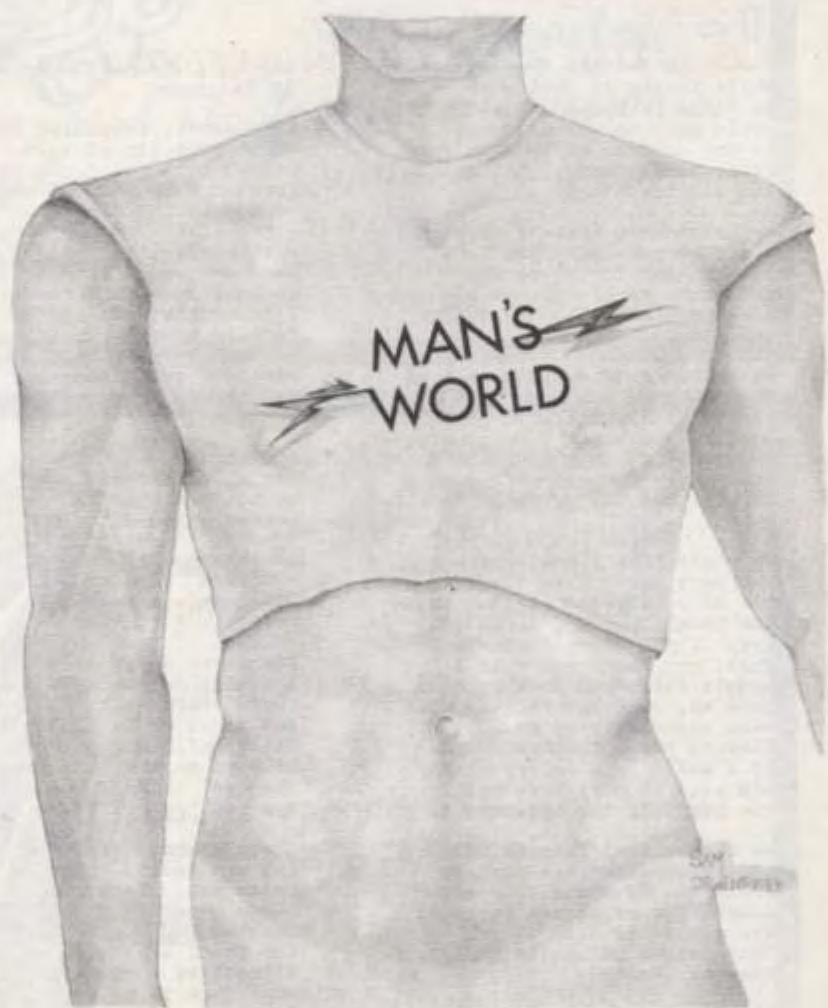
The party ended around 10:30, and I headed for my room. On the way there, Bart walked out of his room and asked me in for a drink. While refilling my drink, his leg brushed my arm, our eyes met, and the next thing I knew we were in his bed.

I awoke about 9:00 the next morning and smiled. It was the best dream yet. Then I felt him stir next to me. With his blond hair tussled, eyes puffy, and a night's growth of beard, he was more attractive than ever. I quickly went back to my room. He was my first.

I didn't see much of Bart the rest of the semester. We would exchange a few words but nothing

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was said about that night. The last day of exams, I went to his room to say good-bye, but he had already left.

I had a chance meeting with Bart five years later at a gay bar in Washington, D.C. He was with his lover, Howard. I was alone. He had graduated from an Ivy League law school and had an excellent position with a New York law firm.

We talked and laughed as before. Last call was announced, and we exchanged addresses and phone numbers. As the bar emptied, I shook Howard's hand then reached for Bart's. He took mine and pulled me tight for a hug. I whispered into his ear that he was my first. He smiled and said that I had been his.

--Tom Pasco

Loving Well

Love is a word bantered around a lot these days. It's used and abused in some of the most remarkable ways. People "love" everything from their spouse to God to a hamburger. We "love your outfit," "love that car" and even "love that number who just walked down the street" (even if we have never seen the person before in our lives).

It seems to me that we never have much of a problem with using the term so carelessly until we really have need of it to express our feelings, in their ultimate depths, about someone. That's when it gets inadequate and frustrating. How do you use a word which expresses your feelings for both a hamburger and a person? Same word--hopefully different feelings. Even at that, how do you distinguish between loving one person one way and loving another differently?

Christians have an even tougher go of it. Their God told them to love their neighbors. All of them. The same way one loves their spouse? Their friends? Obviously, "love" is a pretty broad phrase, if not an even broader concept.

I suggest to people I meet (and to myself too!) that love is something very broad indeed and that there are simply variations upon it. But I do insist to especially myself, that it is not so broad an idea that it applies to non-living things, for this reason: love, to my mind, begins at a point called respect, and proceeds in variations from there.

If there is any other attribute to love than this one of respect, it must be that loving from a basis of respect means loving in a "way of wellness." Loving from respect means a healthy love, contributing to the wellness of the person doing the loving and the person being loved. If these things are as true as I believe them to be, there are obvious impersonators of love--or smoky replicas of love. These are the insidious little beasts which manifest themselves in jealousy, self-righteousness, and self-centeredness. They may look like love on the surface, but they don't have the taste and feel of the real thing.

Respect-based love is not self-depreciating because it involves respect for the self and the other person, but it is not self-serving either. It recognizes the things in the other person and in the self which are worthy of respect and appreciation. It becomes action based upon that respect. Not always the same action, not always the same response. We think we have different "loves," but maybe in loving well, we simply have different responses to the integrity we see in the other and ourselves. Maybe the more awesome the respect, the more intense the response.

This all makes sense to me, because it helps to understand how we can begin at a point which can legitimately be called love and apply it to people we barely know, and proceed to grow in the experience of respect-based love with others we

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know better and hold dearer.

For those of us who are Christians, it may help a lot. For all of us, it couldn't hurt.

Seeing love as beginning with respect for self and other

creations is a way to contribute to the "wellness" of our lives and the life which belongs to any community. It must be a way of loving well.

--Father David Glaz

"Wedding" Bands

"Are you married?" ... "Why are you wearing a wedding band?"

My lover and I hear these questions quite often -- from people who assume we are single. The inquiries can draw blood when driven to a point. Certainly, there have been times for both of us when we've simply tucked our left hands into our pockets to avoid inquiries altogether. We are determined, however, that we will not remove the bands, nor place them on an insignificant finger. In short, we've accepted this "heterosexual token," and we are not willing to compromise its symbolism. As a result, we have compromised in another way: We have often lied to answer the questions, something we dislike doing very much.

My lover and I decided last spring that we wanted gold bands to symbolize our commitment, to represent choice and fidelity. The only hurdle toward our goal was a last-minute twinge of doubt when the time came to approach jewelers -- as a couple interested in wedding bands. To be sure, the situation was awkward and uncomfortable (and I have never been so scared, yet determined to be who I am). We finally bought the rings at Sartor Hamann, in

large part, because they were courteous to us, helpful, and very non-judgmental about the whole thing. When the bands arrived (neatly engraved with our names and the year -- oh, to hear the engraver's comments!), the entire staff came over to see them, and some even bestowed best wishes. Truly, an interesting social growth experience.

Since then, we have anticipated questions from family and friends who don't know that we are lesbian lovers. We know it is necessary (but painful) to misinform even those we care about to protect our relationship. Some of our explanations haven't been terribly original, but most people have accepted the answers. For me, the most difficult inquiry came from my mother, when, without warning, she asked, "Why are you wearing a wedding ring?" My answer, hardly precipitated, was too honest, "My roommate gave it to me as a token of her friendship." Puzzled, she remarked in turn, "But on the left hand, it means you are married, dear ..." Her voice trailed off, her face went blank, and she said nothing more about the subject. I wonder if she answered her own question -- all of her questions.

The wedding band is a beautiful symbol of loving commitment -- whether given under the bounds of "legal matrimony," or given to accompany a whispered promise

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between two women or two men. Its symbolism, like true love, is by no means exclusive.

--AF-5

The Open Door Ministry Pasta Feed, held on January 26, was a huge success. Over \$200 was raised during Open Door's first fund-raiser. Father Glaze thanks the entire community for their support.

Gay Stages of Coupling

I have been working with gay and straight couples for close to ten years. I have seen couples struggle with a lot of issues over the years and have found that talking to couples about stages to be very helpful. However, not much has been written about stages for gay relationships until recently. I want to review a book about stages in gay relationships in this article and share briefly some of the stages. I will be writing more in the future about each stage and about other issues that gay couples struggle with.

In 1984, David P. McWhirter, M.D. and Andrew M. Mattison, M.S.W., Ph.D. published the book The Male Couple after five years of work. They interviewed 156 male couples over a five-year period and delineated six stages these couples went through. These couples have been together from one year to forty years. The authors are very cautious about saying that all gay couples go through six stages since this was a limited survey. While they did not interview female couples, they speculate that many of these stages are applicable to women also. This area needs more research. I think that The Male Couple makes a good beginning in the study of all gay couples. I

will use some of the material in The Male Couple as well as my own experiences working with gay couples in these articles. If you have questions or concerns that don't get answered in the articles, please feel free to write to me, in care of The New Voice.

The six stages described in the book are Blending (the first year), Nesting (the second and third years), Maintaining (the fourth and fifth years), Building (the sixth through tenth year), Releasing (the eleventh through twentieth year), and Renewing (twenty years and beyond). There are problems and joys in each stage. Many couples do not make it through blending to nesting. The transition from stage one to stage two is difficult, and it is helpful for couples to know what they are facing in order to work out creative solutions for themselves.

In the next article, I will talk more about stage one and stage two. I would like to see as many gay couples as possible read The Male Couple. If you are in a relationship or thinking about a relationship in the future, this book will help you understand some of the confusion you are experiencing or might exper-

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• Mike Fitzpatrick MSW, ACSW •

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ience. I also believe that gay couples need to seek out other gay couples and talk to them about their relationships. It is obvious from reading the book and from my own clinical and personal experience that gay couples cannot model themselves

after straight couples. There are some similarities, but there are a lot of differences.

Happy coupling until next time.

--Mike Fitzpatrick, M.S.W.

NEWS & FEATURES

Aids - A Modern Plague

Imagine being struck down with a disease so new it has no name. So deadly, it will kill more than 2,000 people in its first four years.

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"AIDS: Chapter One" takes viewers back to 1981, when the first ominous clues appeared. Doctors in Los Angeles, New York, and San Francisco were reporting a highly unusual pneumonia and rare form of skin cancer in otherwise healthy, young homosexual men. Although the two diseases are vastly different from one another, a pattern was emerging: Both were signs of breakdown in the body's immune system. What was happening?

NOVA picks up the trail in Atlanta, Georgia, where the job of fitting together the early pieces of the puzzle fell to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), whose elite corps of epidemiologists investigate the causes and control of epidemics. NOVA talks to the medical detectives at the CDC who sifted through the evidence, searching for the who, what, when and where of the deadly ailment.

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We hope that the program will be seen by as many people as possible.

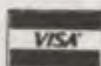
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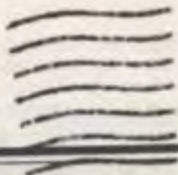
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Letters



Dear Editor:

On Wednesday, January 16, I attempted to place an ad in the Wanted section in the Daily Nebraskan. It read "Gay male needs roommate. \$116.67 rent, 1/3 utilities. Call Mike at 475-3400."

After the receptionist read my ad, she asked the manager if the ad could be placed. He told me that it could not be placed because of a new pub board policy which finds such ads discriminatory. So I tried placing an ad "Roommate wanted, no smoking, no pets,

Showtime has announced that it has renewed the critically acclaimed comedy series Brothers for 50 more episodes, which will take the program through the

must be interested in homosexual concerns, etc." (I find it strange that people do not view restrictions against pets and smoking as discriminatory.)

When the new board takes office, it should take a serious look at the "new policy" to determine if it represents the feeling of the entire board. I would also like to see all the members of the pub board be present so that student opinion will have adequate representation.

--Michael Sinn
Student, UNL

1984-85 and 1985-86 television seasons.

Brothers is about three Brothers, one of whom is gay.

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Astrology - Pisces the Fish

A VIEW FROM THE STARS

by Phoenix

PISCES - the Fish Feb. 19-Mar 19

Ruling Planet: Neptune
Element: Water
Key Words: I Believe
Mode of Expression: Mutable

Life Task: Learning to walk, comfortably, the path between the world of physical reality and the non-physical (no less real) world of the spirit. A dual sign, Pisces has two personalities: one friendly and social; one remote and withdrawn, corresponding to these worlds--Bright Lights and Dark Shadows. Pisces inhabits both. The balancing of these worlds/personalities is the greatest challenge of this sign.

Keys to Success: Service to HumanKind (Pisces is another Serve-or-Suffer sign) and a realization and an acceptance of the fact that few others will understand the broader reality perceived by Pisces. (Few can relate to where Pisces is "coming from").

Neptune here gives a dreamy, artistic, faraway appearance, sometimes "other-worldly," sometimes not quite "all there." Pisces feels a separateness and a "divine discontent" which nothing of

this world can take away. Neptune also makes Pisces more prone to drug/alcohol abuse than most, due to a desire to escape mundane reality. Short on worldly ambition (money isn't a main aim), these natives do love the fine things in life: "I don't want to be a millionaire; I just want to live like one" can be a Pisces expression.

The most sensitive of the signs, compassion, understanding, and farsightedness are Pisces characteristics. The appearance of indifference to others' opinions and criticisms is only appearance. Pisces is easily and deeply hurt.

The twelfth sign of the Zodiac, Pisces can partake of the characteristics of the previous signs and can see yesterday, today, and tomorrow as one. Schizo?? No--complicated, complex, and difficult to understand. Absolutely! (A Pisces frequently has difficulty understanding him/her self.)

NEGATIVES: moody, withdrawn, unrealistic, impractical, overly sensitive, escapist.

POSITIVES: compassionate, loving, sensitive, wise, non-prejudiced, non-competitive, charming.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Pisces!!

New Voice Sponsors Chili Feed

The New Voice Magazine, in an effort to make more money for its legal defense and printing costs, will sponsor a Chili Feed on Saturday, February 16, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the

Board-Walk. This special event will also include the acclaimed gay movie, Querelle, which begins at 5 p.m. Cost is only \$3 for all you can eat.

The Gay Fathers Organization has established a national hotline. The number is (213) 871-1575 and is answered 24 hours a day. The number is not toll-free. Also, Gay

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OPINIONS

A Free Voice

Recently, I had a discussion with another member of The New Voice Steering Committee who told me that he has spoken with people in the community who decidedly take exception to some of my personal opinions and feel that The New Voice should not carry them. While I naturally do not agree with that position, I have decided that my readers are entitled to some explanation of why I choose some of the topics I do and why I feel that it is important to present unpopular viewpoints.

I grew up in a setting where final and ultimate authority was "Thus saith the church." It took me a long time to grow beyond accepting the church's teaching without question, but I have grown beyond that point. In the process, I grew to be extremely suspicious of dogmatism in any form.

I greatly fear that the gay and lesbian community has replaced "Thus saith the church" with "Thus saith the feminists/gay and lesbian political movement/gay and lesbian leadership/you fill in the blank." If there is one dogma that I absolutely and utterly rebel against, it is that a certain viewpoint is not open to question because it is politically correct.

When we accept dogma without question, without looking at the opposing arguments, we are guilty of the same mindlessness we lay at the door of the fundamentalists. After all, the premise of the gay and lesbian liberation movement is that society does not have the right to establish standards of morality for us. I believe that society (gay and lesbian or otherwise) has no right to demand

a certain standard of politically correct philosophy, either. Nobody should be a social outcast because of his or her beliefs.

I know that I represent the minority opinion on age of consent laws, and I know that my column attacking the Democratic Party was probably not well received in some quarters, either. On both occasions, I deliberately chose topics where I knew I would be a minority because it does my community no good to be told what it already believes. I want the people of the gay and lesbian community to be willing to examine these issues with no givens and with no sacred cows. If you, dear reader, look at these issues again and disagree with me, fine, but at least look at the issue, preferably with no preconceived ideas. In other words, think for yourself.

Ideally, the purpose of a free press in a free society is to challenge the ideas that people already have, to make people reconsider their positions. A free press should be the spark that lights the flames of debate, discussion and philosophical give-and-take. To the extent that the press succeeds in causing people to talk about issues it has been a success. Remember, it is rare for one position to be totally right and another totally wrong--usually there is some truth to both.

There are views, such as those of Paul Cameron, the Ku Klux Klan, and Jerry Falwell, that I personally find kooky. However, if any of those three wanted to write something for The New Voice, I would not feel bad about printing it because I have sufficient faith that most of our readers are rational people and would see the nuttiness and reject it. As a civil libertarian, I find that method far preferable to censorship.

--Mel Dahl

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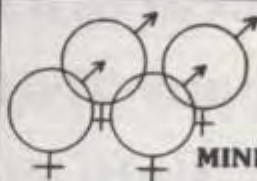
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Before I bind up my rationed calm,
You speak
In one wet, wind-audible murmur
Unfixing my fast-moored mind,
Dunking me
Off-guard.

Momentarily though I swell
In your wing-flamed waves,
I unsnare myself
And struggle again against
Suffocation
With a dexterity that merits
gold medals

And rusty dishonor,
And once more unwillingly,
I breathe, upwards.

Once, you said deeply
Our swimming was done,
Dried and laid away, yet

Now, new and crestborne,
Your voice--full of just burst
Liquid half-laughter--breaks
And you surface
As if you'd been too alone
Too long in too-deep depths.

Like a shored fish
I stiffen,
My memory of wide fjord-dark eyes
Pinning me taut,
And I allow
The long soft length
Of your leather self to possess,
Enfolding me again
In one more of your throaty
Bold, open inhalations.

Sometimes,
At times like this,
I do drown
And I die, almost,
But only in dreams.

--Carey

On Saturday, February 23, 1985,
The Times of Harvey Milk, an
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the gay and lesbian community
to celebrate the life of one
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this we recently changed
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deadline policy. It is very
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The Employees



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Diana M.



STOSH,
How about another 13?
Sweet Pea



ROGER,
We'll have it all
in June!
Lofty



MOM,
Be our Valentine
Daddy
Uncle K.
Velvet



RON,
Like your beard--
Like to see moore!
Ms. Flowers

To My Sweetheart Bill,
Happy Valentine's Day and
Thanks for living up to all my
expectations.

-David S.



DONNY K.,
Happy Valentine's Day
Slim



TO THE GANG AT THE ALLEY
Thank ya, Boys--Let's keep
those love songs alive
Vera



SANDY,
A year ago in February,
an intimate phone call....
Happy Anniversary--with many
more to come!



JERRY,
I will always love you
wherever you are
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Larry



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From The Deer



LIZZIE,
Bizarre is Beautiful
So Are We.
Happy V. Day
I Love You.
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CHAM,
I will always love you.
Be my Valentine!!
Love, your Boog



Arn,
A warmer & more wonderful
sister there isn't.
Luv, Trudi



Jim,
The heart has no wrinkles.
Gary



Classifieds


Dearest T-

Somewhere there is a warm fire-
place/ A chilled bottle of
wine/ And a moonlit walk by
the ocean/ for us.


Love, J. 

CAROL,

Thank You for making my life
better.



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Kathy 

"Danny,

I Love You Bambi." 

Kevin


To Ted, 

My only one lover. There
is so much Joy in loving you.
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- Mike R. 

To my Wonderful Sweetheart

Bruce,

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DON,

I luv you lots & lots & lots

Clark 

To My Lover,

I love you because of all
the things you have shared in
our beautiful romance. 


Earl K.

Dear Ron--

To My Valentine. I
hope you have a happy Valentine's
Day with many more to come!

Love, Dave 

Jamie & Phil brought to the Gay
Community Sunday movies & Dynasty
Wednesday. Now, The Board-walk
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noon at the Movies, beginning
at 5 p.m.

CORRECTION

The New Voice magazine
apologizes to Steve Gesch,
owner of the North 20 shop
for incorrectly naming their
establishment in the December
Issue. Again the correct
name is North 20, not No. 20th.
The leather and gift shop is
located next to the Board-
Walk.

The New Voice magazine in-
advertently forgot to credit
the designer of the January
cover. The cover is shown
reprinted in a reduced form
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Contact J. Benjamin Roe,
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