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Our Turn

Comments and Opinions from The New Voice staff

COVER-

Title: Lovers at Nebraska Wesleyan

Taken by Anita Freeman-Soltisyyk

MEMO

To: Lesbian/Gay Organizations, Student Groups, Bars, etc.

From: Sandy V., Associate Editor, Organizations & Events

I am very enthusiastic about my recent appointment to The New Voice staff as Associate Editor of Organizations and Events. I've been an active member of several lesbian/gay organizations here in Lincoln and have just received by B.A. in recreational therapy, outdoor recreation.

I am very much interested in organized activities, especially in the lesbian/gay community. I have been frustrated, however, that some events and activities in our community have not been well covered in The New Voice. I am hoping to change that.

I am asking that you please notify me either in person or by mail if you are planning an event you would like covered in the magazine. I will need no less than 2 weeks advance notice in order to make arrangements in my schedule or that of a staff reporter. Some exceptions can be made, I am sure, but 2 or 3 days advance notice is not acceptable. If you want TNV there, you have to let us know in time. Photographs may be included in the coverage of your events (by permission only).

A lot of lesbian and gay persons have told us they want to see more community-related coverage in TNV. It is my goal to do just that. Please work with me in my effort.

--Sandy V.

Welcome Back Students Nebraska Wesleyan Support Group Ponders Future

During the 1981-82 school year, a concerned young gay man began a Gay Support Group on the campus of Nebraska Wesleyan University. The initial purpose was to provide support and a social outlet for like-minded gays.

The following year, the group continued to meet, with guest speakers, and there were discussions about conditions on and off campus. Noticeably absent

were any lesbians within the group. Contact was made with some lesbians, but none ever became a part of the group until the next year, when their presence added strength to the group.

Some discussion was begun concerning seeking official status. With this came the inevitable question: "Who will represent us?" Most of the group needed to remain closeted. At the

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same time, it was decided that there was a need for a faculty person to provide guidance to the group. Some supportive faculty members were contacted, and Dr. Mary Smith agreed to work with the group.

When I discussed the question of seeking official status for the group with Dr. Smith, she said that no attempt had yet been made to actually seek official status. She said that the group was divided and ambivalent about this action last year. According to Dr. Smith, the group was very strong last year; however, most of the strong members were seniors.

Dr. Mary Smith said that it was important to remember that the Wesleyan Gay/Lesbian Support Group is already a "recognized" group on campus. As usually happens when a Lesbian/Gay group begins to seek official status, the word seemed to get to the Administration. They apparently got worried and drew up a code under which various kinds of support groups are to function. This was supposed to be for all support groups, but was obviously directed towards the Gay/Lesbian Support Group.

The Wesleyan Gay/Lesbian Support Group objected to much of the wording in the new code. As a result, some of it was changed, but the wording which lumped homosexuality in with other personality disorders remained. The clause which remained unchanged, the one which the group strongly objected to, according to Dr. Smith, said that such support groups, "specifically the Gay/Lesbian Support Group," are not to sponsor campus events which advocate a particular life-style. This is still in the code approved by the Board of Governors of Nebraska Wesleyan University.

The Wesleyan Gay/Lesbian Support Group can, and does, function as a support group

on campus under the Campus Ministries. This allows them to use publicity outlets, providing it is cleared through the Student Affairs office. Dr. Smith says this has not been a problem in the past.

When queried if she felt the group should pursue official status, Dr. Smith said she feels official status might work against the group. If it were official, they would have to have officers and provide names which would defeat the confidentiality of the group. Dr. Smith said she felt the primary reason for seeking official status is the funding which would be available to the group.

Since so much of what can be done must have the approval of the Dean of Student Affairs, I asked Dr. Smith if she knew the position held by the Dean. She said that "politically he will come down on our side, but he doesn't like to be pushed to it." She further said that, personally, she felt that he would try to understand the homosexual position but probably never would because of his up-bringing.

I asked Dr. Smith whether a statement that a former President of NWU had made concerning "isolating" and "curing" homosexuals was, in fact, school policy. She said that it was never school policy. There is no fear of any person found to be homosexual being dismissed from the dormitories, or from the school. This, I might note, is the direct opposite of the policy at Union College, another church-supported school in Lincoln.

Asked for any other comments, Dr. Smith said that the Gay/Lesbian Support Group shouldn't be a political group, that it is meant to provide support to those who, for whatever reason, must remain anonymous.

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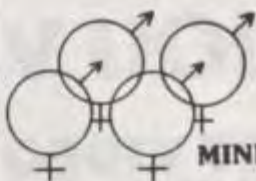
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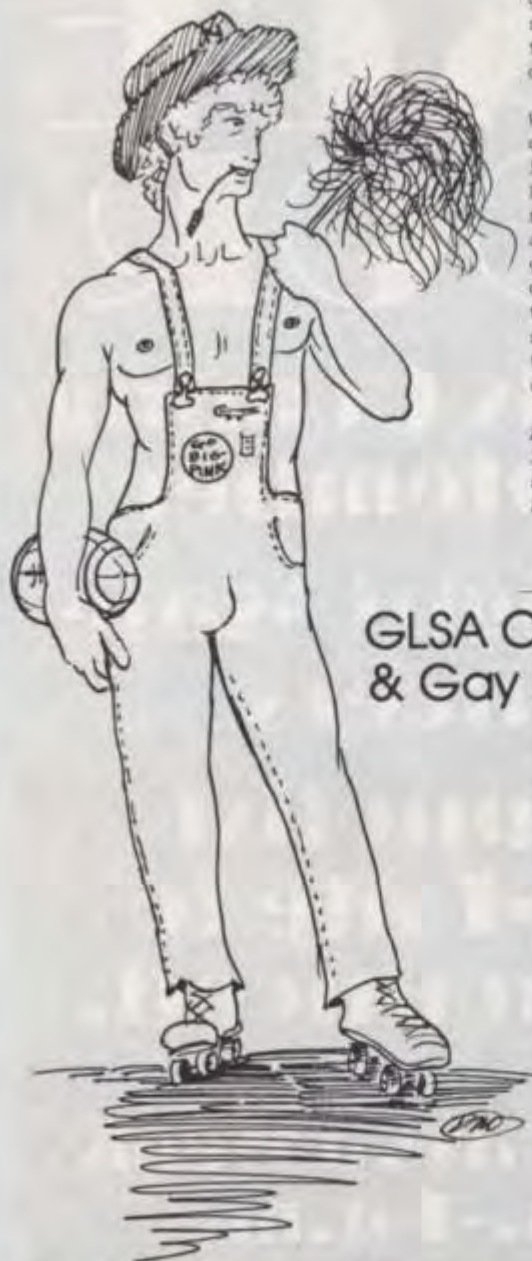


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The primary purpose of the group is still to provide support and encouragement to those still closeted to varying degrees.

We will be following the actions of the group as it re-forms for this coming school year. Perhaps the group will feel the need to take some political actions, such as fighting to get the wording of the "infamous" code changed. Perhaps even to the point of seeking official status. The decision will have to rest with those who constitute the membership this year.

Anyone interested in the Wesleyan Gay/Lesbian Support Group should contact Dr. Mary Smith at 466-2371.

--Howard Gunn.

GLSA Celebrates Lesbian & Gay Education Week

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Gay/Lesbian Student Association is planning Lesbian and Gay Education Week for September 16-20, 1985, with special events planned throughout the week.

The purpose of Lesbian and Gay Education Week is to educate the student populace at UNL about lesbians and gays.

The events that are scheduled are:

- *Mon Sept 16, 3-5 pm.
Nebraska Union:
"Being Gay in the Residence Halls"
- *Mon Sept 16, 7-8 pm,
Nebraska Union:
"UNL's Governing Bodies: Can Gays and Lesbians Work Together with Them?"
- *Mon Sept 16, 8-10 pm
Nebraska Union:
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Nebraska Union:
"AIDS Awareness"
 - Wed Sept 18, 3-5 pm,
Nebraska Union:
Videotape: "Consenting Adults"
 - Wed Sept 18, 7-10 pm,
"Feminism and Separatism"
 - Thurs Sept 19, 3-5 pm,
Nebraska Union:
"What Can Straights Learn
About Lesbians and Gays?"
 - Thurs Sept 19, 8 pm
Andrews Hall, Rm 228:
"Lesbians and Gays in
Occupations"
 - Fri Sept 20, 3-5 pm,
Nebraska Union:
Gays and Lesbians in the 80's"
 - Fri Sept 20, 7-10 pm,
Nebraska Union:
"Showcase for Lesbian and
Gay Organizations"
- Other events in September are:
September 5: Election of
Officers; Constitution Vote;
Health Issues;
September 12: Homophobia,
Stereotypes and Myths;
Sept 26--movie: "Another
Country"
- These events are being held in
Andrews Hall, Rm 228, at 8 pm.
- For further information, dial
GLSA's campus phone: 472-5644.

EVENTS & ORGANIZATIONS

Omaha AIDS Project Formed

A growing awareness of the tragedy of AIDS has reached the people of the gay/lesbian community of Omaha, Nebraska. Many of the sad stories bear the names of Nebraskans and friends of Nebraskans. Along with the stories comes a great deal of misinformation, a lack of information, and paranoia.

The Omaha AIDS Project has begun. The Omaha AIDS Project has as its sole purpose education about AIDS and support for persons with AIDS. The primary goal for the Omaha AIDS Project at this time is the formation of a team of volunteers to (1) work on a phone line providing information about AIDS. An information packet is being prepared in lay (non-medical) terms for use by the volunteers. Phone calls will be forwarded to the volunteers' home phones on a projected basis of one week evening in every two weeks. The volunteers will answer

what questions they can from the information at hand and make referrals. (2) Volunteers will also be assigned to diagnosed AIDS patients on the "Buddy System." This will entail not only being a friend to talk to, but running errands for the Buddy to help him avoid the multitude of germs that are ever-present during the Nebraska fall and winter seasons. There will be a required training session prior to becoming a part of either of these projects, and the Omaha AIDS Project will provide continued support and guidance.

The Omaha AIDS Project is not an extension of any other organization or group. The people working on the project may be affiliated with any number of other groups, and the Omaha AIDS Project seeks the support and cooperation of everyone within the gay/lesbian community

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Post Office Box 1512, Omaha, Nebraska, 68103.

We cannot individually provide a cure for AIDS, but together we can inform, educate, and assist those that seek our help.

Won't you help NOW!

--Jerry Peck

Coordinating Committee Organizes in Omaha

Tuesday, August 6th, an initial meeting was held at The Max in Omaha to organize a "community coordinating committee." Groups represented at the meeting were the Imperial Court of Nebraska, the River City Mixed Chorus, the Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, the "Omaha" Volleyball team, and The New Voice of Nebraska.

Those present exchanged ideas on what this group could accomplish. Thoughts included helping community groups work together, helping to avoid scheduling conflicts, creating a calendar of events, and the possibility of having regular meetings.

Several groups present then announced upcoming plans. There were numerous events for the Labor Day weekend. In early September, the Chorus is planning auditions for new singers. The Court's Bowling League's fall schedule will start in September. Other activities were announced for October through January.

The group looked over copies of the "Star City Bulletin," a twice-monthly events calendar published by The New Voice. Unanimous interest was expressed in such a flyer for Omaha, with this new organization as a

possible clearinghouse for information. The events calendar first needs an editor/typist. Several printers will be contacted regarding proposed costs. The group agreed to have its next meeting Thursday, Sept 5, at 6:30 pm, at The Alley. They expect to meet monthly on the first Thursday. Groups not represented August 6th will be contacted by phone. Representatives from all community organizations are urged to attend these meetings to keep the lines of communication going. The as-yet-unnamed group is also soliciting ideas on what to be called.

TENTATIVE UPCOMING EVENTS
DISCUSSED BY GROUPS PRESENT:
October:

M.C.C.: All-day retreat
Imperial Court: Seminar on AIDS/safe sex
New Voice: Gay/Lesbian parenting

November:

Volleyball: team tournament in Chicago
M.C.C.: Art auction
Imperial Court: food drive
New Voice: Women's Issue

December:

Chorus: Holiday concert
Imperial Court: Toys for Tots Drive/Snowball
New Voice: Religion

January:

Volleyball: team tournament in New Orleans
Chorus: auditions for next concert period
New Voice: Legal Rights

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Imperial Court News

While the first Labor Day Drive for AIDS had not happened when this letter was written, we would like to thank those organizations who have supported this all important fund raising event: The New Voice, Miss Gay Nebraska, the Meat Packers, River City Mixed Chorus, MCC, the Gay Men's Volleyball Team, and the ICON Bowling League.

We also appreciate and thank those businesses that opened their doors and supported our efforts by allowing us to hold functions on their premises; the Diamond, Imaginations, Stars Restaurant and Lounge, the Max and Carter Lake Warehouse. A big round of applause to these people who support our community.

A special thanks goes out to Grand Duke Pat and Grand Czar Terry for "Star's Review" and Sam for hosting it at Stars Restaurant and Lounge. Also, to Prince Royale IV David for the Wet T-Shirt/Wet Jockey Shorts contest held at the Max.

A very special thank-you to all the entertainers, bartenders, and anyone else who made a private donation for the AIDS campaign.

And last but not least, our deepest gratitude to the Labor Day Committee that met each and every Monday night for the past couple of months. The people of this committee embody the theme of unity of the Silver Eagle and White Swan reign.

Looking forward to the rest of the year, these are some of the events planned:

Hay Rack Ride - sponsored by the emperor and empress.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

"Snow Ball"

Toys for Tots Drive

"Closet Ball" - hosted by Miss Closet Ball I Amanda Max

Chili Feed and Sleigh Ride

A Night Out on the Town

Roller Skating Party

Bowling Party

Las Vegas Night

and

CORONATION VI

Congratulations to the new Board of Governors officers; President, Steve Lucart, Vice-President/Treasurer, Pat Phalen, Secretary, Keith Houdesheldt. We also have two positions on the Board of Governors. These positions will be held at the September 9 meeting held at the Max at 6:30 p.m.

The Board of Governors Medical Liason Kevin and Ex-President Don Flowers met with the Honorable Mike Boyle, Mayor of Omaha, on Wednesday, August 14 in an effort to secure public funds for AIDS research. They were also interviewed by KEIV on the topic of AIDS. In October there will be another AIDS workshop. The theme of this workshop will be "safe sex."

Once again, we want to thank the gay/lesbian community and anyone else who helped make the Labor Day drive for AIDS a success.

Sincerely,

Gary--Emperor
Laura Lee--Empress
Keith--Secretary, Board of Govs.

Carry A Condom ~ Safe Sex is Best Sex

PFLAG — A Special Group of People

I have attended P-FLAG, Cornhusker (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) here in Lincoln several times this past year. It is a small group, 15-20 on the average, but a strong support family with a very big heart.

There's no doubt P-FLAG is a special group of people, and although I don't know all of them personally, I have felt very close to them. I have listened to them talk about the anger-loss-guilt process that occurs when a child comes out to a parent. I've heard their honesty about a continuing cycle of feelings that can leave a parent at any stage for a period of time. I felt their joy as a father shared a beautiful, loving Father's Day card from his lesbian daughter. I shared their sadness as a

mother talked about her son's struggle in a world that still says gay persons are sick and evil. I have admired their strength and determination to understand and accept.

P-FLAG is a support family for anyone who has gay persons in his/her life. I say "family" because P-FLAG is really more than a rag group, or even a support team. There is a close bonding of persons who are the parents, spouses, relatives, and friends of gays and lesbians, in an atmosphere of mutual caring and understanding.

Gays and lesbians themselves are always welcome at P-FLAG. I've gone because of the feelings of warmth and acceptance that stay with me long afterward.

--AF-5

Out & About in Omaha

A heartfelt WELCOME goes out to the returning students to the Omaha campuses. Elmwood Park has not looked sooooo good for some time. I hope the gay/lesbian students can organize again this year. Tom will be missed at UNO!

Another person missed will be Scott, the bartender at the Diamond, and one of the founders of the TWO Club. I understand that TWO has a complete new slate of officers. Good Luck to Scott as he heads the command to "Go West, Young Man."

A visit to the Alley was indeed refreshing, as I saw men dancing --not only together, but cheek to cheek to country/western music. This is an every Thursday night occurrence as they learn to dance together.

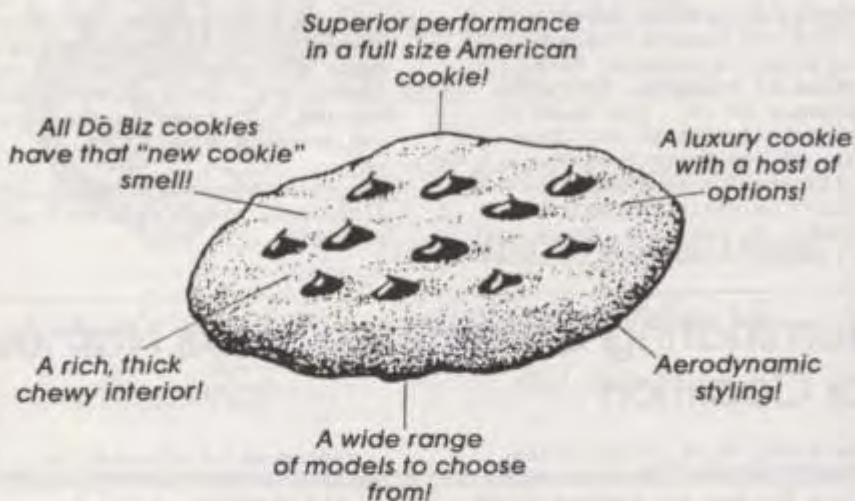
Speaking of Sam's place--my

hat is off to Sam and his people for the many fine dining experiences I have had at The Stars Restaurant. This new venture had some problems as they started, but the food and the service have improved remarkably. The Sunday brunch features a different soup each week for those daring to be different, and during the week, the regular menu has a veal dish prepared the way I have been looking for from coast to coast. And the prices are within my modest means.

Since I'm being complimentary--Hurray for the Diamond. Due to health reasons, I cannot drink any booze, and limited colas. Cindy offers non-carbonated/non alcoholic beverages. Too many apple juices, and I'm off to the can as if I'd been belting down the suds--and no

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one knows the difference--except my stomach.

By the way, the Chesterfield

did not move to Lincoln. I haven't even found a St. Mary's in Lincoln. Sorry.

--Jerry Peck

Affirmation to Hold Tenth Anniversary

Affirmation, United Methodists for Gay and Lesbian Concerns, will hold its national fall meeting in Evanston, Illinois, September 20-22. The theme of the weekend will be the observance of the tenth anniversary of Affirmation as a caucus within the United Methodist Church. In addition, there will be reports on regional organiz-

ing and the Reconciling Congregation Program. A banquet and dance are scheduled for Saturday evening. A celebration worship service will conclude the three-day event on Sunday.

For more information about attending, call either 476-9913 or 474-1205.

Nominating Committee Seeks Names for Coalition

The election of Coordinating Council members for the Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights will be conducted at the annual meeting in October. The Nominating Committee is seeking names of Coalition members interested in being candidates in the election.

A Coordinating Council member should:

--have enough personal time and energy to serve on the Board and committees

--possess an interest in working on gay/lesbian issues
--if possible, to be a public spokesperson
--presently be affiliated with other organizations, or have been in the past

Please send name, address, and phone number by: 9/15/85 to:

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Show Notes

Congrats, Paul. That's right. Affable, young Paul Pearson has assumed managership of Imaginations. Let's everyone give him community support in his new endeavor.

Arrivederci, Scott and Mike. The community will miss you.

This reporter was privileged to attend an excellent performance Thursday night, July 11. Imaginations featur-

ed a special performance entitled "Chapter I." The show was organized by Mr. Sheza Mann, the delightful new "Mr. Imaginations," and featured Mr. Dorian Drake as M.C.

I was introduced to Mr. Mann prior to the show and granted a short interview. I was very impressed by Mr. Mann's warmth and sincere interest in the gay community. He has promised to provide us with many more entertaining events.

A special note concerning Mr. Tera Michaels, a member of

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Mr. Dorian Drake capped the show with an enthusiastic tribute to Madonna.

A special salute to the performers for a "right on" performance.

Saturday--July 27, 1985
10:15 p.m.

Peaches LaRue gave her 7th "Annual Birthday Bash." Paul Drake (attired as a Jungle Queen) co-hosted the event with Mr. LaRue.

Featured acts were: Sheza Mann, Mr. Imaginations, Misty Lee (from Omaha), Lady Val, and Dixie LaRue.

Peaches and Dixie LaRue (not related) both gave particularly moving performances. Lincoln is fortunate, indeed, to have so many outstanding female impersonators.

Soar to the heights, girls!

Thursday--August 1, 1985
9:30 p.m.

What an evening! "The Full Moon and the Tri-Tones"

This reporter was fortunate in

being invited to attend the introductory performance of The Tri-Tones, an innovative group of Jazz Performers, who were assembled by drummer Todd Smith.

The group consisted of: Todd Smith, drums; John Carlini, keyboard; Will Clifton, bass; and last, but not least, Nancy Berg, vocalist.

Though somewhat slow in starting, the group soon got down to some "serious jamming." Todd's dynamic rhythms and professional style complimented John's excellence on the keyboard. The group's repertoire ranged from funky, oldies, to upbeat modern, and even included some of their original arrangements.

Special mention should be given to John Carlini, whose approach to "Jazz" is both fresh and stimulating and to Nancy Berg, whose rendition of "When I Fall in Love," was inspired and inspirational. With continued work, practice, and exposure, there could be "Bright Stars" in both of these young performers' futures.

Right on, Paul! You've given Imaginations another hit. Keep up the good work!

--Jody Dare

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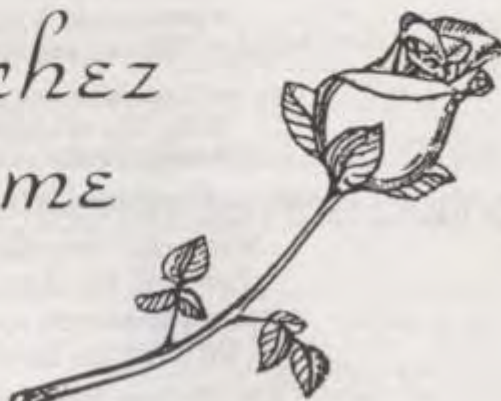
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Health

The following two articles were written by Clark Taylor, PhD, EdD of the Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality in San Francisco, California. In

future issues, the Health Concerns Committee intends to reproduce other articles about how we can reduce our risk and enjoy safer sex.

Are Condoms Effective Against AIDS?

When properly used, latex condoms create a strong protective barrier between penis and sperm and the warm, moist cavities we love to explore. Though rubbers effective prevent the exchange of bodily fluids, there is a question about whether they stop the AIDS virus itself. However HTLV III is roughly the size of herpes and other viruses which are unable to penetrate latex; and neither air nor water can pass through the rubbers even though their molecules are 1,000 times smaller than the virus.

Condoms also help prevent several of the opportunistic infections and possible cofactors associated with AIDS. For example, they help stop genital transmission of herpes, candidiasis (yeast infection), cytomegalovirus (CMV) and Epstein Barr virus. And of course they also protect against gonorrhea and syphilis.

To give a striking example of the effectiveness of condoms, a French study of 784 men who were sexual partners of women with gonorrhoea found that less than 1% of the 302 men who consistently used rubbers contracted the disease while 97% of the 480 men who did not use them came down with it. Other studies of condoms and sexually transmitted diseases show similar results.

Obviously condoms are extremely important for safeguarding our sexual health but they are not the total solution for AIDS prevention. The more layers of risk reduction we create, the greater the chances are that we will not get AIDS. We must continue to follow all the guidelines and integrate condoms into our overall RISK REDUCTION LIFESTYLE.

How to Use Condoms Correctly

Instructions for condom use are simple, but because AIDS is so deadly, they must be followed carefully. Researchers constantly stress that the main reason rubbers fail to work is they are used incorrectly; they seldom leak or break due to faulty manufacture. PRACTICE!

1. Keep a good supply of condoms on hand so you have them easily available every time you need them. Store them in a cool dry place.

2. Do not test a rubber by inflating or stretching it.

3. Use condoms EVERY time you are involved in anal intercourse or intercourse with a woman. It's a good idea to use them for oral sex too.

4. Open the package carefully. Tearing it open is one of the ways rubbers can be damaged. WATCH OUT for long or jagged fingernails.

5. Gently press the air out of the receptacle tip before putting on the condom--air bubbles can cause condoms to break. If you are using a plain ended rubber, leave about a half inch free at the tip to catch the sperm.

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6. Unroll the condom so that it covers the entire erect penis. When putting a rubber on an uncircumcised penis, it is important to pull back the foreskin before covering the head with the condom. The penis gets hard and soft during sex, and rubbers accommodate the change a lot,

but when first putting them on, it is best to get a good fit. If you want to put a rubber on a penis that's soft, go ahead. Just be sure to roll it on all the way as the cock gets hard and keep out any air bubbles.

7. Make sure the rectum or vagina of the person getting penetrated and the outside of the condom are well lubricated with a water soluble lubricant before entry. Holes that are too dry can pull condoms off and tear them as well. Oil based lubricants such as Crisco and Vaseline cause rubbers to deteriorate quickly.

8. Hold onto the base of the rubber when you need to so it won't slip off. If the penetrator's penis is getting soft, or if the hole is real tight, the condom may tend to slip. Fingers held around the base of the

condom provide an effective solution.

9. After ejaculating the penetrator should gently withdraw before his penis gets soft. He should also hold onto the condom around the base after shooting and while pulling out. This avoids spilling the ejaculation or losing the rubber in a partner's hole.

10. Throw used rubbers away! Condoms should never be used more than once. People having sex with multiple partners should NEVER go having sex from one person to another without cleaning themselves well and changing rubbers.

Note- the articles on condoms were written by Clark Taylor, Ph.D., Ed.D., of the Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality in San Francisco. The original article contained descriptive street language that The New Voice changed. Some of the words substituted were penis, penetration, rectum, anal intercourse and ejaculation. We hope the reader has no problems understanding these terms.

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Consumer Watch — Condoms

With the emphasis on safe sex, a number of questions have been raised concerning the cost of protection (condoms, prophylactics, rubbers). I visited the pharmacy department of a nearby Skaggs Drug store and found that the prices vary considerably.

The smallest quantity is a box of three. Trojan brand has three types, at \$1.19, \$1.29, and \$4.55.

The next size box contains 12. Prices vary with the brand names:

Trojan: \$3.99, \$4.99,
\$5.99 & \$14.99
Peacock: \$3.99
Protex: \$4.99
Life Style: \$5.29
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Peacock was the only one available in the 24-quantity at \$6.99. Trojan has the 36-quantity at \$9.63, \$9.99, \$11.59, and \$12.75.

You may want to read the cartons to determine the differences. Some items mentioned in bold print are: "Reservoir Ends," "Lubricated," "Delaying Lubricant," "Sensi-Cream Lub-

ricated," "Ribbed," and "Ultra Ribbed."

The product comes packaged individually, so you don't have to carry a box of 36 around with you. You can pay for your purchase at the pharmacy counter, or carry them through the store to the check-out counter.

Another thing to remember is that with the use of a "rubber," one must be careful about the lubricant used. The pre-lubricated products were designed for use in man/woman contact, which has a natural lubricant which is not present in man/man contact. Many of us have used a variety of lubricants, including baby oil. The chemicals in baby oil do deteriorate the latex in these products. K-Y lubricant was intended to be used with rubbers. Don't cancel out your efforts.

Planned Parenthood sells condoms for 25¢ each. This is the best buy, even when compared to local drug stores. Planned Parenthood offers at least 5 different styles, including one labeled under their own name.

--Jerry Peck

FEATURES

Personal Profiles — Pat Califia

Is feminism incompatible with the First Amendment? I recently spoke with Pat Califia, writer and free sexuality supporter, about herself, her politics, and more importantly the gay/lesbian and feminist movements.

Pat Califia was born in Texas and currently lives in New York, getting there via several other states. Pat says that the

culture in New York is tremendously exciting for any group through its politics has problems. Besides, she had fallen in love with someone.

While earning her B.A. from San Francisco State University Pat worked as a typist at the gay center on campus until its grant ran out. She then began freelancing for the Advocate and was at the time its only female

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staff member. "Being the only woman on the staff was both good and bad. Since the Advocate has a strong financial base it can afford to pay its writers a decent wage. Most of the gay media can't." Califia continues to write an advice column for the paper.

Pat Califia does not consider herself part of the establishment and certainly not a part of the right-wing feminist movement. She is a firm supporter of the First Amendment rights of pornographers and supports the rights of groups such as NAMBLA (the North American Man-Boy Love Association). She sees the support for censorship among some feminists as a major problem and says, "It will get worse." Specifically, she points out that a commission appointed by that champion of law and order Richard Nixon found that pornography is not a social problem, but that has not stopped those who would deprive Americans of the right to choose what they read.

Pat pointed to the recent campaign against the book Show Me, designed to teach small children about the origins of babies. The book contains some pictures of naked children; not surprising considering the purpose of the book is to teach children about the facts of life. Nevertheless, a campaign was launched to declare the book pornographic and remove it from the shelves. "The social harm done by the censors is far worse," Pat says.

Pat said that she suspects that in this era of right-wing fundamentalism many gays and

lesbians have been sufficiently frightened by survival issues like losing their jobs and going to jail that we are not going to see a wave of activism in the near future. She herself, though, is active in groups like the Feminist Anti-Censorship Task Force and Lesbians for Politically Incorrect Sex. Pat Califia identifies herself as "an anarchist, not leftist, not anti-left. I believe sex should neither be criminalized nor regulated and I am an absolutist on the First Amendment."

I asked Pat Califia if she had anything she wanted to say to The New Voice readers. She thought for a moment and then began dictating: "The basis of hatred of lesbians and gay men is a belief that our sex is somehow different than that of straight people, more perverse and more sterile. The fact is, birth control and more leisure time plus the decline of religion have caused heterosexual eroticism to resemble homosexual eroticism producing fewer children, fewer marriages and more recreational sex. It is obvious that there is no sex act over which homosexuals have the monopoly. We need to remember this when we battle homophobia. It is time for the kinky heterosexuals to come out of the closet, straight people who wish to protect their own sexual freedoms need to form a coalition with us to protect their own freedom of choice, and to defend every aspect of sexuality, and send a message that it is no longer all right to attack the community."

--Mel Dahl

Anti-Gay Violence Often Untold

Gay men, unfortunately, are experiencing the same kind of fear and personal insecurity that women have felt in misogynic societies. The following account is one of

many (as yet) untold incidents of anti-gay violence in Lincoln. On September 1, 1984, David (not his real name) and a friend went to see a movie downtown. Afterward, they

decided to stop for a late night snack at McDonalds at 14th and "O". Inside, several young men started to harass them with obscenities and "fag" jokes. One suggested that David should step into the alley with them so they could show him "what a real man is." The manager asked the boys to leave the premise, but the harassment continued through the window. When David and his friend left McDonalds, the boys followed and attacked them on 17th and "O".

"They were joined by several guys in a car, making the total seven," according to David. The attackers kicked and struck the two repeatedly, threw them both to the ground, and fled. Passersby in cars slowed to watch but did nothing.

"I was in pain and could barely walk, but I managed to practically crawl to the (then) Office Lounge. I called the police and it took them nearly half an hour to respond. I am sure the nature of the call had a lot to do with it," David continued. "When they did arrive, they looked at us and said, 'Oh, you really did get beaten up.'"

After filing what David calls "a brief statement," the police took them in to identify four of the attackers who were caught not far from the scene. A source revealed the identities of the other three. The following day, two of the youths were released on their own recognizance. Several others had previous records of assaults on gays and "gay-looking" persons.

Soon after the attack, David

entered the hospital for surgery to save an eye severely damaged in the beating. (He also suffered a cracked jaw, cracked ribs, and heavy facial bruises.) There was no guarantee the eye could be saved.

Follow up by the police, which is required, did not occur until David contacted the officers numerous times. Later in court, the accused did not appear and warrants were issued. These have yet to be acted on. One of the assailants, a source confirms, regularly leaves and returns to Lincoln. As of now, none of the young men have been officially charged.

"Even worse than the possibility of losing an eye, is losing your personal security just because of who you are," says David. The brutality of the assault has cost him 85 percent of his vision in the damaged eye, one and one-half weeks in the hospital, and four weeks of work. Even now, a specialist cannot say if the eye will recover or if David will lose it.

David's voice shakes with anger as he talks about the incident; the memory of it haunts him in nightmares. He is seeing a psychologist to deal with the anxiety. "It will cost me a lot to press the case, but it's worth everything I have to be sure it doesn't happen to anyone else. I am determined to make them (police/courts) see this thing through." It has cost him a lot already, psychologically and physically. "But," says David, "I want justice for me. I want justice for the gay community even more."

A. F-S.

Here and There Across the Nation

A bill to prohibit discrimination against gays in housing, employment and access to government services was passed into law by the French National Assembly. The action makes France the first nation to prohibit anti-gay discrimination on a national scale.

--Bay Area Reporter
San Francisco

Tulsa Anita Bryant was fired by an Atlanta television station after one program because of an outcry of indignation from the public. Bryant was to be a reporter for PM Atlanta on station WAGA.

--OHR Reporter
Tulsa, Oklahoma

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--NABC Press Release

Once again the American Bar Association has refused to pass a resolution opposing discrimination against homosexuals in the areas of housing, employment and public accommodations. Opponents of the resolution said it would mean that the ABA supported deviant behavior. Others said it was a rejection of morality in America.

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James Ellison, 36, founder of the white supremacist group The Covenant, the Sword and the Arm of the Lord was convicted in U. S. District Court of burning a Jewish community center in Bloomington, Indiana, burning his sister's home for insurance purposes and torching a Missouri church with a predominantly homosexual congregation. He faces a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison and a \$45,000 fine.

--Out Front
Denver, Colorado

The wife of missing Glenwood, Iowa School Superintendent Eugene Nasalroad said Thursday that she has filed for divorce because she knows where her husband is and does not expect him to return. Nasalroad has been missing since August 5, the day he loaded his pickup truck with belongings and drove away from his wife of 31 years and his superintendent's post of 11 years.

Mrs. Nasalroad received information from three other people who talked to her husband since he disappeared. It was reported that her husband left Glenwood with a 23 year old Omaha man and drove to San Francisco.

--Omaha World Herald
Omaha, Nebraska

Openly gay Boston City Councilor David Scondras, testifying before the Democratic National Committee's first Fairness Commission hearing in Boston on August 3, warned Democratic Party leaders that to ignore justice for gay and lesbian people is to ensure defeat at the polls.

Scondras went on to cite rejections by the national and state parties of gay and lesbian caucuses and outreach efforts, the Governor of Massachusetts' ban on lesbian and gay foster parents, and the party's virtual silence on AIDS funding.

--Alternate News
Kansas City

Comedian Eddie Murphy is trying to make amends with the country's gay community. In an interview with Parade magazine, Murphy apologized for his material used in his comedy routine. His "joke" about his fear a straight girl will pass AIDS by kissing gays on the lips offended many people and gave rise to the "Eddie Murphy Disease Foundation," dedicated to fighting his apparent anti-gay sentiment.

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Producer Jerry B. Wheeler has finally signed writers to create a screenplay adaption of the best selling gay novel The Front Runner. Mr Wheeler expressed that with the universal popularity of the Olympics and related sports, plus the current intrigue and openness about homosexuality, the timing for the film could never be better.

--Impulse Magazine
El Paso, Texas

A 21 year old Michigan bicyclist Mark Landfeld started a bicycle marathon on June 7 from Anchorage, Alaska and plans to complete his tour in September in Key West, Florida. Landfeld, an experienced cyclist, set up the marathon to educate people across the country about the seriousness of AIDS and to raise money for Wellness Networks, Inc. of Detroit. He is hoping to raise \$10,000.

--The Gay News-Telegraph
St. Louis, Missouri

Book Review—Byron and Greek Love



Book Review: BYRON AND GREEK LOVE: HOMOPHOBIA IN 19TH-CENTURY ENGLAND. BY Louis Crompton.

Gordon Lord Byron, known for his extremely good looks (or beauty), and thought of for years as one of the world's greatest poets, lovers, and fervent womanizers, is now seen through Professor Lou Crompton's new study, to have been bisexual and that much of his great poetry was written under the influences of his love and passion for young teen-age boys, usually about 15 or 16 years old.

Professor Crompton's study published by the prestigious University of California Press, presents an impressive critical study showing conclusive-

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ly the homosexual side of Byron's nature—one that has been consistently repressed or ignored by critics. Indeed, Crompton shows how the bigoted closed minded homophobic England of Byron's life time drove Byron to leave his native land and take up residence in exile in Europe, principally in Greece.

Along with the enlightened view of Byron in Professor Crompton's absorbing discussions of the Georgian Era (late 18th and early 19th century) and its dreadful treatment and suppression of the homosexual. If the modern homosexual thinks that he has trouble with his society, then he will be shocked beyond belief at how Byron's society viewed the homosexual. In fact, for the non-expert in Byron, Crompton's presentation of the Georgian homophobic society is as intriguing reading as anyone is likely to encounter this year.

Professor Crompton is well known to the local area as the dedicated activist in support of local Gay Politics and is nationally known as the co-sponsor of the Modern Language Association Gay Studies Caucus, the official organ for all teachers of English. His study of Byron is written with a reasonableness that is bound to give credit to him in the academic world and in the general reading public. This absorbing study is well worth your reading time.

—J. L. Roberts
Professor of English

footnote- Professor Lou Crompton lives in Lincoln. Last spring he was awarded the first Lifetime Achievement Award by The New Voice.

The program profiles 8 men and women exploring their emergence from an invisible subculture and how it has affected their generation as well as the entire lesbian and gay community.

Gail's Hit List

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| *1. Freeway of Love
Aretha Franklin | *9. Bit by Bit
Stephanie Mills |
| *2. Dress You Up
Madonna | *10. Pickin' up Pieces
Brenda K. Starr |
| *3. Too Turned On
Alisha | *11. Light up My Heart
Angie Gold |
| 4. Dare Me
Pointer Sisters | *12. Only for Love
Limahl |
| *5. Dangerous
Natalie Cole | *13. In Too Deep
Dead or Alive |
| *6. Universal Radio
Nina Hagen | *14. Living in Japan
Fun Fun |
| *7. Lover Come Back to Me
Dead or Alive | *15. Who's Zoomin' Who (all cuts)
Aretha Franklin |
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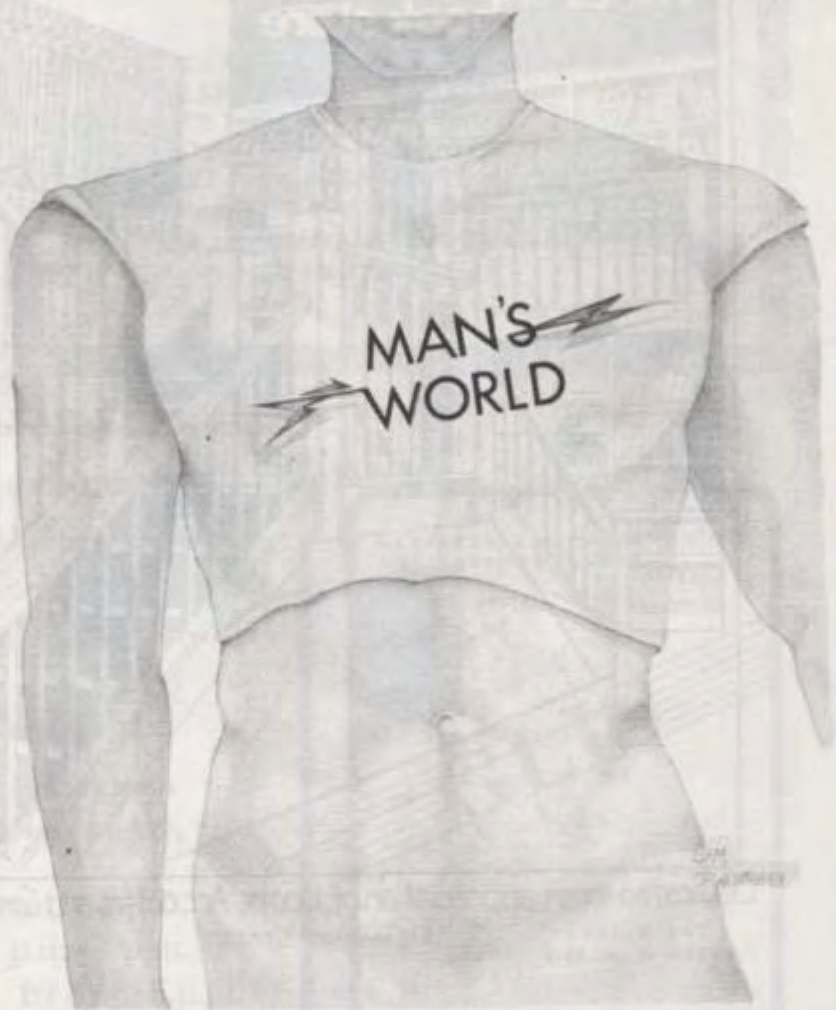
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rulership. There is a strong need for the acceptance and approval by others. The urge for cooperation is also strong, as is the sense of justice and fair play (for others as well as self).

A deep aesthetic tendency and great need for harmony in the environment exist in the Libra nature, not surprising as lack of balance and harmony can make these people physically ill.

In relationships, by sun sign, Libra doesn't deal well with Capricorn (earth) or Cancer (water), and often has dif-

ficulty dealing with the emotionally turbulent Scorpio and Pisces, the other water signs.

Libra can have an interesting and productive relationship with opposing sign Aries (fire) if a balance is achieved.

Libra-Libra is one of the surest positives of the same sun sign combinations. Libra deals well with Aquarius and Gemini, the other air signs, and with the fire signs, Sagittarius and Leo.

Harmony in the surrounds is very important, as lack of harmony and balance upset Libra.
--Phoenix.

Letters

I am a lesbian nun, at this point consumed with rage and despair. Having learned recently that the book Lesbian Nun: Breaking Silence by Rosemary Curb and Nancy Manahan is to be published in Forum magazine, I can only feel betrayed and angry. Shame on you, Naiad Press, for providing the timber with which an entire community of people will now be burned at the stake!

When I was 19 years old, I was drawn into a life of Christ by the deep spiritual need to share his love serving humanity. Years later, when my own sexuality began to emerge from a formerly unknown part of my consciousness, I tried to deny it, considering all that I had been taught of its "abominable" and "aberrational" nature to be a confirmation of the more reprehensible part of me. Struggling for years with a loneliness and despair for which the most descriptive words fail me, I searched for a way to adhere to Christ's most impassioned teachings while at the same time I continued to love and care for the parts of humanity which I denied in myself.

Finally I acknowledged that part of myself which, for so many years, had remained submerged. Now that the years have passed, now that I have enjoyed the loving relationship for which I so desperately

yearned, now that I have joined with other nuns (in a vast underground network) to bring both solace and encouragement to like-feeling and like-thinking people--now, I have been betrayed! It is for this reason that I find it a moral imperative to write to you, so that others who feel and think as I do will know that our grievance has found a voice.

My objection is based on the fact that Forum magazine is a subsidiary of Penthouse magazine. To me, Penthouse is the absolute paradigm of sexism and exploitation of women. It is only to the most prurient interest that this magazine appeals to the ultimate devaluation of women to which it is devoted. While the publisher of Naiad Press may rationalize that she wants to "convert" not only sympathizers but also those of a different turn of mind, it is not "conversion" at all in which the rest of us are interested. Our goals are to wake up every day feeling good about ourselves and to share our plight with those who may gain a greater degree of understanding and empathy for the untenable position in which we are now entrenched. It is not to be "used" as objects of derision or exploitation, nor to be publicized by any magazines which have a long and ignoble history of demeaning women, per se, and lesbian women, particularly, in the most manipulative of ways.

Sister Mary Joan
St. Albans, New York

Erotic Stories about Safe Sex

While visiting the Bookery in the Old Market of Omaha, I found a book which might be of interest to some of our readers: HOT LIVING: Erotic Stories about Safer Sex, edited by John Preston.

In describing the book, the publishers write: "It may seem surprising to some people that one of the most important books we'll ever publish is also one of the most sexually explicit. HOT LIVING is a collection of stories compiled by John Preston, one of the country's best known writers of

gay erotica. But these stories are different from any other collection that's ever been published. They were all written with the goal of showing that while AIDS awareness should change one's sexual habits, it does not need to interfere with the fun."

In the introduction, Preston writes: "They've [the authors] come together here to give you one very essential message: Sex is not over with. There are ways to have sex that are enjoyable, and that are desirable."

--Jerry Peck

Classifieds

So come on, gang, let's show our team spirit. For additional information: Contact Phil or Mike at 474-9741. This service does not require VIP card on football Saturdays.

HELP! Established businessman wants young carpenter with remodeling experience. Lots of love to give-leading to much more. Call 333-1348 (Omaha)

Welcome back students! We have specials just for you! Imaginations 18th & N Open daily.

Male housemate wanted to share house in Mutual of Omaha area. Private room, full house benefits. Cable TV, laundry, etc. Call after 5:00 p.m. 345-8743

Happy Birthday Viktoria: Sept. 14. . . party & show . . . 10:00 p.m. . . . Imaginations!

Dear Missing You:

Weep no more, put on you finest cocktail gown, and be there! I'm coming home! Thurs., Sept. 19, Imaginations . . . 10 p.m.!! And do I have things to tell you!!

Ann Landers

Male roommate wanted to share two bedroom apartment near downtown. Neat, responsible person. \$150 a month + 1/2 utilities. Call 476-0425 after 5:00 p.m.

Welcome back students. Every night is college night at the Board-Walk, The Club, and N. 20. You only have to be 17 with proper ID. Soft drinks served to anyone under age. Lincoln's liberal gay bar.

Everyone welcome.

One positive, sensitive, exercised basically terrific person looking for another 30-40 soulmate/softcore BB send pic and phone today. Would the person who ran this ad please contact The New Voice.

Over 40 Gay Men and those interested in them who are interested in starting a support group please call 464-0902.

Gay and lesbian Seventh-day Adventists and former SDA's interested in forming SUPPORT group. We need you! Call Tamey at 476-0229 or Howard at 464-0902.

Night Breath

I'm sorry for all the lost opportunities.
For all the guys I slept with and left at 2 in the morning (so that I wouldn't have to risk knowing them when the sun came up). They were neat people. I might have liked them . . . i might have loved a few of them . . . It was too scary. God! One of them might have wanted to tell me about himself. Even worse, he might have asked about me.

There were some really sweet people along the way. They didn't deserve what they got. They had a right to be warm for the whole night through, To have their arms enjoyed, caresses returned. So did I. I'm sorry for the lost opportunities. They haunted and haunt me, and that's probably good-- Or I'd still be killing myself on a regular basis.

--Dave

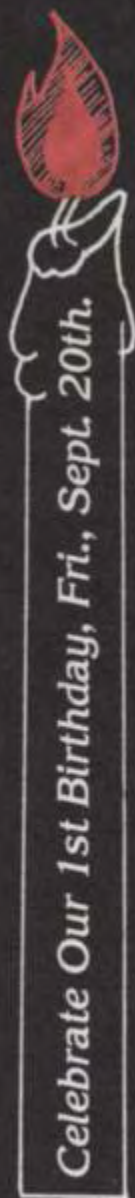
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