

The New Voice

Lincoln

Nebraska

OUR
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ISSUE!

STRENGTH
THROUGH
UNITY



LINCOLN BARS

THE ALTERNATIVE BAR 104 N. 20th

March 17: St. Patricks Day Party
31: 1st Alternative Representative
Contest

Friday Nights: Pool Tournament

CHERCHEZ la FEMME 200 S. 18th lower level

March 4: Seal Benefit 6:30 p.m.
12: The Gong Show 8:00 p.m.
17: St. Patricks Day Party
18: Women's Softball Auction 7:00 pm
21: 1st Day of Spring BBQ
25: The Wimmins Show 7:00 p.m.

THE OFFICE LOUNGE 1705 "O" St.

March 14: St. Patricks Day Show 9:00 p.m.
17: St. Patricks Day Party
28: Buddy Starr's Birthday Show
9:00 p.m.

THE SANCTUARY 200 So. 18th

March 15: All Birthdays in March Party
17: Patio Party 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday Nights: DYNASTY
Saturday Nights: MALE DANCERS
Sunday Nights: MOVIES

OMAHA BARS

THE ALLEY Old Market Area
CHESTERFIELDS (W) 1951 St. Marys
The Diamond Bar 712 So. 16th

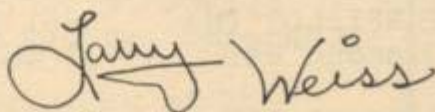
THE DIAMOND BAR 712 So. 16th
THE RUN 1715 Leavenworth St.
THE STAGE DOOR 1512 Howard St.

IT'S HERE * * * * *

A NEW VOICE has arrived in Lincoln. A voice representing many varying lifestyles and views. A vibrant and exciting voice looking to a brighter future, and hoping for a world without fear and prejudice. Our voice is becoming increasingly heard, in politics, in literature, on TV and the movies, in music, and even in sports.

THE NEW VOICE wants to be part of Nebraska's changing culture. Unlike our predecessors, the Lincoln Gay News and Capitol Times, we want to be innovative and creative. Gays and Lesbians have a great deal to share and we are looking for poetry, short stories, humor, reviews, opinions, and local events. Let's share recipes, advice on nutrition and exercise, and learn ways to turn any thumb green. But to be successful, we will need your involvement and participation. THE NEW VOICE needs Editors, Writers, and Contributors. This first issue is dedicated to organizations and activities. Upcoming issues will be more lively and fun. But we need your support to make it work.

Write to P. O. Box 80819 to become a part of this growing venture. THE NEW VOICE meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at Commonplace, UMHE 333 No. 14th, in the living room area.



Larry Weiss, Editor

ORGANIZATIONS

GAY/LESBIAN INFORMATION AND SUPPORT LINE

Lincoln's newest service for the lesbian/gay community, the Gay/Lesbian Information and Support Line will begin operations on Thursday, March 1st.

The GLIS-Line is a non-profit organization formed to establish a telephone contact number for information-sharing and support for lesbian and gay persons and those with concerns related to homosexuality.

For more information concerning the line or if you just need to talk, please call:

(402) 475-4697 Sunday through Thursday.

8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Friday, and Saturday from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Or write GLIS, P.O. Box 94882, Lincoln, NE 68509

U.N.L. Student Group

The Gay/Lesbian Student Association has been helping UNL students to better understand their sexuality and promoting cooperation and a sense of community among gay men and lesbians at the university for more than ten years.

Re-establishing the Gay Crisis Line is a major priority for many student groups and members, in addition to forming ties with gay students and student groups on other campuses.

Meetings are at 8 p.m. Thursdays in Andrews 228.

COMMUNITY OF GRACE



by Liz

Community of Grace is an interdenominational worshipping community of gays, lesbians and those who identify with us. Community was organized in October of 1980 as a response to the religious needs of Lincoln's gay and lesbian community.

A wide variety of religious experience and background is included in COG. Worship Services are planned to meet these various experiences. COG in its worship provides a supportive atmosphere for those who feel some distance from their institutional church and yet feel the need for worshipping with others.

Community of Grace is an integral part of the gay and lesbian community through its close association with many other organizations working for gay-lesbian human beings. Members are active in such organizations as the new Gay-Lesbian Information and Support Line and Ministry in Human Sexuality and work closely with special events, such as the recent book fair.

Community of Grace has grown and matured steadily for 3 years now and continues to do so. Many individuals are joining the fellowship each week who never before believed that a gay/lesbian human being was compatible with being a practicing Christian. COG helps make this great idea a reality, and we encourage all who desire a closer contact with God and their fellow believers to join us each week. Anyone is invited. If you desire a warm fellowship of like-minded men and women, then join us on Sunday. Community of Grace meets weekly at 7 p.m. on Sunday evenings for worship followed by a social hour. Leadership and location rotate monthly. Call 476-9913 for information; inquiries are kept confidential.



by Monte

The Lincoln Legion of Lesbians (LLL) is a lesbian-feminist collective founded in 1979. LLL has a primary commitment to working within the lesbian community and fostering lesbian-feminist culture by sponsoring support groups, cultural programs and panels, workshops, and speaking engagements. We have felt such educational activities are important in confronting the heterosexism and homophobia affecting all of us

Over the five years since LLL was founded collective members and friends have produced a wide variety of events from simple picnics and potlucks to a range of cultural events including such unique performances as Sally Miller Gearhart, author of The Wanderground, JEB, lesbian photographer, and Kay Gardner, musician.

Wimmin interested in receiving LLL's newsletter and knowing of upcoming events should write LLL at P.O.B. 30137, Lincoln, NE 68503. The newsletter is available either free or with a donation. The donation helps us cover mailing costs.

Lesbian Support Group

THE LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP is an informal discussion group for lesbians. All women are welcome. The group meets weekly.

For more details, call the Womens Resource Center: 472-2597

P-FLAG GROWS

by Larry Weiss

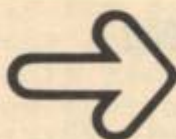
Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays is a Support Group for parents, friends, and relatives of lesbians and gays. The group is also involved in outreach to the community to educate and help people understand what homosexuality is and to describe the many misconceptions associated with the lifestyle.

About a dozen families are involved in the Cornhusker Chapter. The group is affiliated with the national organization P-FLAG, located in Los Angeles, California.

Flyers are presently being designed to be used in the gay community and the public at large. The group would like to reach more parents and to help organize more chapters across the state.

For more information, write to

P-FLAG
Box 4374
Lincoln, Nebraska
68504



LINCOLN COALITION FOR
LESBIAN/GAY CIVIL RIGHTS

Thursday, March 22

COMMONPLACE 333 No. 14th
Living room 7:00-9:00 p.m.

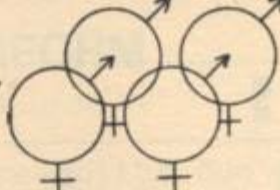
Meeting is to determine
short and long term
future of the Coalition.

Everyone is strongly
encouraged to attend.



MINISTRY IN HUMAN SEXUALITY

by Ben



Ministry in Human Sexuality, Inc., is a counseling, education, and action agency in Lincoln. Counseling is provided for gay, lesbian, and bisexual persons who want to grow in understanding, affirming, and expressing their sexuality. This includes such issues as coming out, self-esteem, spirituality, relationships, and life goals.

M.H.S. also provides workshops on topics such as sexuality and sexual orientation; personal sexual enrichment, educations, spirituality; homophobia, and building growing relationships.

A third area of work is supportive action on gay/lesbian/bi issues, such as involvement with the Coalition, the new telephone support and information line (GLIS), Community of Grace, and a 3-denomination task force on ministry with homosexual persons and their families.

Financial support if from client and workshop fees and donations.

M.H.S. was founded by Ben Roe, a United Methodist minister who saw a need for services to persons with concerns about sexuality. In his words, "M.H.S. exists to bring Good News about the gift of sexuality to those who seek to better understand their own and others' sexuality."

M.H.S. is also conducting an annual financial drive. If you would like more information or to be on the mailing list, please contact us at the below number or address!

MINISTRY IN HUMAN SEXUALITY, INC.
476-9913 Box 80122/ Lincoln, NE
J. Benjamin Roe, Executive Director

EVENTS

AWARDS BANQUET COMING

PHOENIX RISING will have their first Annual Awards Banquet on March 21, at the Nebraska Union. The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of a life-time achievement award to a man and woman who have provided years of dedicated service to the community. Call 474-2213 to make reservations.

GAY/LESBIAN INFORMATION AND SUPPORT
LINE



475-

4697

GLIS

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

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

DUO TO PERFORM

by Monte

Musica Femina, a flute-guitar duo from Portland, Oregon, will perform in Lincoln on Thursday, April 5. The duo consists of Kristan Aspen, whom some of you may remember as the flutist and pianist with Izquierda, a quartet which performed in Lincoln several years ago, and Janna MacAuslan, an accomplished guitar performer and teacher whose students have included Meg Christian.

More personal than a concert and livelier than a lecture, Musica Femina's "informance" is an intimate sharing of music and herstory. With soaring flute and resonant, articulate guitar, Kristan Aspen and Janna MacAuslan weave a colorful tapestry of compositions gathered from four centuries of women's music.

Solidly grounded in feminist culture, these seasoned performers convey obvious delight in the music and the composers they have so carefully researched. With warmth and polish, they create an enjoyable new form of classical concert, in which the context is as thoughtfully prepared as the music itself.

Drawing together Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and 20th Century compositions, Musica Femina's "informance" is an inspiration to us all. It affirms and nourishes our individual and collective creativity.

Musical event produced by the Lincoln League of Lesbians and is for women and children. Write LLL, P.O.B 30137, Lincoln, NE 68503 for information as to time and place.

I Was Traveling

by Joel Brodsky

I was traveling
from the pain of birth
to the bliss of death
in your arms,
holding in my hand
for a single moment
the wheel of life.

I am overwhelmed
at the meanings
inscribed in my experience -

I see so many
I report so few
and already
people look at me strangely.

I will be an explorer
for only on the frontiers
where my skin meets yours
do I feel myself.



ANNUAL USED
BOOK SALE

THE NEW VOICE
MARCH 31 SAT.
APRIL 1 SUN.

SANTUARY BAR

10am - 5pm

And They Worried Thier Families So Much

by Eric Peterson

Many gay men were warned early on
their tendency to wicked ways.

My friend Gary was fascinated with Tarzan,
especially with what lay behind the square
of cloth
they drew between his noble chest and thighs.
One Sunday when Gary was six
he was tearing through the comics
and his mother asked him why.
Gary said he wanted to see the man of the
jungle
pee, which Tarzan surely needed to do--
he'd never gone before.
Mama got so upset
she couldn't take her children
to church that day.

One of my childhood made up worlds
was a series of wondrous rooms
which I filled with furniture
and placed just under the orchard trees,
connected to my real life house
by a secret passage.

Something was wrong with a boy on a farm
who looked at slick pages of antiques or
read too many books.
I was under a tree when I saw my brother
near--
the sissy magazine fell from my hands.
He flipped through, chuckled,
coughed--said he knew
I stayed inside most of the time,
knew I liked to play with girls at school
better than kicking a soccer ball,
but in spite all this, he hoped, he hoped
I would turn out . . . all right.
Well, you know how it is with kids--
in one ear and out the other.

Monsieur Monster

by Kerry

There is a fence behind your face
Though clouds of low, lazy tow hair hid
The impaled flesh that hangs there.
You have an unearthly handsomeness.
Some say your eyes are like smoothest agates;
I say they are deep frozen.
I know where lies your rushing, sharp-socketed
traps,

Laid there for mouths unaware,
For mouths
Drugged by the swamp-like serenity
Of your slow smile.

Flying low,
I hover just long enough
To watch you claw,
Then chaw on dead children,
Flapping, non-stop, your bloodblack lips.



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Send ad to THE NEW VOICE, P.O. Box 80819,
Lincoln, Nebraska, 68501.

MARCH EVENTS- 1984

- 6 Politics of Womens Studies 12:30 p.m.
Womens Resource Center--Student Union
- 6 THE NEW VOICE 7:30 Commonplace Living Room
333 No. 14th
- 8 UNL Gay-Lesbian Student Association
- 9 Gay-Lesbian AA
- 10 "Lesbian Incest Survivors"
Contact LLL Organization
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- 21 Phoenix Rising Awards Banquet
Student Union (see article)
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Rights 7 p.m. Commonplace Living Room
333 No. 14th
- 22 UNL Gay-Lesbian Student Association
- 27 Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays
8 p.m. Call 466-1151
- 30 Gay-Lesbian AA
- 31
and April 1: Annual Used Book Sale for
THE NEW VOICE
10 a.m. until 5 p.m.
Sanctuary Bar--Outdoor Garden

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