

Meetings Undergo Changes

By Jerry West

Members who have attended the last few meetings of DGPC no doubt have noticed a difference in the goings-on. This is a result of rethinking by the Board of Directors regarding the purpose of the general meetings which take place the second Monday of each month.

The original concept of the meeting was a report to the members of the various committee activities, board decisions and actions, various liaison group meetings and so on;

which turned into an endless train of mini- and not-so-minireports, which most members found very boring.

Since these reports are important for the running of DGPC, time must be spent dealing with reports, but it was decided that they would be given at the open board meeting at MCC the fourth Monday evening of each month. This way only those members who are interested in this phase of the caucus need listen to the reports.

In the words of committee chair Steve Arn,

this new approach is intended to "appeal to a wider interest" and is an effort to "draw in a larger group of people to the general meetings." Although there will still be important special committee reports and activity announcements on the meeting agenda, these will be strictly limited to the first 15 to 20 minutes of the meeting.

Under Arn's leadership, the program committee has presented some very interesting guest speakers at the meetings.

At the December meeting we were treated to a talk by Charlotte Taft, president of the Dallas chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW), who gave an entertaining and enlightening report on the goals, achievements and plans of NOW and how these objectives dovetail with the Gay movement. Judging from the number of questions she fielded, the presentation generated a lot of interest.

The January Meeting gave us another of those all-too-infrequent presentations by Rodger Pettyjohn, B.S.N., of the psycho-medical committee. His talk touched on many often-neglected areas of Gay health, such as developing a strong, healthy attitude toward being Gay, general health hints such as good nutrition, and literature dealing with the unique aspects of being Gay. One very

Planned for the February meeting is the topic, "City Government: What Is It? How Can It Work for You?" The guest speaker will be Dallas City Councilperson Juanita See MEETINGS on Page 4.

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MEDIA WEEK OF DIALOGUE SET FOR FEB. 11-17

Condensed from "It's Time"

The National Gay Task Force has announced plans for the second phase of its ongoing national educational effort. A National Week of Dialogue with the Media About Gay and Lesbian Concerns has been scheduled for February 11-17, 1979. The program is aimed at involving gay groups and individuals in educational exchange and personal dialogue with professionals in the media field such as broadcast station owners, news reporters, and staff writers and producers.

This program is motivated by the realization that the media is an extremely powerful force in American society in determining what Gay and non-Gay people come to know and believe about homosexuality, the Gay life style, Gay and lesbian rights, and Gay-related news.

Although significant inroads have been made in recent years through the work of Gay organizations and gay media specialists, negative stereotypes of Gay people and myths and misinformation continue to be perpetrated by television programming and news reporting. Good Gay news is often unreported or relegated to back pages.

Gay rights defeats receive headlines and sensational attention is paid to unjustly headlined stories about "Homosexual Mass Murders," "Gay Prison

Rapes," and "Homosexual Child Molesters." No one ever sees a headline about Heterosexual Murders or Heterosexual Molestation.

Much work remains to be done since most media people still feel obliged to include an anti-Gay voice or response whenever they do a Gay story with positive See DIALOGUE on Page 4.

Champagne Premiere at Theatre 3

A special private performance has been scheduled at Theatre 3 on Monday, March 19, to benefit DGPC. The event is the southwest premiere of "Small Craft Warnings," the latest play of famous playwright Tennessee Williams. Complimentary champagne will be served before the opening and during intermission.

Reserve seat tickets at \$10.00 per person may be purchased by mailing the enclosed coupon with checks or money orders payable to DGPC or may be purchased at the general meeting.

A Theatre 3 spokesperson has said our DGPC audiences have been the best of the season. Let's continue that tradition. Earliest purchases assure you of the best seats, so don't delay!

Caucus Change Discussed at Retreat

An all-day retreat was held on Sunday, Jan. 13, at the home of DGPC President Louise Young. All board members and committee heads attended.

The following were major items discussed at the retreat:

1. Significant changes in the by-laws of DGPC which would result in a name change, change in length of Board member terms and others. These changes will be discussed in another article in Dialog.

2. Prospects of DGPC becoming a member of the Women's Southwest Federal Credit Union. No decision was made.

3. Complaints of discrimination against women and minorities by Gay bars and the resolution passed by DGPC last summer.

4. Elimination of one Board meeting per month. Board will now meet on first and fourth Mondays instead of every Monday.

5. Forecast of expenses for the next six months, plus anticipated income from the fundraisers and membership.

6. Reports of projected activities from all committee chairs.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Not a 100-yard Dash

By Louise Young

It is customary to offer reflections on our past accomplishments in this, our anniversary issue. I would rather, however, that you refer to articles elsewhere in this issue regarding the many accomplishments all our committees have made. I think you will find it obvious that DGPC has had a productive year.

Let's reflect on some possibilities for the future. I feel that the Gay movement in Dallas, as elsewhere around the country,

EDITORIAL

Use Your Green Wisely

Money, money, money and more money.

The wonderful little green paper is probably our greatest ally in the fight against people like Anita Bryant. You can be sure all she needs to do is send out another one of her infamous hysterical letters and the blood money pours into her coffers.

How do we get the money to fight bigotry? That question has probably caused more sleepless nights than anything else. Here are three new suggestions for things you can do to help out.

Tax time has come around again. The government may be getting ready to send you back some of your hard-earned money. Why not give a small portion of it to the Caucus? Many members are planning to do this, and the more that do will allow the board to give the "go sign" for suggested committee projects which won't have a chance without the extra funds.

The next two ideas are both a lot alike, and both look to the future. A will or an insurance policy made with the idea of helping out the DGPC after you are dead; in effect, living on after death.

If you don't feel comfortable to tell a lawyer or insurance man that you want to leave your estate to a Gay organization, write down the Texas Human Rights Foundation. This is an excellent organization, and the name is not as dangerous if you need to protect your lifestyle from others.

These are all good suggestions to think about, they are not the only ones. Anything you can suggest to help further the Gay Rights movement would be appreciated. Talk to a board or committee member or drop a line to us at *Dialog*. -- G. L. D.

must confront a situation in the months ahead that could pose more serious problems than any we have yet faced.

The basic question is: Will we be able to make a successful transition from operating on the defensive to operating on the offensive? It appears that the days are past (at least temporarily) in which the news media reports daily some new harassment of Gays--an Anita Bryant speech here, a referendum there, etc.

Yes, we mobilized to meet the emergencies--Wichita, St. Paul, Proposition 6, but can we continue to work for our rights when the threats are less obvious?

The pendulum will continue to swing from the offensive to the defensive, as it has in all movements such as ours which seek to effect social change. We all need to mentally prepare for a marathon race, not the 100-yard dash, because social change comes slowly.

A necessity in pacing ourselves in this marathon is the establishment of goals--both short and long-range. The DGPC board has already established some long-range goals toward which we have been working, i.e. repeal of Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, and education of the hetero- and homosexual communities.

There are other worthy long-range goals

that haven't been fully explored. For instance, we must address how the Gay community can overcome misunderstanding and lack of communication among its own members, especially between white males (who are the most active in the movement) and Lesbians, or blacks and other minorities. As I read national Gay publications, this dilemma is frequently mentioned.

Another possible long-range goal which we haven't addressed is helping ourselves and our Gay friends to "come out of the closet." In his last message to us, the late Harvey Milk urged us all to come out and reveal ourselves as Gay people to our friends, family, and even co-workers. The benefit is obvious even though the risk may seem great.

On a personal note, I know the exhilaration of being out of the closet. Words cannot express my feeling to realize that all my co-workers and superiors know I am Gay, yet I still have my job, and I am treated the same. Now I am not suggesting that everyone appear on television, but it might be worthwhile to come out and savor the freedom. An individual decision. Of course! But to the Gay movement here, and elsewhere, the existence of hundreds and thousands of positive Gay citizens

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The Man From Castro Street

As an upfront, openly Gay politician, Harvey Milk foreshadowed a new breed. His recent death sent shock waves across the nation especially to the nation's Gays.

Shortly before his assassination, Harvey Milk was interviewed by Lenny Giteck, a San Francisco Examiner reporter. Because of the singular insights presented in that interview, we will reprint portions as a continuing column in *Dialog*.

Question. People have often contended that the Gay rights movement seems to grant homosexuals a special, privileged status in society, and that to support Gay rights is to condone homosexuality. How do you answer that?

Answer. That's wrong. That's their lack of reading below the headlines. All Gays want is what everybody else has. No more, but no less. We don't want any favors and we don't want any

more than anyone else is getting as far as protection under the law and our right to participate in all aspects of society. We just want equal protection. People are equating Gay rights and affirmative action programs. Nobody that I know of in the Gay community is asking for affirmative action for homosexuals. I think that's how people misconstrue what the Gay rights movement is all about. What we want is equality.

Supporting Gay rights does now mean supporting homosexuality, just as supporting black civil rights does not mean you have to like or love black people. But you respect their right under our democratic system and under the Constitution to have equality. You don't even have to accept the idea of homosexuality; what you are accepting is the right of all people to exist. You are just reaffirming what the Constitution says, and what is chiseled into the Statue of Liberty.

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TGTF Opens Lobby Office

The Texas Gay Task Force has opened its lobby office in the Stokes Building, Suite 217 at 314 West 11th Street in Austin. The lobbyist is Bettie Naylor. Interested persons can contact her by calling 512/472-3000 or by writing TGTF Lobbyist, P.O. Box 91, Austin, Tx 78767.

TGTF has notified Dialog that there is a toll free number (funded by the legislature) through which interested persons may obtain information on bills filed in the legislature or to ascertain their present status. The number is 800/252-5693.

NEWS BRIEFS

The next meeting of DGPC will be held at M.C.C., 2701 Reagan St., on Monday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 P.M.

Come and bring several friends. All are welcome!

The Gay Academic Union announces that a table will be available at the general meeting so that DGPC members can sign up for the education course "Being Gay in Contemporary America." See the flyer enclosed in Dialog.

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Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo will bring its all-male satirical ballet company to Dallas for two performances on Sunday, March 4. It will appear at the State Fair Music Hall and the proceeds will benefit Theatre 3. Prepaid orders for tickets in DGPC block seating for the "merry matinee" will be taken at the Feb. 12 general meeting only. Tickets in the DGPC block will be \$7.00 each.

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From NGTF Action Report

The Gay and Lesbian Blind organization in New York is developing a lending library of Gay books on cassettes (e.g., *Our Right to Love*) for Lesbians and Gay men who cannot see to read for themselves. For further information, please write to Raul Lugo, Gay and Lesbian Blind, 110 E. 23rd St., Suite 502, New York, NY 10010; or, on Fridays and Sundays from 6 to 9 pm, call (212) 777-7697.

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From NGTF Action Report

The 1979 International Conference of Gay Jews will be held in Israel in August, followed by a tour of historical sites in the Holy Land. For more information, please write to Congregation Beth Simchat Torah, P.O. Box 1270, New York, NY 10001, or call (212) 929-9498.

Membership Continues To Increase

Membership total in DGPC is increasing each month, according to Phil Johnson, membership committee chair. There were no paying members in August 1976 when membership dues was established. Now there are almost 350 paying members with sights set on 1,000 for Gay Pride Day in 1979.

A welcoming committee with David Dennis as chair has been set up to be operational starting with the February meeting. Its purpose will be to welcome first-time visitors at Caucus meetings and to suggest membership in the Caucus.

The committee will also contact members whose one-year memberships have expired to obtain renewals.

Efforts will be made to contact more women, more blacks, more chicanos and more young people to broaden the base of Caucus total membership.

The membership committee is developing ideas to attract new members and welcome ideas from the general membership.

Gayline Training To Start Feb. 25

The next Dallas Gayline Training Course for Gay and Lesbian volunteers who wish to work on the Dallas Gayline will begin on Feb. 25, according to Bill Beauchamp, president of Community Resource Center.

Women, minorities, and bilingual persons are especially encouraged to apply. They should contact R. B. Tucker, Ph.D., at 528-1041.

Women's Awareness Sets Goals

By Steve Henley

During the past year the women's awareness committee continued to work toward involving more women in the organization, to provide male members with information about women's issues and to support women's issues as fully as possible.

Highlights of the year include sending telegrams and writing letters to senators and congresspersons in support of the ERA extension. The group also fostered a consciousness-raising exercise that was conducted at a DGPC general meeting.

Goals of the committee for the coming year include providing information on current city, and state laws against Gays and how they specifically relate to Gay women. Other planned activities include working against recission in Texas and more cooperating with area women's groups on shared concerns.

The committee is currently without a committee chairperson and is low on manpower. Interested people should contact Louise Young through the DGPC phone number.

dialog...The New Voice of DGPC

Times change. New voices arise to echo these changes.

The editorial staff of the DGPC monthly publication, with the approval of the Caucus board, changes the name of the Newsletter to Dialog.

Dialog... the voice of the Dallas Gay community as it prepares to face the new decade of the 1980's... makes its bow with this issue.

Your comments, suggestions, and contributions will always be welcome. It's your Dialog. --N.W.

A NO SHOT CURE FOR GONORRHEA

A pill, rather than painful needle injections, now can be used to treat the millions of people who annually contract gonorrhea, Federal health officials said recently.

Officials hope the painless treatment will induce more people infected with gonorrhea, the most widespread of the venereal diseases, to seek treatment at public health clinics and private doctors' offices.

"People will be happy to see that they can be cured without needle shots," said Dr. Paul J. Weisner, head of the Venereal Disease Control Division of the National Center for Disease Control. "Most people prefer to take a pill rather than have an injection," he added.

For years the treatment of choice for gonorrhea has been two shots of penicillin given at two different body sites on a single visit to a doctor or clinic. Now, physicians and state public health departments are being advised by the CDC that another antibiotic, tetracycline, administered in pill form is just as effective as penicillin.

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WOMEN HAVE FEWER PROPERTY RIGHTS

By Charles Sherman

Many states still view women as chattel of their husbands. Widowed or divorced women are most vulnerable to economic ruin, often as a result of their husband's death. Not only do wives have to prove they have contributed to the estate in many states, but if they haven't inherited wealth, often Federal Estate Tax laws imply the entire estate belonged to the husband, and if he dies first, try to tax the entire estate, not just half.

In the 42 common law states (Texas is a community property state, and thus not as prejudiced against widows as some states.), there is no recognition of any value for services provided by wives if they work at home. If a husband puts property in joint title, even though the husband and wife have worked side-by-side for years, many states would classify this as a "gift from the husband to the wife." If her name is on the debt instrument, a widow is equally liable for the debt, even though the state may recognize no ownership rights for her.

In Georgia, a couple's house belongs only to the husband, even if the wife earns the wages, supports the husband and pays for the dwelling. He can sell it or burn it down and she could do nothing about it. In Pennsylvania a woman may keep her own earnings, but in order to do so must petition the court. In Louisiana, everything a wife works for and earns, including a home, can be sold without her knowledge or consent. She has no legal means to learn the extent of community property without suing for separation or divorce. In some states a husband can disinherit his wife.

The preceding is a summary of "Farm Women... You Have Fewer Rights Than You Think." We at DGPC are concerned with human rights and what seems fair. Political allies and alliances develop when we help others in their effort to obtain equal civil and human rights. Working for the ERA, working with or joining NOW, and other feminist groups, can help form a powerful alliance that will do all concerned much good.

For more information about the legal status of women, you can order a book. Specify your state or states of interest and write to "Legal Status of Homemakers", Box 1676, Philadelphia, PA 19105. The cost is \$1.25 plus 50¢ handling and postage for each copy.

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tive connotations. Lesbian invisibility also continues to be a problem as many media professionals persist in thinking about Gay people in terms of homosexual men only.

NGTF is preparing several printed materials to assist with the educational efforts of the Week of Dialogue with the Media. The new edition of "Twenty Questions About Homosexuality" will be available for distribution as well as a leaflet aimed at helping individual Gay men and lesbians write letters or in other ways respond to effective and ineffective coverage of Gay people by the Media.

Major Changes Proposed For DGPC Future

The Dallas Gay Alliance!

Does that name have an interesting sound to it? That's just one of the changes that emerged from the recent Board of Directors' all-day retreat held last month.

It was felt that DGPC has evolved into much more than just a political organization--the name change is meant to reflect this evolution--into theatre premieres, holiday parties,

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Craft. Ms. Craft, who has attended several general meetings in the past, says she is looking forward to speaking to members of DGPC.

Other planned items for future programs include: for March, City Council Election Candidates Night, where all the hopefuls will be invited to speak to the membership and answer questions.

April's meeting has a book report, after which the members will break into small discussion groups, allowing them to talk with board members and committee heads about what they would like to see the caucus address.

The May meeting has the title "Gay Roots: A Gay Rights Commemorative." A series of mini-presentations by different experts will deal with several aspects of Gay history, literature, art, and the modern Gay movement.

July's meeting will provide "An Understanding Between Lesbians and Gay Males" and will be a panel discussion.

A treat is planned for the September meeting, when a well-known author-psychiatrist will fly in to speak on "Gays and Gay Mental Health."

"Gays and the Media" is the topic planned for the November meeting. A panel discussion will feature speakers such as Iola Johnson of Channel 8 News, Mike Brown of Channel 8's People show, and Susan Caudill of Channel 13's Voices show.

Although there may be some re-arranging of the topics planned for the latter part of the year, Dialog will keep members informed of any changes.

educational and religious conferences, the speaker's bureau, psycho-social research on Gay attitudes about aging, etc.

The name change will be presented to the membership at the February meeting for discussion and ratification.

Other proposals include major by-laws changes, including:

1. To decrease the terms of directors and officers to one-year with half up for election in June and the other half in December.

2. To provide for election of the officers (e.g., president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer) from the membership not necessarily from the Board of Directors (the president and vice-president, if not already, would become voting members of the board when elected).

3. To delete certain obsolete articles referring to DGPC as a tax-exempt organization since DGPC will always have lobbying as a major tool for change and will never be tax-exempt.

This outline of the envisioned changes is meant to alert all members to the exciting topics to be discussed and voted upon at the February meeting.

Plan to be there to have your say!

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could be a tremendous plus.

So we are back to establishing goals. The president or the board have never been the only ones to set these goals. Again, we need your input and valuable suggestions. Please don't hesitate to share your ideas. You need not be a Caucus member. We'll be at the Feb. 12 general meeting and waiting to hear from you. Our committees need your participation. A suggestion box is present at each monthly meeting. Our open board meeting is held the fourth Monday of each month at the M.C.C. Send ideas for projects or fund-raisers to our post office box. At least make your short-range goals present at our Valentine's fund-raising dance and our February meeting. See you there!

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Arnn Ratified Director Plans to Fight Gay Apathy

Steve Arnn was ratified to the board of directors by the membership without dissention at the February general meeting.

Mr. Arnn describes himself as "not a very political creature. I don't want to go to rallies. I don't want to get involved in the literal political movement, but I am committed very much to standing up for what I believe in."

Steve thinks DGPC "needs to open itself up to people like me who want to contribute, but

who can't devote their entire life to it."

Steve Arnn has been attending caucus meetings since June, 1977, and during most of that time he has served on the Graphic Arts committee (formerly the Poster committee). Lately he has been pushing to get more people involved. Steve was instrumental in the recent by-laws change proposals. He, along with others, felt it was very important to restructure the hierarchy to separate the Board of Directors

from the officers of DGPC "to get more input, more diversity of thought and ideas."

One of Steve's major goals is "to get the middle-aged and established Gay men and Lesbians involved in a useful fulfilling way for them and for DGPC."

Although Steve says he is still learning about people and organizations, he says he has found that "the rich and well-to-do Gays often feel that the movement is causing more trouble than good." These same people, Arnn says, "have deluded themselves into believing that they have not been forced to live closeted."

Steve notes, though, that it is often these same Gays who feel constrained to seek out opposite-sex persons or couples to accompany them when socializing outside Gay circles. According to Arnn, "They do not see this as a curtailment of their Gay lifestyle." Steve says, "I want to reach this type of [Gay] people to let them know that their attitude is hurting 'hem as much as it is all Gays."

"The caucus needs to develop an image which these [Gay] people can identify with," but Arnn is careful to state that he does "not want DGPC to become innocuous, but that it should appeal to the total Gay community." He sees DGPC as moving from an embryonic group of active Gays to a very sophisticated and effective organization.

Arnn states, "My biggest goal in DGPC is to bridge the apathy gap, to find out what is keeping the Gay community from becoming united." To this end Steve Arnn says, "I want to help!"

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Workshop Teaches Lobbyist Tactics

By Carl Allen

About 20 persons from Dallas, Fort Worth, and Denton braved the cold and rain on Feb. 24 to attend a Legislative/Lobby Workshop sponsored by the Texas Gay Task Force and the Texas Advocacy Fund at the First Unitarian Church of Dallas.

The workshop was organized by Edra Bogle and Gary Brock, TGTF's Northern Region Directors.

TGTF's moderator, Kathy Deitsch, and consultant, Karol Phelan, conducted the all-day workshop. Bettie Naylor, our Human Rights Advocates lobbyist, also participated.

After the opening remarks, the workshop participants viewed a motion picture, "Of the People," which showed interviews with four legislators and described the interaction between the lawmakers and their constituents.

Then the leaders gave their assessments of members of the Dallas and Tarrant County legislative delegations with regard to Gay-related issues. Also discussed were the legislative process, examples of how legislators "bait" Gays and other minorities, and how constituents should present themselves to their legislators.

Role-playing was used to show two examples of how visits with legislators might occur--one with a hostile representatives such as Clay Smothers and one with a receptive state senator.

Ms. Phelan led a discussion about the two simulated meetings. "Self-discipline is a very important factor," she said, adding that one must avoid polarizing an issue. She suggested: "You should go where you have a receptive environment. It's futile to talk to someone like Clay Smothers."

The topics covered by the workshop See WORKSHOP on Page 4.

Candidates Night Postponed

If you have been following the local news closely, you are aware that due to court order the Dallas City Council elections scheduled originally for April 7, 1979, have been postponed for at least 30 days and possibly longer. It is also possible that the federal court may order council redistricting which could further delay the election process.

Therefore, the March 12th general meeting program of "Candidates Night" has been postponed. Instead, the program will be one originally scheduled for the April meeting, "Gay Book Reports and Rap Sessions."

This program will consist of a few book reports from Gay literature, following which the meeting will break into smaller discussion groups for a more informal interaction between committee heads, board members and the general membership. This is your chance to contribute ideas, opinions and other input to DGPC. Make plans to attend.

FUND RAISING FORCES COMBINE FOR LEGISLATIVE LOBBY

Mark the date Sunday, March 11, down on your calendar. On that date from 4 to 7 p.m. the Dallas Alliance for Individual Rights, DGPC, Metropolitan Community Church, and United Christian Church are sponsoring a D-Dance to raise money for the legislative lobby effort being waged in Austin.

The Old Plantation at 1807 N. Harwood has agreed to host the affair, providing free draft beer, 25¢ well drinks and free hors d'oeuvres. Admission will be by tickets, which are \$5.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the door.

Each of the four organizations has set a goal to try to raise more money than the other three. To encourage each organization to get out the crowd, it was decided that half of the proceeds from ticket sales by each organization will go into its coffers and the other half will go to the legislative lobby effort--The Texas Advocacy Fund. So get your tickets in advance if you wish to support DGPC, DAIR or either of the churches.

Let's see a large turnout so we can depend on the lobbyist to help protect Gays from those in the legislature who would legislate to hurt us!

Holly Near, J.T. Thomas To Appear in Concert

Nationally known feminist singer Holly Near and pianist/composer J. T. Thomas will give a Women's Music concert in Dallas March 9.

Ms. Near has worked for 22 years in theatre, films and television supporting progressive causes. Lately she has become more identified with the women's movement and her music has reflected this identification.

Ms. Thomas has gained respect in the theatre for her music written for children and teenagers. She won an ASCAP award for some of her writing.

The concert is being held at Loew's Anatole Hotel Exhibition Hall in conjunction with the national conference of the Association for Women in Psychology. Blue Moon Tunes, a Dallas-based women's music production company, is handling the concert arrangements.

Tickets are \$4.00 at the door. A special women's hour will start at 7 p. m. and precede the concert, which starts at 8:15 p. m.

Child-care arrangements can be made by calling 526-6242 before March 4.

Ban on Gay Publications In Prisons Challenged

The National Gay Task Force (NGTF) and its newsletter, *It's Time*, have joined forces with three other publications, *Gay Community News*, *Join Hands*, and *Off Our Backs*, and a federal prisoner, Calvin Keach, in a challenge of the federal prison system regulation which excludes Gay publications. The defendant is the director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Representing the NGTF is the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., a not-for-profit, tax-exempt corporation authorized to practice law by New York State. It was organized to achieve recognition of the civil rights of Lesbians and Gay men through the courts and with educational programs.

Experience has shown that challenges of other federal prison policies have been lengthy and costly. Tax-deductible contributions can be sent to the Lambda Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., 22 E. 40th St., New York, NY 10016.

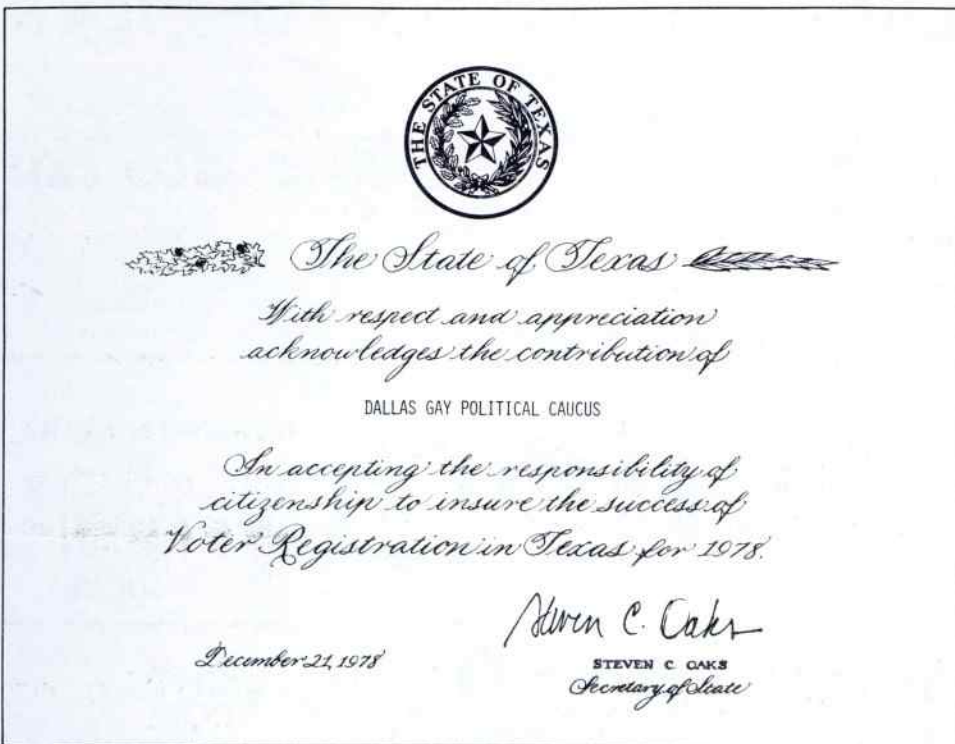
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DGPC recently received the certificate reproduced above from the Texas Secretary of State, Steven Oaks.

President Louise Young revealed to the membership at the February general meeting that the Texas Department of State issued the certificate to the caucus for citizenship in the effort to register voters during the past year.

Young stated that she was "very impressed." "This is a sign," she said, "that DGPC has begun to arrive politically."

Later at the same meeting, Steve Henley announced that the Political Action Committee is gearing up for the spring voter registration drive.

The Man From Castro Street

Just prior to his assassination, Harvey Milk was interviewed by the San Francisco Examiner reporter Lenny Giteck. Because of the singular Gay insights presented in that interview, we are here reprinting the second in a series of questions put to Harvey Milk and his answers.

Question: Some Gays here think the Gay community in San Francisco is so well accepted that an Anita Bryant-style campaign couldn't succeed. Are they right?

Harvey Milk: Unfortunately, I think they're wrong. It's true that we've done our homework, but we've taken the "getting to know you, getting to know all about you" approach. That's

vital and important, but we have never really addressed the myths that Anita Bryant used in her campaign. The Anita Bryants will talk about child molestation and role models, and unless we address that we're in trouble.

The survey in Miami after the vote said that most people voting against us thought we were child molesters. In California 95% of child molestation is heterosexual. Unless we talk about that we'll be labeled child molesters. The same thing about the Bible--unless we address the issues that are brought up about the Bible, we're in trouble. We must address the real issues that will be thrown at us--the smear campaigns, the myths, the lies, the distortions--and expose them.

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MARCH CALENDAR

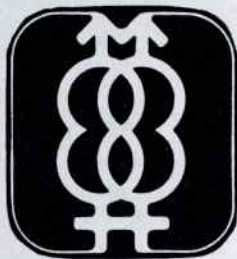
- 7 "Gays In Literature" 7:30 PM - First Unitarian Church. Gay Academic Union Panel. \$4.00.
- 8 Metroplex Young Adults meet at 7:30 PM every Thursday, MCC. 17 years old and up.
- 9 Holly Near & J.T. Thomas Women's Music. Special Women's Hour 7 - 8 PM. Concert begins at 8:15 PM. \$4.00 - Loew's Anatole Exhibition Hall. Child care (526-6242) and wheel chair accessibility
- 11 D-DANCE benefiting the Texas Advocacy Fund. Old Plantation. 4 - 7 PM. \$5.00 in advance, \$7.00 at the door. Free beer and food, 25¢ drinks. Sponsors: DAIR, DGPC, MCC, UCC.
- 12 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. 7:30 prompt. (Reagan & Brown) You need not be a member to attend. "Gay Book Report & Rap Sessions". Social afterwards. Good food. Nice people.
- 14 Media Committee 7:30 PM. 528-4233
- 14 "Gays In Society" 7:30 PM - First Unitarian Church.
- 15 DIALOG Staff meeting. 8 PM.
- 19 THEATRE THREE CHAMPAIGN PARTY. "Small Craft Warnings". Reserved seats on sale at the March DGPC meeting. Party starts at 7:00 PM. Curtain time - 8:15 PM.
- 21 Financial Resources Committee 7:30 PM. 528-4233
- 21 "Gay Life In Dallas" 7:30 PM - First Unitarian Church.
- 21-25 Spiritual Renewal "New Freedom Evangelistic Team" 7:30 PM. Metropolitan Community Church in Ft. Worth. 2336 Hemphill. Reverend Lisa Berry. Services every Sunday at 1:00 and 7:30 PM.
- 23 Deadline for all DIALOG articles. Send your article to P.O. Box 5094, Richardson, Texas 75080.
- 24 "Scripture And Homosexuality". All day workshop starting at 10:00 AM. Ft. Worth MCC.
- 25 "Alive Again" Sparkling musical at Dallas MCC. 2701 Reagan. 7:30 PM. 526-6221
- 25 DIALOG Production Day. 2 PM till ?
- 26 DGPC open Board of Directors and Committee Heads meeting. Everyone is invited to make comments and suggestions. Get acquainted with your Board and Committees.
- 27 Membership Committee 7:30 PM. 528-4233
- 27 Political Action Committee 7:30 PM. 528-4233
- 29 Mail Committee 7:30 PM. Help needed to mail the DIALOG.

APRIL CALENDAR

- 1 Hear Dr. Norman Pittenger at the Dallas Metropolitan Community Church. 526-6221
- 9 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. An interesting program with food and fellowship.
- 9 D.A.I.R. presents a Bar Owner's Drag Show. 10 PM at the D3
- 11 DGPC Skating Party. 8 - 10 PM. \$2.50 includes skates.



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18 Persons Training For Gayline Service

The Community Resource Center (CRC) of Dallas is currently conducting another Gayline training program of seven sessions on Sunday evenings, according to CRC president Bill Beauchamp. Royce Scrivner is in charge of the training program.

Eighteen persons are participating in the current training program.

CRC, which holds regular monthly meetings at the Inner Development Center at Fairmount, is a non-profit organization staffed exclusively by Gay and Lesbian volunteers, with a Board of Directors elected by the general membership.

A social event, for present CRC members and those who complete the Gayline training which began in February, is anticipated in May in celebration of CRC's fifth anniversary.

Until recently the main function of CRC has been to sponsor Gayline, a telephone counseling information and referral service, primarily serving the Gay community of Dallas. As the organization has grown, CRC is considering an expansion of services.

Gayline training sessions cover such topics as development of listening skills, crisis intervention and suicide calls, sexuality and health care, Gayline operational procedures, and legal concerns.

Persons interested in future Gayline training programs should contact Bill Beauchamp at 369-5635 in the evening or on weekends.

GAU Seminar Judged Superb

As reported in previous issues, The Gay Academic Union of North Texas (GAU) is presenting the six week seminar "Being Gay in Contemporary America."

After only two sessions, it is obvious that a great deal of preparation and organization has gone into the programs to the delight of the more than 90 participants.

There is still a chance to attend at least half of the seminar sessions. Gays in Literature is the topic for March 7th, Gays in Society for March 14th and for the final session on March 21st the topic Gay Life in Dallas will be discussed. The sessions meet at 7:30 p.m. at First Unitarian Church located at Normandy and Preston Road. Individual sessions are \$4.00 each.

Do yourself a favor, learn what it means to be Gay. This is one very good way to inform yourself about the larger Gay experience.

1978 - A Busy, Fruitful Year For Political Action Committee

By Steve Henley

The political action committee had a very busy and profitable year.

PAC members were thoroughly involved in all phases of many campaigns of various levels in both the primaries and general election. We contributed money, donated printing equipment, printed and distributed yard signs, walked precincts with literature, did telephoning, helped send out mailings, did advising, electioneered on election days, gave rides to the polls, staffed headquarters, and conducted polls for candidates. Whew! It took a lot of effort, but it was worth it for the results (and the victory parties.)

The PAC was very active in voter registration, and both DGPC as an organization and Political Action Director Steve Henley received citizenship awards from Secretary of State Steven C. Oaks for our voter registration in 1978. The PAC put up voter registration posters, and voter registered at supermarkets, door to door, and at Gay events.

The committee conducted successful candidates nights that were well attended, and published thousands of voter guides on our recommended candidates that were well distributed throughout the community.

Most of our recommended candidates won in the Democratic and Republican primar-

ies, and we had a real coup in the Democratic runoffs when every one of our recommended candidates lost, but it was a learning experience, and we were grateful for those recommended candidates that won.

Four of our own members ran successfully for precinct chairperson, and we have since added another, besides three non-Gay precinct chairs that are members of DGPC and who have been most supportive.

The PAC was also involved with the 1978 Democratic State Convention. Although our resolution was defeated, it was exciting that it went all the way to a floor vote, and was defeated by such a narrow margin. In 1980 we hope to have openly Gay delegates to the Republican State Convention, and even more delegates to the Democratic State Convention.

The committee is currently working on the City Council and State Board elections as well as assisting the Gay Rights National Lobby on National issues, and the Texas Gay Task Force Lobby on state issues.

The committee is always in need of new members. The only prerequisites are that you understand English and breathe by yourself. (It also helps if you drink beer.) Those who might be interested should contact Steve Henley through DGPC.

Name Change for Caucus Sidetracked

A motion to change the name of DGPC to the Dallas Gay Alliance--one of several proposed changes that emerged from the Board of Directors' retreat in January--was tabled at the February general meeting after several members voiced objections to the new name. Since the name-change proposal is expected to be brought up for a vote again at the March general meeting, interested members should submit their ideas for names to a committee head or board member.

In a separate action, the membership ratified three major by-laws changes. The changes decrease the terms of directors and officers to one year, provide for election of officers from the membership, not necessarily from the Board of Directors; and delete obsolete articles referring to DGPC as a tax-exempt organization.

Tickets Still Available For Premiere

A limited number of tickets are still available for the special private performance at Theatre 3 on Monday, March 19, to benefit DGPC.

The event is the Southwest premiere of "Small Craft Warnings," the latest play of Tennessee Williams. Complimentary champagne will be served before the opening and during the intermission.

Reserve seat tickets at \$10.00 per person may be purchased by mailing the coupon on this page with checks or money orders payable to DGPC or may be purchased at the general meeting on March 12. A few tickets may be available at the door.



Gay Studies Seminar Planned

At DGPC's request Don Amador will bring his Gay Studies course to Dallas for a weekend seminar April 20, 21 and 22.

Don Amador is best known from the article in the December, 1977 issue of *People* magazine where he was recognized for initiating his fully accredited community college course in Gay Studies in Los Angeles. Later that year Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley appointed Amador as an administrative assistant and liaison to the Los Angeles Gay community.

Texas Gays first met Don Amador in June, 1978 when he addressed over 400 persons gathered at Texas Gay Conference 5, held at the Royal Coach Inn in Dallas. The response to his presentation was so impressive that DGPC has invited him back for a weekend in-depth seminar.

A cocktail party is planned for Friday night, April 20th, to meet Don Amador and Tony Karnes (Don's lover of 8 years and a Gay rights activist in his own right) and to hear Don talk about his concept of the "Gay Window."

The Saturday sessions from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. will cover topics such as an anthropological approach to Gay history, contributions of social biology, specific cultures and their roles for Gays, ancient history of Gays, history of the Gay movement over the past 80 years and the politics of the present Gay movement.

Tickets for the Saturday seminar will be \$7.00 with the cocktail party being an additional \$2.00 and a Sunday gathering with coffee, cokes and donuts for informal talks with Don and Tony -- a donation of \$1.00 will be requested to cover expenses. Watch Dialog for more information.

WORKSHOP

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after the lunch break were the TGTF Legislative Plan, conflict management, developing strategy, and the communications network.

Ms. Phelan discussed roles of conflict, then divided the participants into

two groups to discuss whether the roles of conflict are relevant to the TGTF legislative effort and the results, internally and externally, of ignoring these kinds of conflicts. Both groups concluded that the roles of conflict are relevant. The results of ignoring them were seen as communications breakdowns, power struggles, and loss of credibility.

On the matter of resolving conflicts over deciding on strategy, the participants concluded that it was necessary to apply one, all, or a combination of strategies to each situation, person, or issue.

Ms. Phelan stressed the importance of establishing an effective Legislative/Lobby Communications Network.

She explained that the Mail Alert will be activated when no immediate response is necessary by constituents to lawmakers. Constituents will have time to send letters, make visits, etc., to inform them of their feeling regarding the pending legislation.

The Phone Alert will be activated only when immediate response (10 days or less) is necessary, Ms. Phelan said.

In this case constituents are encouraged to contact their lawmaker via mailgrams, opinion messages, or phone calls, or, if possible, a personal visit at home or at the Capitol.

Under the third plan, designated Phone Alert, action by constituents must occur within 18 hours of the alert (most likely to occur in late April or May). Persons must be prepared to drop everything and do whatever is necessary; it could include going to Austin immediately. Northern Region Directors Bogle and Brock agreed to head up a Phone Alert Network for North Texas.

At the conclusion of the workshop, Ms. Phelan said she had recommended to the TGTF Board in January not to seek repeal of Section 21.06 during this session of the legislature.

"There is no possible chance of passage at this time," she explained. "There is a lack of leadership in the house to work for repeal. The mood is just not there."

Instead she cited the need for educating lawmakers and the Gay community about Gay political issues.

Gay Vets Get Second Chance

Gay veterans issued less than honorable discharges solely on the grounds of their homosexuality may in most cases have them upgraded to "honorable" and begin receiving standard veterans' benefits.

For this purpose, the fifteen-year limitation for upgrade applications has been suspended until January 1, 1980. Thus, gay veterans may apply for a review of their discharge classification no matter how long ago they left the service.

For more information and referrals to local counselors or attorneys, please write to Keith Snyder, Veterans Education Project, 1346 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Room 610, Washington, DC 20036; or call (202) 466-2244. Indicate your dates and branch of service in your letter or call.

NEWS BRIEFS

The Dallas County NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force will sponsor a coffee house beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at NOW headquarters, 4102 Swiss Avenue, according to Kay Artemis, task force chairperson.

"Women Sharing Music" will be the theme of the coffee house, which will be open to both women and men, she said. A \$1 donation will be requested for admission, Ms. Artemis said.

The Lesbian Rights Task Force will meet at 7:30 p.m. March 7 and 21 at NOW headquarters.

The National Week of Dialogue originally scheduled for February 11-17 has been postponed to March 25-31. The reason for the postponement is that some of the printed materials being specially prepared for the event could not be readied in time.

NEW YORK--The media director of the National Gay Task Force, Ginny Vida, has issued a request that all editors and media people discontinue the practice of using "homosexual" as an adjective as in "homosexual killer," "homosexual torture ring," etc.

The use of the word "homosexual" when in the same instance one would not use "heterosexual," is inflammatory she pointed out.

Adjectives referring to racial or ethnic affiliation of criminals are avoided because it is understood that such usages 'discrimination and prejudice. In the name of fairness and accuracy in reporting, the NGTF asks the same.

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CRC Considers Expansion of Services

The Board of Directors of Community Resource Center, Inc. (CRC) of Dallas has authorized a research project to determine areas in which the Center might expand their services. Since its founding almost five years ago, CRC has operated the Dallas Gayline, a crisis counseling and information/referral service for Gay people.

Rodger Pettyjohn has been appointed the Project Coordinator and will supervise the work of the task force in preparing and administering the survey tool.

It is hoped that at least 1,000 Gay persons within the Dallas area will be reached by the survey. From the data gathered, the task force will formulate a proposal to present to the Board and membership of CRC suggesting new programs that the center could make available to Dallas Gay people. The data will also be useful in encouraging existing community agencies to offer services directed towards the needs of Gay people and to obtain grants for specialized programs.

The survey tool will be ready for administration in the late spring and the final proposal made by early 1980.

Gay Community Rebutts Robison

The "equal time" rebuttal by the Dallas Gay Political Caucus to evangelist James Robison will be transmitted by WFAA-TV--Channel 8 on Sunday April 1st, from 9:00-9:15 a.m. However, at press time this information is a second change from original scheduling. Since there may be additional changes after our printing, we advise readers to watch their local newspapers for changes.

Those taking part in the presentation will be Campbell Read (DGPC Religion and Life Committee chair), Edra Bogle (National Board of Gay Academic Union), Rodger Pettyjohn (DGPC Psycho-Medical Committee) and two United Methodist Church Ministers.

Be sure to tune in, tell your friends to tune in too, then write to WFAA-TV Ch. 8, Communications Center, Dallas, TX 75202, Attention: David Lane to commend his and the station's actions in this controversy.

Theatre 3 Champagne Premiere Nets \$1000 For DGPC

A heavy downpour did not prevent a packed house for some heavy drama at the recent theatre party benefitting DGPC. The occasion was the Southwestern premiere of Tennessee Williams' "Small Craft Warnings" presented by Theatre 3.

Monday, March 19th's champagne premiere, the third in the series, netted the Caucus over \$1,000. While drama critics of both Dallas papers took opposing views on the play, the consensus of those attending agreed with The Dallas Morning News which considers "Small Craft Warnings" a must-see item for all serious theatre goers.

Plans are already underway for the fourth DGPC benefit to be held July 16th featuring the delightful musical review "Side by Side by Sondheim". Watch for ticket information in forthcoming issues of *Dialog*.

DISD Voter's Guide Protect Gay Teachers And Students

Who Votes: Districts 1, 3, 5, 6 & 9 are up this election (other districts are up in 1981).

When to Vote: Saturday, April 7 between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Where to Vote: Take the precinct number from your yellow voter registration card, then look in either newspaper on the day of the election for the location where your precinct will vote (it will be in your neighborhood). The voter registration division of the Dallas County Tax Assessor-Collector also has this information--call 749-8871 Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the day of the election from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Lost your card and don't know your precinct number? You still can vote! Call 749-8871, give them your address and they will be able to tell you where to vote (you can sign a statement at the polls explaining that you have lost your card).

About the Recommendations: The Political Action Committee (PAC) of DGPC is responsible for these recommendations. Criteria were based on response to a questionnaire on Gay rights issues. PAC members also evaluated candidates at forums such as the Women's Political Caucus. The recommendations do not

Texas NOW Backs Lesbian/Gay Rights

A Lesbian/Gay rights resolution received very strong approval at the State NOW Conference at Texas Woman's University in Denton March 24-25.

The resolution states:

"Be it resolved that Texas State NOW shall support Lesbian and Gay rights and fight any effort to abridge these rights in the current State Legislative session. Means of doing so shall include, but not be limited to:

"1) Urging all members to inform their legislators that support Lesbian and Gay rights;

"2) Urging all members to join the Texas Gay Task Force Mail Alert network for lobbying purposes.

"3) Cooperating with the TGTF in alerting the state membership concerning Lesbian and Gay rights, and

"4) Instructing NOW's lobbyist to cooperate with the TGTF lobbyist in all expedient ways."

Edra Charlotte Bogle of Denton, a board member of the TGTF, got about 40 names for the mail alert network.

Two resolutions supporting the Equal Rights Amendment were passed at the conference. One called for a statewide ERA rally, probably in May, the date to be set by the State NOW Board, and the other called for picketing along the highways into Louisiana and Oklahoma and in support of the ERA. (Neither of those states has passed the amendment.)

The new State NOW coordinator, elected at the conference, is Suzanne Floyd of Denton.

imply that a candidate is "pro-Gay" but rather that the candidate is committed to furthering equal treatment under the law for all people and is responsive to all people in his/her district. The races in Districts 3 and 9 are unopposed. We have no recommendation for District 6.

On this page you will find our recommendations in condensed form suitable for carrying in pocket or purse to the polls. Tear or cut off this form to take with you when you vote Saturday, April 7th.

If you have some free time to help our recommended candidates' chances of winning, leave a message with DGPC at 528-4233.

District 1: Donna Purdy

(Northwest Dallas area--Precincts voting are: 102, 115-117, 122, 124-133, 137-145, 152, 159-161, 166, 175, 176, 183, 185, 195, 196.)

District 5: Robert Price

(South-central Dallas area--Precincts voting are: 305, 320, 332-335, 340, 371, 374-380, 433, 436, 446, 449, 465-468.)

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EDITORIAL

Should Gay Bucks Back Lucas B&B?

On March 10 there appeared on the editorial page of The Dallas Morning News a letter written by Mrs. Virginia Lucas Nick and Mrs. Mary Wall condemning Channel 8's stand against James Robison, whose television program condemning homosexuality brought about the termination of his weekly program on that station.

To quote excerpts: "I am sure there are many who feel as I do that Channel 8's stand on this issue was an affront to the word of God and not to James Robison, the man. . . ."

EDITORIAL

Word of Thanks

There are many ways in which you can support DGPC. Often emphasis is placed on paid membership and the committees. Certainly these are crucial to the success of the organization, but I think too often we overlook the contribution of moral support and encouragement.

In order for the Gay rights movement to be successful, a certain number of people are going to have to be publically "out front" Gay persons to educate the general public about homosexuality. This involves a certain amount of risk. It also takes a lot of dedication to be willing to make that commitment. Those people in DGPC who are out front (and there are actually quite a few) need verbal support from time to time. Tell them you appreciate their willingness to take the risk so that we can all move closer to the day when all of us can be out of the closet without fear. If you're wondering whom to thank, how about those people who were willing to be on the WFAA "reply" to Rev. Robison's "sermon"—Campbell Read, Edra Bogle and Rodger Pettyjohn.

Those who dedicate considerable time and energy to DGPC in other ways need words of thanks from time to time too. I really think we neglect actually saying thanks to those who give their time to the movement and our organization. I'm not just talking about thanking the Board members of committee chairs, but everyone who serves on committees.

This verbal recognition means a lot. They are certainly not going to be thanked by many outside the Gay community for all their efforts for Gay rights. We must become our own social support group.

Have you thanked anyone for working for your rights today???

See you at the April meeting.

Louise Young, President

Channel 8 is going to have to reassess its values if we are to have a decent world in which to live—a world based on the principles of God that God has set forth in the Bible for us to live by."

Mrs. Nick clearly condemns homosexuals in her letter. And Mrs. Nick is an owner of Lucas B&B Restaurant, for many years one of the cafes in the Oak Lawn area very heavily patronized by the Gays of Dallas.

Now is the time, therefore, for the Gays to

The Man From Castro Street

Just prior to his assassination, Harvey Milk was interviewed by San Francisco Examiner reporter Lenny Giteck. Because of the singular Gay insights presented in that interview, we are here reprinting the third in a series of questions put to Harvey Milk and his answers.

Question: What do you say to Gays who feel too much money, time and energy are being devoted to the political process, rather than educating the public about homosexuality?

Harvey Milk: You don't educate people overnight. You've had centuries of discrimination against blacks and there's still rampant prejudice against them. Against Gays it's gone back thousands of years, and you can't eradicate that in one generation.

We shouldn't have to be fighting Briggs so hard and spending all this money we could probably have elected some Gay people to Sacramento. They would have been working and showing what Gays are like, just as I'm showing people here that we're involved with taxes and dogs—and Muni and everything else. So that people say, "Hey, you know it doesn't matter if a person is green with six heads. That person is good—good on human issues, good on taxes, good on environment."

Every poll says that people who are on the Gay side are people who know a Gay person well. How do you get to know a Gay person well? They have to be out of the closet. And who is more out of the closet and more exposed than a Gay official?

The reason so much has been accomplished in the black movement in a short period of time is that blacks have gotten into elected offices and many have shown great leadership qualities. That has done more to educate people than ed-

See MAN on page 4.

stand up and be counted. Be counted by absenteeism—absenteeism from patronizing Lucas B&B restaurant, where the profits go right into the pockets of Mrs. Nick who condemns the rights of the people whose dollars she does not hesitate to accept.

If Mrs. Nick detests Gays so much, she should have a sign at the entrance of the restaurant reading: "Gays not welcome. We will not accept your money."

The time is at hand when Gays should unite and, by restraint, show persons who would deny us our rights that we have power—Gay power—Gay buying power—united Gay buying power.

Let's show Mrs. Nick that we will not be used anymore. We must demand respect and dignity. But we must start with demanding such respect in our own backyard. --N. W.

Okla. State Rep. Urges Castration

Oklahoma City (UPI)—An Oklahoma house member who introduced a bill to castrate sex offenders said he felt they should receive the most severe punishment possible.

The bill, by Rep. Frank Shurden, D-Henryetta, allows a judge or jury to order men convicted of sex crimes "asexualized".

Shurden said it would be a "pretty severe measure" but said he felt sex offenders should be punished.

The bill requires a judge or jury find at least two "aggravating circumstances" before ordering a defendant "asexualized".

One circumstance might be a victim that was under 9 years of age. Others mentioned were a crime that was "especially serious, atrocious or cruel", resulted in "significant physical injury to the victim", was committed two or more times within a 24-hour period, was committed by a person serving a prison sentence for a felony or the existence of a chance that the defendant would "commit additional sex crimes that would constitute a continuing threat to society".

[Ed. Note—Are any students of pre-WWII Nazi German history experiencing déjà vu... first the so-called incorrigibles and street people were carried off, then the Gays, then the Jews, Catholics, etc. Where would this law fit in the Bill of Rights? Possibly after the line... "no cruel and unusual punishment..."?]

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FROM: Kathy Deitsch, Lobby Coordinator
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Presently due to the confidential nature of the DGPC mailing list it has become necessary that we ask you to complete the following form so you may receive direct mailings from the lobby project in Austin. The Texas Gay Task Force has a non-profit bulk rate permit which makes it possible for the lobby to mail at a rate of 2.7¢ per piece. Our communication plan provides for an emergency phone alert system to be activated within 2 - 3 hours to solicit constituent response immediately. If the legislature is about to do something to us either positively or negatively, we need to be set up to effectively impact the state's lawmakers within 18 hours. We need you to be a part of this network!

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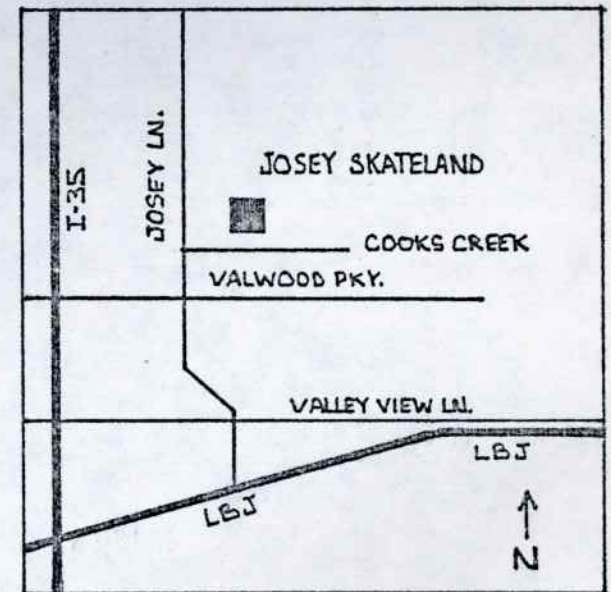
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- 1 REBUTTAL - Channel 8. 9:00 - 9:15 AM. Be sure and watch DGPC's Equal Time Rebuttal to James Robison's attack on Gays.
- 1 Gay Academic Union meeting - 5:30 PM. Call 369-5635 for information.
- 1 Dr. Norman Pittenger, Professor of Divinity, Kings College of Cambridge University - one of the world's foremost theologians and author of Gay Lifestyle will speak at the Metropolitan Community Church, 7:15 PM.
- 1 KFJZ Radio Talk Show (call-in) 8 - 10 PM. Subject: Dallas Gay Political Caucus.
- 3 Dr. Martin S. Weinberg, Senior Research Sociologist at the Institute for Sex Research, Indiana University and Co-author of Homosexualities "The New Kinsey Report" will speak at MCC at 7:00 PM.
- 4 Pot Luck Supper, MCC. 6:30 PM. Bring a covered dish and enjoy a real good meal with friends.
- 5 Metroplex Young Adults meet at 7:30 PM every Thursday at MCC. 17 years old and up.
- 7 Vote! This is election day for Dallas Independent School District. DGPC recommends: District 1 - Donna R. Purdy. District 5 - Robert L. Price.
- 8 Death In Venice, Granada Theatre. 3:35 and 8:55 PM.
- 8 Gayline - General meeting. 7:30 PM. 3702 Fairmount. 748-6791.
- 9 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. 7:30 PM prompt. You need not be a member to attend. The REBUTTAL TO JAMES ROBISON will be shown. (This meeting will be short so you may watch the Academy Awards.)
- 11 Traditional DGPC Skating Party. 8 to 10 PM. \$2.50 includes skates. Josey Skateland. 2711 Cooks Creek.
- 15 Easter Sunday. Special services at MCC. 11 AM and 7:15 PM. Holy Week services to be announced.
- 16 Media Committee. 7:30 PM. 528-4233.
- 17 Political Action Committee. 7:30 PM. 526-8345.
- 18 "Who Remembers Mama?" Channel 13. 10 PM. Allen and Cynthia Mondell documentary.
- 19 Dialog Meeting. 8 PM. Call 363-9006 for information.
- 20 Cocktail Party for Don Amador, Gay Historian. \$1.00 donation requested. Inner Development Institute, 3702 Fairmount.
- 21 Don Amador's Gay Studies Course. First Unitarian Church (Preston & Normandy) 9 AM to 5 PM. Registration \$7.00.
- 22 Coffee and Donuts with Don Amador. 3702 Fairmount. 9:30 AM. \$1.00 donation requested.
- 20, 21, 22 - Second Annual South Women's Studies Conference. (Panel on Homophobia IIA on the 21st) Texas Woman's University. Denton, Texas. (817) 566-2586 or (817) 387-7611.
- 23 DGPC Open Board of Directors and Committee Heads meeting. Everyone is invited. Your suggestions are eagerly sought.
- 27 Dialog Deadline. Send your articles or comments to P.O. Box 5094, Richardson, Texas 75080.
- 29 Dialog Production Day. 2 PM till...

Work With Austin Gay Lobby

By Steve Henley

If you received this copy of Dialog in the mail, you have found enclosed two slips of paper. One has information about about your State Representative and the other has information about your State Senator.

If you did not receive this information, it is because you live outside Dallas County, or have a post office box in which cases we urge you to find out who your State Legislators are immediately.

We currently have a fine lobby going in Austin to protect Gays. Lobbyists cannot do the work alone; however, and so you must help out by contacting your legislators and making your views known about issues concerning Gays.

Legislators are most influenced by their constituents and that is why they not only need to hear from a Gay lobby, but need to hear from Gays or Gay supporters in their own districts.

If you would like to be on the mailing list of our Austin lobby, please write down the following information: your full name, complete mailing address, home or night phone number, and business or day phone if possible. Mail this information to the Human Rights Advocate, P. O. Box 91, Austin TX 78767 (phone: 512/572-3000.) All information will be kept confidential, and HRA will be discreet when calling.

Dangerous anti-Gay legislation can literally pop up overnight, and if you cannot be reached from Austin you may have no chance to speak out against repressive measures. A firm lobby starts

with effective constituent support at the base. You need to help build this base so that current rights are preserved and that further ones may be encouraged.

There are currently openings for male and female legislative representatives to the Texas Gay Task Force legislative committee which governs the HRA lobby. The openings are for the North Texas Region of TGTF. If you are interested in this position or think you might be, please contact the TGTF Northern Region Coordinators Gary Brock or Edra Bogle through this publication.

October 14 Set for March On Washington

Sunday, Oct. 14, 1979, has been chosen as the date of a National Gay and Lesbian March on Washington, according to information brought back to Dallas by Steve Wilkins, who recently represented the DGPC at a nationwide meeting of Gays in Philadelphia. Approximately 150 delegates from all over the country attended the conference.

A national steering committee has been set up with Ray Hill of Houston as chair. Texas will be allotted 16 delegates on the 144-member committee.

The delegates at Philadelphia decided upon six demands for the march. They are:

1. Repeal all anti-Lesbian/Gay laws.
2. Pass a comprehensive Lesbian/Gay rights bill in Congress.
3. Issue a presidential executive order banning sexual discrimination based on sexual orientation in the Federal Government and in federally contracted public employment.
4. Non-discrimination in Lesbian Mother and Gay father custody cases.
5. Full rights for Gay youth, including revision of the age of consent laws.



To Change-- or Not to Change? If So, to What?

Round 2 of the possible name change saga regarding the Dallas Gay Political Caucus took place at the March general meeting.

A questionnaire was distributed to the members requesting they indicate first and second choices of name preferences.

Results of the poll, according to President Louise Young, were as follows, with calculations based on two points for each first choice and one point for each second choice:

Dallas Gay Political Caucus	133
Dallas Gay Alliance	96
People Respecting Individual Dignity and Equality (PRIDE)	31
Gay/Lesbian Alliance of Dallas	28
Gay/Lesbian Association of Dallas (GLAD)	22
Dallas Gay Caucus	16
Dallas Gay Association	8
Dallas Gay/Lesbian Alliance	2
Dallas Alliance of Gay Persons	1
Dallas Gay/Lesbian Caucus	1
Dallas Pride	1
Metroplex Gay Political Caucus	1

While the name DGPC was first choice, total combined votes of all other names exceeded the total advocating retention of the present name.

Outcome of the vote was to be discussed at the open board meeting in March, and another official recommendation is to be made at the April general meeting.

'D-DANCE DALLAS' RAISES \$1500 FOR GAY LOBBY

By Kathy Deitsch

The "D-Dance" in Dallas Sunday afternoon, March 11, at the Old Plantation raised \$1,500 to send to Austin to maintain the state's first Gay lobby effort in the Texas Capitol.

Our lobbyist is laying the groundwork to repeal Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code (remove the section by a vote in both houses of the Legislature). Also the lobby office is keeping watch for any new legislation which could be discriminatory against Texas Gays.

Changing the attitude of lawmakers takes personpower and dollars from all of us.

The lobby project in Austin wishes to thank the Old Plantation and its owner Frank Caven, the Dallas Alliance for Individual Rights, the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, the Dallas Metropolitan Community Church and the Dallas United Community Church for their fine work and help in sponsoring this event.

[Ed. Note--People wishing to support this fine effort should send checks payable to the Texas Advocacy Fund, P.O. Box 91, Austin, Texas 78767 or call 512/472-3000 to enlist in the state-wide mail and phone legislative alert network.]

NEWS BRIEFS

DGPC is planning another one of its famous skating parties at Josey Skateland. It will be held on Wednesday, April 11 from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM. The cost is \$2.50 per person and includes skate rental. The rink is located on Josey Lane at Cooks Creek in Carrollton.

Races, couple skating and many other skating activities are planned. Come out and enjoy an evening of fun and recreation.

NEW YORK CITY--The Lesbian Herstory Archives has announced the start of a Lesbian photograph drive "to end the legacy of lost faces." The group is urging Lesbians throughout the country to send photographs of themselves, friends, children, homes, pets and activities to the archives.

Interested women can contact John Nestle or Deborah Edel at the Lesbian Herstory Archives, P. O. Box 1258, New York City 10001, or phone them at (212) 874-7232.

Lesbian Decision Evokes Conflict

A decision by the Lesbian Rights Task Force of Dallas County NOW to restrict attendance at the task force's March 31 "Feminist Coffeehouse" to women only has touched off a controversy within the NOW chapter and caused some puzzlement for DGPC members.

Prior to the group's first coffeehouse event in February, an invitation was issued to all participants at the TGTF Legislative Lobbying Workshop to attend the event. Three men attended.

Then, Kay Artemis, task force coordinator, was interviewed by a *Dialog* reporter for a story which appeared in the March issue of *Dialog*. She was quoted as saying the March 31 coffeehouse event would be open to both men and women.

Next, Ms. Artemis made an announcement at

the DGPC general meeting on March 12 that the March event would be for women only.

A *Dialog* reporter checked with Dallas County NOW and was informed by a spokesperson that the decision to exclude men from the event was made at a task force meeting on March 7. She said that space was very important to many of the women in the task force, and that they felt that men who are sympathetic to the feminist movement would understand this need.

As a compromise, it was decided that some of the coffeehouse events would be open to everybody and some would be for women only.

The issue of whether a NOW task force could exclude men from a NOW-sponsored event was debated at the chapter's March board meeting, and it was decided to check with National NOW to see if there was a national policy relating to the issue. C.A.

Bishop Dismisses Gay Priest

RICHMOND, Va.--The Rev. Walter F. Sullivan, bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, has defrocked a self-avowed homosexual priest.

Sullivan's action followed a published report in which the Rev. Robert F. Hummel discussed the implications of his public acknowledgement of a homosexual preference.

Hummel, 33, is studying for a doctorate in medical ethics at Georgetown University. He has served as an associate pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and as a chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond.

"By choosing a homosexual lifestyle, he (Hummel) has, in effect, withdrawn from active ministry as a priest of the church," Sullivan said in a statement issued after comments

by the priest published in The Washington Star.

"All priests have made commitments to lives of celibacy and have freely chosen to be bound by the church's discipline.

"Although we do not condone the homosexual lifestyle, we should not at the same time condemn nor punish the homosexual. Father Hummel knew the consequences of his action when he made his public announcement. I am notifying him that he may no longer function in our priestly ministry."

Hummel said the bishop many have "leaped to an erroneous conclusion based on the published reports."

His avowed orientation to a gay lifestyle does not mean "I have broken my vow of celibacy," the priest said.

dialog Advertisements

Advertising will soon be accepted in issues of *Dialog*, according to a plan submitted by Senior Editor Jerry West at the March board meeting of DGPC. Details of the proposed advertising scheme will be made public as soon as the plan is approved in its final form.

The *Dialog* editor will recommend that a Financial Resources Committee member be designated to handle the acceptance of and payments for such ads. He would then turn over the information to the *Dialog* staff for production.

Six sizes of ads are being proposed at reasonable rates.

THRF to Host Studies Course

The Texas Human Rights Foundation (THRF) will host Don Amador's Gay Studies weekend course April 20, 21 and 22, 1979.

A cocktail party is planned for Friday night, April 20 at the Inner Development Institute--3702 Fairmount beginning at 7:30 p.m. A \$1.00 donation will be requested at the door to defray costs of beverages. People will be able to meet Don Amador and his lover Tony Karnes (a Gay activist in his own right). At 8:00 p.m. Don will develop his concept of the "Gay Window".

The Saturday all day sessions previously reported (see March issue of *Dialog*) will begin at 9:00 a.m. with registration, the program will begin at 9:30 a.m. The charge for the course will be \$7.00. For those who wish to eat lunch at the First Unitarian Church, a buffet will be provided at an additional cost of \$2.50.

A gathering for coffee, cokes and donuts is planned for Sunday morning at the Inner Development Institute again beginning at 10:00 a.m. for questions and informal discussion with both Don and Tony. Again a \$1.00 donation will be requested at the door to defray food costs.

A brochure describing the course is enclosed in this issue of *Dialog*.

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education has. My involvement with issues in this city--and I'm not saying if you agree or disagree with my stand--has done more to educate the public about Gays than standing outside with pamphlets, writing literature and making TV ads. And why should there only be one elected Gay official in this city? So many of these people who are against putting money into politics feel there can only be one Gay leader, and if it can't be them they're against politics. I think history will show that's the wrong approach.

DR. MARTIN S. WEINBERG

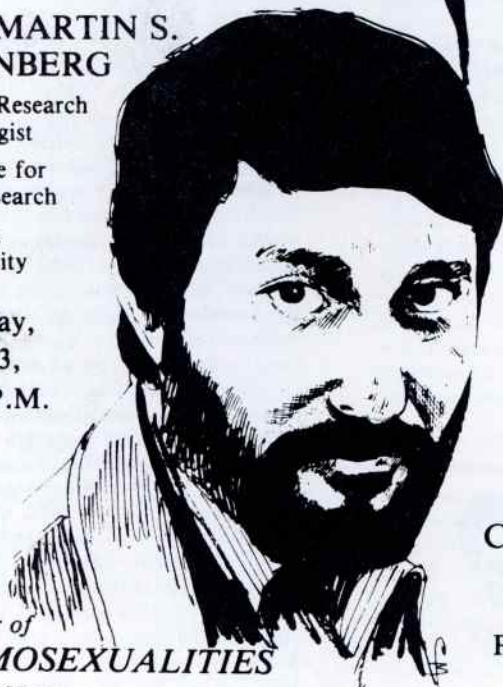
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Texas Gays Win in Austin House

By Kathy Deitsch

On Monday, April 23, at 9:00 pm, the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives sustained Rep. Lance Lalor's (Houston, 80) point of order against further consideration of Article IV, Section 26 of C.S.H.B. 558. The rider, therefore, was removed from the House version of the general appropriations bill. It read:

"It is the intent of the Legislature that Boards of Trustees and Administrators of state colleges and universities shall use all reasonable, legal means possible to prohibit the use of state facilities by any organization which seeks to foster or promote illegal activities, including homosexual organizations."

Both Rep. Lalor and the Human Rights Advocates had done extensive research before his final draft of the twelve page point of order was taken to the podium for consideration late Monday night. Bettie Naylor, the Human Rights Advocate in the Capitol, said, "We thought we had a shot at removing the rider, but we weren't sure. We were ecstatic when the Speaker announced three of the four points of order sustained." [Rep. Bob Davis (Irving, 33A) was sitting in the Chair at the time, but Speaker Clay-ton actually had ruled.]

Deitsch stated, "It was a dramatic time for our legislative program. It is our feeling that our move took opponents by surprise and left them without recourse." No effort was made by Representatives Clay Smothers and Bill Ceverha of Dallas (the original authors) and Bill

Hollowell of Grand Saline to reinstate the rider on the third and final reading and passage of the House general appropriations bill Tuesday noon.

The rider was carried over from the last (65th, 1977-78) session. During that session, the chief sponsors in the House had attempted, unsuccessfully, to pass legislation which would have limited appropriations to Texas colleges

and universities if they recognized homosexual groups as bonafide campus organizations. Ultimately the rider was added to the House general appropriations bill. Efforts were made to delete the wording in Conference Committee but all attempts proved unsuccessful.

Deitsch commented, "The drama which un-
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Dallas Gay Pride Week Plans Discussed

The Doubleday Book Fair and the events of Gay Pride Week (last week in June) are proceeding smoothly. At a meeting held Sunday, April 29, the date for the book fair has been set at Sunday, June 24. A suggested location--the parking lot north of Cedar Springs at Throckmorton--is being investigated.

All Gay organizations, businesses and artisans interested in participating by setting up booths (large booth--\$15, small one--\$5) should contact Jonathon Miller at 328-2633 for an application. The booth applications should be sub-

mitted by Sunday, May 13 for best choices, since booth assignments will be made from May 13 through June 1. After June 1 no more applications will be accepted.

Gary Decker is the DGPC Gay Pride Week coordinator--call him at 526-3089

Berzon Urges Positive Identity

Gay activist Betty Berzon, co-editor of the recently published book, "Positively Gay", urged Gay men and Lesbians to adopt a "positive Gay identity" in a talk to more than 100 persons at the First Unitarian Church on April 24.

Ms Berzon's presentation was jointly sponsored by Community Resource Center, Inc., (Gayline) and the Gay Academic Union of North Texas (GAUNT) a group dedicated to combating discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in the academic world and elsewhere.

Ms. Berzon, a psychotherapist in private practice who is national president of Gay Academic Union, said society's negative attitude toward homosexuality has caused many Gays to take on a negative Gay identity. Berzon, who said she spent 20 years trying to live a heterosexual lifestyle before learning to accept her Gay identity, said Gay men and Lesbians can benefit emotionally and live richer, fuller lives by coming out of the closet and by adopting a positive Gay identity.

She urged the audience to get involved in organizations which provide services to the Gay community and said that she and other Gay therapists are working to help homosexuals cope with emotional problems.

Ms. Berzon said the Gay Academic Union, which now has chapters on 11 college campuses, publishes a quarterly newsletter which reports on Gay research being conducted by scholars. She said the GAU also raises money to give scholarships to Gay students.

Robison: The True Story

By Campbell Read

By now much of the story of the Robison affair is common knowledge. On Feb. 25, TV evangelist James Robison preached against homosexuality on his weekly program. Because he attacked the Gay community, the Dallas Gay Political Caucus asked for and received time to respond over Channel 8 under the Federal Communications Commission's "Fairness Doctrine."

WFAA-TV Station Manager David Lane said the issue was not homosexuality but the law, and that Robison's program would no longer be shown on Channel 8 because the station had to abide by the law, and because previous violations of the law by Robison on at least three occasions were making his "unique approach" a problem.

Several facts and issues have been obscured, however, and others may only have been aired during DGPC's rebuttal on Channel 8. The chief misunderstanding came from Robison himself, who misrepresented the issues to the public in a series of press conferences.

He claimed that he had been taken off the air because he preached that homosexuality is sin, and therefore his vocation to spread the message of righteousness throughout the land had

(See ROBISON on Page 3.)

NOTES

The editor of Dialog would greatly appreciate having the complimentary services of a Caucus member who could provide minor maintenance on the two IBM electric typewriters used in the preparation of Dialog.

Please contact Jerry West at the next Caucus meeting or call him at 363-9006 in the evening or leave information at the Caucus office.

The Media committee is searching for people who want to work on committee projects being planned for the coming months. Those interested do not need to have prior experience with the media to join but experienced people are also needed.

Future plans include some forms of public service announcements for television and advertisements for newspapers.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 16, at 8 p.m. The meeting place is 2833 Arroyo Avenue #146. For information call Gary Decker. 526-3089.

A LETTER TO CHANNEL 39

Roger Bearwolf
Station Manager
KXTV - Channel 39
3900 Harry Hines Blvd.
Dallas, Texas 75219

Dear Mr. Bearwolf:

Last Monday evening, April 23, Channel 39 aired James Robison's documentary "The End of Outrage". While we do not intend in this instance to make a request to the station to provide us with time in which to respond to Mr. Robison, we wish to draw your attention to questionable material in the documentary. This portrays homosexuals in the legitimate processes of seeking civil rights alongside shots of prostitutes, battered children, drug addicts and murderers.

The airwaves do not belong to any one television network but to the people and such a biased portrayal of us (who are "an identifiable group" involved in "a controversial issue") therefore constitutes a violation of the Fairness Doctrine of the Federal Communications Commission Act.

We support this doctrine because we can only arrive at the truth by hearing all sides of any question.

The outrage in the film for us lies in the continuing but all-too-familiar attempt to portray us in the worst possible light. The

outrage of the film lies in the devastating effect such a presentation has on children and young people seeking for some meaning to their sexuality; that some young people have been driven to suicide can be attributed, not to their homosexual orientation, but to the oppressive and hostile holier-than-thou attitudes of preachers in some of our churches and television programs. To this we can attest, and of this we can provide evidence.

Cordially Yours,

Louise Young Ph.D., President
Dallas Gay Political Caucus
Campbell B. Read Ph.D.
Religion and Life Committee
Dallas Gay Political Caucus

Copies of the above letter were mailed to: Federal Communications Commission, James Robison, Pat Robertson President, Christian Broadcasting Network, National Gay Task Force, American Civil Liberties Union, Gay Rights National Lobby.

(Editor's note: Read had a 90-minute meeting with Bearwolf on Friday April 27, during which Read said he felt that Bearwolf began to understand the needs of the Gay community.)

Robison TV Special Draws Reaction

Several DGPC members, namely those of the Legal committee and the Religion and life committee, monitored the special Robison program "The End of Outrage... a Call to Arms" that was telecast on Channel 39 on Monday evening, April 23.

As a result the Caucus decided to seek a meeting with Channel 39 management to discuss the manner in which Gays were represented as something subhuman on the program. Robison will be notified that we are meeting with Channel 39, but we will not seek equal time.

The Caucus is requesting of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that we want to be included in any deliberations it might have on the matter at the request of Robison forces. The National Gay Task Force is also being notified of our position. Ginny Vida of the NGTF spoke with Viv Armstrong of the Caucus and expressed personal interest in the affair.

On his April 23 show, Robison preached what was tantamount to fire and brimstone for those who deviated from his concept of

the meaning of the Bible. He profusely used film clips of the Hitlerian horrors to draw parallels with the undermining of the American way of life by homosexuals. His scare tactics were aimed at confusing the lowest mentalities among his audience.

He predicted in his hour-long documentary the destruction of that "center of perversion" San Francisco in the near future.

The Caucus recognizes the fact that Robison is trying to benefit by the publicity gained through the Channel 8 program cancellation action, but DGPC is not going to do anything that will consciously aid him.

Throughout his program Robison called for telephone response to his program for vocal agreement as well as financial support.

Prepare For Garage Sale

Prepare now for the CRC/DGPC-sponsored garage sale. A good place to start is your closet!

Bring all your unwanted items to the May 14th DGPC meeting or call 528-4233 to be scheduled for pickup.

Dialog, sponsored by the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, generally reports the views and news of interest to the Gay community. Inclusion of names of persons in this publication, however, cannot be construed as reflecting his or her sexual orientation. Dialog accepts worthy opinion/commentary articles from anyone. The opinions and/or comments stated therein are solely those of the authors and do not imply agreement by Dialog, nor should readers con-

Dress Policy Questioned

Dear Fellow Members:

Recently our organization voted to boycott the Lucas B&B restaurant solely because one of its owners wrote a letter to The Dallas Morning News condemning Channel 8's cancellation of the James Robison program. At the same time however we still have not taken any significant action on the direct discrimination against women and minority Gays and Lesbians at certain Gay bars in our city.

Certainly we disagree with the stand taken by this person as expressed in her letter; however, her restaurant has always served all citizens regardless of sex, race, religion, age, etc., and the restaurant has not established arbitrary dress codes (i.e., no women in jeans) that discriminate against women. The restaurant, in other words, has done nothing to directly discriminate against Gay and Lesbian patrons in any way.

On the other hand several bars (the Old Plantation, the Throckmorton Mining Co., and Magnolia's, for example) have posted dress codes which prohibit admission of women in jeans. As everyone knows many women do wear jeans just as do many men. Such dress is neither indecent nor provocative, and such a policy obviously discriminates directly against Lesbians who want to patronize these bars. Recently some of our own DGPC members have been refused admission to Gay bars because of these dress codes.

Furthermore some of these bars discriminate against women, blacks and chicanos by requiring very careful ID checks regardless of age while white males who are not obviously so young as to be possibly under age are admitted freely.

It is hard for me to understand why our organization is quick to boycott a restaurant that does not discriminate against Lesbians and Gays simply because of a negative letter to the editor while we have done nothing of significance with regard to bars in our own community that do discriminate directly against our own members. Apparently we operate with a double standard.

Maybe it is time to consider some additional boycotts within our own community.

--Allan G. Calkin

strue any such article as a policy statement of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus.

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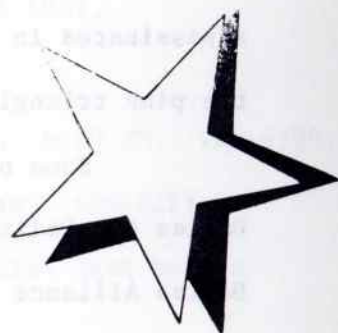
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Call 528-4233



stonewall

On a warm June night, ten years ago, New York police bloodied one head too many driving gay people from the peaceful Village bar STONEWALL INN. After years of constant harassment, gay people fought back. Barricading the police inside, they fought off arriving reinforcements with a barrage of bottles and stones. The riots lasted for two days. It was the "gay shot heard 'round the world".

Although in America we trace our gay roots back to Walt Whitman, it was from this night, from this insignificant bar that the movement gained momentum --when gay people said, "Enough! No more will we allow ourselves to be second class citizens masquerading as non-gays. We are Proud! We are Healthy! We are Gay!"

Stonewall has become our National Holiday. This tenth anniversary will be celebrated across America and in Europe. A few of the events planned for Dallas (June 23rd through July 1st) are:

.DOUBLEDAY BOOK FAIR

.ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

.A FULL PAGE AD IN THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

.VESPERS

.DISCO DANCE

.MACHO MAN CONTEST

.AN EVENING OF EDUCATION

.PICNIC

.MUSIC

.AN AFTER DARK CANDLELITE PROCESSION

.....and a MEMORIAL SERVICE commemorating both Harvey Milk, gay activist who was assassinated in San Francisco last fall, and the thousands of gay victims who wore the pink triangle and died in Nazi concentration camps.

Some of the organizations participating in Dallas Gay Pride Week are:

Dallas Gay Political Caucus

Gay Academic Union

Dallas Alliance for Individual Rights

Metroplex Young Adults

Community Resource Center (Gayline)

Gay Marching Band

Metropolitan Community Church

United Christian's Fellowship Church

United Community Church

Gay Organization Of Dallas

Dallas Motorcycle Club

celebration

DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS

«we are more than a political organization»

MAY CALENDAR

- 5 Family Night Covered Dish Dinner. 6:30 PM United Community Church, 4402 Roseland. 827-5088
- 6 GAY MARCHING BAND! First meeting. Even if you've not played an instrument in years come 'n play. All band instruments needed. 1:00 PM. 526-3089 or 521-3217.
- 6 Dedication of church building. 2:30 PM. United Christian's Fellowship Church. 922 S. Beckley. 942-0742.
- 6 Picnic. Gay Academic Union. 5:30 PM. 369-5635 or 691-0043.
- 10 Metroplex Young Adults meet every Thursday at 7:30 PM. Reagan and Brown. 17 years and up. Socials.
- 10-11-12 Texas Gay Task Force. Gay lobbying day in Austin, Texas.
- 11-12-13 Freda Smith, a truly wonderful woman minister will speak at the Metropolitan Community Church, 2701 Reagan. 7:15 each evening and 11:00 Sunday morning.
- 12 Women's Place - an alternate "place to be". 8:00 PM. 3702 Fairmount (at Welborn) \$1.00 donation requested. 528-1041 (women only).
- 14 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. 7:30 PM sharp. Help plan Stonewalls Tenth Anniversary. This will be the biggest Gay Pride Celebration in the history of Dallas. All Dallas Gay Organizations participating. Refreshments afterwards. 528-4233.
- 16 DGPC Financial Resources Committee meeting. 7:30 PM. 528-4233.
- 16 DGPC Media Committee meeting. 7:30 PM. 526-3089.
- 16 Dallas NOW Lesbian Task Force meeting. 7:30 PM. 4102 Swiss. 528-1041.
- 17 Dialog staff meeting. 8:00 PM. 363-9006.
- 20 Community Resource Center (Gayline) Fifth Anniversary Celebration. 6:00 PM. 748-6790.
- 24-25-26-27 Metropolitan Community Church District Conference. All day. 526-6221.
- 25 Deadline for Dialog articles. Hurry! Get your comments to the Union Jack before 6:30 PM. Or mail to P.O. Box 5094, Richardson, Texas 75080.
- 26 Women's Space Coffee House. 4102 Swiss. (Women only) 528-1041.
- 27 P.A.L. Parents Alliance League. 5:30 PM. United Community Church, 4402 Roseland.
- 27 Dialog production day. 2:00 PM till...

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- 28 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS open Board meeting. 7:30 PM. Reagan and Brown. DGPC wants your input. What needs to be done? How shall we best do it?
- 28 Affirmation Gay Methodist. Male coordinator will speak at 7:30 PM. 6115 LaVista #107.
- 31 DGPC Mail Committee meets. 7:30 PM. Help stuff, stamp and mail the Dialog. Cheese and wine.

JUNE CALENDAR

- 3 Gay Academic Union monthly meeting. Everyone welcome. 7:30 PM. 369-5635 or 691-0043.
- 3 Reverend Troy Perry, founder of the Metropolitan Community Church and gay crusader will speak at both MCC services. 11:00 AM & 7:30 PM.
- 6 Covered Dish Dinner Party at Metropolitan Community Church. Unusually good food.
- 7 Metroplex Young Adults. 17 years old and up. This is a small group of bright and good-looking young people. Their meetings are friendly and interesting.
- 11 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. Election of four Board members. Plus more planning for Gay Pride Week. Social afterwards.

NOTE: The Dallas Gay Political Caucus and Community Resource Center (Gayline) are planning a Flea Market sometime In June. Start collecting your old re-usables.

'NOTHER NOTE: July 16th THEATRE III CHAMPAIGNE PARTY! Make plans to attend. Last spring, we had a turn-away crowd.

If you can't be upfront, support

DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS

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been challenged.

It is not surprising that the public responded with vigor to this picture of a prophet silenced because he was brave enough to speak out against wickedness. Channel 8 was deluged with letters in support of Robison, and Lane, caught in the middle of the controversy, received a number of threatening calls.

The facts, however, contradict the picture which Robison gives. The Caucus did not complain to Channel 8 because of any Biblical references or interpretation of the Scriptures, nor does the FCC ruling cover these. We made this clear at the time, emphasizing that the attack on the Gay community took place in remarks about homosexuals in modern America.

Many people in the Gay community would defend the right of any preacher to preach directly from the Bible, even when that preacher's view of the Bible differed from their own.

Looking at San Francisco during his program, Robison quoted columnist Herb Caen, to the effect that there might be a thread connecting the Jonestown suicides, the Harvey Milk assassination, the Zebra killings and the SLA. Robison felt that the "riotous living" of that city, where "the Gay activists laugh and joke about it being the Sodom and Gomorrah of America," was the thread connecting these events.

"What a tragedy," he said, "that the new mayor is appointing another Gay activist to take Harvey Milk's place as a City Supervisor."

Quoting from the National Enquirer, Robison painted a picture of homosexuals seducing young boys, aged 13 to 15 years old; these boys later go to Gay bars, he said darkly, and become male prostitutes. Other homosexuals will kill the boys they have seduced, Robison said. "Just recently, a homosexual was arrested in Chicago. The police found dozens of boys buried under his house. Just think of that; it is commonplace, and it's going to get worse," Robison said.

There was no redeeming attribute which Robison presented in his picture of homosexuals in America. He is convinced that homosexuals are despicable, and the data which he presented were tailored to fit that conviction. But one cannot characterize a whole community in terms of a minute criminal element in it.

I felt a sense of outrage while viewing the program, and it came over as a defamation of the entire Gay community.

There are unfortunately no laws in the State of Texas to protect a group of people such as the Gay community from defamation, libel or slander. An evangelist can say what he wants, however inaccurate, poorly researched or biased his facts may be. On TV and radio, the FCC Fairness Doctrine at least gives an opportunity for rebuttal.

Robison has cast himself in the role of righteousness, with a wave of support from a public which he has misinformed. On the other hand, the Dallas Gay Political Caucus has been labeled as a radical group by Robison and typecast as opposing his "Christian" message.

But is it moral to tailor the facts to make any identifiable group appear depraved? Some evangelists may feel so convinced that their homophobia is a Christian call to punish those

whom they perceive to be more wicked than themselves that they become deluded into thinking that here, too, the end (preventing the spread of homosexuality) justifies the means (defamation of all homosexuals are depraved).

Robison's choice of the National Enquirer as his source of data is questionable, too. It is difficult to think of a publication more unreliable and shallow than this one for any preacher to turn to for information. It seems reasonable to expect a man of God to look to more reliable sources than this, and the fact that he did use it is, in itself, an indication of irresponsibility.

If Robison loves homosexuals, as he claims to do, then why does he not spend a little more time in finding out what objective scientific studies say about Gays? Perhaps he shrinks from doing so because the reading of such material would be unpalatable, contradicting the picture of depravity he intends to promote.

The unwillingness of some evangelists to accept the implications of such studies is disturbing, but, if they have an inborn prejudice against homosexuals, no amount of reasoning will have any effect, and they will continue to use the Bible as a weapon with which they can express their prejudice against us.

To a large following of people in the Bible Belt, James Robison may appear to be a prophet of the Lord. After seeing the methods he uses at first hand, we remain highly skeptical.

B&B Owner Declines To Change Stand

Mrs. Virginia Lucas Nick, one of the owners of Lucas B&B Restaurant, received a letter recently from the DGPC stating that the Caucus is calling for a boycott of the restaurant in response to her public stand against homosexuals and in support of James Robison's denunciation of Gays on his latest and presumably final telecast on Channel 8.

Mrs. Nick called the Rev. Don Eastman of the MCC to discuss the situation and declined to change her stand on the issue.

A number of reports coming to the attention of the Caucus board have indicated that the business at the restaurant is substantially down as a result of the boycott.

It was the consensus of the membership at the April meeting that Mrs. Nick certainly has a right to her opinion, but that Gays have a right to deny her from benefitting financially from the business that ordinarily would come from them.

Caucus New Name Nixed

Round 3 of the possible name-change saga regarding the Dallas Gay Political Caucus took place at the April general meeting.

By a vote of 48 to 28 the members present decided to keep the current name of the organization in accordance with a motion that the Board of Directors passed at its open meeting stipulating that if a majority of the members favored keeping the name, the matter would be dropped for the present.

A general discussion was held prior to a call for the vote.

GAY BAND ANYONE?

Dallas Gays are forming a Gay Band. This idea came as a result of an informal discussion with Don Amador and Tony Karnes during their recent visit. Amador gave as illustrations of stimulating Gay pride, the Los Angeles Gay Band and the Toronto Gay Band which have had invitations to Gay and non-Gay parades and other functions.

Acceptance has been good among the Straight Community and wildly enthusiastic in the Gay community.

Already 20 persons have signed up. Interested? Call Rodger Pettyjohn at 521-3217 or Gary Decker at 526-3089, or attend the formation meeting on Sunday, May 6, at 1:00 p.m. at 3604 Cedarplaza #201.

Austin House

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folded here in Austin these last seven days has been exciting but scary, challenging and rewarding. It is the first definitive victory for Texas Gays/Lesbians here in the legislature. The legislative project was established to prevent passage of further repressive and anti-Gay legislation; this is certainly one giant step for us in doing just that."

Many lawmakers, their staffs and Capitol personnel have congratulated the lobby on a job well done. The impact of the lobby is evidenced by many legislators who are willing to work with the Human Rights Advocates in many different ways. It is Naylor's feeling that we are here to help them find ways to work with us. Many representatives and senators currently support our methods and push for equal treatment.

"He carried this point of order for us without our ever having to ask him. He knew it was right and we all worked together to show the entire House it was right. The Gay/Lesbian community in Texas owes both Rep. Lator and his staff a great deal. I hope every Gay person reading this will write or call him; he deserves a special thanks."

Deitsch warns that we must not falter now. Opponents are fervently searching for ways to limit, deny, and publicly mock our existence. She indicates we must brace ourselves now for the last month of the session and can expect challenges from many directions. It is vital to continue to draw on our resources, write constituent letters and call on our friends to help however they can.

Both Deitsch and Naylor expressed grave concern for upcoming legislation drafted from the interim pornography study. They fear considerable attack and jeering on the House floor will occur when these bills are debated. This is why Gay and Lesbian organizations have been asked to write to friendly lawmakers about the lobby's concerns. Both feel that whenever one has a legislative success, one must prepare immediately for attack. Naylor asserted, "Yes, we know our opponents are angry and they will attack, but we are ready."

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Letters should be written to Rep. Lance Lator at P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78769, or he may be called at 512/475-5625 in Austin or 713/664-9576 in Houston.]

EDITORIAL

Cancer Eating at Gay Community

Historically the Gay bar is one of the oldest institutions of the Gay culture. The Gay bar traditionally has been a haven for Gay people to relax: to escape the oppressing discrimination of the outside world.

But the Gay bars in Dallas, especially the discos, it is increasingly apparent, are practicing the most blatant and offensive discrimination on the basis of sex and race of any business in our history. I am referring to the unequal dress codes which many Gay bars in Dallas have posted and are enforcing against both our own and the Straight communities. Also there persists the consistent requiring of multiple photo ID's for admission of all non-white persons to the discos when no white person is required to show any ID at all for admission.

Slacks, jeans and other categories of long-leg-pants attire have been acceptable feminine attire in our society for some time now. Yet, more and more the Gay organizations are receiving increasing numbers of verbal reports of discriminatory practices such as not admitting women wearing jeans into a bar where men in jeans are the rule. In the past month Ila Davies, Director of the Inner Development Institute, and Louise Young, president of DGPC, were either turned away or hassled regarding their jeans-style attire at a recently opened disco.

When Straight bars/discos attempted such dress codes, they were challenged in court. The dress codes were declared discriminatory and illegal. Why then have several Gay bars felt they should or may enforce discriminatory dress codes? Do they not know dress codes are discriminatory? Do these discos feel they are above the law or somehow separate from the Gay community, which only now is getting its act together to fight such discrimination in

the Straight world? Do they not see these actions (unequal dress codes or multiple ID's for non-whites) as a cancer eating at the very entrails of the Gay movement?

When approached by reporters, the Gay bar owners and managers state that their patrons are requesting, nay, demanding that certain people--e.g. women (Lesbian or Straight), Chicanos, Blacks, etc.--be denied or granted only limited admittance to their bars.

If this statement or impression is true, then we Gays and Lesbians (for some Lesbian bars are practicing a similar discrimination against Gay men) have a long way to go before we eliminate discrimination, for WE ARE THEIR PATRONS!

If we Gays are ever to gain the equality which we want and need to be whole persons, we must do all in our power to end this invidious discrimination in our bars.

The next time any of us witness any of these forms of discrimination against anyone in our community, we should immediately ask to speak to the manager or owner(s). We should confront the owner/manager with the incident and inform him/her that you do not approve of the practice in question and inform him/her that if it is not discontinued we will not patronize the establishment and will ask our friends also to stay away.

This type of action takes guts and occasional sacrifice, for if we register our complaint and then pay our money and walk in we have accomplished nothing. We must turn aside a momentary satisfaction--e.g. an evening of dancing at a disco--and walk out of the bar/disco to underscore our feelings and subsequent action.

If we are to excise this cancerous growth, we must all pull together! It's up to us.
--THE EDITOR.

Four DGPC board positions will be filled by election at the June general membership meeting, president Louise Young has announced.

Caucus members desiring to nominate themselves or other Caucus members for these positions should present such names to a member of the board at or before the May 14 meeting.

Only paid Caucus members are eligible for board positions. The board positions open for election are place 6 (now filled by Steve Arnn), place 7 (Phil Johnson), place 8 (Gary Brock), and place 9 (Steve Henley).

After the June elections the Board of Directors will meet to elect new officers before the July membership meeting.

Some rather hasty plans are being made for 3 Lobby Days for Texas Gays to be held on the weekend of May 10--12. Activities and events are being planned during that period at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel, according to Bettie Naylor, Human Rights Advocates lobbyist.

Persons interested in attending should call the Caucus at 528-4233 without delay. Leave a message for Steve Henley who will call back with full details on this important program.

The Community Resources Center (CRC-Gayline) will celebrate the 5th anniversary of its founding at the May 20th regular meeting with a special party honoring its present membership, according to president Bill Beauchamp.

There are currently about 50 members or CRC qualified to counsel calls of inquiry and distress on the nightly staffed Gayline. The present membership is the largest resource the organization has had since its inception.

Plans are afoot to start another counsellor training course in the near future for Gay persons interested in qualifying for this valued and much needed service. Persons interested in the program in any area should contact Bill Beauchamp at 369-5635.

From London to Broadway and finally now to Dallas, Theatre Three will proudly present the music and lyrics of Stephen Sondheim in July at the theatre in the Quadrangle. Winner of several Tony Awards, Sondheim's credits include, among others "Gypsy", "West Side Story", "Do I Hear a Waltz?", "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" and "A Little Night Music".

For an evening of Champagne and musical entertainment, plan to attend the Theatre 3 Champagne Preview of "Side by Side by Sondheim" Monday, July 16.

Tickets will soon be on sale keep in touch with DGPC. As usual most of the proceeds go to benefit the Caucus.

NEWS BRIEFS

SANTA MONICA, Calif. -- A group of Gay business people have received a charter to open what is believed to be the first openly Gay-owned savings and loan association in California. The office, to be called Unity Savings, will open later this year in Santa Monica. Although Unity Savings will not cater exclusively to Gay people, it will attempt to be of assistance to Gays who might have problems with other lending institutions.

Coach Tom Landry of the Dallas Cowboys was reported in a Dallas Morning News story on April 28 as agreeing to head a committee to raise funds for James Robison's "National Call to Arms" campaign. The campaign has as one of its major aims to support Robison's fight with the FCC seeking to get the Commission's fairness doctrine struck down.

James Robison appeared on the new Charlie Rose TV talk show on Channel 5 on two consecutive days, April 12 and 13, to discuss his recent activities. On the second of the two programs Louise Young, president, and Floyd Baker and Steve Wilkins members of DGPC, as well as Rev. Don Eastman of MCC and Rev. Harlan Jacks of UCC were in the audience. They challenged some of Robison's views and debated certain issues with him.

DGPC's "equal time" rebuttal to evangelist James Robison was transmitted on Channel 8 Sunday morning, April 1 from 9:00 to 9:15 a.m. The five qualified persons ably presented the Gay viewpoint with strength and clarity.

Taking part in the presentation were Campbell Read (DGPC Religion and Life committee chair), Edra Bogle (National Board member of the Gay Academic Union), Rodger Pettyjohn (DGPC Psycho-Medical committee), Rev. DeForest Wiksten of the Northhaven United Methodist Church and Rev. Wilfred Bailey of Casa View United Methodist Church.

Events for Gay Pride Week '79

By Jerry West

The Dallas Gay Pride Week '79, beginning Saturday, June 23 and continuing through Sunday, July 1, promises to be a busy nine days for Dallas Gays, according to Gary Decker, coordinator of the Gay Pride Committee.

Decker listed the following organizations participating officially in Gay Pride Week '79: Doubleday Book Stores, Community Resource Center (Gayline), Dallas Alliance for Individual Rights (DAIR), Dallas Gay Political Caucus (DGPC), Dallas Motorcycle Club, Gay Academic Union of North Texas (GAUNT), Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), Dignity Outreach, United Community Church,

United Christian Fellowship Church, the NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force, Metroplex Young Adults, Wild Crowd Saloon and Sundance Kids.

The Gay Book Fair and Crafts Show sponsored by Doubleday Book Stores, which is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 23 and 24, will start the week. Plans call for closing the lot behind Butler's Pantry Too (at Throckmorton and Cedar Springs) to parking and erecting booths. Many artisans and organizations are already committed. Informational presentations, voter registration, poetry and prose recitations and displays of arts and crafts promise an interesting two days for Gays and Lesbians attending.

Saturday evening, June 23, two large social events are planned. The NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force is planning a co-sexual coffee-house from 8 p. m. to midnight at a location to be announced later.

"Razzle, Dazzle Dallas" is the name of the splashy disco party (free beer and soft drinks) sponsored by DGPC to be held at the Texas Hall of State (State Fair Grounds) starting at 9 p. m. Sixteen individuals are hosting this affair which will sport 2 kleig lights as beacons. Advance tickets are \$2.00 (\$3.00 at the door) attendance is limited to 2,000 persons. To purchase tickets ask any of the hosts who will be on the bar scene wearing T-shirts sporting the party logo.

Monday, June 25, Pat Bond, the ex-WAC from "Word Is Out," now a comedienne, will present her "Evening With Gertrude Stein" from 2-4 p. m. at a location to be announced later. The Wild Crowd Saloon is planning a Bar-B-Que in their parking lot on east Fitzhugh to begin soon after "happy hour".

Tuesday, June 26, Gaunt will offer a panel discussion entitled "Contemporary Gay Fiction" to be held at the Inner Development Institute, 3702 Fairmount, to begin at 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday, June 27, the official day marking the 10th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots which heralded the Gay Liberation Movement, will see all four churches holding memorial services. Contact your church for further details.

Thursday, June 27, the Dallas Motorcycle Club will conduct the second annual Macho Man Contest beginning at 10 p. m. at the Old Plantation disco. Check with Dallas MC members or the OP for reservations.

Friday, June 28, the Community Resource Center will present the American premiere of the movie "Hoera, Een Homo!?" (See article on this page.)

Saturday, June 30, the Gay Pride Committee is sponsoring a candlelight march memorializing all the Gays and Lesbians who have suffered torture and death over the past 3,000 years. Saturday was chosen so that Gays and Lesbians from states and cities around Dallas could participate with us. People will gather at the old "Faces" parking lot on Cedar Springs at 8:30 p. m. Although there will be some candles provided, all participants are urged to bring a few candles with them.

Coordinator Decker predicts that more than 2,000 Gay men, Lesbians and supporters will march down Cedar Springs to the mansion in Lee Park for the memorial services planned by the churches. If this procession is anything like the Houston march of two years ago, it will be a memorable experience for all people participating.

At press time sketchy plans were being made to organize a sport-a-thon, involving soft ball, volley ball and a foot-race "run-a-thon. Watch for flyers and posters for further information.

Sunday, July 1, DAIR will host a picnic from 1 to 5 p. m. with free beer at Exall Park (on Live Oak across from the oldest Gay bar in America, the Villa Fontana.).

All in all, Gay Pride Week '79 promises to provide something for every Gay man and Lesbian and, incidentally, represents the first real Gay Pride week in Dallas' history.

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STONEWALL REMEMBERED

By Mike Gianoplos

... The thunderclap of the Stonewall riot started an entire movement. A look at the "moment" ...

Every oppressed person needs a moment when the individual separates from oppression to perceive pain and leave it behind. For Gay people, that moment came on June 27, 1969, at 2:31 a. m. at the Stonewall Inn, an after-hours homosexual dance bar on Christopher Street, Greenwich Village, New York City. The riots, spaced over a period of four days and three nights, followed a police raid over alleged infringements of the liquor laws.

Ten years ago were still the Gay dark ages. Organizations like the Mattachine Society or Daughters of Bilitis were few. Liberation was discussed for Blacks and women, but never homosexuals. "Gay" was sex, not politics, and we were at the mercy of whoever might catch us in the act. Bars were our only meeting place.

We Gay people have been a long, vital part of the Village, and our presence is never more apparent than now, with 66,827 Gay people per square mile. The Village is basically Gaydom. The battle of censorship has been won. There are some 125 bars, restaurants, and cabarets catering to a predominantly homosexual clientele.

A significant event that altered the complexion of Gay life in the Village occurred in 1965, when Julius, a Village institution on West 10th Street with a Gay clientele, provided legal counsel to a young man charged with the alleged propositioning of a plainclothes officer.

The New York State Liquor Authority ordered Julius' license suspended on the grounds that the bar had become disorderly by allowing homosexuals on its premises and permitting homosexuals to be served a drink, thereby

"conducting themselves in an indecent, offensive manner, contrary to good morals." This remained in effect until an appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court in 1970 unanimously annulled the suspension—a monumental breakthrough.

Police harassment increased, and routine bar raids were common. All this started to change that one hot Saturday morning in the wee hours at the Stonewall Inn. New York City police entered the bar shortly before midnight on a standard raid, checking customers' IDs, ejecting some Gays and randomly arresting others. One young policeman dangled a pair of handcuffs and pointed, "You . . . Hey, you (See Stonewall page 4)

European Film to be Shown June 29

The controversial Dutch film that won first place in the 1979 International Public Television film competition at Rome in April, will be shown in Dallas by the Community Resource Center (CRC) as its contribution to Gay Pride Week.

"Hoera, Een Homo!?" a three-part film deals with homosexuality and the opinions about it in our society through the story of a young teacher who experiences difficulties in school because of his sexual preference is 45 minutes in length and has English subtitles. Acquisition of this film represents a coup for the Gay community of Dallas, according to Gary Brock, CRC vice president, and will be the American premiere showing.

The film will be shown on Friday evening, June 29, at a time and place to be announced soon. The film is being loaned to CRC by director-actor Wouter van Praag by permission of IKON television station in Amsterdam. A rap session will follow the screening.

EDITORIAL

A Space of Our Own

Stances on "Lesbian Separatism" and "Gay Unity" have long stirred fiery debate in the Gay Liberation movement. The Feminist Coffeehouse "Women Only" controversy is only the latest comment and can, I feel, be an opportunity to air feelings on both sides.

It seems my Gay male comrades have had their say with the loud cries of "Discrimination!" To wield such a heavy accusation strikes one as absurd if one considers the circumstances which have created the need for the coffeehouse and the anti-woman discrimination rampant in the Gay community.

Gay men dominate all [Gay] social/political structures in Dallas from the Caucus right down to the bars. By sheer numbers and sexist expectations, they make not only political policies, but also set the social tone. Women trying to integrate into these groups are confronted with something not unlike a "good old boys" network. The least women will have to deal with is trivializing remarks. (Recently at a DGPC meeting, I was congratulated on being a "token gal".) Bottom line is a feeling that women just don't count for much in the Gay community.

Consequently, except for a handful of bars, social outlets for Lesbians are scarce, which is why there is such a strong need for the coffeehouse.

Before Gay men leap to cry "Discrimination!" they might do well to look in their own backyard. Not a few Lesbians have been told they were unwelcome at the "men's bars". Reasons varied from "not meeting the dress code" to "improper ID". (Strangely, my blue jeans were unacceptable when the bar was filled with men in blue jeans. Even more peculiarly, I was asked for an ID where none of my male friends, one of whom was under age, were asked for their ID's.) It should be noted that men freely frequent all the women's bars and are welcome to do so as long as they don't intimidate or harass anyone.

Women's need for a space of their own is often interpreted as "divisive", a dilution of Gay Unity. Lesbians are tired of being warm bodies who should be seen and not heard, who should simply increase the numbers and financial backing of a movement that has many times failed to recognize and represent them. Real unity will only come with the understanding of our different needs and how best they can be served.

How the Feminist Coffeehouse will deal with its policy is up in the air, but the larger point remains: Lesbians need a space where they

Joan Clark... What Happened!

The decision by the United Methodist Women's Division's national directors to fire Joan Clark of Dallas from her position as a field staff member after she announced that she is a Lesbian has sparked a bitter controversy within the 10-million-member United Methodist Church.

Meeting in Cincinnati on April 27, the directors voted 40-13 (with one abstention) to dismiss Clark, reversing a decision made four days earlier to retain her.

News reports of the Women's Division's original decision to retain Clark provoked immediate pressure from church leaders in the 4-state area where she was employed. Dallas-Fort Worth Area Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe said he would be unable to appoint her in view of a UMC position which he said "does not condone homosexuality." The bishop said that while he supports the civil rights of homosexuals, he saw this matter not as one of civil rights but of church leadership. "I do not believe a person with this lifestyle can provide the spiritual and moral leadership the church needs," he said.

In a handwritten statement issued after her firing, Clark said, "With this action the Women's Division has sacrificed its heritage of commitment to justice for short-term political expedience."

Financial repercussions at every point where the board receives funds were predicted by some Methodist sources before the decision was reversed.

In fact, the Women's Division of Highland Park Methodist Church voted to withdraw its \$8,800 pledge to the Women's Division in protest of the division's original decision to retain Clark on the staff.

Many persons spoke out against the decision to fire Clark.

In a demonstration at United Methodist Head-

quarters in New York, about 100 people, wearing the homosexual community's pink triangle insignia, marched and distributed leaflets denouncing the "vicious" series of events that led to Clark's dismissal.

Thelma Stevens of Nashville, a retired staff executive with the Women's Division, issued a statement charging the division with "mistaken judgment" in rescinding its original action and firing Clark. She said that to have retained Clark would have been "an act of repentance in keeping with the division's history of fearless

(See Clark Page 4)

Editorial

Out of Closet: Individual Choice

Recently, William F. Buckley wrote an editorial which was carried in The Dallas Morning News. In this editorial he pointed out a major concern of voters on homosexual issues was that of child molestation and he quoted from a Gay extremist publication Gala which advocates the right of adult/minor sexual activity. Truly, it was a cheap shot on Buckley's part, but I fear that in our eagerness to defend the majority of homosexual persons who do not wish to engage in sexual activity with minors, the Gay community missed the point of Buckley's editorial.

Buckley asks the question: "... who are the acknowledged leaders of the homosexual rights movement?" Do you know who they are? Can you name the chairs of the National Gay Task Force? Furthermore, are these people really our leaders? It is estimated that less than 1% of the 10% of the population which is Gay is involved in the Gay rights movement.

Each person must make a decision as to how far he/she can come out of the closet. But every Gay person can be involved in some way in the Gay rights movement. It is your responsibility, to yourself and to the Gay community. The movement needs financial support, clerical work, you name it, we need it!

Gay people have had the professional support of psychologists, sociologists, theologians, etc., for decades but the real strides that have occurred over the last 5-10 years have been due to the willingness of a few to take risks. Much has happened and we are all better off because of it, but there is much more to be done and you need to get involved to make our dreams of equality and beauty a reality.

Rodger D. Pettyjohn

Help!

The Gay Pride Committee plans a media campaign of radio spots and newspaper ads to promote the idea of a benevolent, growing Gay community in Dallas.

Sundance Kid's and DGPC have already given financial support to the more than \$2,000 budget. More money is needed!

Individuals or organizations wishing to contribute should contact coordinator Gary Decker at 526-3089 or DGPC at 528-4233.

have some control and where they can have support just as Gay men now do. If the existing Gay organizations/structures cannot meet these needs--which at this time they do not--what choice do we have but to create our own?

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JUNE CALENDAR

DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS

- 2-3 Gigantic Flea Market benefiting Dallas Gay Political Caucus and Community Resource Center. 3702 Fairmount. Starts at 9:00 AM. All kinds of bargains! Donations needed. 528-4233.
- 2 Rummage Sale benefiting Agape Metropolitan Community Church. 2336 Hemphill, Ft. Worth. 11-5.
- 2 Family Night Covered Dish Dinner. 6:30 PM. United Community Church. 4402 Roseland. 827-5088.
- 3 TROY PERRY is coming to town! He will speak at the Metropolitan Community Church. You will find him profound, entertaining, warm and wonderful. 2701 Reagan. 11 AM and 7:15 PM.
- 3 Gay Academic Union's Panel Discussion of Media Reporting of Gay Issues. Several local TV reporters will attend. 2800 Binkley #103. 6:30 PM.
- 3 Gay Marching Band rehearses every Sunday at 1:00 PM. 526-3089 or 521-3217. Musicians needed.
- 3 Dignity/Outreach (Gay Catholics) meets every Sunday at 7:00 PM. 3702 Fairmount. 233-3100
- 6 Covered Dish Dinner Party at Dallas' MCC. 2701 Reagan. 6:30 PM. Good food - good friends.
- 7 Metroplex Young Adults (17 and up) meet every Thursday at 7:30 PM. Reagan & Brown. This is not a Bible Study group. Interesting programs, lively discussions and socials.
- 10 Benefit show for Ft. Worth's Agape MCC at Aub's. 10 PM. 926-2976.
- 11 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. 7:30 PM Sharp. Help plan the biggest Gay Pride Celebration in the history of Dallas combining the efforts of all Gay Organizations. Plus an interesting program and social. 528-4233. Reagan and Brown.
- 11-12 DAIR presents "Miss Gay Dallas - Ft. Worth Metroplex". An elaborate Pageant and fund raiser benefiting everyone. 10:30 PM at the D3. 2617 Pearl. 741-0300.
- 14 DIALOG staff meeting. 8 PM. 363-9006.
- 16 Delegate election for "National March on Washington" for Houston. 528-4233.
- 16 Covered Dish Dinner at Agape MCC. 2336 Hemphill, Ft. Worth. 7:30 PM. \$2.50 donation requested.
- 17 "Not A Sin - Not A Sickness" First of a four part series on consecutive Sundays by Reverend Don Eastman of the Metropolitan Community Church. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.
- 17 Community Resource Center (Gayline) meeting. 7:30 PM. 3702 Fairmount. Those interested in the Fall Training Session are encouraged to attend.
- 20 Financial Resource Committee meeting. 7:30 PM. 528-4233. You are welcome to attend.
- 20 Membership Committee meeting. 7:30 PM. 528-4233.
- 22 DIALOG Deadline. Send your comments, articles and letters to P.O. Box 5094; Richardson, Texas.
- 24 DIALOG Production day. 2 PM till... 363-9006
- 24 P.A.L., Parents Alliance League. 5:30 PM. United Community Church. 4002 Roseland. 827-5088.
- 25 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS open Board meeting. 7:30 PM. Reagan and Brown. This Board and all Committees want your input. What needs to be done? How shall we best do it?
- 28 Mail Committee meeting. 7:30 PM. Help fold and mail the DIALOG Newsletter. Wine and cheese.
- 30 Rummage Sale. Agape MCC. 2336 Hemphill, Ft. Worth. 11-5 PM.

REMEMBER STONEWALL!

As if to celebrate the opening day of Gay Pride Week in Dallas, Channel XIII will show the campy comedy, "Steambath" at 10:45. Catch this show. It may never come back to Dallas.

Also of interest to many in our community is the highly-acclaimed "I, Claudius", a 13 part series starting June 17th at 9 PM. And for those interested in Dance, Channel XIII will repeat "Baryshnikov at the White House". This young dancer is destined to be remembered as the Nijinski of our time. A dancer so brilliant, he was a legend before his 30th birthday. June 26th. 8 PM.

CALENDAR FOR THE BIGGEST GAY PRIDE WEEK IN DALLAS HISTORY

- 23 Saturday
10 to dusk. Gay Awareness Book, Arts and Crafts Fair in Oak Lawn. Just follow the crowd. Sponsored by all of Dallas' Gay Organizations.
- 8 PM. Coffee House sponsored by the Lesbian Task Force of NOW. Men and Women.
- 9 PM. RAZZLE DAZZLE DALLAS! Hall of State in Fair Park. Sponsored by DGPC. Free beer and soft drinks. Disco Dance. All of gay Dallas will be there. \$2.00 in advance - \$3.00 at the door.
- 24 Sunday
Noon to dusk. Continuation of Gay Awareness week with Books, Arts and Crafts.
- 25 Monday
2 - 4 PM. Pat Bond (you loved her as the campy ex-wac in Word Is Out) in "An Evening With Gertrude Stein". American Library Association. This act is in demand all over America.
- 7 PM. Western Bar-B-Q. Wild Crowd Saloon. 2515 N. Fitzhugh. 824-9158.
- 26 Tuesday
7:30 PM. "Contemporary Gay Fiction" sponsored by Gay Academic Union. (Place to be announced.)
- 27 Wednesday
Area Churches' United Memorial Service. (Time and Place to be announced.)
- 10 PM - 2 AM. Weight Lifting Contest at the Sun Dance Kid. 4025 Maple. 526-9173
- 28 Thursday
10 PM. Macho Man Contest at the Old Plantation. 1807 N. Harwood. 651-1988.
- 29 Friday
7:30 PM. "Hurrah, A Homo!?" Community Resource Center's presentation. An award winning Dutch film followed by a panel discussion with Barbara Gittings, Board Member of the National Gay Task Force, the American Library Association and long time gay activist. The film concerns the trial of a Gay teacher by the School Board. (Place to be announced.)
- 30 Saturday
All Day Sports Day at Exall Park (Hall and Live Oak).
Morning - One Mile Run For Fun. (You don't have to win ---just finish!)
Early Evening - Softball and Volley Ball. Frisbees and other events.
- 8:30 PM. Candlelite March for Human Rights. Bring a candle and assemble in the parking lot behind Faces (Cedar Springs and Throckmorton).
- July 1 Sunday
1 PM. DAIR sponsored picnic at Exall Park. (Across the street from the Villa Fontana, 1315 Skiles)
Free beer and hot dogs!

Note: Other events are still being planned and some times and places have yet to be decided. You will receive a Complete Calendar of Events at the Gay Awareness Fair (Throckmorton and Cedar Springs). See you there. Have a good time. And...Remember Stonewall!

The Gay Movement... and the Law Today in Texas

A report from the Legal Advisory Committee

One of the primary focuses of the Gay rights movement in Texas is the abolition of laws which directly discriminate against homosexuals and the passage of laws and ordinances which affirmatively support and protect the rights of all Gay people to be treated equally under the law. The complex issues which are brought into play in this struggle are often confusing to even the most active supporters of the movement. There is a great need for all of our members and supporters to understand more clearly the exact legal basis of the Gay rights movement in Texas. This is a synopsis of where we stand today.

First of all, Texas has the distinction of being one of the first states to have ratified the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the United States Constitution; the ratification has no effect on our rights whatsoever, and will not, until the required number of state legislatures add their states to the list. Then the ERA would become part of the US Constitution and it is possible that future liberal decisions of the Federal courts could use the ERA to support a more protective stand in favor of homosexuals as a "sexual minority"--not probably, but possibly.

Texas, though, went one step further. On November 7, 1972, it adopted the wording of the ERA into its own state constitution. It says: "Equality under the law shall not be denied or abridged because of sex, race, color, creed or national origin..."

It is important to recognize how the word sex is used in this and other legislative acts. It is not used to denote sexual activity. For example, a law which, for some reason, re-

warded celibacy would clearly discriminate against those who engage in "sex", but would not constitute sexual discrimination, per se. It is discrimination on the basis of a person's gender which the ERA seeks to protect against.

Some legal scholars believe that the Texas constitution, as amended, makes such laws as Penal Code Section 21.06 clearly unconstitutional. That would seem logical because 21.06 makes certain private sexual acts between consenting adults of the same sex illegal, while the same acts between two people of different sexes would be legal. The discrimination seems to be based on the gender of the individual, and it follows that such a law may well be in conflict with the wording of the Texas ERA.

But as logical as that sounds, the Texas courts have not yet applied the ERA in the state constitution to strike down 21.06 as a discriminatory statute. There is no guarantee what our Court of Criminal Appeals would do if presented with a clear and convincing case of "sexual discrimination" through the enforcement of 21.06, and, unfortunately, no one has ever stepped forward to push such a case up on appeal to force that high court to face the issue and render interpretation. Evidently those charged with a violation of 21.06 (private homosexual behavior) have chosen to avoid the limelight and pay the minor fine without contest. One day, hopefully, there may be a person who will take a 21.06 case to the "highest court" and cause that court to reverse the conviction on the grounds of unconstitutionality. That will be a great day for the Gay rights movement in Texas and the country.

What do we do until then? Austin is the one city in the state which, as a municipality, has come at the problem of Gay equality in another,

more direct way. The Austin City Council several years ago enacted a nondiscrimination ordinance which included "sexual preference" as a protected classification under its mandate for equal availability to public accommodations. In other words, Austin is saying: "Our wise legislature may insist that homosexual acts are illegal when committed in private, but we say that if public accommodations (restaurants, hotels, bars, stores, etc.) discriminate against homosexuals, they are going to face a suit by the Austin Human Relations Commission." In fact, a lawsuit known as the Driskoll Hotel suit is now underway in Austin testing this very stance taken by the city.

It would be incomplete in even this abbreviated summary of the legal status of the Gay movement in Texas, to omit the subject of "legalized harassment" which many Gay people experience in the course of their lifestyles. Clearly any sexual act conducted in public is considered indecent by our modern public standards of behavior--and by the law: Section 21.07, the "first cousin" of 21.06. This is true whether the public sex acts are committed by couples or groups of the same sex or of opposite sexes, or, indeed, are committed by a single individual. Under the law, public lewdness (21.07) impacts equally against Gays and Straights alike.

But this law, and other "public standard" laws like public intoxication, solicitation for sex, etc., are seldom equally enforced by the police and are used to "make raids" on Gay business establishments and gathering places to harass, intimidate and discourage Gay people from living Gay openly. Ironically, such "selective enforcement" of public standard laws is not only wrong, but is clearly illegal and unconstitutional. Yet it is perhaps the most widely used and highly feared form of discrimination against our Gay community. Perhaps the saddest part of this particular threat to the community is the fact that in practically all cases of such harassment, the victims choose to post bond quietly and pay whatever fine is assessed--despite their obvious innocence--in order to minimize the possibility of public exposure of their sexual preference. While such reluctance to fight this form of discrimination by police authorities is, regrettably, understandable, it makes the work of organizations such as the Texas Human Rights Foundation doubly hard because these "little outrages" go virtually unnoticed. [Editor's Note: For information on the related topic Operation: Documentation see Page 4.]

Bigot Appointed Regent to NTSU

Eddie Chiles, an ultraconservative Fort Worth millionaire who supports homophobic TV evangelist James Robison's campaign to overturn the FCC's Fairness Doctrine, is the new "token bigot" on the North Texas State University Board of Regents.

The State Senate grudgingly approved the appointment by Gov. Bill Clements May 25 after delaying a vote for a week.

Before the vote Sen. Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena, blasted as "intemperate and irresponsible" Chiles' radio attacks on public officials and said he may have a problem serving as a regent because of his "closed mind."

"But," Brooks continued, "There are those who say there ought to be a token bigot there just to keep everything leveled out."

Chiles, 69 president of the Western Company, an oil well servicing company, contributed \$25,000 to Clements' campaign.

On March 14 Chiles let Robison and an aide use his private airplane to fly to Houston to confer with Richard (Racehorse) Haynes, one of Robison's attorneys.

Chiles, who has become well known for his radio advertising spots on Americanism

and free enterprise, said Robison's fight for the First Amendment is his fight, too.

Robison contends that the First Amendment protects his right to speak out on radio and TV about "moral issues."

GAY PRIDE WEEK



June 23 - July 1

MCC Announces VD Clinic Plan

In a letter to members and friends of Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas, a spokesperson for the Board of Deacons disclosed plans for a venereal disease screening clinic. The tests will be conducted by Dallas County Health Department personnel at the church on a once-a-month basis. He emphasized, "This service will be free and confidential."

Specific dates are not available at this time, but will be announced in the church bulletin and future issues of DIALOG.

TGC 6 Set For August

The Texas Gay Conference VI (six) has been rescheduled to be held in Austin on the weekend of August 17, 18 and 19. This information was recently released by the Texas Gay Task Force.

Last year more than 350 people participated in the conference held last year in Dallas. TGC V (five) featured such guest speakers as Ginny Apuzzo of the National Gay Task Force, Don Amador, Mayor Tom Bradley's appointed liaison to the Los Angeles Gay community and the late San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk.

Plans for the 1979 conference are being finalized to present Leonard Matlovich, current candidate for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, and Pat Bond, the ex-WAC featured in the film "Word Is Out" who is now touring as a comedienne performing a one-person show "An Evening With Gertrude Stein."

Gayline Graduates 14 Counselors

The Community Resource Center (CRC), the organization which trains counselors for and staffs the Gayline, recently graduated 14 new counselors for the line according to Gary Brock, vice president. As trainees, the new counselors had undergone six weeks of specialized training under the supervision of a 5-person training committee headed by a certified psychologist. The Training Committee has announced plans for the next counselor training course to begin this fall. Interested persons should contact Gary Brock at 528-3639 or through the DGPC answering service 528-4233.

Nearly 50 persons attended the picnic following the May 20th meeting which celebrated the 5th anniversary of CRC's operation of Gayline. After the cake cutting ceremony, president Bill Beauchamp presented an award plaque to Ila Davies, director of the Inner Development Institute, in appreciation for her many services to CRC and the Gay community.

GAU Plans Local Media Panel

The Gay Academic Union of North Texas will present an informal panel discussion on "Reporting Gay-Related Issues by the Local Media" at its meeting June 3 at 2800 Binkley, Apt. 103, in University Park.

Appearing on the panel will be Susan Caudill of Channel 13's "Voices," Tom Grimes of Channel 13's "Newsday," and Nancy Bishop of The Dallas Morning News' "Guide" magazine.

The meeting will begin with a business session at 5:30 p.m. followed by a reception with food and beverages and then the panel discussion.

The meeting is open to anybody who is interested. Bill Beauchamp GAUNT president said. To cover the cost of refreshments, a donation of \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers is suggested.

For further information, call 691-0043.

ATTENTION

Have you ever been harassed by the Police within the last year because you are Gay? Many people have, but we lack records and, therefore, cannot prove to Federal and state authorities that such harassment of Gays occurs. DAIR and This Week in Texas (TWT) are mounting Operation: Documentation.

People who feel they have been harassed by the police should call DAIR at 214/824-8355. All responses will be confidential since names are not required for case reporting.

The DGPC Committee for the National March on Washington will hold its first public organizational meeting on Saturday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m. Call 214/363-9006 for information on location. Plans are to elect 4 delegates and 4 alternates who will attend the second national meeting to be held in Houston on the weekend July 6, 7 & 8.

Co-chair John Ferra stated, "We are especially looking to encourage women and minorities, who might wish to be delegates, to attend this meeting." Also since our region includes North Texas, people from Ft. Worth, Denton, Lewisville, Wichita Falls and the surrounding area are encouraged to attend. "We want the delegation to be as co-sexual and racially balanced as possible," said co-chair Jerry West.

The election of delegates at this time will allow the delegates 2 weeks to organize and plan for the Houston meeting. For more information call 214/363-9006 or the DGPC phone 214/528-4233.

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courage as it witnesses on the cutting edge of pain and oppression of so many of God's people."

The original controversy over Clark stemmed from a report which was based on research she had done during a 4-month leave for professional development. In the report, she mentioned for the first time publicly that she is a Lesbian.

"People have begun to deal with the issue of homophobia," news reports quoted her as saying. "Like racism and sexism, it takes years to struggle with this issue."

She said she did not feel the issue would hurt the Women's Division. "To engage in the struggle with homosexuality will strengthen the division," she said. "As a result of my research, I concluded that Gay men and Lesbian women are forced to participate in a conspiracy of silence that leads to our own oppression."

"Until some of us speak out, homophobia will continue to exist. For the division to begin to understand that homosexuals are not aliens, strange beings, is important. Homosexuals are people they know and work with every day."

The office formally occupied by Clark in the First United Methodist Church in Dallas is vacant now, since her successor has not yet been named. Her telephone has been disconnected.

And Clark has left Dallas to stay with friends in an Eastern city, fearing harassing phone calls and letters after a Dallas daily newspaper printed her home address in a news story.

Stonewall (Continued from Page 1)

queer, put your hands behind your back . . . I said put your hands behind your back, "slamming his fist hard into the stomach. The Gay customer argued back and shoved the cop, who lunged into the patron. A few Gay people quickly joined to help the Gay patron being beaten by the cop. It was getting loud and out of control. The police, thinking they would kill the problem quickly, tried to arrest three more Gay people. Tempers flared on both sides. As the Gays were ejected and released from the bar, they formed an intensely angry Gay crowd outside on the sidewalk.

A chant broke the air. "Gay Power!" someone shouted. "I'm a faggot and proud of it!" "I like boys!" Others took up the cry. Gay people trapped inside the bar chanted back. Encouraged by the response, the outside Gay crowd started throwing objects at the bar. Pennies first, then nickels, quarters, eventually barraging the police with bottles, bricks, anything that could be hurled in angry protest. The police barricaded themselves inside and called for reinforcements. A parking meter was uprooted and used as a battering ram. It was too late to stop.

The newly formed New York Tactical Riot Police responded, armed with baby-blue riot helmets and clubs. From atop adjoining roofs, concrete blocks were pushed off the roof edge, smashing police squad cars below, two of which were turned over by the 4,000 bystanders and one set on fire. The riot squad stood watching

the cops, who were watching the rioting, screaming Gays who were throwing objects at the bar and the trapped cops, who were backed against the bar by angry Gays behind them.

Outside, someone threw lighter fluid on the building. The police inside drew their guns. A match was lighted. The threat hung visibly in midair. Everyone waited.

That threat was enough. No one expected Gay people to react. None of us had fought back, like this, before. Pushed to the limits of our rage, we were ready to go one step further. The police put away their guns and left. Everyone, ecstatic at seeing this, ran through the Village spreading the word.

Next day, the Village was a party. Gay people came from all over to see that place, took heart at the new-found symbol and became upfront. "I can fight, too," was the attitude. For the first time, Gayness was a common human bond, that of a Gay community.

The Stonewall Resistance was the first action to burn a vision of possibilities into our consciousness. The mental picture--cops succumbing to drag queens, butch defeated by femme--contradicted everything society is built upon. It showed that we Gay people have strength, pride and an open place in society. The Stonewall Inn was the place where we stopped running and began fighting.

That is what Stonewall meant to me, who was a participant in it.

Ever since, there's been no turning back.

2,500 March for Human Rights

Chanting "Gay Rights Now" and "Gay's OK" along with other pro-Gay slogans, more than 2,500 Gay people walked through streets in the Oak Lawn area of Dallas to Lee Park as part of Gay Pride Week 1979.

Speakers at Lee Park for the June 30 event included State Rep. Sam Hudson of District 33-C; Dr. Louise Young, president of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus; Rev. Don Eastman, pastor of the Dallas Metropolitan Community Church; and Rev. Lisa Berry, pastor of Agape! MCC in Fort Worth.

Rev. A. R. Strickland, pastor of United Christian Fellowship Church of Dallas, gave the invocation. Ron Stegman of Dignity/Outreach in Dallas presented a trophy to Gary Decker in appreciation of his work in helping plan Gay Pride Week.

The march, which was sponsored by the newly created Gay Pride Committee, was billed as a candlelight memorial walk for Gay rights and occurred without any major problems or harassment.

Dutch Movie Draws SRO Crowd

More than 150 persons filled the First Unitarian Church social hall Friday evening during Gay Pride Week to view the prize-winning controversial film, "Hoera! Een Homo!?"

The 45-minute second segment of the three-part Dutch-language film was shown with English subtitles. It re-enacted the hearing of a youthful homosexual teacher before a group of parents and school officials. They discuss whether he should be allowed to continue in his post.

The film recently won first prize at the 1979 International Public Television film competition in Rome in April.

After the film showing, Bob Ray Sanders, station manager of KERA-FM, served as moderator of a panel consisting of local educators and Ms. Barbara Gittings, chairperson of the Gay Task Force of the National Library Association. Questions were also fielded from the audience.

Gary Brock, vice president of Community Resource Center (CRC), arranged the showing and introduced the program.

Governor Signs Bill Requiring Psychological Testing for Police

Gov. Bill Clements of Texas recently signed a bill by Rep. Frank Tejeda (D-San Antonio) requiring law enforcement officers to undergo psychological testing before being certified to serve on police forces.

Rep. Tejeda said the bill was needed to determine violent tendencies in individuals desiring to become officers. He said the psychological testing could prevent police brutality if persons with violent emotions are screened before they are certified to serve as law enforcement officers.

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Razzle Dazzles Dallas: 4,500 Attend Disco Party

As Hollywood kleig lights swept the skies over Fair Park on June 23, 4,500 Gays thronged to the Texas Hall of State for the first annual Razzle Dazzle Dallas sponsored by DGPC.

Gay men and Lesbians mingled on the front stairs, in the refreshment lines or in the Great Hall disco--all the "vibes" were good. Comments like "Do you believe we are here," "I would never have believed when I came here as a [Boy Scout/Girl Scout/Campfire Girl/Little Leaguer] youngster that I would be here as a Gay person," or "The Gays of Dallas have finally arrived."

The beer flowed, "Gay dust" glittered, music rocked and balloons bounced while Gay men and Lesbians danced, greeted friends and hugged and kissed newly made friends and

absolute strangers. The mood was high throughout the 5-hour party and it ended without incident.

A number of Gays were in colorful costumes. Others varies between the two extremes of tuxedos and cutoffs.

As the party approached 2 a.m., one shirtless beglittered host said, "Next year it will be even better."

Dallas Delegates Attend Meeting

The Dallas delegation, in attendance with delegates from all of the seven regions of the nation, met in Houston July 6-8 to decide policy and plans for the National March on Washington for Lesbians and Gay Rights.

Issues discussed were the date, place, and demands of the march. Transportation, housing, security and social events were also on the agenda.

Demands are as follows:

1. To end all social, economic, judicial and legislative oppression of Lesbian and Gay people.
2. Repeal all anti-Lesbian/Gay laws.
3. Pass a comprehensive Lesbian/Gay rights bill in Congress.
4. Issue a presidential executive order banning discrimination based on sexual orientation in the Federal government, the military, and federally-contracted private employment.
5. End discrimination in Lesbian mother and Gay father custody cases.

The Dallas delegates were Cobb Keller, John Ferry, S. Holly and Debbie Shaffer. Alternate delegates were Mike Mulkey, Mark Earhart and L. Rochelle. John and Debbie will report on the conference at the July general meeting.

Sondheim Music To Benefit DGPC

From London to Broadway and finally to Dallas. That is the travel history of "Side by Side by Sondheim."

The stage musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, one of America's foremost men of the Broadway theatre, will be the Theatre Three offering in July.

The preview performance on Monday, July 16, will be an evening of champagne and musical entertainment designed to benefit the Dallas Gay Political Caucus.

Tickets for the event will be on sale at the July 9 DGPC meeting. Remaining tickets, if any, will be available at the door on the night of the performance.

Champagne will be served starting at 7 P.M. and again during intermission and following the performance. The show is scheduled to begin at 8 P.M.

Theatre Three is located in the Quadrangle on Routh Street just off Cedar Springs.

Educational Plans

On Thursday, July 19 at 7:30 p.m. a major meeting will be held to develop the Caucus educational effort for the next year. Any professional in the field of education or the social sciences are especially urged to attend.

We will identify goals and objectives and establish procedural outlines. The location of this meeting will be announced at the July 9 general DGPC meeting.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Steve Henley

On the national scene, Federal legislation to protect Gay men and Lesbians from discrimination because of affectional or sexual orientation has come this year in the form of H. R. 2074 co-sponsored by Rep. Ted Weiss (D.-N. Y.) and Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Calif.), according to Steve Endean, executive director of the Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL).

The list of co-sponsors is not complete, but it does include a Texan for the first time, Rep. Mickey Leland of Houston. The bill has been referred to committee, but no meetings have been scheduled yet. Unfortunately no companion bill or other pro-Gay legislation has been introduced in the Senate.

No Federal anti-Gay legislation has been filed, but GRNL remains ever-watchful for harmful riders or amendments such as the MacDonald amendment which would have denied legal aid to poor persons who were Gay. Readers will recall this amendment was finally defeated.

There is bad news in Washington D. C. in the form of a major new anti-Gay lobby which has been founded called Christian Voice. The lobby is linked with the powerful American Christian Cause organization. This well funded lobby on many issues including pornography, Gay rights, busing and prayer in school. This lobby will very likely be in cohorts with Anita Bryant's groups against Gays, Endean indicates.

Persons desiring more information about Federal legislation should contact Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL), 1606 17th Street N.W., Washington, D. C. 20009 or call 202/462-4255.

Sex-Change Settlement

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)--An out-of-court settlement has been reached in a \$7 million damage suit alleging a San Francisco doctor botched a sex-change operation on transsexual waitress Julie Phillips.

Attorney Melvin Belli, who represents the 38-year-old red-haired waitress, said the settlement is "enough for psychiatric help for the rest of Julie's life and a new operation," once Miss Phillips is capable of undergoing it.

He would not disclose the amount of the settlement.

Miss Phillips testified during the trial that Dr. John Brown, a San Francisco doctor now practicing medicine in Mexico, and his assistant, James Spence of San Jose, pressured her into the operation that she claims left her neither man nor woman.

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Not Political: Think Again!

By Steve Henley

On April 7 approximately one-half of the Gays in Dallas had the opportunity to vote, and not many of them did. This was the School Board Election which will influence any of our children and all of our Gay peers who work for the school district, and how our tax dollars are spent to educate our children.

Less than two percent of the registered voters voted in this election and many persons are not registered to vote. Who was this estimated one percent of the population who voted? Do you think it was young people, Gay men and Lesbians and ethnic minorities? Or do you think it was older people, religious fanatics and extreme social conservatives? If you chose the latter category you are right--according to Don Bowen in his book "Political Behavior of the American Public" and my own observations about Dallas County.

Many times when we try to foster voting and involvement in the Gay community we are met with, "I don't want to have anything to do with politics." That is fine as long as you realize that politics has everything to do with you!

What was the first thing you did this morning? You probably had a cup of coffee. What brand of coffee? Did part of their profits go to support Anita Bryant and James Robison? Was there a sales tax on the coffee? Was it too high? Where did that money go? Did part of it go to vice-officers to harass Gays?

Every aspect of your life is determined by someone you elected to office, or hired by someone you elected to office. Politics is just like your dirty dishes, you may not enjoy doing them, but they are yours and they have to be done.

The battle for Gay rights will be won through tough political maneuvering and arm twisting. The latest poll on the ERA shows that the general public in every state favors it by a large majority, however, the general public is not representative of the voters who ultimately elect persons who could affect the ERA.

Even if we educate a majority of people about Gays, if they are not active voters, the efforts are not going to help Gay rights. We must concentrate on the people who control our lives.

There are many influential people we will never be able to educate about Gays. We may not be able to convert them, but we can run all over them with the truck of political power.

Nobody against Gay people, against women

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Dialog, sponsored by the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, generally reports the views and news of interest to the Gay community. Inclusion of names of persons in this publication, however, cannot be construed as reflecting his or her sexual orientation. Dialog accepts worthy opinion/commentary articles from anyone. The opinions and/or comments stated therein are solely those of the authors and do not imply agreement by Dialog, nor should readers con-

or against any minority should ever be voted into any office again and it is up to all of you reading this to see that this happens.

The lack of protection for Gays stemming from weak and bad politics is causing untold emotional and economic suffering. We must all care more and do more whether we want to or not because our lives depend on it.

Response From Blue Cross

One of our employees directed a letter to me as part of a company-wide employee opinion survey. This letter requested that a response regarding the policy of Blue Cross and Electronic Data Systems toward the hiring and promotion of Gay People be directed to your organization.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas does not differentiate between any segment of our employees. We hire and promote the best qualified individuals. The fact that these individuals may be of varying races, religions, sexes, or whatever is not a factor in this consideration.

Only Electronic Data Systems can speak to that organization's hiring and promotion practices. If this information is desired, an inquiry should be directed to that company.

Sincerely,

W. F. Hachmeister, President

adieu

From "small town closet case" to "big city Gay activist" is a long way to go in the nine years I've lived in the Dallas area. Certainly, the good times and the beautiful people here will always make Dallas my home.

But I've been stricken with a terminal case of San Francisco-itis, and I will leave the middle of June to make my new home there.

Since it will be impossible for me to see all of you to say a personal goodbye, please know that I appreciate and love everyone of you. Thank you for letting me work with you and for you.

Remember: Being Gay is a beautiful experience and never allow anyone (especially yourself!) to treat you in a second-class manner just because you are who you are.

--Rodger D. Pettyjohn

strue any such article as a policy statement of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus.

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TEXAS GAY LOBBY HERALDS VICTORIES

The Human Rights Advocates, the lobbying arm of the Texas Gay Task Force, reports that the state's first gay lobby records victories upon completion of the 66th legislative session. For five months every odd-numbered year, Texas lawmakers meet in Austin, to make law and unnerve its observers. Unfortunately, much of Texas' citizenry is unaware of the follies engaged in by the 181 member body.

Bettie Naylor, the fulltime Human Rights Advocate, explains that she found a willingness on the part of most lawmakers to talk openly and honestly with her on matters of concern to Texas gays. Naylor observes, "Lawmakers are giving an ear to our population in Texas because they are coming to know more about us." Having an active and ever-present lobby in the recently adjourned legislature clearly establishes our growing strength and ableness to raise dollars so as to insure a voice for our future. Our goal in the 66th session was to ward off anti-gay legislation and to lay the groundwork for protective legislation in future sessions.

Lawmakers and Capitol observers had many questions prior to our inhabiting the halls of the Texas Capitol. Naylor reflects, "We put forth a professional effort which caused the state's lawmakers to begin questioning some of their ill-conceived myths about us." After all, Naylor contends, "They didn't have their greatest fears come true...dykes on bikes racing through the Capitol halls and queens in flowing garb strutting in and out of the guarded men only stations. The right wingers had even suggested that we would amend the state Equal Rights Amendment to include sexual or affectional preference."

Our greatest victory came on April 23 when the Speaker of the Texas House sustained a point of order against further consideration of a section of the budget which denied gay organizations on college campuses use of meeting facilities and other campus services. Rep. Lance Lalor (Houston) and Sen. A.R. "Babe" Schwartz (Galveston) carried the points of order and helped us remove the discriminatory and unconstitutional addition to the state's General Appropriations bill.

During this meeting of the Texas Legislature, bills were introduced and lawmakers attempted to ban "poppers" (Rush, Hardware, Lockeroom, Bolt, Climax, etc.), raise the state's drinking age from 18 to 19 years, and put an outright ban on bars which permit "sexually oriented conduct." Although the latter bill was aimed at all bars selling alcoholic beverages, gay bars/clubs would have undoubtedly had the responsibility of prohibiting drag attire or entertainment and disallowing same sex dancing. It was the feeling of the Human Rights Advocates that passage of this bill would have led to increased harassment of gay/lesbian bars and their patrons.

Through the efforts of the Human Rights Advocate in the Capitol and many constituent contacts with lawmakers, the "poppers" bill and the "sexually oriented conduct" bill were never passed. An attempt to raise the drinking age was halted in the House when high school student groups became involved.

Our Advocate worked actively and successfully to foil attempts to target gays as the scapegoats for floor debate on child pornography and child sexual abuse legislation.

The Human Rights Advocates worked in coalition with non-gay supporters all session. Through the direct activity of the Human Rights Advocate in the Capitol, the bill dealing with the shelters for victims of family and domestic violence (which includes gay/lesbian victims) was passed.

The state Commission on Human Rights came close to final passage, only to be defeated in the waning hours of the session by only three Senate votes.

Adding initiative and referendum powers to the state's Constitution was opposed by the Human Rights Advocates and failed final passage. Since the Governor supports this legislation, it will probably be included in his Special Session call. We plan to have a presence in the Special Session.

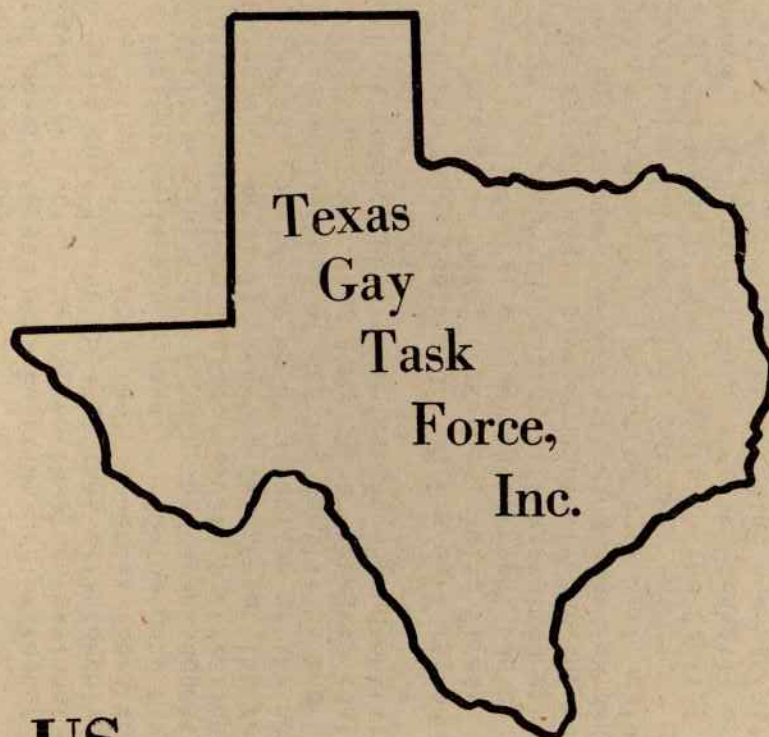
We will need to raise approximately \$8,000 for direct lobbying in the Special Session (probably to be called in the fall or winter) and to pay off a few outstanding debts from the regular session.

IT ALL WORKS FOR YOU! We urge you to join TGTF (see membership form on reverse side) and contribute to the lobbying projects. Make all lobby checks payable to the Human Rights Advocates and send to P.O. Box 39406, San Antonio, Texas 78239.

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in August, 1978
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Preachers Not Exempt

(Reprinted from Dallas Times Herald, April 8)

In a recent full-page ad in area papers, the Rev. James Robison argues against the application of the Fairness Doctrine to preachers on television. He says he likes the concept, but not the practice, of requiring "broadcasters to afford reasonable opportunities for the presentation of contrasting viewpoints on controversial issues of public importance."

The result of this doctrine's application, he says, is that broadcasters remove from their schedules programming which might lead to their having to give free rebuttal time to groups which disagree on such issues. That may be an unfortunate reaction by television executives to the Fairness Doctrine, and changes may be in order.

But retreating from the Fairness Doctrine is not one of them. To make some sort of exception for preachers, to allow them to say whatever they like on television "without apology and without compromise" and without public access to rebuttal time where controversial issues of public importance are concerned would be a grave mistake.

Preaching "from the Scriptures" is not a sufficient claim for exemption. Anyone who is persuaded by Mr. Robison that there is some sort of unanimity about "what the Bible says concerning moral issues" should recall--to cite just two examples among many--that Biblical texts are often used both in support of and in opposition to equal rights for women and, in pre-Civil War times, were called upon both to attack and to defend the enslavement of human beings.

Mr. Robison would limit to one option those who disagree with his views on homosexuality and other controversial public issues: to turn off their sets. The whole point of the Fairness Doctrine is that another option should be available in a democracy: the right to reply.

It is an article of Unitarian Universalist faith that the free expression of contrasting views is the best means available to us for arriving at truth. Religious, ethical, and moral insights may come from anyone, not just from ministers.

The Fairness Doctrine should be strengthened and expanded, not abandoned or amended for the sake of preachers.

REV. ROBERT C. CLARKE
First Unitarian Church of Dallas
REV. W. P. HOLWAY
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
REV. ROBERT L. HILL
First Unitarian Church of Fort Worth

FEDERAL HOUSE TAX BILLS WILL HELP GAYS

Two bills are currently pending in the House Ways and Means Committee that would alleviate Internal Revenue laws for income tax discrimination. Both bills are of particular interest to the Gay community since the vast majority of Gays are both single and renters.

H. R. 108 would lower tax rates for single persons to the rates currently paid by married persons, and it would also remove "the marriage penalty" from couples who both have incomes, thus removing tax rate discrimination from both singles and working couples.

H. R. 871 would make a beginning toward income tax equality for renters by permitting tenants to take a deduction for that portion of their rent which goes ultimately to pay property tax and interest on their rental unit, either house or apartment.

Persons desiring more information about the bills should send stamped, self-addressed envelopes to CO\$T, Box 1797, Baltimore MD 21203.

The Man From Castro Street

(Just prior to his assassination, Harvey Milk was interviewed by San Francisco Examiner reporter Lenny Giteck. Because of the singular Gay insights presented in that interview, we are here presenting the fourth in a series of questions put to Harvey Milk and his answers.)

Q. Was it a mistake to pass Gay rights ordinances around the country in the first place?

A. The Constitution of the United States was not meant for the majority; it was meant to protect minorities. I'm sure if we put it to a vote, we could outlaw black teachers in some places, and Jewish teachers in others, and Holy Rollers in others. It's easy to legislate against a minority. That's what the Constitution was set up to prevent.

But even if Gays lose in these initiatives, people are still being educated. Because of

Dade County, the entire nation was educated about homosexuality to a greater extent than ever before. In the weeks before and after Dade County, more was written about homosexuality than during the total history of mankind. More people said "damn queers" than ever before, and for many it was the first time they'd used the word "queer." That's the beginning of a dialogue. Maybe the result was wrong, but it was the beginning of an education. The first step is always hostility, and after the hostility you can sit down and talk about it.

That's why after Dade County the campaign in Wichita was slightly different. It was different in St. Paul and Eugene. Each time more myths were shattered, and they had to reach further and further for their arguments. Maybe we'll lose 50 races, but by the end there will be no more myths. No one will be able to claim we're child molesters.

ATTENTION

Have you ever been harassed by the Police within the last year because you are Gay? Many people have, but we lack records and, therefore, cannot prove to Federal and state authorities that such harassment of Gays occurs. DAIR and This Week in Texas (TWT) are mounting **Operation: Documentation**.

People who feel they have been harassed by the police should call DAIR at 214/824-8355. All responses will be confidential since names are not required for case reporting.

EDITORIAL

Is It Separatism?

As a Gay woman eagerly awaiting the day when all Gays are deemed free and legal, I fail to understand why one of the women's bars in Dallas sees fit to schedule events that conflict with those of Gay Pride Week.

Gay Pride Week, sponsored by all Gay organizations in Dallas, was just one way to unite the Dallas community of Gay men and lesbians. But United we weren't. This bar saw fit on two occasions to sponsor events in direct conflict with Razzle Dazzle Dallas and the candlelight Gay Pride March. Why?

Contrary to what women think, we are working for all Gay people, and that includes women.

Like a cancer that eats away at the human body, separation is eating away at the Dallas Gay and Lesbian community.

Until we Gays stand united in our own community, working together as equals, we'll never be free and legal.

I've heard that the DGPC is a male-oriented organization. Not true. It only looks that way because the men are the only ones who care enough to support it. There are some women members--as a matter of fact, DGPC's president is a woman.

But don't expect the few to do all the work. They have just so much energy and time.

Come and join DGPC or any one of the more than 15 Gay/Lesbian organizations, and be a voice to our face, not to our backs.--D.S.



One of us is an asshole!

NOTES
ON
THE
ADVISIBILITY
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GAY LOBBYIST
IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

- a short booklet -

This booklet will tell you what I see as part of the problems in being gay in Texas, and what I can do (with your help) to change the way things are. Here, you will also learn more about me and my qualifications to define the problem and to work on the solution. If you read all of this little booklet, I hope that you will be moved to help me with this project.

I am of the opinion that a major cause of current social and political discrimination against gays stems from Texas' criminal law. This problem has recently been effectively eased, and can be eventually eliminated. By following a course of action that I shall outline in this booklet, I believe that we can make monumental strides in the direction of personal freedom for ourselves and all people. I will not attempt to describe the entire scope of all of our problems here. For the time being, I will concern myself only with the criminal law.

By putting this into writing, I will be better able to reach more people and groups who can give me encouragement and support--both financial and morale. The more people our views represent, the stronger will become our influence for change. I invite you to read this, and study it, and then pass it on to a friend.

DEFINING THE PROBLEM

Until 1973, Texas criminal law contained a felony sodomy prohibition that could land a violator in prison for at least two and up to twenty years. When the Penal Code was revised that year, the sodomy provision was repealed. In its place, was left Article 21.06, Homosexual Conduct, which makes it an offense to "engage in deviate sexual intercourse with another individual of the same sex." Deviate sexual intercourse means "any contact between any part of the genitals of one person and the mouth or anus of another person." An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor which carries a maximum sentence of a \$200 fine.

Even though the felony statute has been repealed for longer than three years, we are told that there are some still in prison in Texas for sodomy.

Article 21.07 was also passed by the 63rd Legislature in 1973. The title of this article is Public Lewdness. Although this provision was clearly intended by the Legislature to prohibit public sexual acts of all kinds, it has recently been declared to be an "anti-homosexual" by Director Burgess of the Dallas Police, and has been used as a tool to harass gay people and gay businesses. An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor, and carries a possible punishment of up to a \$2000 fine and up to one year in the County Jail.

The Dallas Park Board operates a separate and autonomous agency known as the Park Police whose undercover officers operate extensively in the parks and public -- often enticing violations of Article 21.07 and in some cases Article 21.11 (which prohibits sexual contact with a child, or indecent exposure in the presence of a child under the age of 17 years). An offense under this section is a felony of the third degree, and carries a possible punishment of from two to twenty years in prison and a possible fine of up to \$5000.

In my opinion, although I am not a lawyer, Article 21.06 is basically an unenforceable city ordinance type law that could never be used to bring criminal charges against anyone in a court of law. The ambiguous measure was included as a compromise to facilitate the repeal of the very harsh felony statute. However, the presence of Article 21.06 in Texas' Penal Code gives some law enforcement agencies the very mistaken impression that they should find some other law with which to color their harassment of gays.

For most all of our lives, the criminal law has contained some sanction against any expression - public or private - of a gay person's natural sexuality. This criminal prohibition has worked hand-in-hand with many social fears and taboos. The result for many of us has been a lifetime of dubious dignity and a constant fear of detection. Until recently, detection could mean immediate termination of one's employment, ruined community standing, housing eviction, severe criminal prosecution, and other things.

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

Continued changes within the political processes is not only desirable, but also much more viable as we organize ourselves toward some specific goals. Together, we will continue to make changes. The tide of the times is with us now. As a group, we have tremendous political power to sway that we are only beginning to see ourselves.

Sodomy law

If there are still inmates being held in Texas' prisons for sodomy convictions, we should determine who they are and attempt to aid in their release. This could be done in one of several ways:

- a. action by Board of Pardons and Paroles
- b. clemency, commutation, pardon or other action by the Governor's office
- c. courtroom initiative by attorney
- d. public pressure to paricipitate the above action

Article 21.06

Since an offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor, this law does not govern private sexual acts between consenting adults. However, its presence on the books makes for continued harassment of gays under color of law.

An attempt was made in the last session of the Texas House of Representatives in 1975 to repeal Article 21.06 by amendment. The provision was defeated, but we did receive almost thirty affirmative votes. These Representatives need to be identified, sought out and encouraged.

RESUME

Robert Alan (Bob) Jones

P.O. Box 2384
Dallas, Texas 75221
age: 36 D.O.B.: November 6, 1940

EDUCATION:

Highland Park High School, Dallas, graduate 1958
Cooper Union, New York City, graduate 1963

EXPERIENCE

1970-present

I have been employed fulltime for the past six years in various endeavors designed to bring social change to the oppressed and victimized minorities of Texas. In April, 1970, I founded DALLAS FREE CHURCH. This was primarily a community assistance organization which operated very actively on the Dallas scene until October, 1972. Our services included: a 24-hour crisis phone, drug information, bail bonding (our main source of income), paralegal assistance, legal referral, law reform, free food, free clothing, crash pads, job assistance, community organizing, draft and war resistance.

I was well known in the community as "Reverend Bob Jones, minister of Free Church". I was a frequent speaker at City Council on such things as police/prisoner relations, jail and court reform, and city management affairs. My work involved dealing and negotiating with police chiefs, internal affairs investigators, judges, jailers, sheriffs, and others to vindicate personal rights and freedoms.

Of particular concern to us was the mis-directed action of the drug law enforcement and illegal police harrassment and other activities. I also provided individual and group counseling, and performed hundreds of wedding ceremonies.

Free Church actions can be credited with establishing or provoking such reforms as:

- (1) legal arraignment - where none existed, now a large magistrate system sits
- (2) Pre-trial release program (under the sponsorship of the Dallas County Bar Assn,) which last year released 6000 persons on personal recognizance bond
- (3) more direct and responsive access to police and other municipal complaint and action lines
- (4) community political organizing

I worked very closely during this time with Jim Mattox as my attorney. When he was successfully elected to the Texas Legislature for the 1973-74 term, I, too, went to Austin to work in a lobbying capacity. Among the changes for which I worked were:

- (1) reduction of Texas felony marijuana laws to misdemeanor status (as State Project Director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws - NORML)
- (2) bail bonding company regulations
- (3) repeal of felony sodomy statutes
- (4) prison reform and prisoner release
- (5) prisoner's right to vote

I gained experience in negotiating with the Governor's office regarding release of more than 1000 persons from prison by commutation of sentence.

I was instrumental in the formation of CURE, a San Antonio, Texas-based prison activist group, and INTERFAITH COMMISSION ON HUMAN PRIORITIES, a statewide legislative action arm of the Texas Council of Churches.

For the past two years, I have been involved in benefit music concert production and political organizing efforts particularly on behalf of two major concerns:

- (1) personal rights and freedom
- (2) election to U.S. Congress of two-term State Representative Jim Mattox...

Prior to my political activism, I was engaged in decorative gifts and gift wrapping design and marketing. Before that I worked in New York for CBS-TV for three years in graphic arts and free-lance skit writing for such as Garry Moore, Carol Burnett, Jackie Gleason, and others.

THE PLAN

The Plan is this...to hire me as the director of a lobby office during the Legislative session which begins in January and lasts until June. To operate as an effective office with backing from each of the gay organizations in Texas should be budgeted at about \$2500 per month. This will pay me a salary of \$1000 per month with funds available to hire one fulltime staff member and one or two part time employees, plus travel expenses, office rent, telephone, typewriter, etc. This office would be in constant touch with the Legislative and Government processes and functions, and would represent the interests of the various support organizations. We should issue a monthly newsletter, and appear at monthly meetings and rallies in each major city of Texas.

I would think that we would want to keep the office in Austin only while the session is in progress. I should be retained on a permanent basis. I would expect my work to last for at least a few years.

Money should readily be available to fund such an office if we can inspire the participation of organizations statewide. Some suggestion would be to sell a plaque or certificate to gay bars and businesses for \$100 each. Take up collections at bars or throw benefits, but make the need known and I believe that Texas gays will chip in generously for such a cause. I need to begin the job immediately. I need to be in Austin during December, as well as being available to travel to the other major cities of Texas to talk up the cause and raise the support. I need your help. A lot of large donations will add up to the money we need and more to make an effective voice.

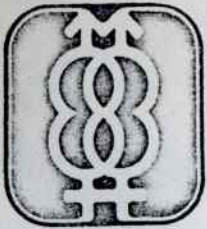
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GAY LOBBIER
IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

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DALLAS
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'UNITED FOR EQUAL RIGHTS'

Dear Delegate:

With the approaching September Convention, the delegates representing the Democratic Party in Texas are beginning to turn their thoughts toward the many important issues facing the party and the State of Texas.

Of those issues, one stands out as a question of singular importance to the future of the party. It is the issue of the repeal of Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code; it is the issue of equal rights under law for gay men and women.

You are a delegate charged with casting an independent vote when this issue is again presented to the convention. In June, you no doubt recall, this particular issue was reported out of the Resolution Committee by majority approval, but was then tabled on the convention floor. It is our thought that you and your fellow delegates may wish to further acquaint yourselves with the nature of the "21.06 Resolution" should it come up for a vote again in Houston.

Enclosed you will find an explanation of the resolution as well as formal statements issued by distinguished educational and professional associations on the subject of gay rights.

Please read this material carefully. Find out what this group of Texas Democrats is asking and why. Then cast your vote -- as your own conscience dictates. For further information at the convention, please contact the Lesbian/Gay Democrats of Texas.

We cannot be silent on an issue of this magnitude. The Democratic Party has never been known to turn its back to individuals struggling for fundamental human rights, and this is no exception.

With open hearts, and open minds, we thank you for your concern.

Sincerely,

THE DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS

p.o. box 35011 dallas, texas 75235

RESOLUTION TO REPEAL SECTION 21.06

WHEREAS the right to privacy is inherent in the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS the private sexual conduct between consenting adults should not be the concern of the state government; and

WHEREAS Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code classifies lesbians and gay men as criminals by virtue of their private sexual conduct; and

WHEREAS the presumed violation of Section 21.06 is the basis for discrimination against lesbians and gay men in employment, housing, child custody cases, etc.;

BE IT RESOLVED that all efforts should be made to remove Section 21.06 from the Texas Penal Code*

*Section 21.06 reads: "Homosexual Conduct - A person commits an offense if he engages in deviate sexual intercourse with another individual of the same sex."

Note: This section places a criminal penalty on the consensual conduct of adults in the privacy of their own homes. If there is no consent, or if one person is underage, or if the conduct occurs in public, other sections of the penal code provide separate and higher penalties.

REASONS WHY THIS RESOLUTION SHOULD BE PASSED

1. No one should have the right to invade other people's privacy regardless of their sexual orientation.
2. Authorized invasion of privacy implies a second class or minority status for homosexual men and women and makes them victims of selective enforcement of other laws.
3. Every individual should be guaranteed the right to lead his or her life free from the threat of governmental intrusion so long as that life is consistent with integrity, responsibility, and respect for the legitimate rights of others.
4. No one is a victim of this "crime" except those persons whose lives are marred by an arrest.
5. Twenty-four states have passed consensual sex laws.
6. The Democratic Party has always fought for civil rights for all minorities.
7. This or a similar resolution was passed in the following Senatorial District or County Conventions May 10, 1980: Denton County, Travis County, Senatorial Districts 7 and 15 (Houston) and Senatorial Districts 8 and 16 (Dallas).

WHAT IS THE PARTY'S POSITION?

ENSURING BASIC RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES

CIVIL RIGHTS

We must affirm the dignity of all people and the right of each individual to have equal access to and participation in the institutions and services of our society. All groups must be protected from discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, language, age, sex or sexual orientation. This includes specifically the right of foreign citizens to enter this country. Appropriate legislative and administrative actions to achieve these goals should be undertaken.

- 1980 Democratic National Platform

"For too long, the doors of the federal government were closed to too many Americans. Jimmy Carter has opened those doors and he intends to see that they remain open. In a similar vein, the President is committed to continuing his policy of appointing qualified individuals without discrimination based on race, color, sex, religion, national origin or sexual orientation."

- Robert Strauss, Chairman
CARTER/MONDALE PRESIDENTIAL
COMMITTEE
March 24, 1980



AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

1155 EAST 60TH ST., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60637 TELEPHONE (312) 493-0533

December 21, 1973

Dr. Bruce Voeller
National Gay Task Force
Suite 1903-1904
80 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10011

Dear Dr. Voeller:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation today,
the following is the resolution adopted by the
American Bar Association's House of Delegates at
its 1973 Annual Meeting held in Washington, D. C.
on August 6-8:

*Resolved, That the legislatures of the
several states are urged to repeal all
laws which classify as criminal conduct
any form of non-commercial sexual conduct
between consenting adults in private,
saving only those portions which protect
minors or public decorum.*

Sincerely yours,

Alicia V. Pond
Office of the Secretary

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February 25, 1976

Dr. Bruce Voeller
National Gay Task Force
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New York, New York 10011

Dear Doctor Voeller:

As per your request, please find enclosed the text of the action of the House of Delegates of the AMA in June 1975 with respect to legal restrictions on sexual behavior between consenting adults.

According to our legal staff, all actions of the House are in the public domain and do not require special permission to quote.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'E. M. Steindler', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

E. M. Steindler

FROM: Proceedings, House of Delegates, Atlantic City, New Jersey,
June 15-19, 1975, 124th Annual Convention, American Medical
Association (Page 84)

Legal Restrictions on Sexual Behavior Between Consenting Adults

HOUSE ACTION: That the American Medical Association support in principle repeal of laws which classify as criminal any form of non-commercial sexual conduct between consenting adults in private, saving only those portions of the law which protect minors, public decorum, or the mentally incompetent.



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June 30, 1975

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The American Psychiatric Association has gone on record as strongly advocating the limitation of all discrimination against homosexual men and women that is based solely on the fact that they are homosexual. In a resolution, passed on December 15, 1974, the Board of Trustees of the American Psychiatric Association adopted the following resolution:

Whereas homosexuality per se implies no impairment in judgment, stability, reliability, or general social or vocational capabilities, therefore, be it resolved that the American Psychiatric Association deplores all public and private discrimination against homosexuals in such areas as employment, housing, public accomodation, and licensing and declares that no burden of proof of such judgment, capacity, or reliability shall be placed on homosexuals greater than that imposed on any other persons. Further, the American Psychiatric Association supports and urges the enactment of civil rights legislation at the local, state, and federal level that would offer homosexual citizens the same protections now guaranteed to others on the basis of race, creed, color, etc. Further, the American Psychiatric Association supports and urges the repeal of all discriminatory legislation singling out homosexual acts by consenting adults in private.

In the reasoned judgment of most American psychiatrists today, homosexuality per se does not constitute any form of mental disorder and it is no longer listed as such in the current revision of the official nomenclature of mental disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association. The Association believes firmly that these considerations apply to homosexual men and women in the armed forces no less than in all other walks of life. If individual homosexual women or men prove to be unsuited to military life by virtue of specific actions that would apply equally to heterosexuals, those individuals should be separated from the service. As a class, however, there is no sound psychiatric basis for treating homosexual men and women any differently from other people in the armed services. In actuality innumerable gay men and women have served in the armed forces with distinction and have received honorable discharges. The fact that they were undetected as homosexuals merely indicates that their sex life, no less than that of heterosexuals, was a private matter, as indeed it should be.

Very truly yours,


Judd Marmor, M.D.
President



February 7, 1974

Ms. Nath Rockhill
National Gay
80 Fifth Avenue, Suite 903-904
New York, New York 10011

Dear Ms. Rockhill:

I have conferred with related staff and volunteers in response to your request about the actions taken in our 26th National Convention in March 1973 on the subject of sexual orientation. I am sending you two related actions:

1. The amendment to our Public Affairs Program as published in our official pamphlet under the section entitled "Basic Individual Rights:"

"We support:

- a. Measures to expand affirmative action programs to assure opportunity without barriers based on sex, race, creed, or nationality for all persons to share equitably in employment, education, housing, health facilities and all services financed to any degree by governmental tax funds.
- b. Measures to assure opportunities for those who have been discriminated against because of their age, marital status, parenthood or sexual orientation to share equitably in employment, education, housing, health facilities and all services financed to any degree by governmental tax funds."

2. The full text of a resolution related to sexual preference adopted by the Convention follows:

WHEREAS, the YWCA of the U.S.A. has committed itself to pluralism; and
WHEREAS, the YWCA supports the right to individual life styles; and
WHEREAS, the YWCA is open to all women and girls; and
WHEREAS, the YWCA has a history of being a pioneer for social justice; and
WHEREAS, that history is one of taking risks to further freedom justice, and dignity for all people: therefore be it
RESOLVED by the 26th Convention of the YWCA of the U.S.A.,
That the YWCA will not discriminate in board representation, staff hiring, or program participation on the basis of sexual preference.

Please note that neither the amendment to our Public Affairs Program nor the resolution indicates support of specific legislation. The National Board of the YWCA is charged with responsibility for implementing and assisting local Associations in implementing Convention actions.

Sincerely,

Ida Sloan Snyder
(Mrs.) Ida Sloan Snyder
Director
Communications

...in the
struggle
for peace
and justice,
freedom
and dignity
for all
people

Stonewall to DC

Lesbians/Gays Fight Back

The birth of the modern Lesbian and Gay liberation movement began 10 years ago in New York with the Stonewall Rebellion.

Lesbians, Gays and Transpeople hurled rocks, bottles and Molotov cocktails at the police during a "routine" Gay bar raid. But it was not just in response to a bar raid any more than the San Francisco rebellion of 1979 was to a court decision (the Dan White sentence).

Lesbians and Gays were demonstrating against the centuries of harassment, persecution and oppression. They were telling the world

that they would fight openly, militantly and relentlessly from that time on. It was a movement born nationwide.

Since then hundreds of thousands of Lesbians and Gays have demonstrated in the streets. For example, thousands protested the 1978 defeats by referenda of progressive Lesbian and Gay Rights legislation in Wichita, St. Paul and Eugene. On the other hand, Lesbians and Gays worked, spoke-out, demonstrated and defeated two anti-Gay referenda--the Briggs Initiative aimed at Gay teachers in California and Seattle's

Initiative 13 aimed at overturning Lesbian and Gay Rights legislation in that city.

The time has come for a national display of unity. Never before in the history of the country or the Gay movement have all the states been represented in a total parity coalition of Lesbians and Gay men.

Inspired by the late Harvey Milk and initiated in Philadelphia, the National March on Washington, D. C. for Lesbian and Gay Rights was born. Final touches and last minute adjustments were administered at the Houston Planning Conference in July 1979. Now every region and city in the U.S.A. is hard at work coordinating efforts to mobilize everyone to Washington, October 14, where the greatest gathering of Lesbians and Gay men will march for freedom.

A platform calling for "An end to all social, economic, judicial and legal oppression of Lesbian and Gay people" with the following 5 demands:

- 1-Repeal all anti-Lesbian/Gay laws
- 2-Pass a comprehensive Lesbian/Gay rights bill in Congress
- 3-Issue a presidential executive order banning discrimination based on sexual orientation in the Federal Government, the military and federally-contracted private employment
- 4-End discrimination in Lesbian mother and Gay father custody cases
- 5-Protect Lesbian and Gay youth from any laws which are used to discriminated against, oppress and/or harass them in their homes, schools, jobs and social environments

will be heard from the one million expected marchers.

Persons wishing to march on Washington should call the national Transportation and Information Center toll-free number 800/528-7382. In North, East and West Texas call Alpha Travel Corp., Dallas, Tx. at 214/243-5931 for air-hotel package reservations and information.

Dallas efforts towards mobilizing the Dallas/Ft. Worth area started July 28 at the Village Station when the March on Washington Committee (See Stonewall Page 3)

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TGC VI Set for August 17

By Nate Wyll

Final details of Texas Gay Conference VI (six) to be held in Austin the weekend of August 17-19 have been announced by Kathy Deitsch, Texas Gay Task Force moderator, and Woody Egger, conference coordinator. All functions will be held at the Sheraton Crest Inn in Austin.

Activities will begin on Friday night with pre-registration and a get-acquainted party. The formal beginning of the conference will begin Saturday morning with a general assembly and a report on how we fared in the legislature this year and will continue with a series of special interest workshops throughout the day.

Highlight of the conference will come

Saturday evening when the dinner will feature addresses from Leonard Matlovich, current candidate for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, and Pat Bond, the ex-WAC featured in the film "Word Is Out" who is now touring as an actress depicting Gertrude Stein's life and thought.

Sunday morning will conclude the conference with a general assembly for considering resolutions and other business and a send-off address by a special guest, leaving the afternoon free for swimming, playing and general merriment.

Early registration is encouraged by writing TGC-6, P. O. Box 4654, Austin TX 78765. Before August 7 registration fee is \$20; later the fee will be \$25.

Gay Rights Validated in Decision

[Reprinted from Austin Citizen and American Statesman with credits to Rozanne Moganers and Guillerme Garcia]

West Coast lawyer Matt Coles tried his first jury case ever last week in Austin. And because he did, he said the victory will serve as an impetus for Gays "to come out of the closet."

But whether a municipal court jury ruling has an impact on the civil rights of Gays remains to be seen. Coles does not think discrimination against Gays will end simply because a jury ruled that a disco was wrong in prohibiting people of the same sex from dancing with each other. "But it certainly gives (Gays) the impetus to push back when they get pushed, that's for sure," he says.

Coles is a Gay political activist in San Francisco, a city where Gays are a major political force with enough clout to demand--and get--

the chief of police's resignation.

"The consequences on the Gay rights movement nationwide are enormous. It is the first time a court anywhere has convicted someone of discrimination on the basis of an individual's sexual orientation," Coles said.

The case Coles refers to stemmed from a Feb. 11, 1978 incident involving two Gay couples, one male and one female, who were not permitted to dance with each other at the Cabaret, a discotheque at the Driskill Hotel.

At issue was whether the club's house rules prohibiting "same-sex" dancing violated the city's public accommodations ordinance. The three men, three woman jury deliberated 30 minutes before they unanimously agreed that the Gay's rights had been violated. They found the hotel guilty of the two-count complaint and levied a \$200 fine for the misdemeanor violations.

The Driskill's lawyer has said that he will (See Gay Right Page 3)

Operation Documentation

Although Houston's Operation Documentation collected over 100 case histories of police harassment, the Dallas Operation Documentation has yet to collect their first case.

In an effort to make the Dallas Operation Documentation more accessible the Texas Human Rights Foundation (THRF) has established a daytime phone number.

People who feel that they have been harassed by the Dallas Police are encouraged to call the following numbers: 214/522-5991 Monday through Friday 8AM to 5PM; all other times 214/528-4233.

Comment A Lesson from Falwell

By Campell Read

Recently I received in the mail an invitation to join the "I Love America" Club, sponsored by television evangelist Jerry Falwell, who is discussed elsewhere in this month's *Dialog*. The purpose? Among other things, to enable Falwell to preach against homosexuality on TV. The subscription to join the club? Twelve dollars per month.

We can feel anger at this, because it will be used against gay men and women. But we can learn a lesson from Jerry Falwell too; since he requires \$12 per month for membership in his Club, presumably he persuades enough people that the cause is worthwhile to make the membership fee as high as it is. We can shrug it off with the thought that a fool and his money are easily parted, but it isn't as simple as that. Falwell gets his money from middle and low income sources, and viewers are not going to give that kind of money unless they really believe in Falwell's cause. Some of his viewers dig deep into their pockets to help him to "clean up America"; they believe that he is right, and that God is on his side.

This is unpalatable to think about, so why don't we turn it around? The current subscription to be a member of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus is \$15. Not \$15 per month, but \$15 per year. Insofar as the subscription is a yardstick by which to measure our individual commitment to our own cause (to see the day when gays have the same civil rights as everybody else), Falwell's clientele appears to be telling us something.

Think of all the DGPC could do if we gave \$12 per month to our organization. The possibilities are endless. But to scale it down for a moment, think of what we could do if each of the DGPC's 400 members gave \$15 just one other time each year, this would add \$6,000 to the budget. This could be used to help support candidates for political office who are endorsed by DGPC; to hire a public relations consultant for Gay Pride Week; to help some low income members to go to Washington for the march on October 14; to bring nationally known figures to Dallas to speak on timely issues affecting our communities. If 200 of our members were committed to give \$10 every month, DGPC would have \$24,000 to add to its budget. Maybe the vision of a Gay Community Center in Dallas would be a real possibility at last.

So there is something to learn from Jerry

Falwell after all; let us all give more to DGPC, or to the organization of our choice, and let us give monthly, so that we can so much more effectively achieve our goals, and so much more quickly.

EDITORIAL

Sponsor a Gay To Washington

Knowing full well that the Gay activists of Dallas represent merely the tip of the Dallas Gay community iceberg and also knowing that there are many well appointed "closets" around the city, I put this proposition out for consideration: Why not sponsor a Gay man or Lesbian to the March on Washington, Sunday, October 14, 1979?

We must make an indelible mark on our Federal Legislators and the country with this march. All 50 states are working to send one million Gay men and Lesbians to march in the nation's capital. All state delegations will march under state flags. After this event no longer will legislators be able to ignore the Gays and Lesbians back home.

Many Gay men and Lesbians feel that they cannot openly support this momentous event. Each Gay man and Lesbian should ask himself/herself, "Why not provide the funds for one or more Gay men or Lesbians who can be open, but cannot afford the trip?" The DGPC has agreed to handle funds for this "Sponsor a Gay" project and will select a worthy Gay man or Lesbian for each contribution. Roundtrip airfare (D/FW to Washington) via Texas International peanuts flight is \$158.00.

You are invited to the largest Gay party in history. Come to the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights on October 14, 1979. If you cannot come, make sure you are represented! Sponsor a Lesbian or Gay man. Call DGPC at 214/528-4233 or Alpha Travel at 214/243-5931 for information on how to proceed.

-----The Editor

Gay Violence for Gay Rights?

Dr. Joyce Brothers, well known columnist and TV personality, warns that Gays are turning into an angry minority ready to use violence to gain equal rights.

This comment came in response to the recent Gay community protest of the lenient manslaughter conviction of Dan White, the confessed killer of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk, who could be paroled in 5 years. San Francisco and the country were stunned when the protest turned violent--police cars were burned, windows smashed and rocks hurled at police.

"Any group that has been oppressed for any period of time is tempted to give up. But when they can see a light at the end of the tunnel and there's a real chance of achieving equality there's a reason to go on. That makes them more emotional," says Dr. Brothers. She continues Gays are convinced they are being victimized and oppressed, and are now hitting back at society.

Side by Side Premier Success

Almost every seat at Theatre Three's arena playhouse was filled on July 16 at the DGPC-sponsored champagne preview performance of "Side by Side by Sondheim."

The sophisticated musical salute to the preeminent American musical theatre talent was smartly staged by Jac Alder and showcased the considerable abilities of six singers accompanied by two pianists. Numbers ranged from his first Broadway musical "West Side Story" through the years to the current "Sweeney Todd."

Champagne was served before the show and during the intermission. The DGPC treasury benefitted by \$1,500.

The Financial Resources Committee who made the arrangements for this success, are currently negotiating with the theatre for a series of four champagne premiers during the 1979-80 season.

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DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS

AUGUST CALENDAR

- 5 Gay Marching/Classical Band rehearses every Sunday at 1:00 PM. 528-4233.
- 5 Gay Academic Union meets at 5:30 PM. Call 821-3277 for information.
- 5 Dignity/Outreach (Gay Catholics) meets every Sunday at 7:00 PM. 3702 Fairmount. 233-3100.
- 5 "Sodom and Gomorah" First of a four part series. United Christian's Fellowship Church of Dallas. 7:30 PM. 922 S. Beckley. 942-0742.
- 9 Metroplex Young Adults (17 and up) meet every Thursday at 7:30 PM. Reagan & Brown.
- 13 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. 7:30 PM. "Understanding Between Lesbians and Gay Men, Chapter II." Small discussion groups. Reagan & Brown. 528-4233. Social afterwards.
- 15 Financial Resources Committee. 7:30 PM. 328-5559.
- 16 DIALOG staff meeting. 8 PM. 363-9006.
- 18 Cook Out and Open House. 4 PM. United Christian's Fellowship Church of Dallas. Free.
- 21 Media Committee. 7:30 PM. 528-4233.
- 24 DIALOG deadline. Your comments, letters and suggestions are welcome. Mail them to P.O. Box 5094; Richardson, Texas 75080 or deliver them to Union Jack before 6:30 PM.
- 25 Dallas Invitational Volleyball Tournament starts at 9 AM. Walnut Hill Recreational Center (Walnut Hill at Midway Road). 15 teams will be playing. Everyone welcome. Free.
- 26 DIALOG production day. 2 PM till... 363-9006
- 27 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS Open Board Meeting. 7:30 PM. IDI Building (Fairmount at Welborn). You are invited to meet your directors and committee heads. Give input to one of the largest and most effective gay organizations in the nation. 528-4233.
- 27 Town Hall "Open Forum" meeting with Congressman Jim Mattox. 7 to 9 PM. Theatre III in the Quadrangle. Everyone welcome. Come talk to your Congressman.
- 30 Mail Committee. 7:30 PM. IDI Building. Fairmount and Welborn. Help fold and mail the DIALOG. Wine, cheese, fellowship. 821-1653.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 2 Democratic Fun Fest at Lee Park. 1 PM till dark. DGPC will have a booth. Games, food, fun.
- 5 Pot Luck Dinner at the Metropolitan Community Church. 2701 Reagan. 7 PM. 526-6221.
- 10 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. 7:30 PM. Interesting program and social.

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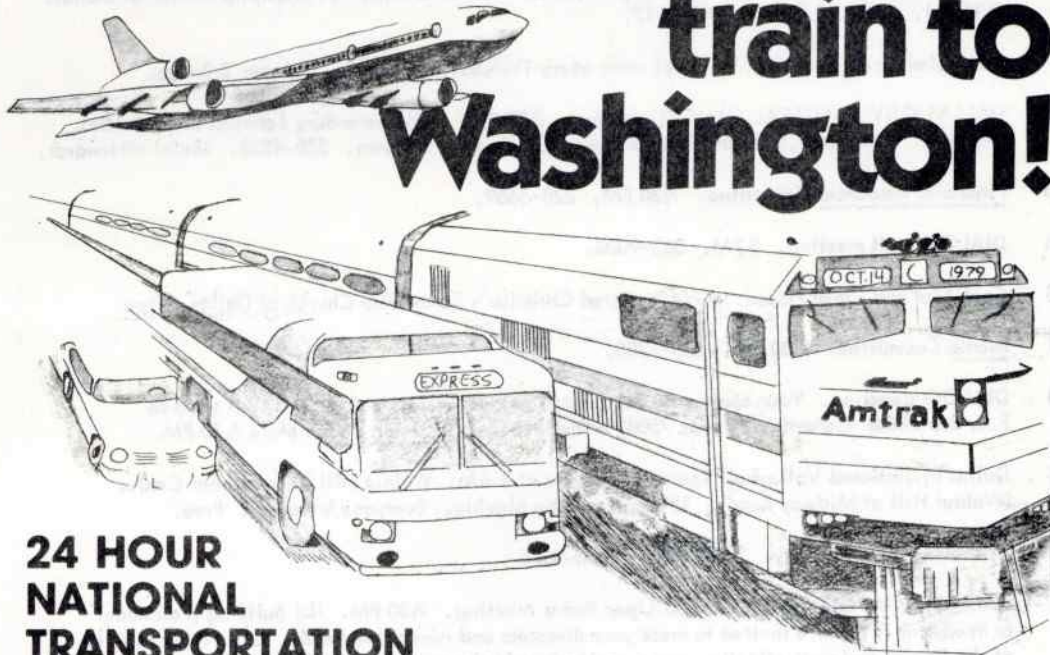
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THE NATIONAL MARCH ON WASHINGTON

**FOR LESBIAN AND GAY RIGHTS
OCTOBER 14, 1979**

Join your brothers and sisters from all over the U.S. as we come together in the nation's capital to demonstrate for our freedom.

You can get up-to-the-minute data on transportation to the march being arranged from your area — including train, plane, bus and computerized car-pooling. Call the Transportation Information Center today!

Events include: October 14 March and Rally with noted speakers and entertainers, National 3rd World Lesbian and Gay Conference Oct. 12-15, National Gay Business Breakfast Oct. 14, International Gay Sports Expo Oct. 13, Congressional Lobbying Visits Oct. 15, various religious services, concerts and other activities to be announced.

Thursday, August 16, at 10 p. m. DAIR's Bar Owners Drag Show will be held at Dimension III. All proceeds will go to the North Texas Committee for the National March on Washington.

Stonewall (Continued from Page 1)

tee appeared in mass to distribute literature about the National March.

Other activities will include outreach to all the bars, the sale of raffle tickets for a free trip to Washington, DC, a press conference prior to departure at DFW airport on Oct. 12, a big disco party similar to "Razzle Dazzle Dallas" and the sale of T-shirts and buttons boasting a specially designed Texas logo.

There are many things left to do and a lot more people to reach. Talk it up with your friends what you know about the march and help Texas be the biggest delegation at the March. Remember, human rights for Lesbians and Gays are ours to have. Unity is the key word and Lambda (brother/sisterhood) is a must if we are to succeed in Washington, DC.

Gay Rights (Continued from Page 1)

appeal and vowed to take his case "all the way to the Supreme Court, if need be," and the issue and its implication are far from settled.

Coles, who along with two other lawyers form the legal staff for Gay Rights Advocates, a San Francisco-based Gay public interest law firm, said he was surprised a local jury had ruled in favor of Gays.

"This would not have been a hard case to win in San Francisco," where the social climate is such that Gays are considerably more open, "But the fact that a Texas jury was able to set aside its personal beliefs and apply the law equally to homosexuals is extremely important, given the view that the rest of the nation looks at Texas as being a bit provincial and more than slightly conservative."

The jury verdict "means that it is not a judge saying that the law is going to be enforced, but the people themselves saying 'This is the law, irrespective of how we feel and we will enforce it.'"

Cole said the Austin decision "gives us a legitimate soapbox and gives Gays the impetus into not having to accept second-class citizenship."

"(Gays) accomplished more at this trial simply by exposure and personal contact than they did by winning the case," Coles said.

"By having straights see what Gays look like, what they are and how they act... that they are just plain folks like anyone else, will go a long way toward changing the stereotype," he said.

DGPC Volleyball Teams in Houston

By Jack Pruitt

Two DGPC teams invaded Houston July 21 and 22 for the Montrose Sports Association (MSA) state wide volleyball tournament. Five Dallas teams were among the 11 teams from Houston, Austin, and San Antonio. The MSA and friends graciously entertained the participants with two parties. The Houston Gay marching band played at the opening ceremonies.

DGPC "A" team finished eighth and the DGPC "B" team brought up the rear. However, "B" team members captured the hearts of the other players. Our teams with only a few months practice are optimistic for the future as most

Gay Reps to Meet with Dallas Press Editors

The DGPC Board voted at its July 23 open meeting to request meetings with the editors of Dallas' two daily newspapers to express dismay over inaccurate coverage of the James Robison controversy and the press' failure to cover the candlelight march and rally for human rights during 1979 Gay Pride Week.

The board's action was in response to a resolution proposed by Campbell Read, chairperson of the Caucus' Education and Life Committee, which was passed at the DGPC general meeting two weeks earlier. Read was the person who made the complaint to WFAA

Channel 8 regarding anti-Gay remarks made by Robison which led to the station's decision to remove the Robison program from the air. The Robison program returned to Channel 8 on July 16, 1979.

DGPC President Louise Young said Dennis Plemmons, director of media on the board, acting with input from Gary Decker, chairperson of the DGPC Media Committee and also chairperson of the Gay Pride Committee, which sponsored the march, would select the delegation to represent DGPC and set up the meetings with the appropriate editors at the newspapers.

Young said the main objectives of the proposed meetings with the editors are to open lines of communications and to improve long-term relations between the press and the Dallas Gay community.

The Caucus representatives plan to use the National Media Manual for Gay Groups published by the National Gay Task Force as a guideline for communicating with the editors.

The german text of the resolution passed by the membership at the July general meeting was as follows:

"We, the members of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, urge the Board (of Directors) to request a meeting with the Editors of the Dallas Morning News and Times Herald at their earliest convenience in order that these matters may be addressed and rectified."

Announcements

PAC PLANS STRATEGY SESSION

Political Action Committee members will host a strategy session and social focusing on Gays in the Republican Party, Tuesday August 7 at 7:30PM at 3702 Fairmount. This is an area we need to build inroads. You need not be a member of DGPC, Political Action Committee member, or Republican to attend. For more information contact Steve Henley at 288-6665.

GAY ORGANIZATION IN DENTON?

Anyone in Denton interested in starting a Gay Political/Social Organization similar to Denton Gay Alliance contact Edra Bogle at 817/387-8216 concerning a meeting in late August.

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Gay Pride Week 1980 Begins

The Dallas Gay Pride Week Celebration in 1980 will be better organized and the planning completed sooner than it was in 1979, according to Gary Decker, coordinator of the Gay Pride Committee.

Half of the proposed 10-member committee has already been chosen with the remaining positions to be filled by the end of September.

"We decided we had to make changes in the size of the group to make it easier to know who was doing what, when," Decker explained. "This last time we were trying to work with a planning group of 30 to 40 people who couldn't always be at the meetings. This time we aren't putting so much emphasis on having all local Gay organizations represented as we are in getting the job done efficiently."

The staff so far includes Jim "Pollack" Roberts as administrative assistant, Hardy Haberman, who ran the "Gay is OK" media test project, will return as media head. Mary Jane W , who designed the poster and TWT ad, will handle graphics advertising and possibly interact with other Gay organizations, and Jay Thomas who will be responsible for financial affairs and fundraising.

Besides planning Gay Pride Week the group is planning several projects including special fundraisers and a way to put pressure on the media to prevent a news blackout in 1980 like the one which plagued Gay Pride Week activities this year in the straight press.

"All I can say now is that broadcast stations in Dallas have to renew their licenses next year, and we'll be looking over their shoulders when they do," Decker said.

of the competition have two or more years of experience.

The volley ball teams still welcome new members provided they are serious about practicing regularly. Practices are held on Thursdays and Sundays. Call 214/528-4233 for information.

A Dallas tournament is in the planning stages for the near future.

DGPC to Monitor Television Evangelists

By Campbell Read

At the Open Board meeting on July 24, the DGPC Board of Directors approved a motion to set up an ad hoc committee to monitor Sunday programs by a number of TV evangelists who are suspected of being homophobic and of using the airwaves to promulgate certain political views, particularly in areas which cover controversial issues.

Volunteers are needed to give one hour once every month on a Sunday. The work involves following a designated evangelistic program, and recording any portions that might constitute grounds for complaint. Five evangelists have been targeted for attention at this time. Gay people who feel outraged by recent prime time telecasts featuring James Robison can find a means to contribute to our efforts to combat the extreme hostility and homophobia exhibited on frequent occasions by his kind of preaching.

Robison attacked Gays three times in one hour on a recent program, carefully keeping his attack within a Biblical context, but setting himself up as judge: "Don't let any homosexual come to me," he thundered, "don't let any homosexual come to me and tell me that he is a Christian!" Homophobic evangelist Jerry Falwell, who appeared on the platform with Robison in the latter's rally in Dallas on June 5, has a large mailing list across the nation, and openly solicits \$12 monthly for the purpose of attacking abortion, homosexuality, sex and violence on TV, over television on his weekly program, shown twice on Sundays in Dallas on Channel 39. Competing with these two to lead a campaign to clean up America (as they see it) is Phil Arms, who recently asserted that the Rev. Jim Jones in Guyana was a homosexual, and insinuated that Jones was associated with several prominent Democratic Party Leaders, who were named. The cumulative effect of the sort of polemics which these three and other preachers like to engage in is devastating on young children and teenagers with a developing homosexual orientation. Such preaching, quite apart from a vested interest in perpetuating myths and falsehoods, and contributes to depression and a sense of low self-esteem in our young people, and a fear of facing the truth in their parents. These evangelists contribute in their programs to your oppression, just as surely as they contribute to the breaking-up of families. Perhaps the most insidious aspect of their

"ministries" is not their theology, narrow-minded though that may be, but the fact that they will resort to any means, fair or foul, to discredit Gay people. This was seen most clearly in the recent Robison controversy; in bearing false witness against Gays and by conscious deceit of the public in misrepresenting the facts of what happened last February, James Robison has violated the ninth commandment over and over again, apparently without shame or regret. The rationale seems to be: "since these people (homosexual) are condemned in the Bible, any-

thing goes when it comes to throwing mud at them."

We disagree! We urge readers to take part in monitoring television evangelists as a means of dealing with feeling and frustrations over this issue.

If enough infractions, i.e. attacks on identifiable communities (Gays and Lesbians), are collected we will use this information to challenge stations' licenses which are up for renewal next year (1980).

Call 821-3277 for details and schedules.

Italian Gays Offer \$1 Million for Khomeini

Turin, Italy (AP)--Italy's Gay association declared war on the Ayatollah Khomeini, offering a \$1 million reward for delivery of the Iranian religious/revolutionary leader to Italy to be tried for "crimes" against homosexuals.

Angelo Pezzana and Renzo Francone, leaders of the Front of Revolutionary Homosexuals, said a large amount of the reward already has been raised through self-taxation by Italian Gays. They said they expected financial support from international Gay associations who have agreed in general with their actions.

Renzo Francone, who was arrested and expelled from Iran last March after he demonstrated in Teheran against the new regime, said the Front will pay cash for Khomeini's "extradition."

Other officials of the Front said they

are not seeking underworld figures or bounty hunters, "We have put a reward to have someone bring Khomeini here. We will not be seeking a death penalty or life term. We are against such penalties. We will put a symbolic penalty on him," one said.

Pezzana said Iran's Shiite Moslem patriarch "must be punished for his crimes against sexual freedom and ethnic minorities." He claimed that many Iranian Gays were executed by Khomeini's followers in the weeks after the triumph of the revolution in February.

"We already have thought of the Turin Sports Palace as a site for Khomeini's trial," said Pezzana, who is secretary of the Italian Gay association.

(Editor's Note: Leave it to a Gay to consider all of the important details.)

The Man From Castro Street

Just prior to his assassination, Harvey Milk was interviewed by San Francisco Examiner reporter Lenny Giteck. Because of the singular Gay insights presented in that interview, we are here presenting the fifth in a series of questions put to the late Gay leader and his answers.

Question: Many Gay people think it's a mistake to link the Gay movement with other questions, such as the Bakke decision or abortion, for example. Where do you stand?

Milk: I don't think it's wise to tie other issues into the Briggs initiative by itself. But I think it's imperative that those people who have been disenfranchised work together on all issues. We must work together on Bakke, abortion, the ERA, the American Indian issue, Latino issues, etc. So the blacks, for example, must come to the aid of the Gays on the Briggs initiative--as anti-Gay as some black people are. They must come together with us on this issue, just as we must come together with them

on their issues. That doesn't necessarily mean linking the campaign literature, because that's not the way it works politically. But we must join forces.

If you look at who's against Gays, who's against blacks, who's against women, and on and on, you find that it's the same people: the Richard Nixons of this country. And if the blacks and browns and Asians and women and Gays are all going to fight each other for the same crumb, they're all going to be disenfranchised.

I think the Gay community has to stop voting its pocketbook. There were Gays who voted for the Jarvis-Gann. They voted their economic interest, despite what a racist bill it was. I think it's time to educate the Gay community that it's no good having a lot of money if you're in jail because you're Gay. So what some of us are trying to do is put together a coalition of all the traditional minorities--people who have gotten nothing over the years--so we can stop fighting among ourselves and work together.

WORTHY QUOTES:

"All men are born free and equal--free at least in their right to be different. Some people want to homogenize society everywhere. I'm against the homogenizers in art, in politics, in every walk of life. I want the cream to rise."

--from The Letters of Robert Frost to Louis Untermeyer (Holt, Rinehart and Winston)

300 ATTEND GAY CONFERENCE

Austin, TX, Aug. 18-19--An inspiring speech by former Air Force Sgt. Leonard Matlovich and a very entertaining performance by actress Pat Bond of "Word if Out" fame were two of the highlights of Texas Gay Conference Six at the Sheraton-Crest Inn here.

A crowd of about 300 Gay men and Lesbians attended the event-packed weekend conference sponsored by the Texas Gay Task Force (TGTF).

For those who could attend there was a Friday night entertainment provided by Austin area musicians and actors.

Conference coordinator Woody Egger (Austin)

presided at the opening session Saturday morning, introducing Kathy Deitsch, moderator of the conference, who welcomed the crowd. Others who spoke were Bette Naylor, TGTF's lobbyist, and Karol Phelan, TGTF's legislative consultant.

Phelan announced that the name of TGTF's political action fund, has been changed from Texas Advocacy Fund to the Human Rights Advocacy lobby program, and that a Human Rights Educational Fund, with tax-free IRS status, has been established. She also stated that the TGTF board has voted unanimously to endorse the Oct.

14 Lesbian/Gay Rights March on Washington.

She said that with redistricting coming up in the Legislature, "You must become personally involved, committed in working for the election or defeat of candidates who will or will not support equal rights."

Naylor said the lobby achieved a great deal in the legislature by increasing visibility, establishing continuity, setting up a communication network, arming ourselves and building coalitions. She reminded the audience that "Ultra-conservatives are at work, and for us to wait until our liberties are in jeopardy is to wait too long.

The major event of the conference was the dinner and program Saturday night. Naylor, who presided, recognized representatives of the Mexican-American Caucus in the legislature and Rep. Sam Hudson (a black) of Dallas.

Hudson, who was given a standing ovation, praised Naylor's work as a lobbyist and thanked TGTF for working with him on human rights issues. He pledged to continue working in the Legislature to eradicate 21.06. "One thing everybody is eventually going to find out is that they are wrong and we are right," he said. "I have faith that if you are doing the right thing eventually you will win," Hudson said. "I am going to do everything I can in the Legislature to see that Gay rights legislation becomes a reality."

Naylor announced the TGTF 1979 Appreciation Awards were being presented to Rep. Lance Lalor and Sen. Babe Schwartz for their support of Gay rights legislation.

Keynote speaker, Rep. Craig Washington, D-Houston, urged Gay men and Lesbians to accept being part of the political system and to work vigorously to pass laws giving homosexuals more rights. He said ignorance by conservatives is the main reason homosexuals are struggling to change laws. "You must take part in the political system. You must assist--with your money and your moral support--those issues that concern you," he said.

Freedom Train Plans Whistle Stop Rallies

HOUSTON--The Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Gay--oriented Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, and nationally known feminist--comedienne Robin Tyler will headline a whistle-stop tour aboard Amtrak's Gay Freedom Train to the March on Washington in October, it was announced by march officials in Houston.

Joining them for train station rallies in Oakland, San Francisco, Ogden, Reno, Cheyenne, Denver, Lincoln, Omaha, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Philadelphia and Wilmington will be veteran Gay activist Morris Kight, San Francisco MCC pastor Jim Dykes and hundreds of Freedom Train passengers. Local MCC churches along the way will help sponsor the individual rallies.

The Gay Freedom Trains to Washington will service most major U.S. cities. Plans are being made for two cars originating in Dallas to be attached to the Freedom Train leaving Houston via New Orleans to Washington. Arrangements for the Dallas to Houston to

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Scholarship Drive for GAU

Los Angeles--The Gay Academic Union (GAU) has announced plans to raise \$25,000 nationally for its 1979 Scholarship Drive, a goal substantially higher than the \$3,500 raised last year, which was low due to the competing demands of the proposition 6 campaign last year according to Daniel Calder, chair of the scholarship fund.

GAU, a tax-exempt educational organization, now has chapters in every major American city. The scholarship fund, initiated in 1978, aims to provide for "the education of Gay students and the promotion of research into all areas of the Gay experience."

Information can be obtained from the Gay Academic Union, P.O. Box 927, Los Angeles, CA 90028. Deadline for scholarship applications is September 30, 1979.

Group Discussions to High Meeting

Efforts are now being made to solidify plans for the program for the DGPC monthly meeting in September. This will be a most significant program. We will meet in small groups to redefine and reassess the work and responsibilities of our various standing committees. This is our first attempt in over two years to organize our people for effective service in the caucus.

Within the last two years the membership of the caucus has doubled while the memberships in the committees has declined. It is imperative that we renew our efforts to get more people involved in projects that work toward the goals established by the caucus three years ago. Our committee efforts are a tangible way we confirm our commitment to the Gay movement in our city, state, and our nation.

Matlovich Challenges Gays

Leonard Matlovich, who deliberately provoked a discharge from the Air Force to challenge the long-standing ban on homosexuals in the military, said that he was once a white racist. He eventually came out and finally was able to express his homosexuality.

Matlovich made a strong appeal for Gay unity. "We've got to clean our own backyards first," he said. "We've got to get the sexism...the racism...the discrimination out of the bars to win."

"I believe we have a better world that we can create," he stated, "but we have to do it together. When those of our community discriminate against someone else, we've got to stand up to them and say, 'No more!'"

Looking around the ballroom, Matlovich lamented that there were so few women, Blacks and Latinos present. "We've got to go out! We've got to reach those communities! We've got to bring them in here," he said. "There will be no Gay or Lesbian liberation in Texas until there are more women, more Blacks, more

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March on Washington Benefits Schedule

Thursday, Sept. 13--Talent Show at the Encore II (4916 McKinney) \$2.00 cover.

Tuesday, Sept. 18--10:30 p.m. Torn Levi and Barely-there Contest. \$1.00 cover. \$50 1st prize, \$25 2nd and \$15 3rd. (Magnolia's is donating the \$1 cover charge every Tuesday to the March Committee)

Sunday, Sept. 16--"T" Dance at Encore II (4916 McKinney) \$2.00 cover. Free Beer.

No One Is What He Ought To Be

(Reprinted from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Sydney Harris column)

What strikes me as wretchedly unfair in the fundamentalist attack on the homosexuals is using the Bible to single out this particular group for recrimination and discrimination.

I take as my text today First Corinthians, 6:9-10, which says, "Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind... shall inherit the kingdom of God."

Now if you are going to penalize, or proscribe, the homosexuals on the basis of the Holy Writ, simple justice should demand that you do the same with every other sexual category indicated in this passage. The inspired author of Corinthians did not grade or rank these offenses on any scale that marks one as more grievous than any of the others.

If we start with "idolaters" we have about 90 percent of the population disinherited from the kingdom of God. True, we no longer idolize Baal or Kadesh, but we worship at the shrines of pleasure, power, money, prestige, "progress," all of which we plainly place above service to God. And the "Golden Calf" is surely revered today as much as in the time of Moses.

As for the "fornicators and adulterers," the nation's prisons would be overflowing with millions if we made the slightest effort toward punishing that multitude of offenders. Indeed, they don't even consider themselves offenders, since they practice "normal sex" even though by Jewish and Christian standards they are as culpable as the "pervert."

What we customarily do with the Bible -- when we appeal to its authority -- is comfortably ignore those portions that might apply to ourselves, and selectively concentrate on those passages applying to others we dislike or despise. Of course, the Bible indicts homosexuality; but it is no less harsh on heterosexuals who violate the sacrament of marriage.

You cannot pick and choose; you cannot decide that one particular group of offenders is more loathsome in the sight of God than another group. The Pharisees despised the Samaritan in such a manner, and Rabbi Jesus made the "Good Samaritan" an eternal

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'EXPERTS' SPEAK ON HOMOSEXUALITY

("Experts" speak on Homosexuality is the first in the series of articles gleaned from recent news which will be reported in successive issues for the edification of Dialog's readers.)

Dr. C.A. Tripp published his study entitled "The Homosexual Matrix" four years ago in an effort to complete the work begun, but left unfinished due to the death of the famous sex researcher Alfred Kinsey, to shed light on the questions left unanswered in Kinsey's book "Sexual Behavior in the Human Male".

Tripp's book, supported by natural history and anthropological evidence, covers some points about homosexuality that have long been totally ignored or only vaguely answered. Based on his research, Tripp was asked some interesting questions in a recent interview with New York Magazine writer Phillip Nobile.

When asked if homosexuality threatens the species, Tripp answered that it hardly could, since those societies that have high incidence of homosexuality also have high birth rates, and those societies which restrict homosexuality also tend to restrict heterosexuality as

well. We might well note that this may be depressing for sexually active straight people if the fundamentalists at work in the country now get their way. At any rate, Tripp maintains that in countries where sexual taboos are lowered, both forms of sexuality tend to increase.

In response to the question of whether homosexuality is a biological aberration, Tripp replied that sexual preferences were learned based on a positive attraction and not out of negative factors like a domineering mother, identity problems, castration anxieties or any of the other stock causes. As Tripp put it, "You don't like blondes because you hate brunettes." Tripp also discounts heredity as a causative factor for several reasons. Kinsey earlier noted that if all homosexuals were wiped out of today's population there would not be any significant decrease in homosexuality in the next generation. That would tend to refute any ideas of recruitment into the ranks of Gays. Tripp further states that if homosexuality were caused by any biological reason, it would be stable cross-culturally, like being

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The Man From Castro Street

Just prior to his assassination, Harvey Milk was interviewed by San Francisco Examiner reporter Lenny Giteck. Because of the singular Gay insights presented in that interview, we are here presenting the sixth in a series of questions put to the late Gay leader and his answers.

Question: Graffiti urging "Gay Riots Now" have been appearing on some walls in The City. Do you think Gays would -- or should -- turn to violence to protect what they see as their basic human rights?

Answer: I don't think anybody should turn to violence. I am non-violent. I believe in non-violence. But I think I would be remiss in my duties as public leader not to discuss the definite possibility for violence, given the fact that a certain percentage of the population is violent by nature. Let's say for arguments sake that one percent of all people are violent by nature. Then you are talking about 100,000 to 150,000 Gay people nationwide who are violent people. If they watch their rights being chipped away, that is justification for them to come out with their violence. In the city of San Francisco, you're talking

about 500 to 1,000 Gay people who are violent by nature, and will react in the same way.

Gay people are angry ever since Dade County, and they're getting more and more angry. After the vote in Eugene, Ore., there was a thousand people marching in the streets of San Francisco, and when they walked past City Hall most of them were shouting "Civil Rights or Civil War!" On the other side of the coin, there is violence being committed against Gay people every day. If Briggs wins, there will be a green light for more violence against Gay people. Look what happened in New York City recently, when young gangs took baseball bats and went through the city and Central Park beating Gay people or anyone they thought was Gay.

Do you think Gay people are going to go with their heads bowed into the gas chambers? I mean, I'll go kicking and screaming before I'll go with my head bowed. I've read history; 300,000 Gays went into the gas chambers in Germany, and then six million Jews. I don't think the Jews are going to go quietly the next time, so why should Gay people?

strue any such article as a policy statement of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus.

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Coors Boycott Issue Researched

The Political Action Committee was recently signed the task of reviewing the status of the Coors boycott. In carrying out this responsibility committee members contacted many other local, state, and national organizations in order to gather information regarding the boycott. In each case organizations were asked whether they had ever endorsed the Coors boycott. In those cases where a boycott had been endorsed, the organizations were asked whether their boycott was still in effect or whether they had ended their boycott--and why. Other matters such as boycott effectiveness and how the boycott had been promoted were also discussed in some cases. A summary of those findings follows:

1) National Organization of Women (NOW):

NOW never joined the Coors boycott nationally though many local chapters did do so.

2) Mexican American Democrats (MAD):

MAD officially endorsed the boycott and also refused to accept Coors advertisements or gratuities because of a) poor working conditions at the brewery, b) the anti-labor stance of Coors, and c) the lower wages for Chicano employees. The MAD boycott is still in effect.

3) United Auto Workers (UAW):

UAW nationally did not endorse the boycott because they were "not in the brewery business;" however, members were informed that Coors was non-union. The local UAW group also did not endorse a boycott though many members individually refuse to buy Coors.

4) American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO):

Nationally the boycott was endorsed and is still in effect due to the anti-labor, non-union status of the Coors brewery.

5) National Gay Task Force (NGTF):

NGTF has no policy on the matter and never endorsed the boycott because they "had better things to do."

6) Colorado Citizens Caucus (state Lesbian/Gay organization):

This caucus did endorse the boycott and it is still in effect though it is no longer being "pushed." The group did inform us that

a) Coors still administers a polygraph test for potential employees though all questions relating to sexual and affectional preference have been eliminated, and that Coors did appoint one Gay man and one Lesbian to their public relations commission (though this may well be tokenism), and b) Mrs. Joseph Coors continues to support Kings Ministry, an anti-Gay religious organization. Boulder Colorado Gay Lib:

This group endorsed the boycott and it is still in effect though no longer actively pursued. They report that the boycott is "not too much of an issue any more" though many individuals still boycott the beer.

7) Texas Gay Task Force (TGTF):

TGTF did endorse the boycott which is still in effect though no large effort other than a newsletter item has been made to promote the boycott.

9) The Advocate:

After the publisher interviewed members of the Coors family it was determined that the grounds for a boycott untenable as far as Gays were concerned. More recently a reporter from the Advocate interviewed an openly Gay "lead man" for Coors who

had been employed at the brewery for several years with full support from management (though not necessarily from fellow employees). The Advocate also stated that several San Francisco groups had recently lifted their boycotts including a) the San Francisco Gay

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It Happened in Dallas

PUBLIC LEWDNESS CASES PROVE COSTLY FOR GAYS

Case No. 1: Reverchon Park, noon on a weekday, fall, 1978.

A 30ish Gay male enters the restroom alone. A few minutes later, a second man enters. The first man recognizes the second, who he also knows to be Gay. About 10 minutes later, a park policeman enters the restroom and orders both men to "Get up against the wall." He places both of them under arrest, but does not say what crime they are accused of or read them their rights. Both suspects are taken to the Dallas City Jail and booked on charges of violating Texas Criminal Statute 21.07--public lewdness.

The arresting officer testifies in court that he observed the restroom through binoculars from a nearby hill. Both defendants deny having engaged in any illegal activity but their lawyer advises them to plead guilty anyway.

One defendant is fined \$1,200 and sentenced to serve four weekends in jail. The other is fined and placed on a year's probation. He pays lawyer's fees of \$900.

Case No. 2: An adult book store on Harry Hines Blvd., weekend, fall, 1978.

A over-30 Gay male is in the arcade area. He sees a young man enter the area and peruse the notes of the bulletin board. The young man cruises the older man, then enters a movie booth near where the man is standing, leaving the door open. He remains in the booth for several minutes, then leaves the arcade area and re-enters the bookstore. About five minutes later, the older man enters the same booth, puts his foot against the door to hold it open, drops a quarter into the slot and begins watching the movie. A third man sticks his head into the booth and asks the viewer about the quality of the film. The older man responds, "Fair," stands up and releases the door. The other man enters the booth and stands as close as he can to the older man without touching. The older man moves back. The other man continues to follow him. The older man then locks the door to the booth, thinking that will assure privacy. He looks at the other man, who appears to be friendly and makes no effort to leave. The two men engage in idle conversation. The older man assumes the other man is also Gay and gropes him. "Not here, Man, because the Vice Squad is out here a lot," the man warns him. The man stops groping him, and the other man opens the door and leaves the booth. After watching the

rest of the film, the older man leaves the booth and notices the other two men talking to each other nearby. Both men walk to the front of the store. Suspicious, the older man waits a few minutes and then walks to the front, where both men identify themselves as policemen and arrest and search him, and read him his rights. They take him to an old pickup truck and drive him to the jail, asking personal questions along the way. At the jail, he is told he will be charged with public lewdness and jailed until released on bond.

He is brought to trial and, on advice of counsel, pleads no contest. He is fined \$600 plus court costs and placed on one year's probation. His lawyer's fees come to \$750.

Case No. 3: An adult theater on Industrial Blvd., spring, 1979.

An over-40 Gay male enters the gay side of the theater, sits down next to another man and begins watching the movie. He begins touching the knee of the man next to him. The other man does not move his knee but did not respond. The second man leans toward the Gay man as if he wants to talk to him. A few minutes later, the Gay man leans toward the man in the next seat and places his hand over the man's crotch. The other man stands up and says, "Let's go over to the other side--it's darker and better over there." The Gay man says, "No," and goes to the bathroom intending to leave the theater. As the Gay man steps out of the bathroom, the man who he had groped identifies himself as a police officer and arrests him, telling him that there are two other vice squad officers present in the theater and warning him not to cause a disturbance. The officers take the suspect to the jail, where he is told he is being held for violating the public lewdness law. He is placed in jail, where he stays for part of a day before being released on bond. While he is being booked at the jail, the policemen call him "faggot" and other derogatory names. At his trial, he is fined \$500 plus court costs. His lawyer's fees total \$500.

BEWARE: Vice squad officers have made arrests recently in restrooms at Reverchon, Lee, and Turtle Creek Parks, and at NorthPark, in adult theaters on Industrial, and South Ervay, and in adult book store arcades on Harry Hines. Enter at your own risk.

Dallas Hosts Tournament

Ten teams competed in the volleyball tournament held in Dallas, Saturday, August 25 at the Walnut Hill Recreation Center sponsored jointly by DGPC and the Turtle Creek Athletic Club (TCAC).

San Antonio and Austin sent one team each while Houston and Dallas sent four teams each. Teams fielded by Houston were Houston "A", "B", "C" and Houston Independent, those fielded by Dallas included DGPC "A" and "B" teams and TCAC Sundance Kid's "A" and "B" teams.

Winners and places were awarded in two categories "Tournament" and "Consolation" at the swimming party held Saturday evening.

The Tournament Champions were Houston Independent with TCAC's Sundance Kid's "A" taking second, Houston "A" taking third, San Antonio "A" taking fourth and Austin "A" taking fifth.

The Consolation Championship went to DGPC "A" and second to DGPC "B". Houston "B" placed third, Houston "C" placed fourth and TCAC Sundance Kid's "B" placed fifth.

The Championship "All Tournament Team", selected by the players, was truly all-state with 2 members from TCAC Sundance Kid's "A", 2 from Houston Independents and 1 each from San Antonio and Austin.

The Consolation "All Tournament Team", also player selected, consisted of 4 members from the DGPC "A" team and 2 from the TCAC Sundance Kid's "A" team.

In addition to the individual and team trophies provided by the Dallas sponsors, the Village Station disco provided Friday and Saturday night free passes to all tournament participants.

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left-handed, which it is not.

Tripp maintains that relatively few homosexuals are visibly detectable in the straight world. Though research indicates that 8% of effeminate men are homosexuals, it also shows that less than 10% of homosexual males are effeminate. Tripp also indicated that many super-macho type Gays are the exact opposite of what the layman thinks a homosexual looks like. When asked why many Gay men are super-macho, Tripp said he believed the macho type Gays emphasize masculine attributes and male values, and tend to eroticize those attributes.

Other interesting points made by Tripp are that compatibility and friendship tend to kill sexual interest between partners while resistance or barriers tend to keep partners hot for one another. He also stated that promiscuity is higher among Gay males than straight males, but is no higher than it would be if straight males were presented with as many opportunities.

Tripp does not foresee outright acceptance of homosexuality in the United States, but does predict the great middle class adopting the prevalent attitude held in the upper class; that being tacit acceptance and embarrassment for being prudish about it, yet disdaining it when socially useful.

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Latinos in this room next year."

Matlovich said Gays can talk about Gay liberation, but few present know what it is to sacrifice for it. "We have got to come out to people as Gays," he explained. "We have nothing to be ashamed of. Come out, come out wherever you are. We've got to come out of the closet."

Matlovich said he still doesn't see himself as a Gay hero. "It's very, very lonely wearing these shoes," he said. "Why not someone in this room, ... someone from Texas standing up to speak? Stand up and fight back, with just a little help from your friends, to change the world to make it a better place."

"Do you believe enough, in your mind, yet that you are good and moral?" he asked. "Do you understand that you are a good person, a moral person, that you have a right to be here, that you do contribute to society and make it a better place?"

Matlovich said Gay men and Lesbians "should be proud of who you are." He added, "Let it tingle in your fingertips and in your toes. Never be ashamed of it."

In conclusion, Matlovich said, "You walk in the footsteps of the greatest human beings that

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Republicans, b) one of three San Francisco Gay Democratic organizations, and c) the San Francisco Tavern Guild (the organization of Gay bar and restaurant owners). It was suggested that we contact the president of the San Francisco Tavern Guild.

10) San Francisco Tavern Guild:

The president of the Guild reported that they had endorsed the boycott two years ago (and took Coors out of 71 bars and restaurants) with a resulting drop of 5000 cases per week in Coors sales in the Bay area. The boycott had been endorsed due to the considerable money given by the Coors organization and family to right wing organizations and because of the polygraph test for potential employees which included questions dealing with sexual and affectional preference. Recently the boycott question was considered again by the Tavern Guild. The president went to Colorado to explore the matter. He actually took the current polygraph test and reported that private sexual questions had indeed been removed. He also talked with Coors family members and found Bill Coors to be a moderate though Joseph Coors (and his wife) remain ultra-conservative and continue to support right wing causes. After a heated debate the Tavern Guild decided by two votes to lift the boycott.

The Political Action Committee after lengthy discussion voted to present all facts to the DGPC board for its determination but to also recommend that the boycott be continued because of:

- 1) the continued anti-labor stance of Coors in light of labor's support for us,
- 2) the continued anti-Chicano stance of the brewery,
- 3) the continued support by the brewery and by Coors family members of various right wing causes including anti-feminist issues, and
- 4) the continued support of Kings Ministry by Mrs. Joseph Coors, an anti-homosexual "religious" organization.

have ever lived. But know that up here [in your head]. Know that they contributed. Know that they sacrificed. Say it loud. Say it proud."

"I love you, and good night," he concluded. Then he added cryptically, "And good night, Tommy, wherever you are."

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Washington segment will be announced at the DGPC general meeting September 10.

Due to the strict block-booking reservation deadlines Amtrak requires of travel agencies, tickets will be available only during the next few weeks. Sales rates indicate a complete sellout soon.

"Planes, trains and buses from all parts of the country are filling up," said Greg Carmack of the march's national transportation office, "so people should call the toll-free information center (800-528-7382) to learn what travel options are available from their area and buy their tickets early." Alpha Travel Service in Dallas is handling reservations for flights from Dallas and hotel rooms.

Two events have been added to the march weekend. They are a meeting of the National Democratic Party Gay Caucus October 13 and a "Night Before" Disco, Rock, Jazz and Bluegrass Festival. Other events include October 14 March and Rally with noted speakers, National Third World Lesbian/Gay Conference October 12-15, Congressional lobbying visits October 15, the International Gay Sports Expo and a National Gay Business Breakfast October 13, and a sunrise religious service October 14.

Plans are also being made for a barbecue for the Texas delegation on October 13 and for a performance by Lesbian actress-commedienne Pat Bond.

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nal symbol of loving care.

I do not believe that homosexuals are more "evil," or more dangerous than other people, even though I find their inclination incomprehensible to me. I do not think they are what people ought to be, but then I do not think that 90 percent or more of us are what people ought to be, beginning with myself. And that is where all of us should begin.



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FINAL MARCH PLANS GO FORWARD

By Debbie Shaffer

The modern Lesbian/Gay rights movement is rapidly approaching a national first: The National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, Oct. 14, 1979.

Participation from all of the diverse sections of America have sacrificed their time, energy, and expertise to insure the success of this venture. Gay America is coming out of the closet to make itself known to the ruling class, demanding recognition, acceptance, and freedom from oppression.

Between 50,000 and 100,00 people are expected to march on Washington Oct. 14 with several delegations from abroad joining in the effort.

Visual political statements will be made by many of the march delegations. The march lineup is as follows: Third World Women, Physically Challenged, Gay Parents and Older Gays, Third World Conference Delegation, International Delegations, Prairie Region, Rocky Mountain Region, Mid West Region, Southern Region, Mid Atlantic Region, North East Region, and National Organizations.

A White House contingent of 18 persons is trying to get an appointment with President Carter on Oct. 15, Gay Constituency Day. This delegation is comprised of seven regional representatives, two March on Washington Policy Committee members, one March on Washington Committee member and one each from the following: National Gay Task Force, Gay Rights National Lobby, Coalition of Black Gays, National Organization for Women, Rainbow Alliance (Physically Challenged), National Women's Political Caucus, Third World (Non-Black), and Religion.

Although the movement is diverse throughout its ranks, cooperation and unity are the underlying themes of the March. Concessions and compromise have insured the success of the March and the participants involved.

Policy Committee meetings held in D. C. have attempted to iron out the wrinkles and get all last-minute details worked out. But the hardest work has been in the regions, in each city and state, preparing for this all important trek east to the nation's capital.

Dallas has billboards, a community involvement and a sense of unity. Success is ours, but only if we march in D. C. on Oct. 14. What good is this organization if we don't use it to our advantage and let our elected officials know we exist in their precincts?

The North Texas Committee for the National March on Washington is sponsoring a Texas-style barbecue Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Lost and Found bar, 56 L St., S.E., in Washington from 3 to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 and can be purchased from Terry Tebedo (826-7467) in Dallas. Remaining tickets will be sold at the door on the day of the event in Washington.

Transportation is still available through Alpha Travel Corp. (214) 243-5931, for the National March on Washington.

Matlovich to Speak at March Press Conference on Oct. 12

Former Air Force Sergeant Leonard Matlovich will be the principal keynote speaker at the North Texas Committee for the March on Washington's press conference at 3 p.m. Oct. 12 at D/FW Airport.

Texas International Airlines is providing the VIP Suite for the committee to speak out regarding discrimination of Gays and Lesbians in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Matlovich will be addressing the five demands of the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

The North Texas Committee for the March on Washington invites all Lesbian and Gay people to attend the press conference even if they do not plan to attend the march in Washington, so as to lend support to those going to the march.

"Numbers make us visible," said Debbie Shaffer, media cochair of the committee. "We need media coverage if we are to be recognized in Dallas/Fort Worth and let the ruling class know we exist and are not going away."

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March Needs Financial Support

The March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights is indeed having financial difficulties, but not to the tune of \$100,000.

The New York and Washington, D. C., offices are two separate accounts. New York is in the red with a debt of \$30,000, while the D. C. office has a \$3,000 debt. Both offices owe for printing of brochures, posters, buttons and T-shirts, along with office rental and telephone bills.

The D. C. Logistics Office needs funds for the rally and march in the following areas: Stage Rental \$1,800, Sound System \$1,500, Scaffolding \$1,500, Stage Hand Labor \$700, Backstage Tent \$450, Stage Managers \$500, Miscellaneous \$500, Backstage Food \$200, Piano and Drum Rental \$100, Wristband Passes \$81, Media \$500, Child Care \$200, March In-

formation Center \$150, Security \$600, and Miscellaneous Logistics \$275.

Earmark your checks as to where you want your financial support to go and send your contributions to: National Logistics Office for the March on Washington, 943 9th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001.

The first National March on Washington is running out of time, and if "WE" don't send our support now, then "WE WILL HAVE FAILED." Let us not fail; let us win by uniting together and make this venture a huge success. All of Gay America needs to reach down into their pockets and raise just a little more money and send it to Washington. Earmark your check for the area that you want to support. BUT DO IT NOW--NOT LATER.

LESBIAN/GAY DEMOCRATS WIN MARCH ENDORSEMENT

By Al Calkin

Austin, TX--The Lesbian/Gay Democrats of Texas (L/GDT) won endorsement for the National March from The Texas Democrats at their statewide meeting held here Saturday, October 29. The Texas Democrats, which is the state's Democratic Party organization, approved the resolution endorsing the National March on Washington for Lesbian/Gay Rights and its proposed list of demands without opposition.

"They were very positive and supportive when we presented our (L/GDT) resolution and explanation at the meeting," said Al Calkin, spokesperson for L/GDT. "This is a most significant step forward for the Gay movement in Texas," he added.

L/GDT was informally organized prior to the 1978 Texas State Democratic Convention and

operated as a caucus coordinating the activities of the approximately 100 Lesbian and Gay delegates and alternates attending that convention. During the recent Sixth Annual Texas Gay Conference, held in Austin in August, the Lesbian

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Meeting Place Needed

CRC (Gayline) needs a space for monthly meetings of Gayline counselors. Meetings are the third Sunday of each month from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and may be attended by up to 50 people. Call Bill Beauchamp, residence 351-1576, or office 692-2212 or 692-2316.

Editorial:

Financial Troubles for Robison

James Robison, the TV evangelist who was kicked off Channel 8 for three months as a result of his anti-homosexual remarks, is \$400,000 in debt on his prime TV evangelistic campaign, and he's sent out an appeal to the tens of thousands of persons on his computerized mailing list to send in contributions to make up the deficit.

In his hand-printed letter mailed out to supporters in September, Robison wrote: "I received two notices today which shocked me deeply! . . . Just a few days ago I wrote asking you to pray and respond ---but the need is even more urgent that I thought."

"The notices concerned our bill from Bell telephone for our WATS counseling center, and the Walter Bennett Agency. Our phone bill was \$150,000 above what we budgeted--we just couldn't cut off lonely desperate people--we tried to be brief."

"Due to cost increases in telecast time and difficulty in scheduling, our Prime-Time specials and newspaper ads exceeded their expected cost by \$250,000. This \$400,000 shortage, coupled with the normal summer decline in support, has truly brought us all to our knees in earnest prayer."

"I was informed that unless God works a miracle of love, we will be forced to borrow money at unbearable interest rates to pay these current debts. This would mean unnecessary waste of God's money for interest - and a delay in Phase II and the continuing of our outreach for souls. This must not happen!"

"... Unless God touches your heart and others we will be critically behind financially for the 1st time in 2 years. We will be forced to borrow from 'the world' to pay these unexpected debts. ---I believe this is God's opportunity to show Himself all sufficient. His is God's way of testing us-binding us together in love and prayer to see if we really trust Him."

"Even if you have given recently---you can see the need is even greater that I thought ---Please help me! This is a most special request---Could you possibly GIVE \$10.00 for this particular need?"

"Please pray about this amount--you may be led to do more, perhaps less--But do pray the need will be met."

"I can't help others unless our friends faithfully help me. I just must hear from you this week concerning this matter. Please don't delay. . ."

"I've enclosed the memo explaining my concern. Thanks so much. Love James."

This letter tugged at our heartstrings, but we didn't send any money to James.--C.A.

We are certain that his loyal supporters will come through, as they have done in the past.

What troubles us more is that James and his campaign helpers are such poor budgeters and money managers that they would allow his multi-million-dollar operation to run \$400,000 over its budget.

Perhaps the Lord is trying to teach James a lesson: If you can't live within your budget you have to borrow money from the money-lenders to pay your debts.

What James isn't telling his supporters is that Ma Bell is usually willing to let people work out terms to pay their past-due bills over a period of several months, and we are sure the advertising agency would be willing to wait a few months to get paid its bill.

All of us have to pay our debts, James.

One economy move that James has taken is to stop giving away his monthly magazine, Life's Answer. Starting in November, no more free subscriptions will be given out. In order to continue receiving the magazine, readers will be required to send in a contribution of \$5.00 a year. It should be interesting to observe how many readers will be willing to pay money to receive the magazine, which James, in the past, has sent free to anyone who wished to get on his mailing list. But we're confident the monthly appeals for contributions will continue to arrive regularly in the mail.

It looks like James is finding out some harsh realities about running a multi-million-dollar business. (And that's exactly what his operation is, a business.) If you can't live within your income, you will go bankrupt. Perhaps the major problem is that the financial support which James had hoped to receive for his nationwide prime-time campaign simply isn't there, that James Robison isn't selling as well as expected outside the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. One can only hope this is the case. --C.A.

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Meg Christian Coming To Dallas In November

Meg Christian, renowned feminist Lesbian singer, guitarist, songwriter will appear in Dallas, November 10th at 8 p.m. in the First Unitarian Church Main Auditorium on Preston Road at Normandy. Meg's concert is sponsored by Dallas NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force and produced by Wise Women Now-Creating Woman Events. Tickets are available at Lobo Book Store; call for other ticket outlets and information: (214) 827-8318.

Meg Christian's music has inspired and entertained the Lesbian and Gay community since her first album, "I Know You Know" had the distinction of being the first album released by Olivia, an all women recording company. "Face the Music," her second album celebrates the politics and lifestyles of the feminist Lesbian movement through the beauty of women's music. Gay men, Lesbians and all women are encouraged to participate in the joyfulness and excitement that a Meg Christian concert creates.

Opening the concert, Wise Women Now is proud to present Iris Harrell and Ann Benson, a duet known to audiences of the feminist coffeehouses and local clubs as the singing group More Joy. In addition to their incredible blend of talent, their women spirit flows through the sounds of their guitars and voices to create love and "more joy" in their audience.

Now is your chance to enjoy an evening of women's music, and evening of celebration and freedom. Contact (214) 827-8318 or members of the NOW Lesbian Task Force for ticket information or write, Wise Women Now, Box 140158, Dallas, Tx., 75214. Tickets are \$5.00 apiece.

WOMEN'S MUSIC ARTISTS APPEARING IN DALLAS

Feminist Politics and music unite when Therese Edell and Betsy Lippitt appear in their first Texas concert on Saturday, October 6th, at 8 p.m. at the Metropolitan Community Church, 2707 Reagan. The opening set will be by feminist coffeehouse performer Carye McGarity. Ticket information through Wise Women Now--(214) 324-1597 or available at the following locations: Paperbacks, Plus; Doubleday Books, Downtown; Lobo Bookshop.

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1. "La Cage au Folles" (Birds of a Feather), an excellent gay film now playing at the Skillman 6. 349-4485.
3. Pot Luck Dinner at the Metropolitan Community Church. 2701 Reagan. 6 PM. Bring a covered dish or pay \$2.00 and enjoy an excellent meal with friendly people. 526-6221.
4. Mail Committee. 7:30 PM. Help fold and mail the DIALOG. Wine, cheese, song, dance... 821-1653.
4. Metroplex Young Adults (17 and up) meet every Thursday at 7:30 PM. 2701 Reagan.
5. "Word Is Out" Channel 13. Twenty six men and women tell what it's like to be gay in America.
6. Family Dinner and Game Night (every Saturday) at the United Community Church, 4402 Roseland. 7:30 PM. 827-5088
6. Wise Women Now presents "Theresa Edell with Betsy Lippitt" concert for men and women. 8:00 PM sharp. Reagan & Brown. 324-1597. Special opening performance by Carye McGarity.
7. GAY ACADEMIC UNION of NORTH TEXAS meets at 5:30 PM. Call 351-1576 for information.
7. Gay Marching/Classical Band rehearses every Sunday at 1 PM. Musicians of all abilities needed. 528-4233.
8. DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. 7:30 PM. Harry Parker, director of the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts, will show films and slides concerning the Performing and Fine Arts and the upcoming bond election. 528-4233. Reagan & Brown. Discussions and social will follow.
10. GLAD (Gay/Lesbian Association of Denton). Barely a month old, this new organization is made up of NTSU and TWU students, faculty, staff and everyone interested in the gay movement. These people are energetic, intelligent and "squeaky" wholesome. 7:30 PM at 4101 Seline in Denton. Call (817) 383-4176 or (817) 387-8216.
10. Media Committee. 8 PM. This committee (some of whom helped in bringing you "Razzle Dazzle Dallas") has some great ideas and is seeking new members. 826-7467.
- 12-13-14. The National March On Washington weekend. This was Harvey Milk's wish. Go if you can. If not, help someone who can. Call 243-5931.
- 12-13-14. The Rosebud Motorcycle Run sponsored by the Dallas Motorcycle, the Heart of Texas, and Rough Riders clubs. Applications are available in most gay bars.
14. Reverend Joan Wakeford, Missionary to South Africa, will become an associate Pastor of the Dallas MCC. 7:15 PM.
15. THEATRE III Champagne Party! The award winning musical "Chicago" will play to an overflow all-gay audience. Get your tickets early and join the happy crowd. Champagne at 7 PM - Curtain at 8. (Coupon in this issue.)
17. "Sebastiane" and "The Killing of Sister George" opens at the Granada Theatre. 823-9610.
18. DIALOG staff meeting. 8 PM. 363-9006.
21. GAYLINE (Community Resource Center). 7:30 PM. For information call 351-1576.
21. Reverend Donald Pedreson will be installed as the Pastor of United Community Church. 4402 Roseland. 11 AM.
22. DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS Open Board Meeting. 7:30 PM. Reagan and Brown. You are invited to meet the directors and committee heads of DGPC. Give input to one of the largest and most effective gay organizations in the nation. 528-4233.
24. GLAD will meet at 7:30 PM at 2413 W. Hickory #202 in Denton. There will be a report on the National March On Washington. (817) 383-4176 or (817) 387-8216. Everyone welcome. (Let's help this new group.)
24. Religion and Life, Health, Speakers Bureau, Program committees. 7:30 PM. 3331 Knight #D. 528-4233. Important!
26. DIALOG deadline. Your comments, letters and suggestions are welcome. Mail them to P.O. Box 5094; Richardson, Texas 75080 or deliver them to the Union Jack before 6:30 PM.
28. DIALOG production day. 2 PM till... 363-9006.
31. "Women in Love" and "Soldier in Skirts" playing at the Granada Theatre. 823-9610.

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NOVEMBER

1. Mail Committee. 7:30 PM. Help fold and mail the DIALOG amid wine, cheese and merry camp. 821-1653.
- 2-3-4. Spiritual Renewal at the Metropolitan Community Church. Reverends Troy Perry and Freda Smith will speak nightly at 7:15. The Ordination of Reverend Don Eastman will be held Sunday at 11 AM. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.
4. GAY ACADEMIC UNION of NORTH TEXAS meets at 5:30 PM. Call 351-1576 for information.
10. Wise Women Now presents "Meg Christian" in concert. First Unitarian Church (Preston & Normandy) 3 PM. Call 321-9287 for information.
12. DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. 7:30 PM. Reagan & Brown. 528-4233. Interesting program, social.
30. "Nighthawks" A new, highly acclaimed British film about a gay male teacher. Opening night will be a DGPC benefit. Granada Theatre. (Last time, we packed the house and had a wonderful evening.)

If you can't be upfront, support DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS

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Discrimination in Bars Illegal

By the Legal Affairs Committee

Despite all the controversy about morality and economics, one thing is clear about bar discrimination: it is illegal. In addition to possible application of federal and civil laws, Sec. 31-3(a) of the Dallas City Code directly applies. It states: "A person commits an offense if he discriminates against, withholds from, or denies a person any of the advantages, facilities, or services offered to the general public by a place of public accommodation because of race, religion, sex, color, or national origin.

Sec. 31-3(b)(1) specifically includes bars, lounges, and nightclubs as "places of public accommodation." This ordinance's application would include unequal enforcement of dress codes and identification requirements.

If you are a victim of such discrimination there is a procedure for filing charges through the City Attorney's Office in room 206 of the Old City Hall at Main and Hartwood. There is no charge and you don't need a lawyer.

Your responsibilities would be to fill out a form and swear to a document called a "complaint" and to be prepared to testify if necessary. If possible you should find out the name of the person who has discriminated against you or the manager or owner in charge at the time. You might ask a friend to try to do this for you. Get the names and addresses of any witnesses who could testify either to seeing your event or to being able to enter under different requirements.

DGPC will accept written complaints at P.O. Box 35011, Dallas 75235 against any bars or businesses and will forward them to the discrimination committee made up of representatives from different gay organizations.

We will also send you a copy of the form necessary to file a complaint in the City Attorney's Office and answer any questions you might have about the mechanics of filing (leave a message at 528-4233). Convictions of violating 33-3(a) in city court can bring a fine of up to \$200 per occurrence. One fine is not a lot, but they can mount up. A pattern of convictions might be grounds for injunction against the establishment and might have implications for renewal of licenses.

Just prior to his assassination, Harvey Milk was interviewed by San Francisco Examiner reporter Lenny Gilek. Because of the singular gay insights presented in that interview, we are here presenting the sixth in a series of questions put to the late gay leader and his answers.

Question: In light of the political defeats gays have suffered around the country, where do you see the gay rights movement going now?

Answer by Milk: The call for a march on Washington is taking place, so the next major step will be a mass meeting in Washington, we hope around the 4th of July of the coming year. This will not only be a mass gathering, but will

GLAD FORMING IN DENTON

Denton, Texas--"Gay/Lesbian Association of Denton (GLAD) has tremendous potential to be a strong supportive resource for gay men and lesbians in a small university town, and they show signs of doing great things," said Campbell Read, Chair of DGPC's Religion and Life Committee.

Read made his comments after speaking at the group's September 26 meeting, which was attended by 22 people. At the meeting he discussed the achievements of DGPC in the area of religion during the last two years, emphasizing the vital importance of dialogue between gays and the religious community.

Phil Johnson of Dallas spoke at the September 12 meeting. Phil told about what it was like to be gay in North Texas in the 1940s and gave a brief history of gay life in the area since then.

GLAD will conduct a business meeting at 7:30 P.M., Oct. 10 at 4101 Selene, and a report on the March on Washington will be presented at the Oct. 24 meeting at 2413 W. Hickory, #202, Edra Bogle, the group's organizer, said. For information, call 817/387-8216 or 817/383-4176.



The Man From Castro Street

also include seminars, workshops and the setting up of a national political network. On the local, you're finding that the battle against Briggs in this city is putting a lot of gay people into the political process--people who have never been in it before. There will be a carry-over that will affect all political races in the city. Once people become politicized many of them stay politicized. That means there will be more gay people involved--not only in running for office, but also involved in initiative campaigns, proposition campaigns and in working for candidates. I guess the best way of putting it is, you're going to see the maturing of the gay political consciousness because of the Briggs initiative.

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Out On Stage

GAY PLAYS: THE FIRST COLLECTION,

Edited by William Hoffman

A Review by Lisa Fenton

Because of its immediacy, because of that sense of eavesdropping on people's lives through a cracked (pardon the expression) closet door, theatre may be the most powerful medium for gays. William Hoffman gives us a splendid anthology of current works spanning the spectrum from musical comedy to romantic drama. T-SHIRTS, a very urbane one-act, moved me with its sharp humor and the recognition that these three gay men could have been my friends for years. T-SHIRTS reveals their attempts to go past the disco cynicism of the '70s to the still-alive-and-well need for love and commitment. CONFESSIONS OF A FEMALE DISORDER is written in a kind of stream of consciousness/remembering style that reads very well and I imagine is remarkable when performed. Illustrating that women have their "rites of passage", too, this beautiful play explores the joys and pains of one woman's growth from childhood to adulthood--a significant part of that process is her discovery of her Gayness.

ENTERTAINING MR. SLOAN shows the deeper shades of "macho", S & M and how violent and brutal human beings can be when acting without love. BOY MEETS BOY is great fun. You know the story: boy meets boy, boy falls for boy, boy loses boy and of course, in the end, boy gets boy! You long for the music, the chorus of voices, the extravagant dances to burst from the page in this one.

Transcending the "aging queen" stereotype, THE MADNESS OF LADY BRIGHT shows the struggles of getting old and facing death. In the end, Lady Bright is all of us, male or female, gay or straight. A LATE SNOW is a romantic drama that shows lesbians in a variety of life styles. This play is its characters: women who loved and left each other, women in the closet and out, women looking for someone to make the chimes ring.

The collection is rounded out with a Bicentennial play, CORNBURY, and the well-known THE KILLING OF SISTER GEORGE. Most people skip over "Introductions" to books, but Hoffman presents us with a concise and warm look at gays in theatre since the 30's. It's the perfect backdrop for reading the eight plays, because there is a sense of sequence, of past and now a better present and... who knows what the future will be? I for one would like to see some of these plays produced here in Dallas in the near future. Until then, GAY PLAYS provides something for anyone... with something to say about all of us. (Available in paperback, by Avon, \$3.50.)

No Ordination For Practicing Gays

A resolution recommending no practicing homosexual be ordained by the 3-million-member Episcopal Church was approved Tuesday, Sept. 18, by the Church's House of Deputies and became official church policy.

The resolution was approved by the 239-member House of Bishops at the church's 66th General Convention. Among lay members in the 904 member House of Deputies, the vote to concur with the House of Bishops' was 77 dioceses for, 18 against and 13 divided.

Among clerics, the vote was 70-29, with 11 divided. The votes represent the sentiments of the dioceses, and the divided tallies signify dioceses that were split on the question.

"It is not a resolution we can enforce," said John Rettger of Minnesota during the debate. "Who is to inquire into an ordinand's sex life? To inquire... is to recognize our own frailty."

The sentence also said ordination should not be allowed for "any person who is engaged in heterosexual relations outside of marriage."

Earlier in the day, 21 bishops issued a strong "statement of conscience" saying they would not accept the resolution.

Written by Bishop John Krumm of southern Ohio, the dissenters' statement said "to accept or implement these recommendations would be to abrogate our responsibilities of apostolic leadership and prophetic witness to the flock of Christ committed to our charge; and would involve a repudiation of our ordination vows as bishops."

The dissenters' statement characterized Monday's action as a "cruel denial of the sexual beings of homosexual persons" and said the resolution "carries with it an implied logic, a repudiation of ministries by homosexual persons already exercised in our midst."

And, the bishops said, the resolution "invites the prospect of retroactive reprisals against ordained homosexual persons with consequences of untold harm to the church and its people, whether homosexual or heterosexual."

At the 1976 general convention, a commission was appointed to study not only homosexuality, but also human sexuality and its relationship with the church. The commission's recommendation was that the present General Convention should "not enact legislation which singles out a particular human condition and makes of it an absolute barrier to ordination."

MCC Dallas Installs Copestake

On Sunday, Aug. 26, the Rev. Robert Copestake was installed as associate pastor of Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas at 2701 Reagan.

Copestake recently graduated from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. He received his clinical pastoral education at Parkland Hospital, serving in the chaplaincy program there.

The Rev. Don Eastman, pastor of MCC-Dallas, has appointed Copestake as director of counseling ministries of the church. In that position he will be responsible for the development of an aggressive counseling program for the Dallas Gay community.

Chicago Holds Gay Conference

Chicago, IL. --Gay and Lesbian Issues will be explored at a National Conference here October 26-28.

Allan H. Spear, Minn. state Senator, will lecture to open the conference. Rita Mae Brown, author of RUBYFRUIT JUNGLE, will give the closing lecture.

Charles Silverstein, author of A FAMILY MATTER and THE JOY OF GAY SEX, will lead workshops on "Coming Out," "Sexual Enrichment for Gays", and "Intimacy in Couples."

Barbara Gittings, Lesbian activist and coordinator of the Task Force on Gay Liberation of the National Gay Task Force, will lead workshops on "Lesbian Visibility" and "Setting Parents Straight About Growing Up Gay."

William B. Kelley, a member of the board of directors of the National Gay Liberation Task Force, will speak on "Combating Discrimination," and Renee Hanover, a Chicago Attorney on the board of directors of the National Gay Rights Lobby, will speak on "Legal Rights."

Other areas to be covered include "Coming Out," "Homosexuality, Lesbianism and the Future," and "Developing Support in Your Community Among Gays and Lesbians."

This is a conference to provide for "Straights", Gay and Lesbians to clear up misunderstandings, to dispel myths about Gay and Lesbian life styles, to provide helpful information to Gays, Lesbians and Straights, to practice problem-solving in Gay and Lesbian organizations and to deal with our common human needs for clearer communications and to deal with our common human needs for clearer communication and being accepted on our own terms.

This conference is jointly sponsored by Dignity/Chicago and Oasis Center for Human Potential. For more information, contact Oasis Center, 7463 N. Sheridan, Chicago, IL 60626, 312/274-6777.

UFMCC Endorses March at General Conference

August 13-19, more than 3,000 people met in Los Angeles for the 10th anniversary General Conference of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches founded by the Rev. Troy Perry.

Highlights of the conference included speakers Midge Costanza, former assistant to the President, and actor Ed Asner of the popular "Lou Grant" television series. Also speaking at the conference were Los Angeles District Attorney Burt Pines and San Francisco Supervisor Harry Britt.

Reports of the conference indicated that MCC Dallas is now the second largest church in the fellowship, with MCC Los Angeles being the largest. The conference adopted a goal to double the number of MCC congregations within the next decade.

The conference also passed a resolution supporting the National March on Washington, Oct. 14.

Letter To The Editor

"Freedom Train Plans Whistle Stop Rallies" (dialog, Vol. 3, No. 8) is good reporting and points up the national importance and support of Gay communities all over these United States for the March on Washington, Oct. 14, 1979.

It is inconceivable that the back of the DGPC's September Calender would contain a DGPC Officially sanctioned event in Dallas on Oct. 15 which conflicts with The National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights Oct. 14, 1979 !

To make matters worse, the advertisement for Theater 3's opening performance, "CHICAGO," is printed on the bottom of the ad which is titled "Catch the Freedom Train to Washington!"

I cannot accept any reasoning that it is something for those who cannot make the March on Washington. At the very time when the new Dallas Chief of Police has promised and is carrying out his purge of our "Boy's Town" (the Oak Lawn Village), every Lesbian and Gay Male should be "coerced" into the "March" to protect his or her rights.

Sincerely,
W. C. McDougall

[Editor's Response: Would you accept reasoning that follows: The National March on Washington D. C. is essentially a weekend event culminating with the Sunday, Oct 14, rally. The majority of the marchers will return home Sunday night or Monday, Oct. 15, morning. As per National Committee recommendation only a relatively few will remain to lobby congress. The planned arrangement allows ample time for most Dallas-sites to return and attend the Theater 3/ DGPC champagne opening of "Chicago" at 8P. M. Mon, Oct 15. If there is a conflict here we fail to see it.]

DEMOCRATS (Continued from page 1)

and Gay Democrats met and decided that a more organized structure for L/GDT was needed. The Co-chair/steering committee format was approved as a means for operating until the 1980 Democratic Convnetion when a more permanent structure can be formed.

L/GDT recently elected Janna Zumbrun of Austin and Al Calkin of Dallas as co-chairs of the organization and approved a resolution to elect a steering committee consisting of one male and one female from each of the five regions in Texas. When elected the steering committee will draft a more detailed statement of purpose and set up means for operating until the 1980 State Democratic Convention.

Calkin states that individuals from the Northern Region interested in L/GDT are invited to the November 12 DGPC meeting so that they can meet afterward for the purpose of electing the representatives to the L/GDT Steering Committee. Prior to that meeting interested people should contact L/GDT, 4423 Cole, #111, Dallas Texas 75205. Contributions for operating funds may be sent to the same address.

March Termed Inspirational

Washington, D.C., Oct. 14--A chilly, overcast but bright day greeted the steady stream of men and women converging on the crowd of 30 to 50 thousand already milling around Union Square, the assembly site in front of the Capitol. Banners reading "Ann Arbor Gays for Human Rights", "Mid-Atlantic States", "L.A. Sings" and "Texas Gay Task Force" billowed and flapped in the slight breeze. People waved, greeted, hugged and kissed each other in congratulation that we were all finally here.

No one seemed to mind that the march started 30 minutes late, but the first stepping off at

12:30 p.m. was greeted by a loud "Hurray". Soon after we were on our way. Preceded by Lesbians, Third World Gays and Physically Challenged Gays, the rest of us fell in behind.

We in the Texas contingent followed the colorful "Montrose Marching Band" (Houston) with their 4 baton twirlers and 40 strong drill team carrying red, white and blue banners. Often along the route, the friendly onlookers commented frequently, "Is this still Texas?" We were some 3,000 strong--Austin, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and from many unidentified locales. About 50 Oklahomans marched just behind us.

The march itself lasted 3 1/2 hours with the eventual 100,000 assembling at the rally site, between the Washington Monument and the reflecting pond for the 3 hour rally co-hosted by Lesbian comic Robin Tyler and Houston's Ray Hill.

The throng alternately danced, roamed, bought momentos and listened to speakers such as writer Kate Millet, Rev. Troy Perry (MCC), Harry Britt (San Francisco Supervisor), Leonard Matlovich, Lucia Valesca (NGTF), Eleanor Smeal (pres. of NOW) and Congressperson Ted Weiss (Co-sponsor, HR. 2074) as they either pleaded for understanding and tolerance or demanded an end to institutional oppression and legal discrimination against Gays and Lesbians.

The gathering, though generally downplayed by media outside Washington, D.C., was over 100,000 strong. Congressperson Jim Collins (R-Dallas), who visited the rally with his wife, commented later, "There were more women than I had expected. . . . You people were the best behaved group who has demonstrated here in a long time. . . . You all acted like it was a party."

This last comment was attested to by the D.C. City and Park Police forces. There were no instances of violence and. . . (They) were the most orderly demonstration in a long time," said a spokesperson.

The inspirational memory of the First National March on Washington, D.C. for Lesbian and Gay Rights will linger long in the minds of all of us who were there.

[Writer's comment: Those of you readers who didn't attend for whatever reasons--you missed THE Gay Historical Event of this decade.]

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Fine Arts Museum Director Speaks to DGPC

Harry Parker, Director of the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts, was the featured speaker at the Oct. 8 general meeting of DGPC. Parker's presentation, primarily a pitch for Proposition 4--the Fine Arts Museum--in the upcoming, Nov. 6 city bond election, consisted of a promotional movie and twenty minutes of commentary and fielding questions from the members.

Dallas needs a new Museum of Fine Arts, says Parker, because it has outgrown its present facilities. Over two-thirds of the museum's art is in storage and over half has never been seen by the public because there is not enough space. The new location bounded by Ross, Harwood, Akard and Woodall Rodgers is a short walk from downtown, and Parker says, "This will encourage an increase in patronage." In addition educational space for children and adult art appreciation will be provided.

In response to a question regarding an all-Gay Art Exhibition, Parker stated that he didn't envision such, since "the major contribution of Gays to the arts is well known and recognized." He cited Michelangelo, Da Vinci and Raphael as examples. Whereas other minorities had been excluded from the Fine Arts forum in the past, Gays have not been--their sexual orientation was overlooked or ignored.

According to museum sources, the GPC engagement is one of only two which the Director accepted personally. All others will be handled by museum personnel. GPC Vice-President Gary Brock stated that he met Parker shortly after he came to Dallas as the Museum's Director and the lines of communication have continued these past 6 years.

To Parker's credit are several prestigious modern and romantic exhibitions culminating with the recent Pompeii A.D. 79, which drew record crowds and added some \$8 million to the Dallas economy. Parker encouraged the members to Vote for Proposition 4.

Students Allege Mesquite Paper Contributed to Counselor's Death

Mesquite, Texas--According to letters printed in several issues of the Mesquite Daily News, many of the students and faculty of North Mesquite High School feel that events surrounding the publication of an article regarding the arrest of a school counselor for public lewdness led to his death.

Robert Andrew Sego, 40, of Garland, a counselor at North Mesquite High School for over 12 years, was pronounced dead of a gunshot wound to the chest in Haskell County, Texas.

Records show that Sego was charged in Dallas County with public lewdness Oct 5. Dallas Police records reflect the charge involved an alleged sexual act with another man in the restroom of a department store at NorthPark Shopping Mall.

Mesquite school Supt. Ralph Poteet said Sego continued his school duties through Tuesday, Oct. 16. Sources in Mesquite stated that a reporter from the Daily News came to the school seeking an interview with Sego, and that he left town after learning that the paper planned to publish the incident.

These same sources state that a note was found at Sego's home in Garland and that Sego's body was found near his grandfather's grave site at the Willow Cemetery in Haskell, Texas. The Dallas Times Herald account of Sego's death stated the fatal wound was self-inflicted.

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City of Dallas
Bond Election

Village Station Arrests Latest in a Series

According to sources close to the local bar owners, the incident Tuesday night, Oct. 23, when some 15 Gay men were summarily hauled from the Village Station disco, was merely the largest and the latest in a series of arrests for alleged violation of Penal Code 21.07, Public Lewdness. Over the past 8 months there have been several arrests for Public Lewdness in several of the neighborhood bars on Fitzhugh and at other unidentified locations.

Although the letter of 21.07 requires actual exposure of the genitals and/or touching [that is skin-to-skin contact] of the genitals of one person by another, the vice squad is interpreting the relatively commonly seen practice among Gay men of "groping" as being a violation of 21.07. To date the courts are upholding this interpretation. Those in the community who commonly engage in this activity stand warned. You may hug, kiss, hold hands and dance together touching, but if you take someone's pants down or off or attempt to do so or "grope" friends or strangers in public, he and you may be held in violation of the Public Lewdness statute, arrested on the spot and summarily transported to jail. Forewarned is forearmed; the cost of defending against such charges can be expensive (reference Dialog, September '79; "Public Lewdness Cases Prove Costly for Gays").

Editorial:

What Sinister Conspiracy is GLVA Close To?

Dialog has taken a stand, as has DGPC, against dress code discrimination against women and multiple ID carding of minorities at bars and discos (See "Cancer Eating at the Gay Community, Dialog, Vol. 3, No. 4). We watched with barely contained enthusiasm the formation of the anti-discrimination committee eventually named Gay/Lesbian Voices for Action (GLVA). GLVA has been meeting weekly for some 2 to 3 months. In that period of time, they hammered out the "most comprehensive and articulate statement of purpose against discrimination" one source close to GLVA said he has ever seen.

However, a cloud of fear has settled over GLVA in the past month. Two of the most active members began receiving phone calls threatening violent or worse actions if these two did not cease their activities with GLVA.

One member, who was loudly critical of disco discrimination practices, was planning court action. After having received several of the threatening calls, this member was shot at while waiting for a bus. A followup threatening call told the member the shot might not miss next time. This member, however, was not deterred, but did engage protective services. However, this member did relent when personal friends began to be included in the phone threats.

At this juncture, this writer wonders in print, "Is this discrimination issue the real reason for the threats?" This sort of clandestine action is unlike anything we have ever heard of in the Gay community.

Assuming that Gays are not involved--and that assumption may not be valid--we wonder who could be behind all these threats and violence. Such actions are certainly characteristic of society's criminal elements. Are they involved? Why? What sinister conspiracy is the Gay/Lesbian Voices for Action close to?

--The Editor

5 Board Positions For Re-Election

The Board of Directors of DGPC has announced plans for election of positions 1 through 5 coming up at the December 10 general meeting. The spokesperson for the Board formally announced the election and requested nominations for the positions. A source on the Board has stated that at least 3 incumbents will not be candidates in December.

Nominees must be paid members of DGPC. Those nominating candidates are cautioned to consult with their prospective nominees prior to submitting their names to the Board.

Nominations will be accepted at the Nov. 12 general meeting and at the December 10 meeting during the actual elections. Any Board member will accept nominations in person at any time prior to the Dec. 10 election.

EDITORIAL

Gays Celebrate in Washington

By Gary N. Reese

[Reprinted from Oct. 23 issue of Daily Texan]

Last May 21 an angry mob converged on San Francisco's Civic Center around the neo-classic buildings that house the city's municipal offices. Earlier in the day a jury had found former City Supervisor Dan White not guilty of murder but of involuntary manslaughter in the killings of Mayor George Moscone and fellow Supervisor Harvey Milk. The rioters--most, but not exclusively, Gay--fought off police and set fire to a number of squad cars before dispersing.

The people were mad as hell, and they weren't going to take it anymore.

Sunday, Oct. 14, saw a very different sort of gathering on another coast. In Washington, D.C., more than 100,000 Lesbians and Gay men marched peacefully in one of the largest political demonstrations of the decade. Peacefully--but the same spirit of militancy and activism was unmistakably alive among the people who rallied at the foot of the Washington Monument.

The speakers for the rally came from all walks of life--performers, preachers, writers, lawyers, mothers, and fathers. And the tone ranged from undiluted rage to loving compassion.

Lesbian/feminist comedian Robin Tyler wasn't joking as she addressed the crowd. "They have violated our human rights for centuries. They have exterminated a million of us in the Holocaust. . . . They have burned us as witches and homosexuals. But the greatest violation of all is that they have told us that closets are for privacy and not for prison!"

The march was Harvey Milk's dream, and he was actively involved in its organization when he died. For more than a year, march organizers had faced the issue of grass-roots representation, securing broad-based endorsements for the march and achieving gender parity in all stages of the march's planning. That these problems were effectively addressed for the first time in the history of the Gay movement was one of the triumphs of the march effort.

"Most important, we have developed a national network," explained Steve Ault, one of the coordinators of the National Logistics Office. "New state coalitions have formed

where none existed before. Local organizing has sparked grass-roots participation. No longer will we be picked off city by city and person by person. What we see here is proof that we have liberated ourselves from our own worst enemy, which is self-hatred."

Adelle Starr of the Los Angeles Parents of Gays passionately called for acceptance of Lesbians and Gays within the family. "In the U.S., one out of every four families has a Gay person. And that affects all of us. Together, we and our children challenge the attitudes that destroy, the attitudes that have caused violence, bloodshed, suicide, and even murder. And we say no more!"

Those supporters who could not be present sent messages of solidarity. Organizations in Ireland, Sweden, France, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, and the United Kingdom lent their support. Although she was already en route to Southeast Asia and the refugee crisis there, Joan Baez took the time to send a telegram. "Spirits such as Harvey Milk's are so vital for any movement. To know that any movement for social change must be based on love.

"Anger and violence only produce anger and violence and never change. So keep this spirit alive, because that is why you are here today."

For me personally, the most emotional moment occurred when feminist writer Kate Millet addressed the crowd that had been standing in the wet cold for more than four hours. "There hasn't been a whole lot said about the joys of being Gay, of the pleasure we derive from our bodies and our experiences. After all, we are the minority that you can join overnight--or, in the twinkling of an eye."

For those of us who gathered in Washington, Oct. 14 was both a demonstration and a celebration, the culmination of months of hard work and dedication to work further for effective social change that can only liberate us all.

"Today we are celebrating what we are," Steve Ault continued. "Tomorrow as we disperse and return to our homes, we must dedicate ourselves to the crisis of our times and to fight for the rights of all people."

[Gary Reese, a former editor of Gay Austin, is a graduate journalism student at UT-Austin.]

AF DISMISSES GAY CAPTAIN

Pope A. F. Base, N.C., Oct. 15 (AP)--Capt. Robert Coronado, an avowed homosexual who was convicted of conduct unbecoming an officer, was dismissed from the Air Force today.

The dismissal, equivalent to a dishonorable discharge for an enlisted man, will be automatically appealed.

Besides dismissal, Capt. Coronado could have been sentenced to five years at hard labor by the jury of five Air Force officers.

"What I am and what other people are

cannot be denied. It can be overlooked, but it must be dealt with. I feel that we're going to win," Coronado said, referring to his appeal. "I feel that it will be a long and involved and costly fight, but we will win."

The case automatically goes to the 21st Air Force Headquarters for review. It will then go to the Court of Military Review and the Court of Military Appeals. During the appeals process, Coronado may remain on the job and collect his regular pay or may go on unpaid leave.



28. GLAD meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month in Denton. 7:30 PM. (817) 383-4176 or (817) 387-8216.
28. Mr. Metroplex Contest for the MEN in the Dallas-Ft. Worth-Denton area. At the Mad Hatter in Arlington. 735 N. Collins, (Hiway 157). 469-1781.
29. Mail Committee. Meet at 7:30 at Phil's place to mail the DIALOG, sing, dance, eat, drink and be merry!
30. "Nighthawks" A new, highly acclaimed British film about a gay male teacher. Opening night will be a DGPC benefit. 9:30 PM. Granada Theatre. 3524 Greenville Avenue. (Last time we packed the house. Join the happy people.)

DECEMBER

2. GAY ACADEMIC UNION of NORTH TEXAS. 5:30 PM. Christmas Party. 351-1576.
6. Bartenders Variety Show benefitting gay rights. DIII. 2617 N. Pearl. 741-0300.
10. DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. 7:30 PM. Reagan and Brown.
12. GLAD in Denton. 7:30 PM.



We call ourselves the Dallas Gay Political Caucus. Yet we are much more than just political. Look at our calendar --social, educational, athletic, cultural, humane, supportive as well as political. We try hard to be what you would have us be. If we fail --perhaps we need help.

You will never be asked to jeopardize your job, home or privacy to be a member of DGPC. Few can be upfront, but everyone can contribute ideas, time, effort or funds. We've come a long way since Stonewall - we've a long way to go yet. Let not our gain be paid for by a few.

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FBI LIBERALIZES LIFE-STYLE RULES

Washington (AP)--FBI Director William H. Webster is liberalizing the bureau's long tradition of harsh punishment for agents who engage in sexual relationships outside marriage.

The shift means an agent involved in a premarital or extramarital relationship no longer faces automatic dismissal from the bureau.

In two other areas of personal conduct--homosexuality and marijuana use-- Webster has bent the rules slightly as he develops the bureau's first clear-cut written policies on personal matters.

Though he continues to ban practicing homosexuals from bureau jobs, Webster has asked for the latest scientific data on

homosexuality and says he's willing to consider relaxing the rule.

Such changes may seem trivial to bureau outsiders accustomed to the relatively easygoing policies of many private employers. But for the FBI, Webster's approach represents a remarkable departure from decades of crusty conservatism.

"We are still revising a very extensive overhaul of our discipline procedures to build in more due process and put more emphasis on honesty and integrity rather than on private life styles," Webster said.

The middle-level officials who handle most minor disciplinary matters were showing "what I thought was an excessive preoccupation with people's lives," he

said. "I thought we ought to keep our eyes on the ... integrity of the men and women in the bureau."

"We try to apply consistent principles," he said. "Conduct that is going to make an agent ineffective has to be discouraged. That doesn't mean somebody is going to get fired because he has engaged in private conduct that is frowned on by the community. But if his effectiveness has been impaired, we are likely going to have to put somebody else in his place."

The test in every situation, he said, is whether an agent's private life style has had a detrimental effect on his work.

Webster is treading much more cautiously on the homosexuality issue.

DGPC Names New Treasurer

The Board of Directors of DGPC recently named Jim Williams as the new treasurer to replace former treasurer Dick Stewart who moved to Los Angeles to accept a new occupational opportunity. Williams has been a member of the Caucus for over two years, having served on the now defunct Telephone committee.

Although Williams is treasurer of DGPC, he is not a Director on the Board of the Caucus. Williams points out that his duties will be those of the office of Treasurer and will not be directly involved in the actual decision making process of the Caucus.

Williams brings 15 credit hours of accounting along with his degree in Mathematics to his new office.

The new officer stated plans to have a complete financial statement on display at all Caucus meetings. He says he will try to be prepared for any and all questions from members regarding the books. To this end, as readers of *This Week in Texas* can attest, he answered some irresponsible charges made by Houstonian Ray Hill regarding DGPC's financial status.

In addition to his regular duties, Williams plans to prepare comparative budget statements for all Board meetings so the Directors and committee chairs can track their estimated to actual expenses as the year unfolds.

REMINDER

The Lesbian/Gay Democrats of Texas will hold election of the North Texas Steering Committee Members on Monday, Nov. 12, 1979 immediately after the DGPC meeting. One woman and one man will be elected.

Movie Review:

"NIGHTHAWKS": Gay Life As It Is Lived, Not As It Is "Presented"

By Rob Baker
(Reprinted from the *Soho Weekly News*,
July 26, 1979)

The Thought Police of the Gay movement probably are not going to like it much. Neither are most of the people who are trying to stop the filming of William Friedkin's "Cruisin'". But Ron Peck's and Paul Hallam's "Nighthawks", an expertly made low-budget film about the hot-to-trot Gay bar scene in London, is nonetheless the most uncompromisingly honest--and probably the best--Gay film ever made.

"Nighthawks" neither glamorizes nor sensationalizes the world it portrays: a world of cruising, one-night stands and studiously avoided relationships. It is a film totally devoid of trumped-up triumphs or tragedies: no suicides, thank God: no angst or breastbeating. But no happy ending either.

Peck has painstakingly--at times almost brutally--captured life as it is lived by a significant portion of the worldwide Gay community. Life as it is "lived", not as idealists or self-appointed Gay spokesmen (sic) would like to see it "presented". Of course, it's not the whole story (and it never pretends to be), but it's a damn important part of it, and one which no other filmmaker has dared to touch.

We follow the main character, a junior high school teacher named Jim (Ken Robertson), from bar to bar, disco to disco, cruising area to cruising area. Sometimes he scores quickly, sometimes slowly, sometimes not at all. We see him pose, sending off sexual vibrations and giving other men the eye (though the look is more that of a glassy stare or dare). We see this repeat itself, again and again.

Jim's encounters are friendly, but somehow tentative and halting. He enjoys the tricks he picks up, but he usually doesn't

call them back (or they don't call him). He's cool to them the next time they meet. All in all, we realize that it's easier for him to hit the streets or bars again than to pick up the telephone and arrange a second date. When, near the end of the film, he finally meets someone, who we sense is right for him, we feel instinctively that he is going to blow it again, that he's more frightened of commitment and responsibility than he is of the uncertainty of going nighthawking once again.

Jim is attractive, well-adjusted, likeable. He appears to be a good teacher and he deals straightforwardly with his students when they finally confront him with his

(See NIGHTHAWKS Page 4.)

"A LANDMARK FILM IN ITS REALISTIC PRESENTATION OF A HOMOSEXUAL LIFE!"

Los Angeles Times

—KEVIN THOMAS



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Texas Gays Join Growing National Political Force

By Kathy Deitsch, NGTF

Most reports of the attendance at the Oct. 14, National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights were incorrect. The estimated attendance was between 100,000 and 125,000, with some 2,500 to 3,000 of those being Texans.

On Monday, October 15, during the Constituent Lobby Day, some 18 members of the 24 member Texas Congressional delegation were visited, including U.S. Senators John Tower and Lloyd Bentsen. Although no new sponsors came forward from Texas on pending legislation, Congresspersons were generally attentive and amazed to learn they have Gay/Lesbian constituents living in their districts. Many admitted they had never talked with open Gay/Lesbians prior to Monday's visit. Some 100 individuals from Texas visited Texas Congresspersons while in Washington D.C. for the March.

Undoubtedly, our greatest impact was for them to have been visited and realize for the first time that they do have Gay/Lesbian constituents and that we are a growing political force, as evidenced by March events on Sunday. It was pointed out that many of us have been actively working the political arena for some time, but in most cases as closeted Gays or Lesbians. The Lobby Day was coordinated by the Gay Rights National Lobby and the March on Washington Committee.

NIGHTHAWKS

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being Gay. His friendship with a fellow teacher, a straight married woman, is open, honest and convincing. But Jim's guard is up even there. He never lets anyone get too close, on whatever emotional level--and one of the film's chief attractions is that it makes us care a lot about that without giving us some cheap-psychology reason why he's that way.

"Nighthawks" is a breakthrough film, not just because of its Gayness, but because of its honesty about Gayness--its devastating, even bleak, sense of self-examination. Thank God a Gay filmmaker has finally had the courage to make a film about something other than galloping homophobia, about a problem within the context of Gay life itself, and to present it without any simplistic resolutions or happily-ever-after platitudes. That shows some sense of what the real business of revolution and self-liberation is all about.

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In addition to the ongoing lobby work of GRNL in Washington D.C., the organization has determined to sponsor the National Convention Project, which will be the "first nationwide attempt to build an effective Gay voice in grassroots American politics."

The project is estimated to cost \$96,000 and has as its goal "a national platform plank committing the Democratic and Republican parties for the first time to defend the basic rights of American men and women who are Gay." The project will work toward this end by assisting the local Lesbian and Gay organizations to:

- 1) Influence the Gay rights stands of Presidential candidates by making Gay concerns known (e.g., holding forums, sending questionnaires);
- 2) Lobby the parties' platform writing processes by offering testimony and communicating with individual committee members;
- 3) Elect "out" Lesbian and Gay convention delegates committed to our rights; and
- 4) Establish Gay presence at the convention floor.

Gay Texans will be actively involved in this project, as many of us have been working for some time to ensure a strong voice in the 1980 electing and party conventions.

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Gay To Fight Army Dismissal Plan

Fort Lewis, Wash. (AP)--Pfc. Roger Cutsinger says he will fight any Army attempt to discharge him because he is Gay. "It's only the beginning," he said after the decision. He said he planned a federal court appeal and a lawsuit if he is discharged, even honorably.

Cutsinger, 21, of Battle Creek, Mich., said he received a fair hearing. But, he said, "I think they should have given it more thought." Echoing these sentiments, his defense attorney, Capt. John Beasley, said cases of acknowledged homosexuals in the service might be handled differently. "Maybe it's too early for the Army and society," he said. "We got one vote and that's a first step."

Two of the three members of an Army board recommended that Cutsinger be discharged honorably from the service because of his homosexuality. The board's report will go to Cutsinger's commander, Col. Arch H. Ely, Jr., for a final determination. Cutsinger will remain with his unit while awaiting Ely's decision. Cutsinger, a clerk-typist in the 9th Adjutant General Company, has been in the Army for two years.

SAN JOSE GAY RIGHTS THREATENED

San Jose, CA. (AP)--A city ordinance banning discrimination against Gays went on the books Sept. 28 in San Jose, but a petition drive led by fundamentalist Christians is likely to send the matter to the voter.

The submission of the petition was the second setback this month for Gays in Santa Clara County. A similar county ordinance was suspended earlier this month when opponents submitted a petition demanding the law be put to a vote.

The Rev. Sky Anderson of MCC said, "Christianity is on the line here. These people think they are the only real Christians."

Erratum: Vol. 3, No. 9, OCT. 1979 stated in error that The Texas Democrats constituted the state's Democratic Party organization, when in reality it is the liberal wing of that organization.

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Baker Files Suit to Repeal 21.06

Dallas, Nov. 19--The long awaited court challenge to the Texas Penal Code 21.06 was filed here Monday. Don Baker, the vice president of DGPC, a Dallas native who has been a substitute schoolteacher for 3 years, filed a federal classaction suit charging that "21.06" which makes homosexual conduct a criminal act is unconstitutional.

Baker stated that he and his attorney James C. Barber were "disappointed that the suit was assigned to U.S. District Judge William Taylor." Judge Taylor is viewed as "unfriendly", but Baker noted that Taylor is contemplating retirement and therefore may not accept the case, but pass it on to his successor.

Baker and his attorney feel that it will be about 6 months before the suit actually comes to trial.

Named as defendants in the suit are all city, county and state district attorneys in Texas re-

sponsible for enforcing the state's penal code. The suit, which asks for no monetary damages, requested Judge Taylor grant a speedy trial and thereafter declare "21.06" unconstitutional.

Baker identified himself as a "practising homosexual... who is constantly in fear of criminal prosecution under the statute in question."

The provision of the state penal code Section 21.06 states: "A person commits an offense if he engages in deviate sexual intercourse with another individual of the same sex." The offense is a Class C misdemeanor with a maximum fine of \$200 upon conviction.

Baker's suit states the provision violates First Amendment protection of religious freedom because the state law is based "solely on religious objections to homosexual conduct."

The suit contends that "21.06" conflicts with the due process clause which provides him the

"fundamental right to privacy to control his body in personal relationships in the privacy of his own home." It further states that the provision violates the federal equal protection clause because it "treats heterosexuals and homosexuals differently." There is no state law which criminalizes deviate sexual intercourse between heterosexuals.

The suit further contends that "21.06" is "overbroad in that it does not distinguish between public and private activities."

When interviewed, Don Baker stated that, "Rehearsals for this event began 2 years ago." He said that the presentation to the media progressed "like an opening night performance."

Baker pointed out that the Texas Human Rights Foundation and its contributors are funding the legal expenses and handling a public relations program designed to educate the public, both Gay and non-Gay, about homosexuality during the course of the trial.

Baker said he has begun to receive some "hate calls." He allowed that he had expected them, but he was not prepared for the vehemence of some of them.

Baker concluded the interview saying that he had received two unexpected, but very welcome phone calls from women asking what the Lesbian community could do and volunteering help. "That was very reassuring," he said, "because it means that the Gay and Lesbian community realize this suit is OUR fight. We're all in this together."

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DGPC Protests Book Deletions

Dallas, Nov. 13--The Board of Directors of DGPC released a letter Tuesday protesting the action of the State Board of Education in its decision to delete certain statements about homosexuality from a new health textbook. In approving the Textbook "Health and Safety for You" the state board decided to delete two sentences relating to homosexuality.

Those sentences read: "Recently, though, there has been a great deal of discussion and study among doctors and psychiatrists about homosexuality. Some now believe that homosexuality is not a mental disorder, but is another, less common kind of sexuality." Other references, basically reflecting the old idea that homosexuality is an illness, were left intact by the board.

In a letter to members of the state board, DGPC vice president Don Baker stated, "We recognize there exist segments in our communities which would prefer that our children be kept in the darkness about human sexuality. It is unfortunate that these extremist groups have pressured the committee on this point.

"The decision to delete these sentences, which reflect the most recent positions taken by the academic, social and theological scholars, is an indictment against truth, scholarship, understanding, progress and education in general.

"It is the responsibility of our educators to promote knowledge, not to suppress it. The ignorance that prevades society about homosexuality is not going to be abated as long as we permit myth and misunderstandings to prevail.

... we do not feel the State Board of Education should have sacrificed sound education for political security."

The letter stated that the American Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality from its list of disorders in 1974 and noted that professionals in other fields have taken similar stands.

"The positions taken by these scholarly groups are further evidence supporting our position that the sentences in question should not have been deleted. We urge the state board to reconsider its action," the letter concluded.

In an interview with *Dialog*, Don Baker stated, "I am pleased with the favorable handling of this issue by the press." He said, "This is an issue which we could not ignore. We responded with the letter."

The Dallas *Morning News* carried a comprehensive article by Terrence Stutz in its Wednesday, Nov. 14 issue, which quoted the substantial portions of the letter's text.

CHRISTMAS PROJECT

The Caucus will be sponsoring 5 families this Christmas with children between the ages of 13-16. Our gifts will include food and particularly gifts chosen for that age group. Call the DGPC phone number 528-4233 to arrange for pick of your donation or bring it to the general meeting on Dec. 10.

December Meeting to Feature Elections

5 Board Positions on Block

The December 10th meeting will see the election of 5 positions on the DGPC Board of Directors. Last Spring the Board proposed, and the membership ratified semi-annual elections of Directors with 4 positions--6, 7, 8 and 9--elected in June and the remaining 5 positions elected in December. With this system Directors have a term of 1 year. The Board spokesperson stated the change from the original 2 year term was adopted because "several former Directors had found it necessary to vacate their positions prior to the end of their term" and also because several prospective candidates for the Board had found the 2 year term of service daunting. The 1 year term seemed the answer.

The Election Spokesperson stated that 1 person has announced his/her candidacy for each of the 5 positions and others have indicated their interest in becoming candidates.

Prospective candidates should submit, or have submitted, their names to any Director before the Dec. 10th meeting date. Names may also be placed in nomination during the election itself. Candidates must declare the position for which they are running when nominated.

President's Adieu

By LOUISE YOUNG

With a mixture of anticipation and regret, I prepare to chair my final monthly meeting (Dec. 10) as president of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus. Much has happened since July 1978, when I took office. I'd like to share some personal observations during the time I've been privileged to serve as your president.

The Caucus has grown in sheer numbers during my presidency. Our fine monthly newsletter--*Dialog*, now in its third year of publication--took on its current new name and "new look" and has had a circulation of 2,000 each month for more than a year.

The Financial Resources (formerly the fund-raising) committee has continued its superb job of putting the much-needed dollars in our treasury--the wherewithal we depend on for the day-to-day expenses of the Caucus. They've planned and staffed a variety of events--skating parties, special benefit film showings and the highly successful "Theatre 3 Premieres".

Through the efforts and leadership of our Political Action committee--with the cooperation of the entire Lesbian/Gay community--DGPC has been able to organize that community politically, particularly in the Oak Lawn area, into an increasingly sophisticated "political machine". During the 1978 elections, we proved that we could "deliver" a vote and could "deliver" workers in campaigns and to candidates who supported our civil rights.

Our Education committee has expanded its efforts in providing qualified speakers to area colleges, universities and churches.

We now have an educational and informative program at each monthly meeting, thanks to the efforts of our relatively new Program committee.

Our local media coverage has expanded and our Media-Public Relations committee has also been reorganized to meet this need. Gays have been on more television and radio shows and have received more positive coverage in the newspapers.

Special events and projects have come periodically during the past year and a half--the James Robison media controversy, "Razzle, Dazzle, Dallas", "Gay Pride Week" in June '79 --to name a few.

It has been gratifying to see that so many of the talented individuals, instrumental in the March on Washington committee, have indicated their desire to assume leadership positions in DGPC.

I've watched the "people power" in the Caucus committees grow. We have gained many talented individuals to do the important work of the Caucus. Of course, we still need more

participants, so that we do not exhaust our most valuable resource--our committee chairs, committee people and our Directors.

As my term in the office of president draws to a close, I feel not unlike how I felt after a recent 13-mile race: pleasantly tired, but not exhausted; glad the race was over, but still able to appreciate the triumph of the finish!

My greatest personal joy and satisfaction as president has been in watching, and in facilitating, the growth in leadership in other Caucus members for the good of our organization. I'll say "Goodbye" as president, but not as a participant in the Gay Rights Movement.

With the determination and mindset of the long-distance runner I've become, I want all DGPC members to know that I'll be running "in the pack" with you, no longer as your president or a Director, but still there every step of the way. Count on it! See you at the December meeting.

Editorial:

A Giant Step for Gay Rights!

Last summer, when the Texas Human Rights Foundation was looking for a plaintiff to file a federal court suit challenging the constitutionality of Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, Jim Barber, the attorney chosen by the foundation, said he was having trouble finding a person willing to take the risk involved in filing such a suit.

Barber said he was looking for a stable person who was articulate and would be willing to take the case to the courts and the media.

Then, in November, Don Baker, a popular Dallas schoolteacher and Gay rights activist who is vice-president of DGPC, volunteered to be the plaintiff in the THRF's lawsuit.

A story in the Dallas Morning News said Baker "is nice-looking and extremely courteous, has an outgoing personality and is a well-respected schoolteacher. Since he also happens to be homosexual, it makes him ideal as a plaintiff in the legal battle over the state law against homosexual conduct," the News reporter observed.

Those of us who know Don Baker and have worked with him in the DGPC over the last 3 years agree completely with that assessment.

Baker has been one of the Caucus' hardest workers and has gained the respect not only of the Dallas Gay/Lesbian community but also that of Democratic party workers, the media, students, parents and teachers, and many others in the general public.

Baker has not been afraid to stand up and speak out against those who would deny human rights to Gays. Last spring, he rebutted the Rev. James Robison on a Fort Worth television talk show, the Charlie Rose Show. And

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Gayline Plans New Training Session

Community Resource Center (CRC) plans to begin a new training session for prospective gayline telephone counsellors in February. Requirements: counsellors must be Lesbian or Gaymen, and should be at ease with their sexuality. No previous training is necessary.

Interested persons are asked to attend one or two CRC meetings before training begins. Meetings are held the third Sunday of the month at 7:30 p.m. (December 16 & January 20). Call Bill Beauchamp (351-1576) or the Gayline (748-6790) for location.

"We have a very special need for women, blacks, hispanics, older persons, and the physically challenged--to help us better serve these often slighted sectors of our community," said CRC President Beauchamp.

"We also invite prospective members who, while not interested in phone counseling, would like to work in other ways. There's plenty to do."

Beauchamp says that besides the satisfaction of helping fellow Gays/Lesbians in times of stress, CRC/Gayline offers members a Gay/Lesbian support group unique in Texas, if not the entire country.

The CRC spokesperson concluded, "Think about it. We need you. Our community needs you!"

just a few weeks ago he wrote a letter to the State Board of Education protesting the deletion of two sentences questioning traditional taboos on homosexuality in a public school health textbook.

Baker is, indeed, articulate and he's not afraid to take the risk involved in taking the case to the court and the media.

So far as the risk involved in regard to his future employment is concerned, Baker says: "The risk of my employment as an educator can in no way be weighed with the risk that Gay people take every day in regard to self-degradation, fear, physical abuse, personal harassment, job discrimination, and child custody. I feel that I have a moral responsibility not to allow injustice to occur, and if this law is an injustice, then I have an obligation to act upon my conscience to attempt to abolish things that are inconsistent with the upholding of human dignity."

Gays and Lesbians owe a debt of gratitude to Don Baker, Jim Barber, and the THRF for having the courage to take this important step in the ongoing battle for human rights for homosexuals. You can show your support for this cause by making a generous contribution to the Texas Human Rights Foundation.--C.A.

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Methodists Grapple with Gay Question

By Carl Allen

The bitter controversy over the issue of homosexuality continues to rage within the United Methodist Church.

The following developments have taken place within the last several months:

1. The church's Commission on the Status and Role of Women became the first national body of the denomination to reject "sexual orientation" as a factor in its employment practices. The commission, meeting in Madison, Wis., Sept. 27-30, agreed by consensus to a formal statement insuring that homosexuals will not be discriminated against in its employment and personnel policies.

Commission members agreed to inform the Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries of its actions since the issue arose from the firing of Joan Clark of Dallas, a women's Division staff member who was terminated after publicly stating she was a Lesbian. Members agreed to communicate their action to Ms. Clark, who has previously served as a Women's Division liaison to the commission.

2. A major shift in the church's stance on homosexuality was approved in Washington Oct. 3-6 by the General Board of Church and Society for recommendation to the denomination's General Conference in Indianapolis in April, 1980.

The new statement would change the church's position from "not condoning" the practice of homosexuality to the position that "we are seeking the truth" in the light of Christian heritage.

Recommended for deletion are the "Social Principles" statement that "We do not condone the practice of homosexuality and consider the practice incompatible with Christian teaching," and the statement that "We do not recognize a relationship between two persons of the same sex as constituting marriage."

Also recommended for deletion is a paragraph in the "Book of Discipline" which prohibits any board, agency, committee, commission or council from giving funds to promote the acceptance of homosexuality.

A new resolution on the "civil and human rights for homosexual persons" calls for United Methodist agencies and institutions at all levels to insure employees' rights regardless of sexual orientation.

3. Directors of the United Methodist Women's Division, apparently choosing to ignore the recommendations of the other two Methodist bodies, voted in Philadelphia Oct. 15 not to rehire Joan Clark as a staff person for the national organization of Methodist women. The directors voted 49-12 with one abstention to support the recommendation of the group's personnel committee. The division's president, Mai Gray of Kansas City, said the committee's rationale remained the same as at the time of the firing last April.

4. The Judicial Council of the United Methodist Church, the church's "supreme court," upheld the appointment of a homosexual pastor, the Rev. Paul Abels, to a Methodist church.

The council ruled that every United Metho-

dist minister "in good standing and in effective relation with an annual conference is eligible for appointment, church officials said in a statement released in Washington early in November.

The case involved the appointment of Rev. Abels as pastor of New York's Washington Square Church, in Greenwich Village, after he announced, in 1978, that he is a practicing homosexual.

He refused a request by New York Bishop W. Ralph Ward and the conference's cabinet to take a voluntary leave of absence from the church. Ward and the cabinet then recommended that he be placed on leave, but the board of ministry and the conference session rejected that solution.

Because there were no charges against him, Ward reappointed him to the Washington Square post. Last June, the conference voted to ask the Judicial Council for a ruling on the ecclesiastical legality of Rev. Abels' appointment.

The council's ruling was narrow and did not specifically consider the question of homosexuality as some had hoped it would. Instead, it relied on sections of the Book of Discipline which assure an appointment annually to all ministerial members who are "in full connection" and "in good standing."

A minister can lose such status, it said, "only by action of its annual conference" which has the power and responsibility to inquire into "moral and official conduct" of its ministers.

A week after the announcement of the decision, Tom Matheny of Hammond, LA., Judicial Council president, stressed that the decision did not change the position of the church on homosexuality.

"The question of homosexuality was not even before us," Matheny said in an interview published in the Texas Methodist/United Methodist Reporter (TM/UMR).

Although the request from the New York Annual Conference was for a declaratory decision on whether a "self-avowed practicing homosexual clergyman who is a member in full connection of an annual conference is eligible for appointment to a charge under the law of the church," the council said, "Our response must be limited to the question of law."

"The only question of law before the council," Matheny said, "was whether a minister in good standing and full connection could lose this status other than by conference action."

Matheny sent copies of the decision to the church's conference editors when he said it became apparent that some "distortions" of that decision were appearing in news reports. He told TM/UMR that a story and headline which appeared in the New York Times was misleading and inaccurate.

A news story on the decision, headlined "Methodists back homosexual pastor," was published on the religion page of the Dallas Morning News Nov. 3. One Dallas Methodist minister, writing in his church newspaper, claimed the headline was misleading, inasmuch as the issue of the minister's homosexuality was not

addressed in the council's decision.

The issue of homosexuality, particularly the question of whether or not homosexuals can be ordained, has been contested bitterly in the United Methodist Church and is certain to be a major topic at next year's General Conference, church officials say.

Parents, Friends of Gays Form Local Chapter

A local chapter of Parents and Friends of Gays (PFOG) is being formed in the Metroplex. This group, which will have national affiliation, has come about in answer to the growing need of local parents and friends of Lesbians and Gay men who would like to understand better the Gay life-style.

PFOG will open a non-political, non-sectarian discussion forum to help parents deal with their Gay sons and daughters.

If you or your parents would like to become involved or if you would just like more information, please contact Bill or Jim at 526-8333.

Norton Benefit to be Held at Jugs

Jugs, a women's club at 4527 Cole Ave., will hold a benefit for Carole Norton, a popular Dallas psychologist, whose Carrollton home was recently destroyed by an arsonist. Carole lost everything in the fire including her two dogs and two cats.

The benefit to be held Sunday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. will feature bartenders and other entertainers appearing in a "drag show".

For more information about the benefit, call 526-9682.

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Editorial Appeal:**FIGHTING FOR
FREEDOM FROM FEAR**

[Edited from a letter received by Dialog.]

Since the early part of 1977, a long and grueling battle has been fought over civil and constitutional rights in Boise, Idaho. Boise is the city long remembered by Gays and other human rights advocates, for its infamous place in history, where in the 1950's a homosexual witch-hunt was carried out against "The Boys of Boise."

The purge continues. In 1977, six women were fired from the Boise City Police Department. Many people have thought that the issue of the firings was over, but in reality, it has just begun. Only one of 4 important issues has been settled. We are presently dealing with the issue of the illegal wiretap. After the court stated that it believed the wiretap was illegal, it then ruled in July 1979 that the tapes could be used.

We have chosen to appeal this last decision in the San Francisco Appellate Court. If the wiretap evidence is allowed, once again our Constitutional Right to privacy is being violated.

No one individual, group or organization must be allowed to defame and abuse the rights which we hold so dear--and which must also be dear to you. Have no illusions. What has happened to us, can and will happen to others if you do not support this struggle. We turn to you when our strength and energy are beginning to ebb, to the only people we believe will help us. We turn to other Lesbian and Gay men who have known fear, anger and pain.

After 2 1/2 years of fighting for these issues of human rights, we are asking for your help. This plea for assistance is made as individuals, as women and as Lesbians. To turn away from this struggle now, due to lack of financial support, would be condoning continued suppression of our rights and those of others.

To those who oppose our individual rights, we just appear defeated. Only with your help, only with your support can we hope to prevail.

[Donations may be sent to Boise Women's Defense Fund, P.O. Box 2256, Boise, Idaho 83701. Co-plaintiffs are Judith A. Baker, Var-dell Laursen and Lavonne R. Woody.]

**Bisexuals Needed in
Research Project**

Dr. Kenneth Z. Altschuler, Chair of the Psychiatry Department at University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, announced at the November General meeting that he is seeking volunteers for a research project on bisexuality. He requested those people interested in participating in this interview research who would like to be interviewed call his office at 688-2300 to arrange an appointment.

The Caucus Board of Directors has given its official approval to Dr. Altschuler's request to members for this research. Don Baker, Director for Education (DGPC), said that as of Nov. 24 Dr. Altschuler had interviewed 3 bisexuals who learned of the project through DGPC members.

**Caucus to Staff Phones
for Channel 13**

Caucus members will be staffing the phones for Channel 13 on Tuesday evening, Dec. 11 (the night following the next caucus meeting) from 6:00 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. We will need 10 people from 6:15 to 11:00 p.m., 15 people from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and 10 people from 7:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m..

These will be jobs that are on camera. A few off camera positions will also be available. Organizers said that about 20 people have already volunteered, but we can use as many as possible to help this station which has treated Gays so fairly over the past year.

As with all groups who help Channel 13 with its membership drives, the station will announce that DGPC members are staffing the phones.

Free snacks and beer will be served during the time we work. All those persons interested in volunteering some time to this community project call 528-4233 to leave your name and phone number so we can contact you.

**Census Jobs
Available**

Jobs are available for the 1980 census, paid part-time jobs (enumerators and clerks) and a few full-time positions (mid-management positions). These will become open beginning early in the new year.

People interested should call the DGPC phone number 528-4233 immediately. Leave your name, phone number and the fact that you are interested in the census jobs. You will be contacted for further details.

**Assoc. Pastor of MCC
Installed**

By Rick Wall

Dallas, Nov. 11--During a ceremony held at the Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas assembly hall, Rev. Joan Wakeford was formally installed as associate Pastor.

Rev. Wakeford served as a missionary in Japan for many years before coming to the U.S. Many of us who attended the November general Caucus meeting found from her remarks that she is originally from South Africa where "her companion" of many years awaits a chance to emigrate to the United States.

"You may not think that you have come very far," she said to members, "but I am here to say you (in Dallas) have come a long way. It is because of you that I am here."

[Dialog Note: A pleasant and rewarding sojourn among us, Rev. Wakeford. We hope that you and your companion soon are reunited.]

By RICK WALL

Dallas, Nov. 4--Rev. Don Eastman, Pastor of Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas (MCC), was formally ordained a minister in the Universal Fellowship of MCC (UFMCC) by Rev. Troy Perry and Rev. Freida Smith at a service held in the assembly hall at Brown and Reagan.

In UFMCC, ordination recognizes a proven ministry and represents a lifetime commitment to the ministry.

Rev. Eastman, formerly an ordained minister for 9 years with the Assemblies of God, has been associated with UFMCC for 5 years, the past 2 years as pastor of MCC-Dallas.

Owners Mike McKinney and Tom O'Dell of Cedar's Palace hosted a reception at their restaurant immediately after the ordination.

[Dialog Note: Congratulations and God Bless to a fine Pastor.]

NOW ON TAPE**Being Gay in Contemporary America**

The Gay Academic Union of North Texas (GAU/NT) has announced that the tapes of the sessions during the course "Being Gay in Contemporary America" are now available for purchase. The course presented by GAU/NT during the winter of 1978 featured over 20 professionals--academics, clergy, psychologists, and others, Gay and non-Gay--who take an informal look at aspects of Gay life today, attempting to eliminate some of the stereotypes. Audience discussion for each session is included on each tape.

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