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ABC Broadcasts Documentary

The Gay Media Alliance has learned that the documentary titled "ABC News Closeup--Homosexuals" is scheduled to be shown on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 10 p.m. EST.

Fred Goldhaber of the Gay Media Alliance was allowed to preview the entire one-hour program recently.

The program is preceded by an advisory for parental discretion and against stereotyping gay people. It says that gay people are just as diverse as straights. Goldhaber said, "This makes the program a significant pro-gay event."

"This is an important program," Goldhaber said, "which features only lesbians and gay men talking about themselves, their experiences and their feelings about being gay."

The program has no narration, and there are no professional overviews. The program also does not discuss "origins of homosexuality".

The program is in four segments: oppression; escape; relationships; expression.

"Although two of the people discuss suicidal feelings," Goldhaber

said, "it is made clear that these feelings are the result of the often vicious oppression of heterosexual society.

"The lesbian and gay men are a cross section of gay life in America and reflect a wide range of experiences and beliefs. They are people, human beings with human feelings.

"On the whole, the program is sensitive and honest. The emphasis is on the oppression that lesbians and gay men live under in a predominantly heterosexual world and the ways in which they deal with this oppression and overcome it.

"Many of the conversations are about the joy and exhilaration that gays have experienced from coming out of their closets or, as a 50-year-old convert to homosexuality put it, 'going over the fence'."

The show advises that it is about certain urban men and women who are homosexuals. "Even the majority of lesbians and gay people living in huge cities should find the show informative and interesting," R. Paul Martin, spokesperson for GMA said.

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Border Harassments Continue Against Aliens

Progress on banning discrimination against foreign gays wishing to enter the United States seems to have halted since former Immigration and Naturalization Service director Leonel Castillo issued a mid-August directive deferring any INS action in barring gays from this country. According to the Washington, DC Blade, harassment of gays at the border has continued despite the directive.

Prior to this summer's events, gay foreigners were often denied entrance on the basis of a 1952 McCarthy-era law which stigmatized all visiting aliens categorized as homosexual as "afflicted with psychopathic personality." Public Health Service psychiatrists and psychologists were called

upon to conduct examinations leading to "diagnoses" of sexual deviancy, which allowed Immigration Service officers to deport the individuals in question.

This policy was dealt a fatal blow with the case of Carl Hill, who is the news editor of the London Gay News. He was denied entrance along with his lover after an inspector spotted a "Gay Pride" button Hill was wearing. The Gay Rights Advocates sought judicial relief in Hill's behalf, and after a hectic two-month campaign they achieved a major victory. The Surgeon General forbade Public Health Service medical officers from issuing certificates of exclusion based solely

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National News

PASTOR CALLS FOR EXECUTIONS OF GAYS

WATERTOWN, NY--The emergence of gay activism in a small town in upstate New York has resulted in violence, harassment, death threats, fire bombings and a call for the execution of local homosexuals.

Watertown, a factory community of 30,000, recently saw the establishment of a gay advocacy group, the Watertown Gay Task Force. This prompted an anti-gay backlash campaign by the Rev. Daniel Lovely of Watertown Baptist Temple.

According to the Task Force president Pat Tanner, the "God Says Death to Homos" campaign begun by Lovely prompted more violence and harassment. It included the severe beating of one woman.

Lovely was quoted in the local newspapers as saying that the execution of homosexuals is justified. "They should be killed through governmental means," Lovely said, "there are a lot of people in Watertown that enjoy living in a non-Christian world, and it's got to be stopped."

BROWN APPOINTS GAY JUDGE

California Gov. Jerry Brown has named an openly gay man to a judgeship in Los Angeles.

Stephen M. Lachs, 39, was appointed to a full judgeship on the Los Angeles Superior Court on Sept. 17.

Lachs has said he dislikes his media label as "an avowed homosexual because it is suggestive of taking oaths or vows at midnight." According to the National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties, this is the first occasion in which an openly gay person has been appointed to a judgeship anywhere in the United States.

MIZ LILLIAN 'UNKNOWINGLY' RAISES MONEY FOR CENTER

California Gov. Jerry Brown and Lillian Carter, the President's mother, joined a crowd of about 850 at a banquet that raised \$120,000 for the Los Angeles gay community at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills. Miss Lillian said she didn't know she was helping raise money for the Gay Community Services Center, according to Gay Community News. "Is that what it is?" she asked.

MAN/BOY LOVE GROUP SEEKS ACCEPTANCE IN GAY MOVEMENT

The North American Man/Boy Love Association, with a national membership of 150, is for men who enter into love relationships with boys.

"It is somewhat similar to the ancient Greek tradition of the pedagogue the adult whose love would provide a youth with a role model and socializing influence as he prepared to accept his place in society," a spokesperson said.

"Rather than restricting this relationship to a societal purpose, however, NAMBLA members celebrate their love for its own sake, stressing the qualities of frankness, trustworthiness, openness, caring, imagination and lightheartedness which form the basis of the man/boy love identity."

One problem, which is high on NAMBLA list of priorities, is the need for acceptance within the gay movement and solidarity in the pursuit of sexual freedom for all gay men and lesbians.

Approximately 50 men and boys and one woman marched in the NAMBLA delegation as part of the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

REPRESENTATIVES MEET WITH CARTER ADMINISTRATION

On Oct. 15 representatives of the National March on Washington organizing committee and representatives of other gay organizations met with Jane Wales, President Carter's special advisor on special interest groups. They also met with other administrative assistants, including an aide to Vice Pres. Mondale.

Beverly Jackson, a black lesbian mother from Florida, and Eric Rofes, a gay school teacher from Boston, presented the five official demands of the March. Rofes said that, "Gay pride can turn into gay politics," and urged the President to address such issues as the anti-gay McDonald resolution and the harassment of gay aliens.

Other gay spokespersons addressed diverse issues ranging from homophobic discrimination in federal housing assistance to the matter of Library of Congress censorship of reading materials in Braille. This censorship leaves most books about gay liberation inaccessible to the blind.

"The upcoming presidential election was discussed, and the White House received the message that gay votes would have to be earned," a spokesperson said.

The White House had no answers for the points raised, but Rofes said that "the two-hour meeting's greatest value may have been the chance to express dissatisfaction with a presidency that is out of touch with the gay community."

Gay Awareness Week Attracts Many Participants

The third annual Gay Awareness Week was held at UNC-CH Oct. 29 - Nov. 4, with afternoon and evening workshops, films, and nightly socials. Workshops early in the week covered such topics as "Coming Out," "Health Issues for Women and Men," and "Religion and Gays." Topics later in the week included feminism and the gay movement, bisexuality, and Third World gays.

A workshop on gays and counseling listed counselors and counseling agencies in the Durham and Chapel Hill area that are either gay or sympathetic to gays. Also, a poetry workshop focused on writings by Frank O'Hara and of the participants.

Sixty people attended a workshop with USAF Captain Robert Coronado. The mostly male audience listened as Coronado described his recent conviction on a count of consensual sodomy and dismissal from the Air Force.

Stressing that his was an issue of civil rights, Coronado said, "What happened to me can happen to you . . . as long as the present laws are on the books. You must raise your consciousness. We must be guardians of a fair judicial system."

The largest social event of the week was a Saturday night dance held at the Newman Catholic Student Center with approximately 100 women and men in attendance.

During past Gay Awareness Weeks, the listing of the week's events painted on the campus "cube" was defaced. This year the only controversy raised by GAW was in response to Friday being informally declared gay pride day. "If you're gay wear blue jeans," proclaimed an ad in the Daily Tar Heel. The week following a different ad ran in the paper; Friday was declared Heterosexual Pride Day: "Wear your blue jeans and show that you're proud to be heterosexual."

Third World Conference Raises Vital Issues

The Third World Lesbian/Gay Conference, a "coming together of Asians, American Indians, Latins and Blacks," was held at the Harambee House and Howard University in Washington, DC from Oct. 12 to 15. It was sponsored by the National Coalition of Black Gays, Inc. The date was planned to coincide with the National March so that there would be a visible presence of non-white marchers in a city that is heavily non-white.

The program began Thursday evening with a cultural presentation. It included Audre Lorde, a poet who was also a keynote speaker; Blackberri, a musician who is one of the singers on the newly-released men's record "Walls to Roses"; and a varied program including poetry, dance, classical music, some drag, and gospel.

The workshops started Friday morning. The schedule included: The Latin American Gay Liberation Movement, Gay American Indian Information, Third World History, a panel discussion "Examining Racism/Sexism/Ageism Among, By and Against Third World Lesbians and Gays".

Other workshops included: Cultural Perspectives of Cross-Dressers; Sexual and Social Revo-

lution: Focusing on Cuba; a panel on "Religious Issues"; Dynamics of the Prison System; Organizing the Lesbian/Gay Community; and People of Mixed Blood.

Four caucus sessions were organized: first by race/ethnic identity (Black, Latin, Asian, American, Indian, Jewish, non-Third World); then by gender (male, female, transpersons); by region; and finally by ethnic/gender.

The conference was open to non-Third-World and non-gay people, although the final day, Monday, was open only to Third-World lesbians and gays, at which time various proposals were to be voted on. On Saturday evening, participation in the National March was discussed. It was decided to march from Harambee House through heavily black neighborhoods to join up with the march and to let white people march in that contingent.

Audre Lorde was the featured speaker. She said that as a child she moved to Washington, DC with her family and that they could not even buy a cup of coffee in a restaurant.

Other speakers also noted the his

State And Local News

GSU GAINS OFFICIAL RECOGNITION

Greensboro--Gay students at UNC-G met in September to organize the Gay Student Union as a general support group. The group of 20 gained official recognition as a student organization from the UNC-G Administration on Oct. 15, "without question," said a GSU spokesman.

Meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in Kirkland (Elliott Student Center).

For further information, contact:

GSU
P.O. Box 5214
Greensboro, NC 27403
Phone 274-4442

DGA BEGINS HOUSING REFERRAL SERVICE

The Duke Gay Alliance has initiated a housing referral service for gays. A spokesperson for the group said the service is to cover the entire Triangle area of Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill. The telephone number for the service and for the DGA office is 684-3043 between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Sunday thru Thursday.

GAY NEWSPAPER BEGINS PUBLISHING IN RALEIGH

Raleigh--A newspaper aimed at serving the lesbian and gay community across North Carolina has begun publishing bi-weekly in Raleigh.

Staffperson Jim Baxter says the purpose of The Front Page is to facilitate communication between the numerous and diverse sectors of North Carolina's gay community. "It's a step toward changing North Carolina to the better for the gay community," he said.

The first issue contained news and entertainment features.

Baxter asks for written contributions, comments, and criticism to be sent to him.

The paper is distributed free through its advertisers. Or annual subscriptions via first class mail are available for \$12. The paper will be bulk mailed to non-profit organizations for the cost of postage.

For more information, write:

The Front Page
P.O. Box 25642
Raleigh, NC 27611

DIGNITY GROUP FORMS

Raleigh--Gay Catholics in Raleigh are forming a Dignity group. Interested people may contact Mary at 833-2007 or John at 832-6116.

WOMEN'S COFFEEHOUSE MEETS TWICE MONTHLY

Raleigh--Women from Chapel Hill and other communities are invited to attend the Women's Coffeehouse in Raleigh. This collective-run coffeehouse has been in operation for a year and a half. It usually meets on the first and third Fridays of each month from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

The first meeting of the month is usually a social and the second is a program, usually with a woman performer or speaker. A spokeswoman for the coffeehouse said attendance averaged 25 and that the group was "mostly lesbian".

The meetings are held at the Unitarian Fellowship at 119 Hawthorne Road in Raleigh, across from the Hillsborough Street Hilton Inn.

Call 832-8565 for more information.

'REFLECTIONS' HELD AT STATE

A noontime luncheon and discussion called "reflections" is held each Wednesday in the Green Room of the North Carolina State University Student Center. The Rev. Willie White says interested people can bring their own bag lunch and that discussion topics vary.

For more information, contact him at 832-1582.

WINSTON-SALEM GROUP ORGANIZES

WINSTON-SALEM--Twenty-one gays, mostly men, met in Winston-Salem on Oct. 29 to establish a gay support group in the Twin City. A spokesman said, "Organization will come slowly given the social and political climate in the city." The primary focus of the group will be social meetings for now, with topical programs from suggestions.

Meetings are scheduled for the third Sunday of each month.

For further information, call 723-8607.

Human Sexuality Information and Counseling Service (HSICS)
Suite B, Carolina Union
UNC-Chapel Hill
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

24-hour phone # 933-5505
Administrative phone # 933-5506

UNC's confidential, non-professional, free peer counseling service. Library referrals and outreaches available. Both gay and non-gay male and female counselors can provide non-judgmental counseling and information on the phone or in the office.

Thousands Converge On Capital

"Lovers of your own sex, arise!" some banners read. "Stonewall means fight back" others read. "Lesbianas de Color," "Gay Dentist," "Country Faggot," "We are everywhere," and "I don't molest children and I don't do windows" dotted the crowd of thousands who had assembled for the first National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights on Oct. 14.

Gay men and women gathered after more than a year of planning to demonstrate their determination to achieve full civil rights. Tens of thousands of gay men, lesbians and transpeople organized on the Mall, where only a week before Pope John Paul II had held Mass.

Third World Lesbians and a special women's contingent led off the march. Many women chose to march in this contingent, while others chose to march in their state delegations.

Delegations represented almost every state in the union, and international contingents were also there. A variety of gay people were represented, including many professions, many religions, and many geographic regions and cities such as Chicago, New York and Los Angeles and small towns such as Pawtucket, RI and Watertown, NY.

"The gay community was manifested in all of its magnificent diversity, a stunning show of strength by a people who, in solidarity, were saying no to shame, hatred, and oppression," said one marcher.

The march began at noon, moving from the Mall, down 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, past the White House, to the Washington Monument. Then a four-hour rally was held, with participants crowding the Monument grounds.

The demonstration was nonviolent, in accordance with the philosophy of the march. No major disturbances were reported, although three tear gas canisters were thrown among the last marchers. March marshals also reported that members of the New York Revolutionary Socialist League, a predominantly straight organization which had sent a large group in support of the march, had attempted to provoke police with violent chants and taunts. Crowds along the march route were generally friendly, although two men with "Repent or Perish" and "Jesus Saves From Hell" signs confronted marchers across from the White House. Another hundred Fundamentalists prayed for gay repentance outside the Rayburn House Office Building.

The speakers at the rally stressed the importance of the day's massive turnout. "We are no longer second class citizens," said Ray Hill, "we are declaring our freedom and celebrating it."

Lesbian feminist Betty Santoro said that "this historic event has laid the foundation for a national mass movement for lesbian and gay rights...as we move into the next decade, we move with the force and energy of a united people."

Some confusion existed at the rally and in media coverage as to the number of people present at the march and rally. According to Gay Community News, the over-heard comment of a police officer that "there must be a quarter million of those damn queers" was mistakenly conveyed as fact to comedian Robin Tyler. She announced it to the enthusiastic crowd. March officials, using two spotters along the march route and one atop the Washington Monument, estimated the crowd at 120,000. District of Columbia police used count projections and helicopter "grid sections" to estimate a crowd in excess of 75,000, while the National Park Service used the same techniques during the same time period to arrive at a figure of only 25,000.

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toric nature of the conference. "It meant that people, who have been excluded from the gay movement because they weren't white and who were also somewhat excluded from racial equality movements because of their sexuality, could get together and constructively work to create social change," a spokesperson said.

For example, a black lesbian shares a number of oppressions on the basis of race, gender and sexual orientation. If one were to follow the lead of these individuals by helping to eliminate their oppressions, these actions would help alleviate those same oppressions against individuals who have fewer strikes against them.

A spokesperson said, "This was not a case of 'more oppressed than thou' but simply a basic understanding on the part of many people who have experienced many different kinds of discrimination long before they 'came out'."

Naps, for instance, the performing group that is part of the Salsa Soul

Air Force Convicts Coronado

FAYETTEVILLE (POPE AIR FORCE BASE)-- Capt. Robert N. Coronado was dismissed from the U.S. Air Force on Oct. 15. He was convicted by a military jury of consensual sodomy and conduct unbecoming an officer. The dismissal is the equivalent of a dishonorable discharge and is being appealed.

Coronado was first arrested by civilian authorities after Army paratrooper, Pfc. Jonathan Heaton accused Coronado of having drugged and raped him on Aug. 17. Civilian authorities dropped charges against Coronado when no evidence of force was found and after Heaton failed to appear in court on four different occasions.

However, in October the Air Force charged Coronado with forceful sodomy. At the time of the alleged incident, Coronado was both off duty and off base. The question of jurisdiction in the case remains unresolved.

Coronado's first military lawyer procured from him a statement describing his sex with Heaton, promising Coronado a better character discharge for cooperating. The prosecution relied heavily on the statement. The five-officer jury rejected the charge of force but convicted Coronado of consensual sodomy.

Coronado's civilian lawyers, T. Hutchens and M. Waple in Fayetteville, noted the court's leniency; in addition to the dismissal, the court could have sentenced him to five years' hard labor, to pay a fine set by the jury, and to forfeit pay and allowances.

The appeal of the case will focus on three points:

- Coronado's first military attorney left the service before the case came up for trial and Coronado met his replacement only one week before the trial. Chief trial judge Col. Smith denied a delay for the trial.

- The first military lawyer was allowed to testify against Coronado.

- The court seated jurors over defense objections that they were hostile to homosexuals.

In addition to the appeal, Coronado has entered suit in federal court accusing the Air Force of violating his civil rights and alleging that the prosecution is a bad faith action because it seeks to dismiss him solely because he is a homosexual.

Coronado has requested the financial support of the Playboy Foundation for his appeal. The San Francisco-based Gay Rights Advocates, when asked for a recommendation by the Foundation on Coronado's request, recommended approval.

Coronado's defense has cost him \$15,000, of which he has paid \$5000. He has appealed to the public for support. The Coronado Defense Fund (P.O. Box 40954, Fayetteville, NC 28304) is helping to raise money, and the North Carolina Human Rights Fund (P.O. Box 10782, Raleigh, NC 27605) has also given aid.

UNC-G Students Protest Gays

GREENSBORO--On Nov. 15 an undetermined number of anti-gay student demonstrators gathered in front of Strong Hall on the UNC-G campus in order to protest an "educational seminar on homosexuality" being held in the dormitory basement.

The seminar was organized by Richard Stilley, Graduate Counselor for Strong Hall, in order to alleviate rising tensions between heterosexual and homosexual dorm residents. The tension came about through repeated incidents of "verbal harassments" exchanged by the students in the dorm.

Stilley said the purpose of the seminar was "a give and take session...to air people's opinions and gripes." He organized the event after consulting with gay residents of the dorm. Stilley stressed that it was not a product of the Gay Student Movement or the newly formed

Gay Student Union at UNC-G.

Protesters chanted and jeered, waving banners such as "John Wayne Ain't Queer" and "Gays Go Home." They complied with requests from Campus Security that no masks be worn or firecrackers set off; the protest was peaceful.

Seminar participants invited the protesters to come in to discuss the issues, but these invitations were shouted down.

The Rev. Joe Flora, a seminar participant who met with the protesters, stated that a number of students involved later confessed that they had been uncomfortable in the protest and that it "had caused them to do a lot of serious thinking." Gay dorm resident Rick Darnell said that verbal harassment of gays had increased considerably since the protest.

Media treatment of the recent National March on Washington illustrates the unevenness in quantity and quality of coverage of gay events. Locally and nationally, this coverage problem takes two forms: the event is not deemed newsworthy, and important details are downplayed.

Without a doubt, a demonstration of approximately 100,000 individuals demanding their civil rights is newsworthy. Yet numerous newspapers, ranging from the New York Times to the Daily Tar Heel, neglected to grant the march any significant coverage. When coverage was granted, it highlighted human interest angles rather than political aspects. For example, the Associated Press story of a minister who attempted to stop the progress of a trainload of gay and lesbian marchers was printed by some newspapers while the events and goals of the march were not.

Some participants of the National March, returning home to find local papers devoid of significant coverage of the event, may well be seeing evidence of institutional homophobia. Is this the case? Perhaps. It may also be indicative of the newness of the movement. This popular movement of gay Americans resisting discrimination is only a decade old. Institutions, and individuals alike, are caught in a period of transition, in which old thoughts and practices are being pulled out from under them by a minority that never before dared to speak its name.

Our response to their resulting confusion should be a didactic one. We should instruct them in the new realities of gay pride and freedom. Let us be proud of the coverage that we earned through our support of the National March, and let us continue to remind the media that we are everywhere: in the news and in their reading public.

National Resource List

The following listing is intended as an introduction to national resources for gay people. The list is by no means comprehensive, nor does inclusion in it signify any endorsement by Lambda or by the Carolina Gay Association.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Caucus of Gay Public Health Workers
206 North 35th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
Phone 215-386-5327 or 631-2435.
"Caucus of the APHA. Seeks to establish national clearinghouse on VD, alcoholism, and drug addiction."

- Gay Academic Union
Box 927, Los Angeles, CA 90028

- Gay Bibliography
Task Force on Gay Liberation
American Library Association
Box 2383
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Rates on request; include an SASE.

- National Gay Resources Institute
Washington Bldg, Suite 625
15th and New York Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20005

- Gay Nurses Alliance
Box 8166, UT Station
Knoxville, TN 37916
Pub: Signal.

- Lesbian Herstory Archives
Box 1258
New York, NY 10001
Phon 212-874-7232 or 873-9443
"Red discovering, collecting & preserving all signs of lesbian culture & making these available to present & future lesbian community." Includes books, journals, tapes, graphics, clippings, and original research.

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SPECIAL INTEREST RESOURCES

- Board of Institutional Ministry
Box 5570
Los Angeles, CA 90055
Phone 213-680-2111
"Full ministry to prisoners, parole planning and post parole assistance and referrals."
Pubs: Prisoners' Yellow Pages and Cellmate.
- Gay Alcoholics Anonymous
Central Office
1322 N. Van Ness Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90028
- GALA: Gay Atheists League of Am.
Box 14142
San Francisco, CA 94114
Pub: Gala Review
- Gay American Indians
Box 2194
South San Francisco, CA 94080
- Gay Youth National Committee
Box 25083
Philadelphia, PA 19147
Pub: Gay Youth Journal
"We help organize gay youth groups around the country."
- International Union of Gay Athletes
Box 3592
Long Beach, CA 90803
- JOIN HANDS
Box 42242
San Francisco, CA 94142
"Sets up penpals & visiting of outsiders with gay male prisoners."
Pub: Join Hands
- Nat'l Assoc. of Transgenerational Lovers
Box 12260
San Antonio, TX 78212
"Explores bonds in relationships in which partners have a decade or more age difference."
- National Rainbow Society for the Deaf
Mail to NRSD, c/o Guy Wonder
147 West 22nd Street, #6
New York, NY 10011
- North American Man/Boy Love Assoc.
c/o Gay Activists Alliance
P.O. Box 2, Village Station
New York, NY 10014
"Network for men and boys involved in sexual and other relationships with each other. Helps to educate lesbian & gay community about such relationships."
Pub: Newsletter, \$5/5 issues.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

- Affirmation
United Methodists for Gay Concerns
4136 Adams
Kansas City, KS 66103
- American Baptist Gay Caucus
Roger Harrison
946 Noria St.
Laguna Beach, CA 92651
Pub: Am. Baptists Concerned
- Dignity/International
3719 - 6th Avenue, Suite F
San Diego, CA 92103
Gay Catholic Community.
Pub: Dignity
- Evangelicals Concerned
c/o Dr. Ralph Blair
30 East 60th St., Suite 708
New York, NY 10011
Pub: Record; Review.
- Friends Committee on Gay Concerns
Box 222
Sumneytown, PA 18084
"Network of gay Quakers and non-Quakers."
Pub: Newsletter.
- Integrity, Inc.
10 Mercier Avenue
Dorchester, MA 02124
Organization of gay Episcopalians.
Pub: Forum.
- Lutherans Concerned for Gay People
Box 19114A,
Los Angeles, CA 90019
Membership \$12 year.
"Extending a ministry of education & understanding to our churches, nationally & through our local chapters."
- Presbyterians for Gay Concerns
Box 46412
Los Angeles, CA 90046
Pub: More Light.
- Unitarian Universalist Gay Caucus
115 Willow Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Pub: Unitarian Universalist Gay World
- United Church of Christ Gay Caucus
Box 24005
Philadelphia, PA 19139
Pub: Newsletter
- Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches
Box 5570
Los Angeles, CA 90055
Pub: In Unity

the Front Runner

Paul Miles

For a university-sponsored Reader's Theatre group to commit itself to the presentation of a gay novel shows a certain courage. This is particularly true when the novel is Patricia Nell Warren's The Front Runner, a book which suggests the "dangerous" idea that gay love may be as romantic and meaningful as "straight" love; that gay lovers may find not only sexual satiation but emotional and spiritual fulfillment as well. This is a big pill for some people to swallow, and the UNC-CH Reader's Theatre showed great courage in deciding to offer this necessary social medicine in the painless and pleasant form of a Reader's Theatre production. Sadly, this courage seemed to falter in the actual performance, robbing it of a great deal of its human impact.

Reader's Theatre is a marvelous form to work with, a flexible blend of oral interpretation and acting in which the audience may have the scope of non-dramatic literature and the living flesh-and-blood immediacy of human relationships taking place before their eyes. It is a daring form which allows great risks and offers great results; with its tremendous flexibility it seems the perfect vehicle for the love story of Coach Harlan Brown and his exciting young runner Billy Sive. We see their first meeting, their tempestuous courtship, their tenuous moments of love and joy and the brutal act which ends it for them. Narration speeds the tale, giving us the intellectual framework from which our hearts can absorb the significance and meaning of these two magnificent men in love.

Sadly, however, the heart absorbs very little from this particular production, because very little is offered. The bravery which selected

this novel for production is seldom seen in the performance. The principal fault lies with the direction, which is timid in the utmost. Although stereotypical puffs and pansies are stoutly avoided, they are replaced not by three-dimensional gay men but by neutral figures whose brief appearances add little more than a line here and there. Judging from the brief flashes of character which would slip out now and then, some of the actors deserved better treatment.

The crux of the problem was an almost universal lack of commitment in on-stage relationships. Whether through inhibition or simply lack of direction, characters fought, suffered and swore love to each other with little if any physical commitment. This was fatal for the two lovers--we were told movingly again and again of their love, but we never saw a physical commitment more intense than that between two boy-scouts on a hike. I am not suggesting that any of the novel's splendid sexual scenes should have been put on stage, but there are a thousand and one non-sexual ways in which gay lovers (or straight lovers, for that matter) relate physically, in ways that communicate the depth of their bond more eloquently than a dozen silver-toned narrators ever could. Randy Hedrick, whose portrayal of Billy gave the show its most human moments, came close to exploring some of these areas, but for the most part they were virgin territories.

I left UNC-CH's Front Runner unsatisfied, with the feeling that a potential moment of fine theatre had been wasted. I do feel, however, that the total experience was valuable. The education of the heterosexuals around us is perhaps most effective through theatre, and we certainly owe gratitude to a group with the courage to attempt serious gay material.

SWEDISH GAYS STAGE 'SICK-IN'

Members of the Swedish national gay group, Riksförbundet för Sexuellt Likaberättigande (RFSC) recently won a victory for gay rights using an unusual approach.

In order to protest the placement of homosexuality on the government's official list of illnesses and disorders, RFSC staged a "sick-in". Approximately 30 lesbians and gay men in Stockholm phoned employers to re-

quest sick leave. When the employer of RFSC president Kjell Rinder asked if his illness were serious, Rinder replied, "Ja, sure, I'm seriously homosexual."

Under Swedish regulations, the employer was required to grant compensation.

In October the Swedish government officially removed homosexuality from its list.

Resources

RESOURCES FOR ACTIVISM AND FOR LEGAL CONCERNS

- Committee to Fight Exclusion of Homosexuals from Armed Forces, 6715 Hollywood Blvd., #210, Los Angeles, CA 90028.
- Gay Lawyers Referral Board, Box 1528, San Francisco, CA 94101
Phone 415-771-3366 (Rev. Ray Broshears). 24-hours.
Listing of lawyers mainly in the Northwest, but any attorney may make application to be on the referral list at no cost.
- Gay Parents Legal & Research Group
Box 1723, Lynnwood, WA 98036
206-774-7464.
Counseling, info, legal & medical referrals. Movie & booklet available. Pub: Love is for All, \$2.
- Lesbian Mothers National Defense Fund
2446 Lorentz Pl., North
Seattle, WA 98109
Phone 206-282-5798
Counseling, legal referrals.
Membership \$5. Pub: Mom's Apple Pie.
- Committee of Lesbian & Gay Male Socialists
P.O. Box 512, Village Station
New York, NY 10014
- Gay Media Alliance
P.O. Box 27, VanderVeer Station
Brooklyn, NY 11210
Addresses issues relating to gay liberation and the media.
- National Coalition of Black Gays
P.O. Box 548
Columbia, MD 21045
- National Coalition of Gay Activists
Box A-711, Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10017
"Association of women & men who are deeply involved in gay liberation in their own communities. Serves as a catalyst for gay lib movement on national programs, placing primacy on local initiative."
- National Gay Rights Lobby
1606 - 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009
Phone 202-462-4255
- National Gay Task Force
80 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10011
Phone 212-741-5815
Membership \$15.
"National clearinghouse for the gay movement. We promote gay civil rights and positive representation of gays in the media." Pub: It's Time.
- Prison, Parole & Probation Program
Gay Community Services Ctr.
Box 38777
Los Angeles, CA 90038
Phone 213-464-7400, ext 246, 24-hours.
"Ongoing services for gay & nongay offender and ex-offender."
- National Ecumenical Coalition, Inc.
Box 3554
Washington, DC 20007
"Ecumenical legislative lobbying for full civil rights for all people."

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"Gay youth, other isolated gays and educable heterosexuals will encounter a valuable learning experience in the program. Everyone who believes in freedom and justice should be inspired. Hate-twisted bigots should have strokes.

"Unfortunately there are no militant gay activists speaking or demonstrating in the program. However, the people who do speak generally do a good job."

The GMA urges everyone to watch the program and then call his or her local station about it, or send comments to:

Richard Richter
ABC NEWS CLOSEUP
1330 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10019

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Calendar Of Events

DECEMBER

- 8** TAGS meeting in Raleigh at 7:00 p.m.
For info, call (CH) 967-9626 or 942-3909.
- 9** MCC in Raleigh at 3:00 p.m. Call (Ral) 832-1582 for information.
- Triangle Area Gay Communication and Planning Committee meeting in Raleigh at 6:00 p.m. For details, call (Ral) 834-3302.
- 14** Holiday Celebration and show, featuring the HER Chorus! At Clown's Inn on Erwin Road in Durham. Members admitted free; non-members \$1.00 ID required. Celebration begins at 8:30 p.m. with a show at 10:30.
- Women's Coffeehouse in Raleigh-- Potluck and winter celebration. 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Fellowship, 119 Hawthorne Road, Raleigh. Call (Ral) 832-8565 for more info.
- 15** Chapel Hill Women's Potluck at 7:00 p.m. Call (CH) 942-6886 for details.

- 16** MCC in Raleigh at 3:00 p.m.
- Holiday Benefit at 42nd Street in Durham. Admission is a present or a cash donation to be presented to a local charity in the name of the gay community.
- 23** MCC in Raleigh at 3:00 p.m.
- 30** MCC in Raleigh at 3:00 p.m.

JANUARY

- 5** TALF at 7:00 p.m. For more info, call (CH) 942-6886.
- 6** MCC in Raleigh at 3:00 p.m.
- 12** TAGS meeting in Chapel Hill. Business meeting at 5:00 p.m. with a potluck at 7:00 p.m.
- 19** TAGS discussion meeting on recent AAAS Symposium on Problems Arising From Homophobia in the Scientific Workplace. 7:00 p.m.
- 21** CGA Program meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Carolina Union.

Contact Numbers

Carolina Gay Association (UNC-CH) - Women call 967-2189; men, 929-4997.
Chapel Hill Women's Potluck - 942-6886.
Dignity/Integrity (CH) - 929-3730.
Human Sexuality Information & Counseling Service (UNC-CH) - 933-5505.
Monandrous Gays (CH) - 942-3909.
Triangle Area Lesbian Feminists (CH) - 942-6886.
Triangle Area Gay Scientists (CH) - 967-9626 or 942-3909.

WOMEN'S TAPES AVAILABLE FOR HANDICAPPED

WASHINGTON, DC--In an effort to make women's books and periodicals available to handicapped readers, 10 women volunteers have begun a program of tape recording "Sinister Wisdom," "Off Our Backs," "Feminary" and other publications and books.

According to Gay Community News the women have temporary access to low-cost tapes and free distribution. The group says it wants to be able to make tapes available for no more than the cover price of the periodical or book.

Women are asked to contribute. Please contact:

Feminist Taping for Handicapped Readers
c/o Susan Wood-Thompson
1732 Willard St, NW, Apt. 1
Washington, DC 20009

UCLA PUBLISHES GAY MAGAZINE

UCLA announced the publication of the first issue of Ten Percent, the first university-funded gay newsmagazine in the U.S. The first issue, published on Nov. 6, was distributed free of charge in the Los Angeles area.

It featured interviews with Christopher Isherwood and Rita Mae Brown, with articles on gay art history, gay non-fiction of the 1970s, and gay men in fraternities.

Subscription information may be obtained by writing:

Ten Percent
112 Kerckhoff Hall
308 Westwood Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90024

Sisters, takes its name from its pride in nappy hair, which is something that in earlier times the members were socialized to feel ashamed of.

More conferences of a similar nature will be planned, hopefully sponsored by groups of disparate racial/ethnic backgrounds in different parts of the country and in other nations. For example, the group from Mexico City, the Revolutionary Homosexual Liberation Front, offered to sponsor a conference.

One constructive criticism from the Asian gays was that they felt excluded from the planning and visibility at the conference. In numbers they were smaller than other contingents, and it had been harder to reach their groups. One additional by-product of this conference is a comprehensive but incomplete compilation of Third-World gay and lesbian organizations around the country. A spokesperson said, "This list will facilitate outreach to non-white lesbians and gays, during those gay conferences not specifically directed toward Third-World lesbians and gay men."

One interesting workshop was on the subject of interracial/inter-cultural relationships. One woman spoke strongly against such relationships, feeling they took energy away from the group of people and individuals within those groups. One other workshop was "Third-World on the Outside, Non-Third-World on the Inside," subtitled in some handouts as "Cocoanuts, Apples, Bananas and Oreos."

On Saturday evening, a meeting

called by the Washington state delegation to the march was held to initiate an alternative to the National Gay Task Force. This meeting was almost all white and mostly male, which is similar to the composition of earlier groups.

"The parallels between the radical wing of the gay/lesbian liberation movements and racial/ethnic liberation movements were made clear by this conference," a spokesperson said, "and people are learning to take what has been held in disdain in the past and being/becoming proud. 'Naps,' 'dyke,' and 'faggot' are no longer considered derogatory terms.

The constant reiteration of the need to work together, to understand the diversities of gay peoples, to move beyond these differences, and to concentrate on the similarities, underscored a generation of neglect by the predominantly white lesbian and gay movements in this country. A spokesperson said, "There is a continued willingness on the part of Third-World gays to try to work together, perhaps because they realize the need to work against the '-isms' that perpetuate discrimination."

A spokesperson also said, "The challenge has gone out: for the gay community at large to start dealing with the -isms that confront us all, some more than others, and to make that a primary commitment. There is support, and the chance to work together, and that is a chance we can scarce afford to pass up."

Border

on homosexuality. The Surgeon General also stated that such a policy no longer reflected the accepted canons of the medical profession, which no longer considers homosexuality to be a mental disorder.

With no means by which to legally exclude gays, INS director Castillo issued his directive to temporarily defer action on gay cases.

Incidents of continued harassment have been recently reported, notably at the Women's Music Festival in Hesperian, MI. Associate Attorney General John H. Shenfield has attributed these occurrences to communication breakdowns. He has asked NGTF to help in reporting further instances of discrimination.

Incidents should be reported to NGTF (212-791-5800), and a written complaint detailing the incident, the date and time it occurred, and the name of the immigration official in-

involved, should be addressed to:

Norman Alt
Office of Professional
Responsibility
Immigration & Naturalization Serv.
425 "I" Street, NW
Washington, DC 20536

Also, a copy of the written complaint should be sent to NGTF.

I feel the world is changing and I think that those values are dying away and hopefully, real human values are taking their place. Women and men, androgynous boys, diesel dykes--we are all people first. And as people we can relate to each other, be close. Become one. And that of course is what ought to be.

-Comment by John Noble on
ABC documentary "Homosexuals."