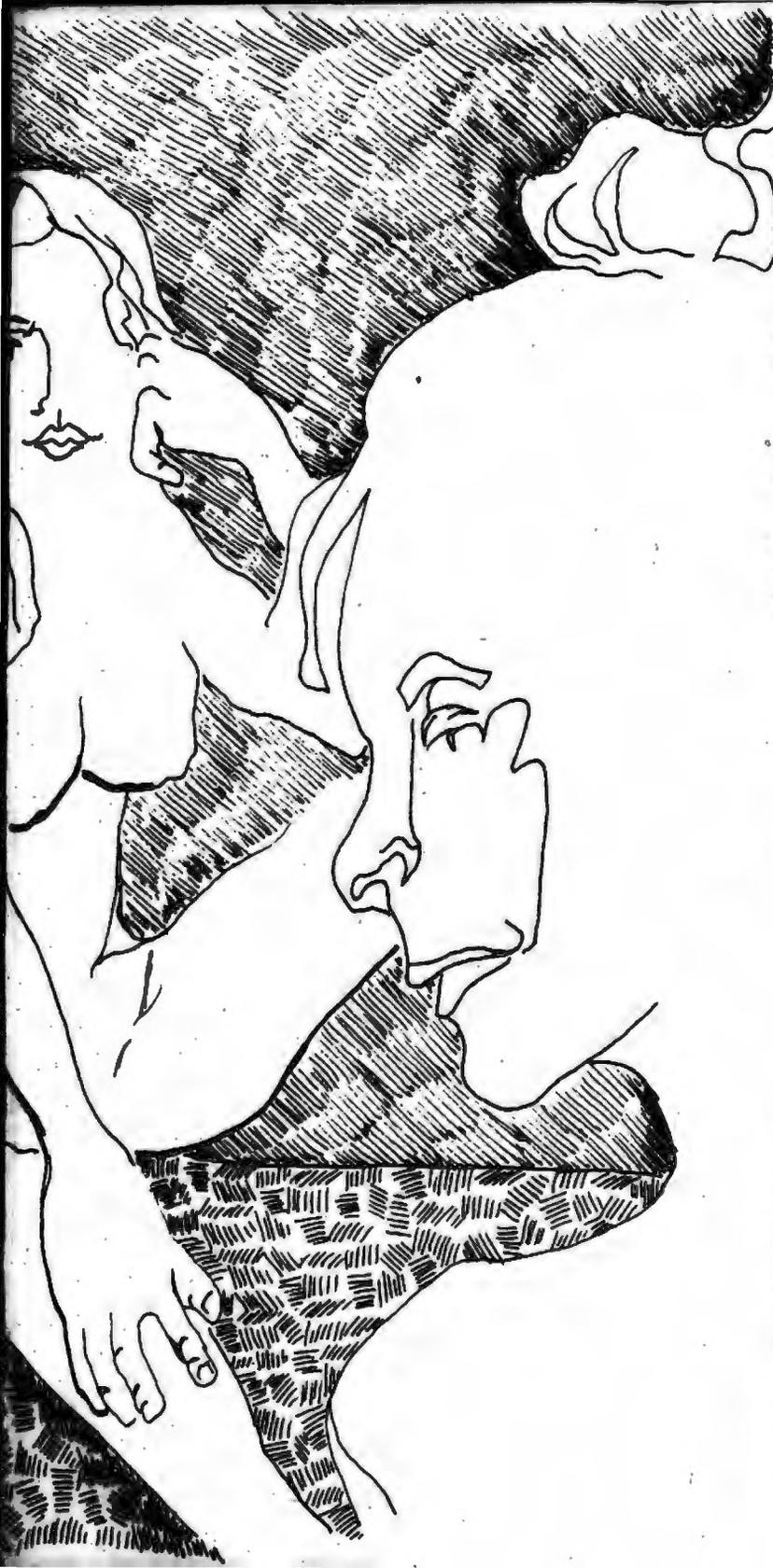


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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE FOR
THE SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER OF THE
DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS

a woman's organization for the purposes of aiding the lesbian to discover her place in society and of educating society to understand and accept her, without prejudice, and

1. To encourage and support the lesbian in her search for her social, economic, personal, inter-personal and vocational identity within society by maintaining a growing library on the themes of homosexuality and of women in general; by providing social functions where she can communicate with others and expand her social world outside the bar scene; by providing an organized structure through which she can work to change society's limitations upon her life-style; by providing a forum for the interchange of ideas and problems within her own group.

2. To educate the public to accept and understand the lesbian as an individual, eventually leading to the breakdown of taboos, prejudices and limitations upon her life-style by sponsoring public discussions; by providing individuals as speakers and participants in various forums designed to educate the public; by dissemination of educational and rational literature on the lesbian.

3. To encourage and support and participate in responsible research dealing with homosexuality.

4. To investigate the penal code as it pertains to the homosexual and to promote changes, providing equitable handling of cases involving homosexuals, through due process of law, without prejudice.

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(Part T o of SYZYGOTY, DIASPORADY, AND AMOEBEITY)

AMOEBEITY

- 1) Amphinomic Amoebity: (From the Greek amphi: "both" and nomos: "custom" or "practice". Noun: amphinomicity. Agent: Amphinomic.)

This is a primary relationship with openness to others in both theory and practice on the part of both partners. The "both-practicing-outside" relationship. The practice of amphinomic amoebity looks exactly like the basis of amoebity in general.

BASIS: a) The understanding that my partner and I have a primary investment in each other.

- b) The understanding that both of us are open to both of us having a somatic and/or psychic relationship with others.

PRACTICE: a) Only if both my partner and I practice both somatic and psychic relationships with others are we both true somapsychic amphinomic amoebians.

- b) If both my partner and I practice only somatic (or only psychic) relationships with others then we are both at least somatic (or at least psychic) amphinomic amoebians.

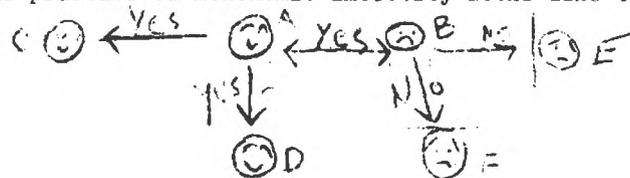
- c) If only my partner or only I practice outside (somapsychic, or somatic or psychic) relationships, then we are not amphinomic but (somapsychic or somatic or psychic) mononomic amoebians. (see below.)

- d) If neither I nor my partner practices outside (somapsychic or somatic or psychic) relationships then we are not amphinomic but (somapsychic or somatic or psychic) oudeternomic amoebians. (See below.)

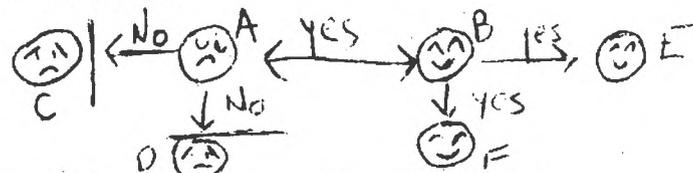
- 2) Mononomic Amoebity: (From the Greek mono: "one". Noun: mononomicity. Agent: mononomic.)

2 This is a primary relationship with openness to others in one part of both partners but both partners practice relationships with others.

others in theory on the part of both partners but with practice of outside relationships only on the part of one partner. The "one-practicing-outside" relationship. The practice of mononomic amoebity looks like this:



or like this:



BASIS: (The same as for amphinomicity.)

PRACTICE: a) Only if one of us but not the other practices both somatic and psychic relationships with others are we both true somapsychic mononomic amoebians.

- b) If one of us but not the other practices only somatic (or only psychic) relationships with others, then we are both (as parts of a relationship) at least somatic (at least psychic) mononomic amoebians.

- c) If both my partner and I practice outside (somapsychic or somatic or psychic) relationships then neither of us is mononomic but rather we are both (somapsychic, or somatic or psychic) amphinomic amoebians.

- d) If neither of us practices outside (somapsychic or somatic or psychic) relationships then neither of us is mononomic but rather we are both (somapsychic or somatic or psychic) oudeternomic amoebians. (See below)

- 3) Oudeternomic Amoebity: (From the Greek oudetera: "neither" or "no other". Noun: oudeternomicity. Agent: oudeternomic.)

This is a primary relationship with openness to others

in theory only on the part of both partners. Neither partner practices outside relationships. The "neither-practicing-outside" relationship, differing from syzygoty only in its basis. The practice of oudeter-nomic amoebity looks exactly like the theory and practice of syzygoty.

BASIS: (Same as for amphinomy and monomy.)

- PRACTICE: a) Only if both my partner and I practice neither somatic nor psychic relationships with others are we both true somapsychic oudeter-nomic amoebians.
- b) If one of us but not the other practices outside (somapsychic or somatic or psychic) relationships then neither of us is oudeter-nomic but rather (somapsychic or somatic or psychic) monomy amoebians.
- c) If both my partner and I practice outside (somapsychic or somatic or psychic) relationships then neither of us is oudeter-nomic but rather (somapsychic or somatic or psychic) amphinomy amoebians.

All this of course is from the point of view of one partner in a one-to-one relationship, and that relationship be consistently the same one or a succession of one-to-ones with other people. (Three-way relationships, for instance, become highly complicated but can still be understood in this model if looked at from the vantage point of one of the members at a time. If A, B, and C all share relationships (somapsychic or only somatic or only psychic or all the configurations there-into attending) then from the vantage point of A (and from that of B, too) A and B might have a somapsychic amphinomy amoebian relationship (where!) with each other and include C as an outside relationship for each, while from C's point of view the relationship to both A and B is somapsychic diasporady; or A might have a somapsychic monomy amoebian relationship with B in which B goes out to C only psychically while A relates to C only somatically--and in this case would have a psychic diasporadic relationship to B and a somatic diasporadic relationship to A; or perhaps C is into a monomy or amphinomy amoebian relationship with D and is relating to A and to B as "others" in the C-D relationship. Or A and B may be syzygous and A a renegade syzygotist in somatic relationship to C, or A and B's relationship may be psychically oudeter-nomic and both of them may

practice only psychic extension to C. The variations are many.

And what's left out of this skeleton analysis is the hassels, the jealousies, the pain, the changes, the compromises, the joys, i.e., all the real "flesh" of that word "relationship". I invite readers' response to the analysis--particularly a response that will offer more manageable terminology.

Yours in psychic amphinomy amoebity and somatic monomy amoebity,

Esmeralda P. Glockenspiel

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I would have gathered flowers on the
hillside.
Yellow marigold, purple paintbrush
Under my shade glass we could
For you to carry.
I would have held you tight
And held your vows and the ring
Within these arms which once held you.
I would have stood beside you,
Listening as though my ears were his
To those words which bound you to him.

I still shall stand beside you
And hold the vows and hold the ring.
The flowers shall be mine to keep,
The memory always with me.

But if the smile upon my face
Does not seem real,
Understand.

I would have gathered flowers on the
hillside.
I would have gathered them for you.

Anne Morgan

DEAR SAG

Dear Sag,

Is it possible for a lesbian to contract VD? How? What are the symptoms and how does a person go about treating it?

Worried

Dear Worried,

Though it is rare, it is possible for a lesbian to get VD. If she has sexual relations with a man who has it, of course she may get it and can pass it on sometimes to her female lover. The symptoms are the same as those of any genital infection: mucus discharges, itching, burning while urinating, soreness, but these don't usually appear in women for 6 to 12 months after infection. If you think you may have VD, the wisest thing to do is to go to a clinic or doctor and have a blood test. It is not hard to cure: penicilin shots or tablets are used.

Dear Sag,

I am 18 years old and recently discovered that I'm gay. How do I meet other young people like me?

Lonely

Dear Lonely,

The facilities of DOB are open to all (including minors) and the only things you can't attend are those where liquor is served. You could place an add in SISTERS for others to read, Glide Church has a lesbian teenage rap group. There is Gay Women's lib.

As you can see from this issue of SISTERS, there are two rap groups for teenagers and a "no-booze" dance for young people. There is also a picnic at Angel Island scheduled. These are open to all. Every discussion group sponsored by DOB is open. We plan to have a weekend camp-out in the future, a football/baseball team, and anything else you can think of. Drop by the office Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday nights and talk to us. Let us know what you like.

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Letters, cont.

fulfillment of our lives and needs beyond the sexual. If we use one-third of our time for eating, sleeping, and other incidentals, another third for loving feelings, we have one-third left to make some kind of contribution toward changing society's prejudices toward the total woman. Perhaps through Gay Women's lib we can handle the last third.

If DOB's purpose is to "aid the Lesbian to discover her place in society", this can really be effected by having a knowledgeable member rap, woman to woman, and give her conscious efforts to making each woman feel that "coming out" was the right thing to do. I know for the uninitiated, one feels like a fish floundering on land and verges on becoming a closet case because she feels all alone and doesn't know anyone at all and doesn't feel like being political immediately. She needs to be helped to feel comfortable in her new environment in order to ask questions and be made to realize what to expect in the new "gay life" and how to deal with it. And this is DOB's function, as I see it. After all, where can a newly gay woman go to feel comfortable if not to an established organization that has the reputation for making all sorts of women at home? If the woman feels like becoming a public speaker or political activist, she has GWL (and DOB, for that matter, but in a different, more "homey" sort of way). In other words, DOB hasn't become more radical or too liberated, just more open-minded. It seems to be making room for all kinds, not just the socialite types. And it seems to be continuing to be a home for newly gay or newly open gay women to come and do a thing for a gay organization.

Jenny

Dear DOB,

I would like to extend a special thanks to the girl of DOB who was working late one Friday night one day after Thanksgiving, working to get SISTERS out on time. It was through her help and information that made our marriage in the state of California a reality. We were married at the MCC in Los Angeles by Rev. Troy Perry that following Sunday. Thanks go to Rev. Perry and to the DOB staff for the tremendous job they are doing for all of us.

Les and Bibs of Utah

(I believe she speaks of Sue and Norene and Jackie who got the December SISTERS out on their vacation time.

8 You see, there is a Santa Claus, you guys.)

Letters, cont.

Dear SISTERS,

Have you read Dr. Reuben's oh so marvelous book? We especially enjoyed the section on homosexuality and were pleased to find the pages devoted to Lesbianism under the chapter head "Prostitution."

Q. Dr. Reuben, are all homosexuals as bad as that?

A. No. Most are worse. etc.

His attitude toward women is appalling as well--did you know that once a woman ceases to ovulate she is no longer a woman? Also estrogen causes women--excuse me--"girls"--"to act like girls, it causes girls to think like girls"? Arrgghh.....

Also in response to Don Jackson's letter--I do think that he's missing the focus of the really knowing women--that one should be fully free to be who she/he is--indeed that all roles, most especially sexual ones, work only toward the destruction of selfhood. I don't think that we want "equality" as such--the last thing we need is to fall into the current male fuckover society. We do not need to turn our womansight into men's points of view, but to change (ah, fond far off hope) what we see--not how we see it.

Diane and Susan

Dear SISTERS,

P and I live on the Navajo reservation north of Gallup and we are very isolated. There are no gay people here that we know of, and our closest Lesbian friends live in Santa Fe which is 230 miles from here. We decided to join DOB so we would not lose touch with our own kind of people. We are very pleased with the quality and content of SISTERS...We were very interested to learn that Ruth is a Seventh-day Adventist. Both of us are SDA's, and we know something of what she has been experiencing recently. We have been at odds with the church over its discrimination against women and well as homosexuality.

G and P in New Mexico

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I would like to take this space to thank all of you who have volunteered to do typing. April's issue will be the better for your help. Ed.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH 1971

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 Office open 9-11 AM	2 Office open 7-9 PM	3 Office open 9-11 AM 7-9 PM	4 Office open 7-9 PM	5	6
7 Picnic at Angel Island	8	9	10 Rap, DOB office Problems of the Teenage Lesbian 7:00 PM	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Teenage Rap, 7:00 PM	18	19	20 BUSINESS MEETING VICE PRES ELECTIONS 8:30 PM DCE office
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Teenage D Dance, 9:00 62 Mission Ln., Walnut Creek FREE FOOD AND MUSIC
28	29	30	31			

They came
one
at
a time
to ask me not to cry
and I kept on
not caring
until
one
at
a time
they began to cry
and with each sob
I sat
amazed
but still crying

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You have so much to give (and I want it all, every bit)
that it aches to see less given.
There are no breadlines for love that I know of
and ration books prove worthless after the last bullet.
Economically speaking you are fair to all concerned,
but I cannot survive with my meager portion,
my love turns to passion, my heart welcomes greed,
I would steal, if I could, your love.

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