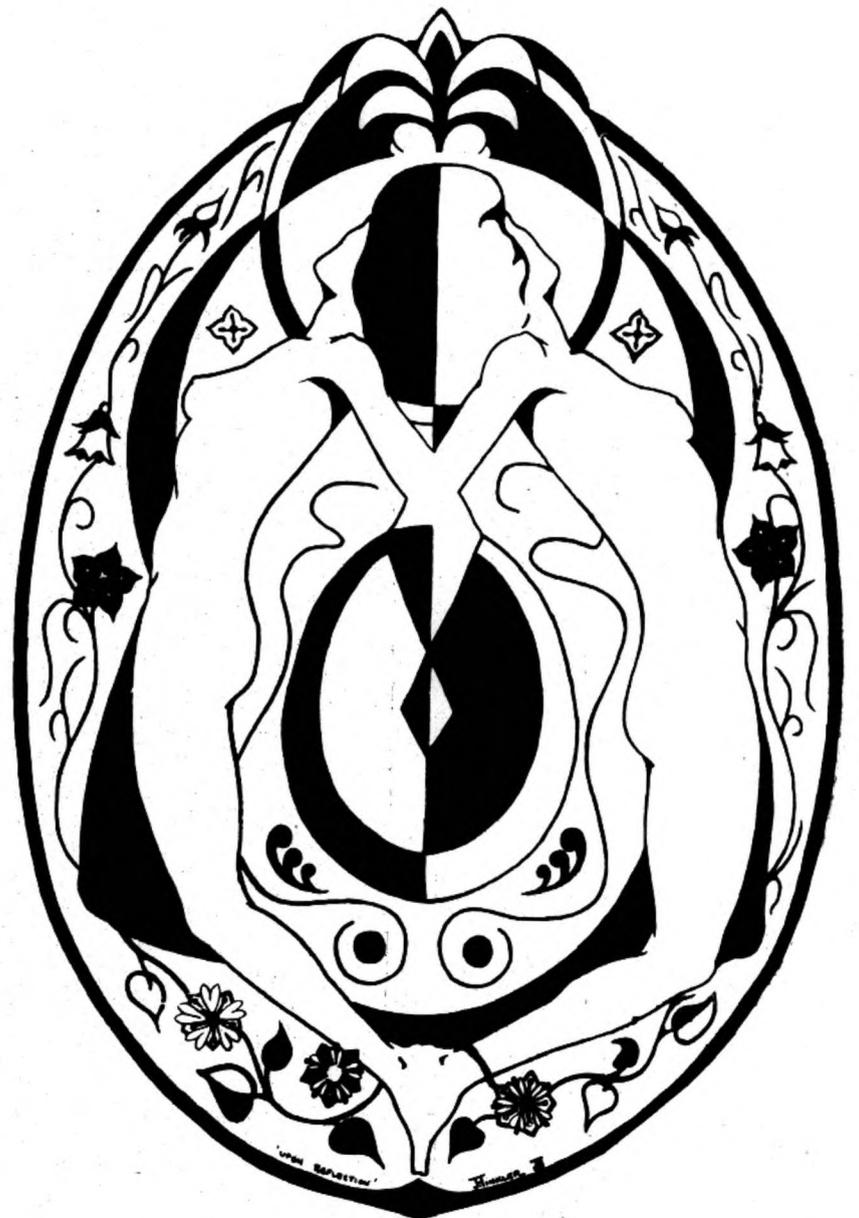


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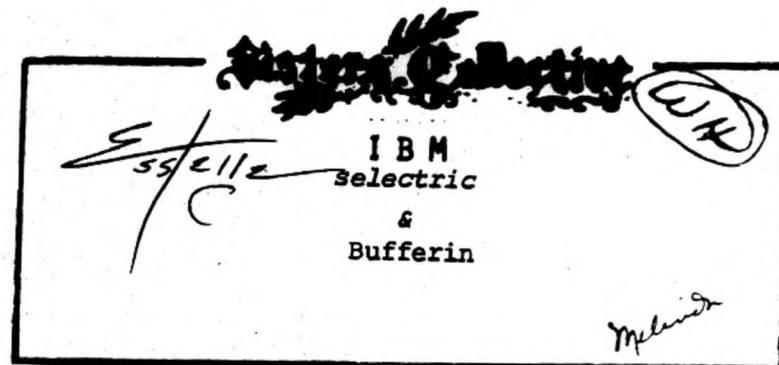
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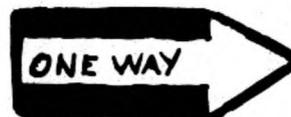
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Q: WHY DOES A WOMAN CROSS THE ROAD?



A: TO GET TO THE OTHER SIDE



The case for lesbianism? You're it, George
by Judith Nielsen

When Greg was 22 his fiancée of two years jilted him for a 35-year-old executive who made \$40,000 a year, drove a red MG, and quoted T.S. Eliot. Greg was recovering swiftly from this affront to his sensitive ego when he discovered another disconcerting fact: the smooth executive who had charmed Greg's fiancée into infidelity was another woman.

Greg is now involved in psychotherapy where he is being treated for "loss of self-esteem and ego devastation." His story was cited by a lesbian member of DOB as an example of the potential threat of lesbianism to the male heterosexual community. Although the threat is real in some cases, it is not as simple as the story would imply. The writers, orators and philosophers at the vanguard of the lesbian movement have constructed a complex theory about the seldom-recognized fears and hostilities directed toward gay women by straight men.

The topic of lesbianism is difficult from any aspect because it remains hidden behind a shroud of ignorance and distortion while male homosexuality becomes increasingly accepted and understood by a more aware public. When a leading evening paper in the midwest recently published a series of articles on homosexuality, the publisher carefully deleted all references to female homosexuality, in spite of the fact that the series of articles was written by a woman.

Although straight men will snicker and exchange cruel jokes about "purse carrying fags" the topic of lesbianism is seldom treated as a laughing matter. Although the ignorant jokes directed at male homosexuals reflect little understanding of the situation, they at least reflect a certain recognition that the situation exists, more than is offered their female counterparts.

If lesbianism is being ignored or scorned by the male community it is probably partly due to what gay women insist are the sexual and social threats presented by female homosexuality in a society controlled and oriented toward male sexist theories.

To begin with, psychologists and scientists in the Masters and Johnson vein have concluded that lesbian sexual fulfillment is greater than heterosexual fulfillment. In other words, lesbians are more likely to engage in sexual activity where both partners experience complete orgasms, in contrast to the pitiful percentages of female orgasms in heterosexual relationships. The majority of heterosexual copulation is satisfying only for the male, the instances of faked female orgasms and female "frigidity" being incredibly high in this country. Many women supposedly withstand entire lives of marriage and sex without ever knowing what an orgasm is.

This unfortunate phenomenon has probably resulted from ill-conceived definitions of male prowess as well as misconceptions about female

physiology, but it nevertheless remains. Lesbians, however, are acutely aware of female needs and are of course familiar with the female body, complete with its erogenous zones. They can, therefore, fill a gap left sadly empty by a male society that proclaims that the size of a man's penis and his ability to keep it erect for an indefinite length of time, are the prerequisites for his partner's fulfillment. As scientific investigation and plain old open conversation begin to reveal the widespread dissatisfaction of female lovers, the American male is forced to recognize that somewhere along the line he has failed to understand his woman's anatomy -- and where he has failed another woman might be able to succeed. In fact, one lesbian teacher at San Francisco State University suggests that any husband having problems fulfilling his wife's sexual needs should not talk to a doctor but should talk to a lesbian because "no one knows a woman's needs better."

Aside from the purely physical aspects of sex, there seem to be emotional needs left unfulfilled in many heterosexual relationships as well. The polarized differences in attitudes toward sex between men and women may well have forced many unsatisfied women into lesbian encounters. To begin with, sex is not considered as an achievement to women as it is to men. Many prostitutes claim to have converted to homosexuality because they have



Sexual ignorance is not bliss

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witnessed the separation of emotion and sex in the average American male. Men may be surprised to realize that many women care less about sexual performance and more about affection, assuming as they do that the perfect sex is synonymous with the perfect orgasm. Masters and Johnson found repeated instances of women who faked their orgasms to "pacify" the men who seemed incapable of viewing sex as an extension of emotion rather than as a separate event.

Because most women define an adequate lover as one who is sensitive, imaginative and affectionate, they may easily be forced to look for that adequacy elsewhere in a society that hardly recognizes such assets in its definition of the ideal Casanova. As long as society continues to suppress these emotions in the male while encouraging them in the female, "elsewhere" may continue to be another woman. As Ingrid Bengis, author of the candid book entitled *Combat in the Erogenous Zone*, says: "As for skills, no woman wants a technocrat in bed next to her."

The inability of women to relate to men on an emotional and spiritual level is the threat of which men are only recently being made aware. Their hostility toward the lesbian is the male ego reacting once again to a rival who has managed to achieve a level of competence he himself cannot even understand.

Bengis, who speaks openly about her lesbianism as well as her "man-hating" tendencies, has gone so far as to suggest that "every woman who is depressed, before killing herself, should have an affair with another woman." She also says that "every time a man was inside of me I felt I was being used. I was there for his pleasure."

This is a feeling undoubtedly experienced by most women at some point in their lives and in spite of the theory set forth by chauvinist biologists, the feeling of power often exercised by males during sex is not always the turn-of-it's claimed to be. Lesbians are often making a conscious de-

cision to opt for an emotional involvement rather than superficial sex thrills promised by a hardy Adonis. They're rejecting male definitions of what it is to be a woman along with the conditioned lack of sensitivity in American men.

Phyllis Lyon & Del Martin theorize that it's only natural that the qualities of sensitivity men seek in women must also be attractive to women themselves, since basically human needs are the same regardless of sex.

The media has primarily ignored the problem of women's needs, blatantly distorted the essence of lesbianism when the film industry produced such movies as *Therese and Isabelle* and *The Fox*. Both scripts dealt with problems of lesbianism, ended on the ridiculous and typically male note that all lesbians really need is a stud. In both both flicks a male triumphed over the women at the conclusion. This attitude, perpetuated by the view of lesbianism as a purely physical circumstance, totally ignores deeply rooted emotional needs which are unfulfilled in many heterosexual relationships and form the basis of lesbian affairs.

A more subtle threat represented by lesbianism is the fact, female desires can be hidden from an unwary male. Many women discover their lesbianism after marriage and even then are able to conceal their emotions from their husbands. This is impossible for males, who simply because of physical make-up, cannot pretend to be sexually aroused when they're not. Women, however, can charade arousal at will. It's uncertain to men whether their partner is in fact sexually pleased. Women can manage secret lesbian affairs on the side without their men ever suspecting infidelity.

Aside from the rejection of individual men and the feelings of male inadequacy that result, lesbians represent an obvious threat to the male power structure. It gives direct evidence that women can depend totally on each other for fulfillment and they may even prefer to do so. It is an affront to the masculine norm makers that women can be sexually self-sufficient as well as being capable of rejecting the idea of marriage and family as their absolute ends in life.

The lesbian has rejected the entire pattern set for her at birth and has also refused to identify herself through use of a man. The lesbian represents the epitome of female rage. No longer suppressed by the traditional, erroneous definition of the vaginal orgasm, she's also no longer oppressed by a need to identify herself with a male, but can do so rather with herself. This is intolerable to any society that holds woman as a subordinate to man and as a sex exempt from aggressiveness and sexual enthusiasm.

Lesbianism has been a life style probably as early as heterosexuality itself. Although it will continue to be a natural social occurrence for many women it will also serve as a solution to a period of social transition that offers as yet all the questions and few of the answers. Considered in this light, lesbianism should perhaps represent less of a threat to the American male and more of an opportunity for growth and understanding.

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*Our thanks to the Sun and especially
to the author, Judith Nielsen.*

-SISTERS COLLECTIVE



Turned on
to a woman again;
my nipples tingle
for the risk of your mouth.
I'm afraid, I'm afraid,
it's so safe to sleep alone.

A woman enters my life
quietly,
like walking through a door,
no fanfare
or heart-throb;
she just walks in
and is.

I am stunned
by the simplicity.

---Heather

BLACKNESS

Blackness is believing in tomorrow
when you are already twenty years into today
and hurting like a dog
Blackness is the faith that believes things
are going to be better when we move
although you're only going two blocks up
and three blocks over
It says my six year old can learn to ride three
trolleys to get to school because she has to.
It knows there is another way
to fix those surplus beans
just have to think about it a little.



But the good Lord really knows
the beauty of Blackness because He says

*"Don't worry. Everything is gonna be
all right, Nigger."*

---Ora Williams

Moving Out

there comes
the time
when a swift
cutting
away
is necessary.

that time
has come
for me.

i must sever
the ties
the strings
the bonds

i must stand up
and walk away
to find
myself.

---Lisa Fenton

I haven't written
In ten years,
I haven't painted
In ten years,
I haven't sung
In ten years,
All potential,
No product.

I was well trained.
Dig it?

---Heather

UNDYING GRACE

Like a cloud white and fluffy cool
scurrying by rising soaring

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the sun split

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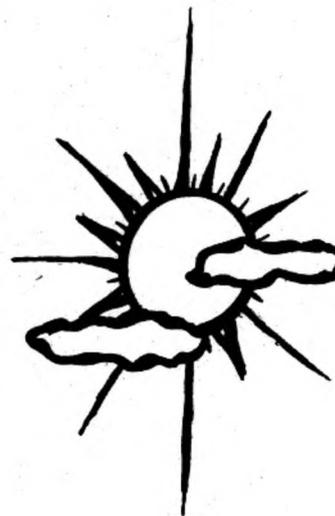
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---Terri B.

ending pausing in pregnant eternity.

erupting in gay abandon on desert life.

Alighting on my heart. Y O U .

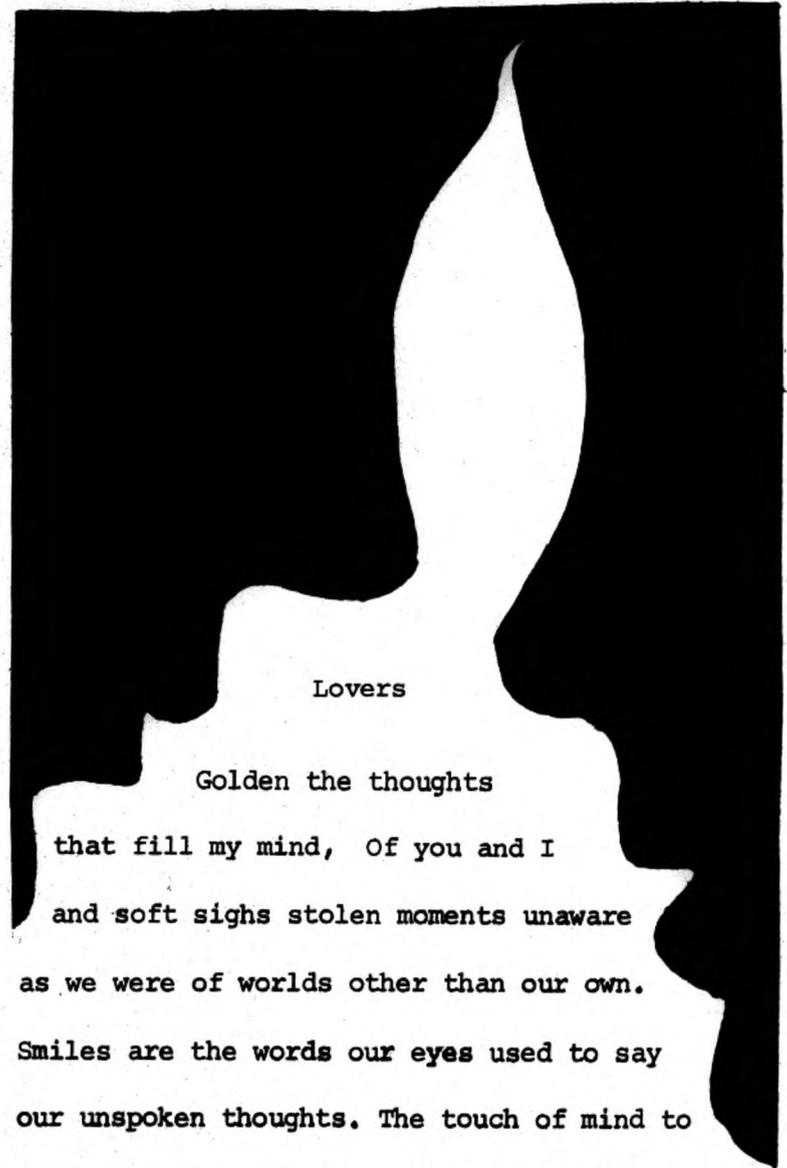
The woman I love is Andrea
Andrea, the Arien, Sun of the Sunless Room
the fine-tipped pen who draws out my emotions
the laughter that pounces indiscriminately
upon the unwary
and devours, undisciplined, every ounce of me
the lover, extracting my cries and tears and longing,
by a glance of her green eyes, charming
Andrea, whose palms I have mapped in mind,
like moist deserts etched by time
and whose fingers treat me like the strings
of her guitar
wandering over and examining new chords,
new harmonies
the woman-child of songless yesterdays,
the artist, fantasizer of ageless places
the engineer, the civil-servant of our
clandestine feeling,
caretaker of our love-tryst
drunken with the thought of freedom
sober with the quest for love reaching out,
having risen my woman love, my lady falcon
Andrea, who is.

---Joyce Ruth Wiley

guilt

for they have tried
to make us hate
ourselves
for our ability
to love

---Lisa Fenton



Lovers

Golden the thoughts
that fill my mind, Of you and I
and soft sighs stolen moments unaware
as we were of worlds other than our own.
Smiles are the words our eyes used to say
our unspoken thoughts. The touch of mind to
soul, Never needing more than just to touch to
know.

And we knew.

---Charlene

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Love, Joyce

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4 Kelly's vs.

Maud's 12noon
Scott's vs. La
Cave 2pm at Bal-
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vacation, if you
need counseling
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an appointment
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6 EVERY Tuesday

New gay women's
rap "IN FOCUS"
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see page 31

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8 Gay Vets

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11 N.O.W. Golden

Gate Chapter is
having a picnic
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8:30pm

18 EVERY Sunday

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Writers Workshop
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energy with
Stephanie Mines

21 DOB

NOMINATIONS
7pm
see page 30.

23 Poetry & Art

Slides Show
by Chrystos at
Full Moon 8pm

24 One-day

Symposium for
Parents of Gay
People see
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"Most people think I'm nuts,

she said. Then with a large smile she adds,

but I'm just another working mother."

A ride-on Sister!

Mary Bacon/1974

A TALE OF THREE SISTERS:

A FEMINIST FABLE

BY SUE WHITSON

Dedicated to that very special

"Army of lovers"

Once upon a time there was a wonderful woman who woke up one morning to discover that she could not get up out of her bed of roses no matter how hard she tried. All her energy and ability to move about was nearly gone - she could not even manage to sit upright.

In taking stock of the incredible situation she realized that her body was no longer complete--her arms and hands were gone, and she vaguely remembered having given them to her children; her legs were gone, given away in errands and chores and running back and forth; her shoulders had disappeared entirely, having been donated to all those crying men complaining about how their wives had none; her vocal cords were sealed and her mouth had atrophied when she quit speaking out for herself; and, lo-and-behold! Her eyes were too weak to see beyond the flower bed, and her poor ears were shriveling up from the cacophony of petulance, demands, complaints, and patronizing abuse hurled at them.

Frightened beyond reasoning, the wonderful woman thrust her weakened torso frantically about in the rose bed, this way and that, using every ounce of her available strength to try to hurl herself out of the bed to seek aid. She knew without being aware of how or when, that if she laid there very much longer her wonderful mind would quietly deteriorate until it died, and the only part of her left functioning

would be her WOMB. Tears of pain and frustration came spilling out of sightless eyes, and shudders rocked the crippled body.

And as she waited, hopelessly, for the end to come, two sisters came walking along in her direction, arm in arm, chatting amiably and laughing deeply together. And one of the sisters looked down into the bed of roses and noticed the weeping woman in her weakened condition. Bending near her noise-filled ears, the sisters whispered, "Would you like some help?" Startled, the wonderful woman turned toward this beautiful new sound and tried to express her gratitude but her eyes were blind, her mouth was shut, her legs and arms were gone. So the sisters bent down and lifted her up out of the rose bed with all its thorns and they held onto her very tightly until the pain of growing new strong legs was over.



Then, the Wonderful Woman stood up on her own and as she did so, her shoulders grew broad and powerful, her eyesight miraculously returned and she was blessed with perfect vision. As her arms began to grow from her body once more, she turned to embrace her sisters and felt her lips in a wide and joyous smile. Alive once again!

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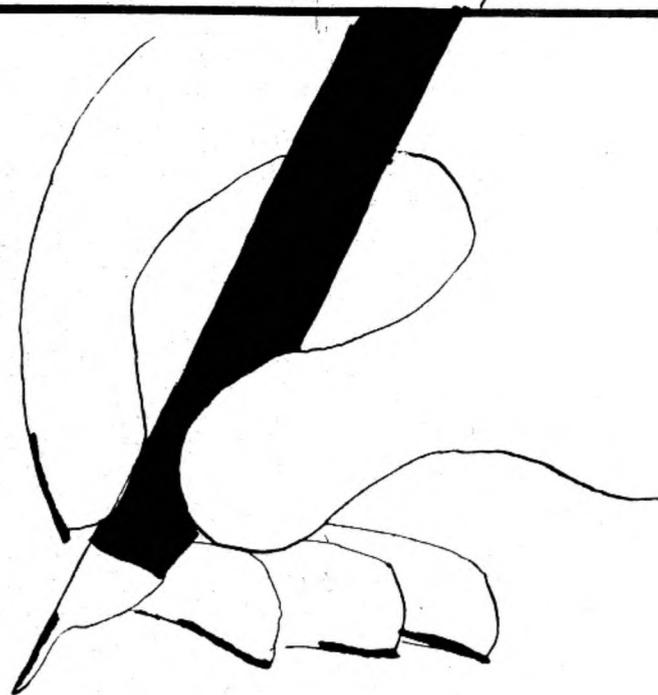
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SISTERS CONTEST will be held just one more time! Submit your article or graphic NOW! The deadline is September 8th, 1974.

BROADER NEWS FROM FAR OUT LESBIANS

GAY FOSTER PARENTS PROGRAM MAKES PROGRESS

- NEW YORK, NY. The National Gay Task Force (NGTF) has initiated an experimental program, in cooperation with several New York social service agencies, to place gay young people with gay adults in foster home situations. According to Thomas H. Smith, writing in *It's Time* (the NGTF newsletter): "What we have done is to try to find responsible--and loving--adult gay people who wish to become parents of young and troubled (gay) people. Then we put them in contact with cooperating agencies who do the actual screening and final selection."

By introducing this program the NGTF has hit on an area where straights are totally ignorant of gay ways--and are therefore afraid of them. Smith writes, "...They are scared because this is a new departure and because we are dealing here with one of the root causes and effects of homophobia--the relationship of sexuality and children....Our objective, of course, is the integration of gay adults into the whole spectrum of foster care...."

For more information about the NGTF foster parents program write Smith, c/o NGTF, Room 903, 80 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY - 10011.

(Thanks to *It's Time*, June/July 1974.)

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JUNEAU JOINS THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT

JUNEAU, ALASKA - The Women's Resource Center has opened in Juneau according to an announcement by Sonya Schmidt of that city. Ms. Schmidt asks, "If you are part of a community or women's organization, send the Center a resume of the program your group offers--we serve a lot of travelers who might be stopping in your city soon. If you own or work with a bookstore, printing press, etc. send us a list of relevant books, pamphlets or materials. Juneau only has one bookstore in town and many women feel the need to build up libraries, both personal and the Center's!" And she hopes for letters from sisters, noting that "all letters are posted so that all the Women using the Center can get information and encouragement from them. It's a great feeling to realize we're a part of a really big movement!"

WRITE-ON: The Women's Resource Center
570 Seatter Street, #3
Juneau, Alaska 99801

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LUTHERAN GAY GROUP GETS TOGETHER

- MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. A Minnesota Lesbian and a Salt Lake City gay man were elected June 17 to head a new Lutheran organization formed to challenge their churches' traditional oppression and denunciation of gay people. Formation of the group, called "Lutherans Concerned for Gay People," makes the Lutheran faith the tenth in the U.S. to have a gay caucus. (Other faiths so represented are the Roman Catholic, American Baptist, United Presbyterian, Quaker, Episcopalian, Disciples of Christ, Unitarian-Universalist, United Church of Christ and United Methodist.)

Chosen as coordinators of Lutherans Concerned were Diane Fraser, 31, of Kasota, Minn., and

(more →)

Allen Blaich, 23, of Salt Lake City. The group's mailing address is P.O. Box 15592, Salt Lake City, Utah - 84115. (Press Release, June 17, 1974.)

WRITER'S WORKS WANTED

- Fort Valley, GA. Manuscripts are being sought for a book, *The Gay Academic: An Interdisciplinary Collection of Essays by Gay Academics*. The publication will be co-edited by Drs. Louie Crew and Rictor Norton who are soliciting manuscripts to be received by January 1, 1975. According to a recent mailing "each essay in *The Gay Academic* will be a showcase of the positive achievements of a Gay scholar when she or he uses her or his special vantage as a Gay person in pursuing a specific discipline...." For further information write Louie Crew, Fort Valley State College, Box 1203, Fort Valley, GA., 31030.

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NOBLE EFFORT IN MASS ELECTIONS

- BOSTON, MA. Elaine Noble, a lesbian feminist Democrat from Boston, has entered the race for a seat in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. She will be competing first with five other candidates in the primary election to be held September 10th. According to the *New England Gay Community News* (June 29, 1974) Ms. Noble's credits include membership on the Massachusetts Governor's Commission on the Status of Women, in N.O.W. and in the American Civil Liberties Union.

Ms. Noble is a professor of speech at Emerson College and was recently an outstanding representative of the lesbian community on the Public Television program "The Advocates," debating the question "Should Marriage Between Homosexuals be Legalized."

Noble Campaign Headquarters have been established at 78 Queensbury St., Boston, MA - 02215.

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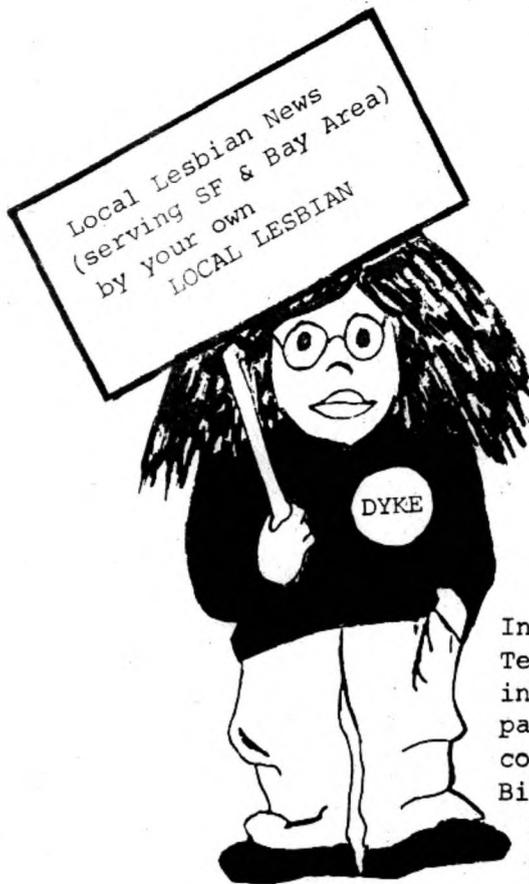
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Wendy is in the DOB office every Monday afternoon until 5:00pm, if you would like to call for info or just drop by feel free to do so.

The Local Lesbian has heard about the new lesbian bar named, "A Little Bit More" at 15th Street and Potrero, (phone 864-9123). There is no dancing allowed and no pool playing. They are working on getting their cabaret license and pool license, until they do, the Local Lesbian does not recommend "A Little Bit More" because it has a little bit less. . .

WANTED WOMEN'S ART WORKS FOR DISPLAY AT THE FULL MOON, THE WOMEN'S COFFEE HOUSE
submit up to three pieces by July 31st, 1974 to the Full Moon Art Committee. Show will run from August 4 to 28. If interested, contact Ellen Ullman at 285-8414.

If you would like to help answer some of the correspondence that DOB receives from all over the world, please contact DOB at 861-8689 and leave a message for Kathy and Lesia. No heavy commitment necessary--just be willing to occasionally answer a few letters.

HAVE YOU HEARD? DOB is looking for a new home in a more scenic neighborhood (so-to-speak), preferably in the Polk Street area. We would like to find a one-bedroom flat for up to \$200.00. So please keep all eyes and ears open. If you have any helpful "leads", leave message at DOB for Lesia and Kathy who will "track" them down. Or call Lesia and Kathy on Friday evenings when they will be covering the DOB office from 7:00pm up until 9:00pm.

L.L. NEWS CONTINUED

-----DOB ELECTIONS COMING-----

It is near that time of year again--DOB's annual elections will be held in September, 1974. On Wednesday, August 21st, at DOB we will be having nominations only.

ONLY DOB Members will be allowed to vote.

It is certain that Liane does not want to run again for President. To my knowledge, so far, no one has a definite interest in running for President. Others have shown interest in other Board positions and there are many hopefuls.

Here is a list of the Board positions that will be open for those of you interested in running or in nominating your hero.

President---Duties; shall represent and perform for DOB such duties as may from time to time be necessary to carry out the purposes of the organization.

Vice-President---Duties; shall succeed to the duties and responsibilities of the Presidency in case of absence or incapacity of the President, shall be assigned appropriate duties by the President.

Recording Secretary---Duties; shall keep minutes of the proceedings of all meetings of the Board of Directors and General membership or appoint a representative to do so.

Treasurer---Duties; shall be responsible for the collection, safe-keeping and expenditures of funds, shall present a monthly report of the financial affairs of DOB to the Board.

Correspondence Secretary or Secretaries---Duties; shall answer incoming mail with info. as is in accordance with the purposes of DOB as outlined in Article III.

IN FOCUS is a new gay women's rap for lesbians with a drinking problem. It has a referral bank and the cooperation of the community, including the bars, who really do not want to increase the number of problem drinkers. Their goal is to stay IN FOCUS by helping themselves and each other understand that when alcohol is abused it makes happy people unhappy and unhappy people more unhappy. And, they can help the non-problem drinker stay IN FOCUS by becoming aware of her drinking patterns. For more info. call Karen or Sue at 567-0526.

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N.O.W. PICNIC at Shakespeare Garden in Golden Gate Park at 12 Noon. Bring your own food, for more info. call Jill at 863-7955.

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One-Day Symposium for parents of gay people--if interested in attending should make reservations in advance--limited to 40 parents--\$15.00 per parent. Will be having a panel of parents of gay people, lesbians and gay men panels. Starts at 9:30am Saturday to 9:00pm that evening. For further info. contact CRH at 863-2295 or write for free brochure: CRH c/o 83 Mc Allister Room #421 San Francisco, California 94102

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ALL WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL IN SANTA CRUZ with lots of women's groups from all over the country, will be held sometime in August call Women's Switchboard for exact date at 431-1414

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There are two new gay hotels in San Francisco where lesbians are welcome, Rates from \$19.00 wkly. and \$70.00 per mo. Most of the rooms don't have private baths however the baths do have locks. The buildings are newly renovated and are well maintained. Upon checking in there is a \$5.00 cleaning fee--non-refundable & a \$5.00 key deposit --refundable. Both hotels are in a nice area of town in the Polk Street Area, where it is fairly safe to walk at nite and well lit area.

719 Ellis St. at Larkin & 106 Fern St. at Polk
For further info. call Jim at 885-2696.

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Becky and Arza have donated a record player to DOB and DOB would like to take this space to thank them both. Now all we need are some records.

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The Local Lesbian was happy to hear that at the 2nd Annual Baseball Game between the Gay men and the Cops of San Francisco the fairies beat the pigs 9 to 4.

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