**RUBY**

The Rubyfruit Readher is a lesbian communiqué published monthly by a small collective. Not all of us necessarily agree with everything that is printed but we take responsibility for choosing to print whatever appears in Ruby.

We are an open collective and welcome new members—call 426-DYKE for meeting times.

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

We always need contributions, both graphics and written materials. Graphics must be black ink on white paper and be either 3 or 6" wide. Written materials must have a signature, phone, & address, altho a pseudonym will be printed by request. We tend to give preference to materials submitted by Santa Cruz County lesbians altho we also appreciate articles that concern out-of-town events. Send by 15th of each month.

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**RAPS**

Well, it took us a little longer than usual to come out this month, but we finally made it. It was a combination of the collective dwindling and people going on vacation. This issue was put out by essentially 3 people with some helpers.

**WORKERS THIS ISSUE:** Kater, Catherine, Glytia, Mamie, Jan (cover).

We really need help putting Ruby out. Please write or draw something. Many thanks to all our friends who keep sending us $. Back issues are available if you send donation & postage money.

**RUBYFRUIT READHER**

Box 2386, Santa Cruz, 95063

If any lesbian can’t afford $5, then Ruby is free.

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**Halloween Costume Extravaganza**

Come All Fairies! to a

Halloween Costume Extravaganza

Ha-Vy West Park Clubhouse

Sunday, October 30, 3-midnight

Dancing, hubbing for apples & other games, prizes for best & worst costumes, refreshments, & more...

A BENEFIT FOR RUBYFRUIT READHER

$2.00 donation

* we need help pulling this off - if you are interested in working call 426-DYKE or 427-3776
Letters to Ruby

Greetings, m'ears...
Remember, i am that I AM, janus(PERSONNA of Mom & Dad's great galacterian mind) told us so, lightly; that the Old Way is guilt, etc...that agonizing reappraisal & 3½ years Contract Renewal time is about upon us, by REQUEST; that billions of souls up the AEONS will NEVER know, for sure, how they would treated the Kozmick Flasher while we had her among us, cause it had to be shoddy/shabby all the way-and what a great goode sport/FRIEND/LOVER/etc. she is, aye.
Reignbeaux, flutterbys and

dot BEAMZ, Lightly, janus
aurah of Karmah...Life is
Love, every moment being Wholly Spirit, with each of us having Infinite numbers of personalities, from all times/spaces, natural(feelings/possessions/commissions) - Scorpio (death-we live and die every moment; money-life is more precious than; property-we are the Real Estate; and occult-occult is to metaphysics (we live in a metabolism-as above/so below) what Satan is to Lucifer, light/dark now merging, aye)...(excerpt from a longer article by ja of K.)
FIRING

Facts necessary to know before reading the following article:

Two boys on Sue Hilton's YCC crew accused her of making sexual advances to one of the young women on the crew. This complaint went from the boys to their parents and then to the YCC administrators. The state made an investigation of this allegation, found it to be untrue, and finally fired Sue because she had "discussions on controversial lifestyles with her crew" (i.e., she objected to the boys using faggot as a derogatory term) and because her effectiveness to function as a supervisor of (her) YCC crew or any of the other YCC crews was lost. The second reason had no basis in truth—in fact, Sue was never allowed to see or speak with or attempt to work with her crew again. If there was any loss of effectiveness it was due solely to how Sue's supervisors had handled the situation. Further, the young woman mentioned above did not complain. She likes Sue and feels her firing is terribly unfair.

In case you haven't heard yet, Sue Hilton, a member of the S.C. lesbian community, was terminated from her job as crew leader for the Youth Conservation Corps in a manner which seems to be very arbitrary, and which is connected to "alleged immorality." Your intrepid Ruby reporter, spotting a hot story, cornered a member of her defense committee, who granted her the following interview in between interviews with lawyers, the ACLU, the FEPC (Fair Employment Practices Commission), the NGTF and other assorted possibly useful people and groups.

Ruby: How's the case going?
SHDC: Up and down—it's discouraging talking to the people from the state, but the National Gay Task Force has come through with some useful stuff and also the ACLU might take the case. There's a lot of good women's energy for this at the local level.

Ruby: Are you planning to sue?
SHDC: We don't know for sure yet—we're trying to exhaust all administrative channels but the state won't even tell us what administrative channels are or aren't open to us.

Ruby: Why do you think they did this?
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Ruby: What do you want our readers to do?
SHDC: Please feel free to join the Defense Committee, to help with advice, benefits, support. Womyn can call Sue at 426-9547 for meeting times and information, about SHDC or the case.

Write letters to: Mr. Herbert Rhodes
P.O. Box 2390
Sacramento, Ca. 95811

Ruby: What are your main complaints?
SHDC:

1. Failure to give proper notice of the cause of the termination.
2. Firing for "ineffectiveness" without really determining if she could be effective or not.
3. If it was in fact true that she could no longer be effective, failure to determine the cause of that ineffectiveness—whether it was in fact her fault or the result of the investigation.
4. The legal questions currently seem to be related to the right to free speech, defamation of character and the right to confront the evidence against you.

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and then send copies of this letter to:

Mr. Warren Douglas
Dept. of Parks and Recreation
Monterey, Ca. 93940

Mr. Herman Schleff
Santa Cruz P.O.
P.O. Box 1
San Jose, CA 95105

Mr. Schleff had just decided to sue
the Recreation Dept., Youth Conservation
Corporation for her undeserved dismissal— if the ACLU
will take the case. Keep your eyes open for news of up-
coming benefits and information concerning this case.

If you must drink orange juice, keep in mind that the only
brand LN has found in Calif. that is reportedly all-Calif
is CAL_FAME. Other nationally
known brands of orange juice
either come from Florida, or
are suspect. From the cans
or labels themselves:

Minute Maid, Houston, Texas,
plants in Florida

Tropicana, Broden, Florida

Treesweet, Indian River, FL

Orange Plus and Awake, both
by Birds Eye, White Plains,
New York (how many oranges
are there in NY?)

Ruby recommends drinkin' it fresh, cuz it's just better
for ya!

---info, Lesbian News

--- Mr. Schleff

Lesbian feminists in Los An-
geles are calling on their
sisters across the country
to join them in a FREEDOM
RIDE. They are preparing for
lesbian visibility and gay
rights at the IWY National
Conference in Houston, Texas
(Nov 19-21).

The FREEDOM RIDE buses will
be departing LA several days
before the conference. Bus
caravans will also be leav-
ing from major cities along
the way to hold actions or
demonstrations planned by
local lesbians, and to pick
up more women as they move
to Houston.

In Houston they will make
themselves seen and heard,
both as delegates and non-
delegates, by calling for pa-
ssage of all pro-feminist,
pro-minority, and pro-gay
resolutions.

Why lesbian visibility?
Lesbians have too long been
 invisible numbers in other
people's movements. Lesbians
are now under attack and must
therefore come out as a
forum for presenting lesbian
issues.

They are outraged by the fact
that the International Women's
Year Conferences (both state
and national) are government
controlled, and that many of
the delegates are men. They
are aware that in many re-
pects the Houston Conference
serves only to make the gov-
ernment look credible in its
role of international "Cham-
pion of Human Rights" and to
pacify women into believing
that the government has a
major commitment to femin-
ism. By their presence, visi-
bility, and actions in Hous-
ton they mean to say that
simply a "report to Congress"
(the official result of the
Conference) is not an accep-
table substitute for legis-
lation protecting the self-
determination and full civil
rights of women in America.

They are going to Houston to
speak for themselves and to
notify legislators that they
want them to pass legislation
that will secure and insure
their rights. They see the
organizing closely linked with
the struggles of poor and min-
ority women and intend to co-
alesce and build mutual sup-
port with them.

For more details contact:
FREEDOM RIDE-IWY
2617 Euclid Ave, #3
Santa Monica, CA 90405
or phone: Jeanne Cordova
at 213/ 839-7254
LAUREN CRUX  
(licensed marriage, family, and child counselor)  
announces  
the opening of her private practice:  
lebean feminist therapy  
individal's, groups, families, relationship counseling  
I cannot take medi-cal; I do use a sliding fee scale  

Special Note- Upcoming Events: I am leading two groups for women beginning the first week in October,  
*CONFRONTING GREATNESS*  
"What is required of women at this point in history is a firm and deep refusal to limit our perspectives, questioning, and creativity..." (Mary Daly)  
This group for women, "the primordial outsiders," will explore our fears of nothingness (failure, incompetence, guilt, self-doubt), our fears when we recognize and allow ourselves to experience our alienation from our true being. We will focus on the theme of existential courage while we struggle with the anxieties which emerge as we deal with the "original sin" of being born female.  
-Thursday evenings 7-9:30, beginning Oct. 6.  
--- For appointment or more information, I can be reached through Women In Transition-- 476-4656.  

If I Were the Unicorn  
If I were the unicorn  
I'd find you.  
This time you wouldn't run from me because you'd know.  
Looking into eyes you'd see the flowers that I saw;  
strocking pearl skin you'd feel the pearl skin I felt.  
My head lain in your lap this time we'd both be home.  
If I were the unicorn you'd never go away;  
the meadows that I knew you'd recognize in me.  
The glow I found inside you is the glow we two would share.  
If I were the unicorn we'd touch and never part.  
--Diane Stein, 1/27/77--  

Sexual Fantasy Survey  
If you are a lesbian and ever had sexual fantasies, or wondered about same, or wanted to hear other lesbians' fantasies, or just want a good lesbian book to read, then your help is needed.  
Too many so-called lesbian books are written by non-lesbian, often male, authors. And their descriptions of lesbian fantasies are their fantasies, not the fantasies of lesbians.  
Sharing fantasies can be scary, but it can also be fun, consciousness-raising, validating, and sexy. Lesbians interested in sharing their fantasies (anonymously, of course) with other lesbians through a lesbian author can send their fantasies (pick your 3 "favorites") or write for a short questionnaire to: Box 5120, Santa Monica, Ca. 90405.  
(Sister, Aug.-Sept., 1977)
Aikido: the Way of Love and Harmony

Japan's Revolutionary Martial Art by Risa

As lesbians who are committed to creating a world that is fit for humans to live in, or even in seeking a safe space for ourselves, we are often faced with great unwarranted hostility. We find that we present both real and imaginary threats to the heterosexist, patriarchal structure of society. There are many people with investments in the present system who wish to do violence to us. We experience our oppression both from a distance (Florida, Wash.D.C.), and close up (harrassment on the job and street, murder in S.F., etc.). In seeking to change the reality of our lives and our world, we want to affirm and celebrate the beauty, joy, strength and freedom of our womyn-identified lifestyles. On the other hand, we often feel we have to put this aside to do battle with those who would (and do) oppress us.

Under patriarchy, we are given basically two choices: to be an oppressor, or to be oppressed; an aggressor, or a victim. Because we were educated within patriarchy, we are often subtly bound by its rules, and are not fully aware of its influence on all aspects of our lives.

In order to create and maintain wholistic change, we must go beyond the constructs of patriarchal role playing in all areas. This is apparent when choosing how to deal with the power dynamics of any situation—whether relating to people we like (our friends, lovers, children), or people we don't like (Anita Bryant, Lloyd Cooney, the local rapist or assailant).

It is in this sense that I think that Aikido, a revolutionary martial art from Japan, can be very useful to our community and to our struggle. In fact, it transforms the very nature of what we call "struggle."

Aikido is Japan's newest and most modern martial art. It is still a relatively unknown and less popularized martial art here in the States, and should not be confused with other martial arts that have received more Western publicity. Aikido

(Aikido, cont.)
is not a sport and it is not a way of fighting. It is a meditation in motion, a philosophy with a unique physical expression, and a superb form of self-defense.

The founder of Aikido, O-Sensei, studied and mastered most of the other martial arts of Japan—many styles of ju-jitsu, judo, sword, spear, etc. However, after witnessing the destructive use to which these martial arts were put in WWII, he became disillusioned with them. Although a world renowned master who had invested his entire life in these martial arts, he became dissatisfied with the knowledge that they imparted. He felt that they did not go far enough in the ultimate transcendance of violence and all its attendant dualities. So he undertook rigorous training in the spiritual disciplines of Japan, including Zen Buddhism and Shintoism.

Shinto is a Japanese religion, based on the worship of Nature that included woman-headed deities worshiped by womyn during the early Japanese matriarchy (which survived until relatively recently). O-Sensei became a Shinto priest and through his spiritual study, had an enlightening experience wherein he realized that the essence of the martial arts, like the essence of the Universe, is love. Guided by the principle of Aiki (Love and Harmony) and based on his vast knowledge of the martial arts, he discovered Aikido—a martial discipline fully consistent with the natural order of love, and yet completely effective as a martial art—a way of expressing and maintaining the balance and order of the Universe. Firmly rooted in matriarchal spirituality, Aikido itself is inherently womyn-identified, as womyn-identification itself is inherently love and harmony. The two complement each other and lead each other to completion, while showing us a way of never needing to compromise the beauty of our relationships with each other and with nature.

Aikido is a path with profound political and spiritual implications. It is a way of understanding and manifesting the rhythm of the universe. Self-defense is a natural byproduct of this. Which is not to suggest that Aikido is any less effect-
Aikido is a way of neutralizing all conflict. We never go against our partner's energy, nor do we place undue importance upon them by seeking to off-balance them. Both partners learn to maintain their balance and so we go directly to the source of the situation. We deal rather with the person's intention to do violence rather than with the result of that violence. Through Aikido we learn to lead our partner's mind through the vehicle of the body - so that as soon as they have a mind to attack, they are defeated by their own intent. We create a safe channel for the energy to continue its own course and express itself in.

By "safe", I mean safe for the Aikidoist, and safe for both partners who are training in an Aikido situation. On the street, attacking an Aikidoist is no more possible, and no more safe, than trying to upset the balance of the Universe, by attacking the air or the ocean - putting oneself in the center of a tornado, or in the breakers of a raging sea.

Through Aikido we actualize the fact that violence is self-destructive, that energy is cyclical in nature, and therefore the energy a person puts out always returns to them. In the political arena and on the street violent energy tends to wipe out any number of innocent people in its circular route. Aikido provides a practical method of returning the energy immediately to its sender, harming no one else in the process.

Aikido would be devastating to (an) attacker(s) on the street, and likewise in a competitive situation. For this reason, matches and competition of any kind are prohibited, and indeed are not possible, in Aikido. Aggressive, male-identified persons who seek competition or a chance to win a fight take up other arts or martial arts to express themselves in.

Likewise, there are no limitations on what is possible when tapping into this infinite source of energy - so that the size, strength, muscle power, or even the number of opponents becomes irrelevant to the trained Aikidoist. In fact, O-Sensei himself was only my height - five feet tall. Therefore it is possible, and expected, for a very small woman to deal effectively with two, three, four or more strong people attacking her. This is not theoretical; we practice it and find out for ourselves that it is true. Aikido is unique among the martial arts in that there is absolutely no advantage for the taller, heavier, "stronger," or male person.

This brings us to the question of who we will train with in Aikido. As Aikido is a system that teaches us how to cope positively with all situations, this brings up a larger question: who will we "train" with, how will we cope with, conflict in all areas of our lives? How can we best further ourselves on the paths we have chosen? There is of course no one answer to this question - if there were, we'd be seeing the whole path ahead of us - which means it would be straight--and since none of us has chosen that road, we have to seriously evaluate where we are now, where we want to go, and how best to get there.

I think that the new developments in political action and social and cultural community among the gay people in S.C. and around the globe reflects a growing consciousness among us. We are aware that the Save Our Children and the Kill a Queer for Christ groups of the world (and their more sophisticated multinational counterparts) can and will intrude upon our most basic space if allowed to—not only upon our human rights to quality life, but also upon our very right to life itself. We are also sensing that we do not want to struggle from a reactive, defensive place, nor from a stance of aggression, using the tools of the oppressors. The oppressors' tools were after all developed by them for their benefit, and while they can be adapted for our use and their negativity minimized, they will never have the full strength of a system based on our own beauty. We need a strategy and a process that totally transcends the tools and definitions of the oppressors, and nourishes us every step along the way.

continued...
During the past year I helped organize (with a collective of west coast womyn and men—mainly gay) the 1977 War Resisters League national conference. During this time I struggled intensely with still doing work within "the male left"—and although we were working hard to have WRL people relate feminist theory/action with nonviolent theory/action, it often seemed hopeless. The conference happened last month and the "report" below shares some of my "raised-hope" feelings.

circles of sunlight, circle of lake, fire circle, hug circle, circles of eyes, circle of arms, encircling of loves, ideas, womyn, tent/color circle around curve of lawn, parachute circle with cries of delight and laughter entwining, human spiral-circling again and again, circles of folk dancing, star gazing, workshop circles producing waves and circles of anger, discovery, sharing, joys, cooking pot encircling food to travel the circle/cycle from earth to earth, conference collective meeting in circles to end in hug and song circles, circle of women holding/nursing infants sharing birthing stories, sharing bottles of wine and beer, affinity group song-dyke-transition circles/support, fun, touches, children circles napping running creating, pools and circles of tears from our still crushing the breath in each other, and the smiles pleasure "good things" circle before on to home circles of love and struggle.
Women's Music Festival was a huge success despite many difficulties beyond the control of the organizers.

Women started arriving before the festival was scheduled to begin, and many of them started working right away to help get the festival set up. All women were asked to sign up for at least 2 hours of work in some area (security, child care, garbage, food, health care, parking, etc.). Unfortunately, there turned out to be some problems in this area, as some women failed to take this commitment seriously, and others participated 5-6 thousand) is difficult to work i...
Lesbian Health Issues

Have you as a lesbian ever tried to find out about your specific health needs? Or have you as a health worker or educator tried to understand how lesbian health needs differ from those of heterosexual women? Have you wondered why it is that many lesbians are involved in the Women's Health Movement and why this is important?

Although many lesbians are living really healthy lives, there are some specific health problems we encounter that are related to the stress of living in a heterosexist society. Some examples of these are: dealing with coming out or not to our health workers, alcoholism, therapy, etc. Our specific lifestyles affect other areas of our health such as what kind of V.D. we can get (more often it's what kind of V.D. we don't get) and, if we choose, our method of reproduction such as artificial insemination, cloning, and parthenogenesis.

We should have access to lesbian health research to refer to, or organizations of lesbian and gay health workers and their services. It is important for us to have a political analysis of the health care system from a lesbian viewpoint. It is also important for us to redirect the interpretation and teaching of science and health care from a non-heterosexist perspective.

I was part of a group of Santa Cruz women who researched many of these above subjects. The result of our work was an annotated bibliography on Lesbian Health Issues. We found that very little has been written on this subject and that even this little bit of literature is not widely distributed among lesbian communities or health care centers. This is not an accident—it is a reflection of the heterosexist attitudes of our society. Many lesbians are reluctant to identify themselves as lesbians to their health workers because of the repercussions that are involved. Because of this, and because the medical establishment does not recognize our specific health needs, very little research has been done on this.

Each piece of literature we found covered only one or two issues, and as yet there is not a complete work on lesbian health care. Hopefully this will change in the future and we see the bibliography that we wrote as a step in this direction.

The bibliography and most of the literature listed in it are in the S.C. Women's Health Center's library (along with other goodies like current and back issues of Lesbian Connection). All of you are more than welcome to come by and hang out in our library, to talk to me (Mara) or Kater or Val about health stuff that is going on with you. Remember also that we have lesbian health counselors for our WomanKind Health Services and that we can refer you to doctors in town (sometimes) who won't treat you offensively because you are who you are.

And, last but not least, we'd be tickled purple if some of you would consider joining our collective when we get around to taking in new members. --Mara-

S.C. WOMYN'S HEALTH CENTER
Health Info and Counseling
Medical Services by Appointment
Lesbian Counselors Available
Dr. Referrals/Medical Library
Self-help Workshop Monthly

OPEN: 10-4 M-F; 7-9 pm Wed.
250 LOCUST ST.
427-3500
- 24 hour phone line -

Newsflash: Mother Right
Rhonda is selling her part of the bookstore. Jill is staying, and would like to form a collective. If you are interested or want further info call Jill at 426-1317.

Need: an electric typewriter with carbon or film ribbon, 1 week per month to type Rubyfruit Reader copy. Selectric or electric fine. Please call 426-DYKE or 427-3776.
Rape
In your selfish sickness
You crush me
like a boulder
smashes wild flowers
Bitter warnings
and black-chilly stories
rush through my mind
like flash floods
through the desert
You flee
with my virginity
Leaving the seed
of a child.
I flee
in trembling fear
Leaving a trail
of blood
and tears
---Jade---

Sweet Revenge
National media has not picked up on it yet, but dozens of rapists have been cut up, castrated, beaten up & possibly bumped off by squads of female terrorists who get their names from victims, court records & police reports. Police in several Calif. cities are puzzled by the numerous instances of men checking into hospitals with broken bones and bad bruises who claim they do not know who their assailants were and are unspecific about their attackers gender. One source on the feminist grapevine says that one underground rape squad operating in the Sacramento area castrated one rapist per month throughout 1974, in each case dumping the man on the steps of a medical center after cutting off his testicles & dressing the wounds with band-aids. Four of them reportedly committed suicide. Still another recidivist found himself surrounded by a band of women who broke into his home and just stood there for six hours until he fell on the floor twitching with terror.

—Lesbian Tide—

Justice Prevails!
Public outcry, led by the Madison Chapter of NOW, triggered a recall drive against a judge who gave a judicial slap on the wrist to a 15-year-old boy who raped a high school girl. The judge had said that the rape was a "normal" reaction to girls' and women's dress standards in today's society. (The rape victim was wearing jeans and a sweater!) The recall effort against Judge Simonson was successful, and feminist lawyer Moria Kreuger led a field of 6 candidates for a clear victory.

Yea! to wimmin organizing against our own destruction!

Is feminism just an issue of the uterus and the home?
In seeking where and how to use our energy in the coming months, I suggest that we consider all resources available to us. There are men who practice Aikido. In terms of what I have learned, and am learning through my study of Aikido, for me to not be there because there are men would be like saying I refuse to be gay because of Anita Bryant, or anything else that appears prohibitive. We learn through Aikido that what appears as obstacles are merely polishing stones on which to sharpen our spirit and shine the mirror of truth, that beauty may be reflected. The teachings of Aikido are our birthright as womyn, as womyn-identified-womyn. The concepts and practical applications of Aikido in daily life are the ancient and long-denied magic of our foremothers.

Aikido is inherently revolutionary in nature. It can become part of the vanguard of our revolution. It's there for the learning, and available to everyone. No need to worry if you think you're a clutz; it's not mystified like other physical activities sometimes are. I myself am a fem from way-back-when who never even played jacks when I was a kid because it was too exerting. There are children Aikidists who become black belts. I have even seen people practice Aikido with great skill and effectiveness who have no arms. It's not a "talent" that some have and others don't; it's for everybody.

"Sounds great but impossible," you may think. No more impossible than womyn finding love and satisfaction with womyn, than people organizing around cooperation rather than competition, than an economy based on people rather than profit. Only impossible to a patriarchal way of thinking. Also, the union of the opposite forces of Nature within a single person that results from the study of Aikido has many other potentials to tap: the development of our intuition and psychic abilities, the possibility for parthenogenesis, etc. The list goes on....

So check it out. The things I've written about only become real when you see for yourself, and make more sense when you feel for yourself through your own practice.

There are free beginning classes offered through the University at the Field House. New classes start at the beginning of each quarter. You do not have to be a student to participate. We have some excellent women instructors. As is in keeping with the spirit of Aikido, the learning environment is very friendly and supportive. There will also be specific support for you from the lesbian Aikidists (the Aldidykes).

We have learned of a birthday card being sold in Seattle at G.O. Guy Drug Stores, and also nationally, which states: "Birthdays are like rape—if you've got to have it, you might as well enjoy it." We find this offensive and disgusting. Please send numerous complaints to its manufacturer:

"Gallant Greetings" 2725 W. Fullerton Chicago, Ill. 60647

--Out & About--
WomonWord by CLYTIA

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle—horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backwards. Find them and circle their letters. The leftover letters spell the WomonWord.

Words to find:

EGCONEQPDHDTMael
KRLDOUJSNFERA
YAIISOISETIUA
DNTFGNITEEMICI
RIONSRTUWRIDWDT
AGFRACHTLAELHI
EAWAUMMADOEKIL
MVSEBFARORSUVRHO
SILKJRESWBI'RECP
PBEEAFIOMSIMSTRE
AOORETDTIAGATSTP
PLEXUSARTNGEHEA
DEDEILINREXIEGAR
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A deadline of Nov. 1, 1977 has been set by Karla Jay and Allen Young for the return of questionnaires in their survey on lesbian and gay male sexuality.

Several hundred thousand of the surveys, including questions on sexuality, relationships and society, have been distributed throughout the US and Canada, and thousands have already been returned. There is still a limited supply of questionnaires available. To obtain, write Survey, Box 98, Orange, Mass 01364. Specify amount and whether for gay male or lesbians.

ATTENTION WOMYN ARTISTS

All womyn are encouraged to bring their crafts and art work to Mother Right Bookstore to either place it there on a consignment basis or to arrange a showing.

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Collective lesbian home w/ children 9 & 13 needs woman. House w/ sunny kitchen, fireplace, yard, art/craft workspace available. NO dogs. 426-9547.

Last night we sat on my bed untouched, talking about jealousy and sisterhood. We talked about our mothers and the men we have known. We talked while I longed to lie belly to your soft belly our limbs entwined.

We talked till three.

Then you returned to the man who shields you, who guards you, who embalms you. I watch you retreating, shrinking into the arms of the man who is so sure, who has always been sure of knowing how to love you. And you? You are thankful that he never asks.

Ray Gwyn Smith
BLUE JEANS DAY

Several campus gay groups have successfully used the device of proclaiming, in advance, that on a certain day gay people on the campus will wear blue jeans. With adequate publicity the result, of course, is that very, very few blue jeans are visible that day. The point is an educational one: non-gays are forced to stop and consider for once, "What if everyone thought I was gay?" Those who fail to do so, and automatically slip into their normal campus costume, may get a thought-provoking taste of the discrimination that gays are all used to. In addition, gays in the closet can use the occasion to "test the water" for coming out; if challenged, they can claim to be forgetful "straights." (NGTF is proposing a national Gay Blue Jeans Day this fall, on Oct. 14. Start planning for it now!) **from Natl. Gay Talk Force Action Report, 7/77
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