SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sept. 6 - PUBLIC DISCUSSION MEETING
Friend's Center, 1830 Sutter Street
8 p.m.
Speaker: Alfred Auerback, M.D.
Subject: A Psychiatrist Looks at Sex Deviations

Sept. 9 - MATTACHINE BRUNCH - 1560A Haight St.
11 til 2

SEPT. 17 - FELLOWSHIP DINNER - 1560A Haight St.,
8 p.m., Reservations, call, EX 7-0773 or Ma 1-5600

Sept. 27 - MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING - Mattachine Members, 693 Mission St.,
Room 307, 8 p.m.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Oct. 4 - PUBLIC DISCUSSION MEETING
Friend's Center, 1830 Sutter St.
8 p.m.
Speaker: Ken Zwerin
Subject: Recent Tour of Europe

11 til 2

Oct. 22 - FELLOWSHIP DINNER - 1560A Haight St.
8 p.m., Reservations, EX 7-0773

Oct. 25 - MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING - Mattachine Members, 8 p.m. 693 Mission Street, Room 307
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TO MEET

The first Board of Directors meeting since the May 1956 National Convention will be held in Los Angeles during the Labor Day weekend, September 1-3. Attendance is expected from San Francisco, Long Beach, Santa Monica, and other areas for the meeting, which will include business and social sessions.

Official opening of the Board meeting will be a general session at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1st, followed by the chief business session, closing at 5 p.m. A reception and dinner will be held that evening for out of town guests, members and interested local persons, at $1 each. Directions and address will be announced during the afternoon session.

Sunday activities will include a beach party at Playa del Rey.

Individual meetings with the Directors of the various Departments (Research, Public Relations, Publications, Local-Legislative) will occupy most of Monday, leaving Sunday night free for individual planning.

Business sessions and meetings will be held at the L.A.C. office, 357 Belmont, in Los Angeles. Activities, with the exception of business sessions are open to non-members.

Any Bay Area members or interested persons who would like to attend this meeting, please call in at EX 7-0773 so a reservation may be made to accommodate additional persons. The Board of Director's meeting is held semi-annually.

AUGUST SPEAKER

Comments by several of those who were fortunate enough to hear the speaker at the August 2 meeting of the Mattachine Society's Public Discussion Group at the Friend's Center on Sutter Street, indicated that this was perhaps one of the finest meetings yet held. The speaker, a noted San Francisco therapist, talking from a very wide personal as well as professional background, outlined the topic, "The Need for a Permanent Relationship."

He first explained that the feminine approach to marriage is basically emotional, while the male attitude is primarily intellectual. There being this very broad difference, when two people with the same basic approach enter into a "permanent" relationship, certain difficulties will necessarily follow. The independent approach of the male and the dependent approach of the female is not counterbalanced in homophilic relationships.

Homophilic permanent relationships can be, and are being, successful adventures. These can be such only by careful and cooperative planning. Failures of most such relationships can be traced to boredom and/or possessiveness. Many of these relationships are built in a very small circle of contacts with other people, with one partner becoming jealous in his possessiveness. The excitement of sharing the same bed fades as the years go by. Many relationships started upon the first meeting, but as our speaker wisely stated, it is far better to GROW in love than it is to FALL in love.

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Marriage - any marriage or like relationship - was defined as being a "cooperative adventure in growth" with extra emphasis on cooperation. Problems will inevitably arise and these must be solved as they come up. It is very important that the partners can sit down and have a "man to man" talk. Drawing from his personal experience, he stated that the big problems can be and are usually faced without any trouble, but the little ones seem to create big hurdles.

The speaker was very frank in stating that if a relationship is to last through the years extra "activities" must be built into the relationship. The male must have the assurance that he is still attractive to others as well as having the excitement of new meetings. Accepting each other "as is" is an important factor in building a lasting relationship.

Explaning further what was meant by the best type of relationship being a "cooperative adventure in growth," he stated that cooperation includes constant compromise and a continual willingness and awareness of seeing and understanding the other person's viewpoint. This in turn produces a sense of excitement and adventure that keeps the relationship ever alive, and the quality of adventure creates the one of growth. These, in brief, are some of the things that can be built into and some of the things that cause the homophilic relationship to either fail or succeed.

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BOOKS IN THE SAN FRANCISCO AREA COUNCIL
REFERENCE LIBRARY

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CODE: Following the title and author the following letters: f, fiction; nf, non-fiction; hc, hard cover; pb, paperbound.

ABOUT THE KINSEY REPORT, ed. D.P. Geddes and Enid Curie, pb
AGAINST THE LAW, Peter Wildeblood, hcnf
ALL THE SEXES, Geo. W. Henry, M.D., hcnf
AMERICAN SEXUAL BEHAVIOR AND THE KINSEY REPORT, Ernst and Loth, pbnf
AMERICA'S CITIES OF SIN, ed. N. Sarlat, pbnf
APPOINTMENT ON THE HILL, D. Detzer, hcnf
ART OF CLEAR THINKING, T.H., Rudolf Flesch, hcnf
ASYLUM, William Seabrook, pbnf
AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF AN ANDROGYNE, Earl Lind, hcnf
BAD RIVER WEEDE PATH, Thomas Hal Phillips, pbfnf
BREAK DOWN THE WALLS, J. B. Martin, pbnf
THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT, Gerald Sykes, hcf
DARK PASSIONS SUBDUE, Douglas Sanderson, pbfnf
DE PROFUNDIS, Oscar Wilde, hcnf
DEPRICKS, James Barr, hcf
DESPERATE ASYLUM, Fletcher Flora, pbfnf
DIANA, Diana Fredericks, pbfnf
THE DISAPPEARANCE, Philip Wylie, pbfnf
DRY GUILLOTINE, Rene Belbien, hcnf
END AS A MAN, Calder Willingham, pbfnf
THE FALL OF VALOR, Chas. Jackson, pbfnf
THE FEAR AND THE GUILT, Wilene Shaw, pbfnf
FINISTERE, Fritz Peters, pbfnf
FRIENDS AND VAGUE LOVERS, Jack Dunphy, hcf
GAME OF FOOLS, James Barr Fugate, hcf
GENERATION OF VIPERS, Philip Wylie, hcf
GROUP LIFE, Marshall Greco, hcnf
GROWING UP IN NEW GUINEA, Margaret Mead, pbnf

For nearly a century the term homosexual in connection with human behavior has been applied to sexual relations, either overt or psychic, between individuals of the same sex. Derived from the Greek root homo rather than from the Latin word for man, the term emphasizes the sameness of the two individuals who are involved in a sexual relation. The word is, of course, patterned after and intended to represent the antithesis of the word heterosexual, which applies to a relation between individuals of different sexes.

The term homosexual has had an endless list of synonyms in the technical vocabularies and a still greater list in the vernaculars. The terms homogenic love, contrasexuality, homoerotism, similisexualism, uranism and others have been used in English. The terms sexual inversion, intersexuality, transsexuality, the third sex, psychosexual hermaphroditism, and others have been applied not merely to designate the nature of the partner involved in the sexual relation, but to emphasize the general opinion that individuals engaging in homosexual activity are neither male nor female, but persons of mixed sex. These latter terms are, however, most unfortunate, for they provide an interpretation in anticipation of any sufficient demonstration of the fact, and consequently they prejudice investigations of the nature and origin of homosexual activity.

The term Lesbian, referring to such female homosexual relations as were immortalized in the poetry of Sappho of the Greek Isle of Lesbos, has gained considerable usage within recent years, particularly in some of the larger Eastern cities where the existence of female homosexu-
sexuality are two distinct and not always correlated types of behavior.

If the term homosexual is restricted as it should be, the homosexuality or heterosexuality of any activity becomes apparent by determining the sexes of the two individuals involved in the relationship. For instance, mouth-genital contacts between males and females are certainly heterosexual, even though some persons may think of them as homosexual. And although one may hear of a male "who had sex relations with his wife in a homosexual way," there is no logic in such a use of the term, and analyses of the behavior and of the motivations of the behavior in such cases do not show them necessarily related to any homosexual experience.

On the other hand, the homosexuality of certain relationships between individuals of the same sex may be denied by some persons, because the situation does not fulfill other criteria that they think should be attached to the definition. Mutual masturbation between two males may be dismissed, even by certain clinicians, as not homosexual, because oral or anal relations or particular levels of psychic response are required, according to their concept of homosexuality. There are persons who insist that the active male in an anal relation is essentially heterosexual in his behavior, and that the passive male in the same relation is the only one who is homosexual. These, however, are misapplications of terms, which are often unfortunate because they obscure the interpretations of the situation which the clinician is supposed to help by his analysis.

These misinterpretations are often encouraged by the very persons who are having homosexual experience. Some males who are being regularly fellated by other males without, however, ever performing fellatio themselves, may insist that they are exclusively heterosexual and that they have never been involved in a truly homosexual relation. Their consciences are cleared and they may avoid trouble with society and with the police by perpetrating the additional fiction that they are incapable of responding to a relation with a male unless they fantasy themselves in contact with a female. Even clinicians have allowed themselves to be diverted by such pretentions. The actual histories, however, show few if any cases of sexual relations between males which could be considered anything but homosexual.

Many individuals who have had considerable homosexual experience, construct a hierarchy on the basis of which they insist that anyone who had not had as much homosexual experience as they have had, or who is less exclusively, aroused by homosexual stimuli, is "not really homosexual." It is amazing to observe how many psychologists and psychiatrists have accepted this sort of propaganda, and have come to believe that homosexual males and females are discreetly different from persons who merely have homosexual experience, or who react sometimes to homosexual stimuli. Sometimes such an interpretation allows for only two kinds of males and two kinds of females, namely those who are heterosexual. But as subsequent data in this chapter will show, there is only about half of the male population whose sexual behavior is exclusively heterosexual, and there are only a few percent who are exclusively homosexual. Any restriction of the term homosexuality to individuals who are exclusively so demands, logically, that the term heterosexual be applied only to those individuals who are exclusively heterosexual, and this makes no allowance for the "nearly half" of the population which has had sexual contacts with, or reacted psychically to, individuals of their own as well as of the opposite sex. Actually, of course, one must learn to recognize every combination of heterosexuality and homosexuality in the histories of various individuals.

It would encourage clearer thinking on these matters if persons were not characterized as heterosexual or homosexual, but as individuals who have had certain amounts of heterosexual experience and certain amounts of homosexual experience. Instead of using these terms as substantives which stand for persons, or as adjectives to describe persons, they may better be used to describe the nature of the overt sexual relations, or of the stimuli to which an individual erotically responds.
IN MEMORIAM

The death of Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey, August 25, at Bloomington, Indiana, was deeply felt by all who knew him, either personally, or through his work.

The Indiana University professor, who was 62, succumbed to a heart ailment, pneumonia, and kidney complications.

Dr. Kinsey, in the past years, had drawn upon the resources of the Mattachine Society for interviewees in relation to his researches. During the years of 1953-1956, relatively close contact was maintained with him, and the growth of the Society from its early years was always of interest to him.

From his already published works on sexual behavior, Dr. Kinsey had produced a revolution in sexual mores. The projected works were to have been on subjects of marital adjustment, legal aspects of sex, heterosexual and homosexual balance, sexual adjustments in institutional populations, prostitution, and sex education. This work will be carried on by the Institute for Sex Research, in Bloomington.

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**BOOKS NEEDED**

The preceding list contains the books in the San Francisco Area Council Reference Library. While this library has been in actual operation only a short time the growth has been encouraging, as well as the usage of its facilities. But, many more titles are needed and the finances for this project are nonexistent in the Area Council. We have received many books from contributors who have read our pleas for them in past issues of the Newsletter, and we'd like to reiterate that if anyone has any books, extra copies or otherwise, on this subject, would you be kind enough to forward them to, LIRARIAN, SAN FRANCISCO AREA COUNCIL, Suite 307, 693 Mission St., San Francisco, or call us at EX 7-0773 and we can arrange to pick them up.

**NEWS AND ITEMS**

Ah, youth... "There is a girl I like very much," states a teen-ager in one of the young people's magazines. "I think she likes me—but how can I be sure?" "I go to her house every day. Every-time I go there, she says 'hi' and then hits me. She always sits beside me and tries to get me to kiss her, but I'm a bit shy. I really like her. Do you think she really likes me?" Editors reply: "She likes you."...Readers of the last issue of the New York Arc's excellent and informative Newsletter were greatly disappointed to note that the announcement of a lecture there by H.Call, Publications Director of the Society, had been modified, so that the description of him as Member of the Year Award Winner in 1955 had been changed to Award Winner. Personally we feel that this is a great mistake...

The August 18th issue of Saturday Review has a highly enthusiastic review of "The Sound of Waves" by Fumio Mishima, the most famous of Japan's younger writers. Asking why none of this writer's other plays or novels have been translated into English, he decides, "...the only deterrent I can think of is the undercurrent of homosexuality which up to 'The Sound of Waves' had pervaded his work. While this fact of human behaviour appears to be far less prevalent in Japan than it is in America, it still seems odd that Japanese publishers should find themselves bolder than American ones.

We deeply sympathize. "We are trying to learn the ways of Western man," says a New Guinea savage to Margaret Mead, the anthropologist, in her newest book. "But one thing we have not learned yet, and this is the proper way to commit adultery."
A local member was kind enough to donate his entire private collection to the library this month, an act of generosity that was deeply appreciated. Another member also gave some books, one he had bought specially for the library.

One received was Roger Fryeritte's "Special Friendships"; a delicately subtle study of relationships in a monastery, one which despite its merits is not too well-known in this country.

Also donated was Gore Vidal's "The City and the Pillar." Rereading it after an interim of several years proved it to be a work with more substance to it than, say, "Twilight Men," by André Teller, or "The Gay Year" by Michael DeForrest. There is the usual violent ending, but at least it can be judged in terms of its merits as a story, whereas the other two are simply well-meant pieces of contentless artificiality.

The acquisition of Donald Webster Cory's "21 Variations on a Theme" now makes the library's collection of his published works complete. Owing to the general lack of short stories written along such lines, many of his choices only treat the subject lightly and in passing. But certain of them, however, are of great merit, one of the best being Stefan Zweig's hitherto untranslated powerful and compassionate "The Confusion of Sentiment."

Jacob Royer's "Sexual Life in Ancient India" was found to be a highly fascinating study of Hindu sexual mores of roughly speaking, two thousand years ago. The one complaint to be made is that the extremely erudite footnotes sometimes cover three-quarters of the page they are supposed to be commenting upon. However, it contains much valuable material not to be found elsewhere and is a very important reference work.

Also given was "The Tormented," a novel by Audrey Erskine Lindop. It is shortly due to be discussed in the Mattachine Review, so that it would be unfair to the reviewer to say more than he feels it has many merits. One comment can be made, however. The reviewers quoted by the publishers speak of its "tempestuous passion" and other suchlike qualities. Perhaps it might seem so to critics who have led secluded, sheltered lives, but any person who has been reared on Hemingway, Wolfe and Faulkner will find it has all the tempestuousness of noontime on a summer day in the country with the temperature at a hundred and twenty in the shade. However, Miss Lindop has extremely progressive views concerning male inversion. She also writes with logic and intelligence, qualities which none of the writers named have ever been famous for possessing.

Another contribution, also due to be discussed in the Review, is the new Gesell book, "Youth." Doctor Gesell is well-known, not to say famous, among modern parents as the author of a book in which the character and personality changes undergone by children from babyhood to ten are outlined. Many are the harassed parents who have learned from it with a sigh of relief that little Billy's new trait of kicking all adults is simply a phase he is undergoing, as well as a countless host of other valuable things.

The succeeding volume lists all the changes from ten to sixteen. The odd thing about it, to the mind of a layman, is that though it describes the behaviour patterns exhibited by young people when sexual awareness first appears, there are no suggestions whatsoever as to how the awareness should be dealt with. It would almost seem as if Doctor Gesell feels the
example should be followed of the mother who is described as saying:

"You are fourteen, my son," said the elegant dame,
And of sex you're beginning to matter.
There are facts you should know, but remember your name,
And learn them in the very best matter."

WASHINGTON CHAPTER NEWS

As of August 16, 1956, the Washington Chapter of the Mattachine Society had a total of 13 members to its credit as a result of two meetings, it was reported in the Washington Newsletter. Officers of the chapter have been elected. The Washington D.C. Area Council includes: Washington; Arlington, Alexandria, and Falls Church, Virginia; Mount Rainier, Silver Spring; Bethesda, Hyattsville, and Takoma Park, Maryland.

LOS ANGELES NEWS

News from the Los Angeles Chapter indicates reorganizational work being accomplished and an outline of current and future events. On September 19, the Los Angeles Area Council will feature Maurice Fleury, a well-known handwriting expert, as a guest speaker. Mr. Fleury has been engaged in handwriting analysis for more than thirty years, and agrees with recent theories that point to handwriting as an indication of sexual preference.