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 pro-
viding 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 limi-
tations 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 educa-
tional 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, pro-
viding equitable handling of cases involving
homosexuals, through due process of law, without
prejudice.
AMOEBEITY

1) Amphimonic Amoebeity: (From the Greek amphí: "both" and nomos: "custom" or "practice". Noun: amphimonic. Agent: Amphimonic.)

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 amphimonic amoebeity looks exactly like the basis of amoebeity 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 each other 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 amphimonic amoebeans.

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) amphimonic amoebeans.

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

d) If neither I nor my partner practices outside (somapsychic or somatic or psychic) relationships then we are not amphimonic but (somapsychic or somatic or psychic) oudetermonic amoebeans. (See below.)

2) Mononomic Amoebeity: (From the Greek mono: "one". Noun: mononomic. Agent: mononomic.)

This is a primary relationship with openness to 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 amoebeity looks like this:

or like this:

**BASIS:** (The same as for amphimonic.)

**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 amoebeans.

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 amoebeans.

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) amphimonic amoebeans.

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) oudetermonic amoebeans. (See below.)

3) Oudetermonic Amoebeity: (From the Greek oudetera: "neither" or "no other". Noun: oudeterminic. Agent: oudeterminic.)

This is a primary relationship with openness to 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 oude-termonic amoebeity looks like this:
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 ouodeterminic amoebicity looks exactly like the theory and practice of syzygoty.

BASIS: (Same as for amphimonicity and mononomicity.)

PRACTICE: a) Only if both my partner and I practice neither somatic nor psychic relationships with others are we both true somapsychic ouodeterminic amoebbeans.

b) If one of us but not the other practices outside (somapsychic or somatic or psychic) relationships then neither of us is ouodeterminic but rather (somapsychic or somatic or psychic) mononomic amoebbeans.

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All this of course is from the point of view of one partner in a one-to-one relationship, wherein the relationship be consistently the same underlying a succession of one-to-ones with other people. Three-way relationships, for instance, be seen as highly complicated, but can still be understood within 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 thereunto attending) then from the vantage point of A (and from that of B, too) A and B might have a somapsychic amphimonic amoebbean relationship (which) 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 diasporadically; or A might have a somapsychic mononomic amoebbean 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 mononomic or amphimonic amoebbean relationship with B and is relating to A and to B as "others" in the C-D relationship. Or A and B may be syzygious and A a renegade syzygyst in somatic relationship to C, or A and B's relationship may be psychically ouodeterminic 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 hassles, the jealousies, the pain, the changes, the compromises, the joys, i.e., all the real "flesh" of that word "relationship". I invite readers' responses to the analysis--particularly a response that will offer more manageable terminology.

Yours in psychic amphimonic amoebicity and somatic mononomic amoebicity,

Esmeralda P. Glockenspiel

I would have gathered flowers on the hillside,
Yellows marigold, purple pincushion
Ponder in a check closer every nut
For you to carry.
I would have gone to that part
And hold, and hold the ring
Within these arms which once held you.
I would have stood beside you,
Listening as though my heart were this
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,

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: penicillin shots or tablets are used.

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Lonely

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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 knowledgable 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 political activist, she has GNU (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. 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." Dr. Reuben, are all homosexuals as bad as that? 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"? Arreghh....

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/his—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 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.
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EVENTS FOR MARCH 1971

March 7 - Picnic on Angel Island. The boat leaves for the Island about noon. BE AT PIER 43½, on the Wharf, at 11:30 AM. SHARP TO GET YOUR TICKET. In case of bad weather, ????

March 10 and 17 - Rap session in DOB office about the particular problems of being under age and being gay. 7:00PM to 9:00 PM.

March 20 - Business Meeting, DOB office, VP ELECTIONS. Sue and Jackie will be at the meeting. The election was postponed from last month because neither candidate was present. COME VOTE. At last month's meeting, Marcy was elected Secretary. Good luck, Marcy.

March 27 - Dance for teenagers, no alcohol. At Rusty's again. Follow the map in Last month's SISTERS. For transportation, call Marcy or Karen and Ruth. Starts at 9:00 PM.

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The rap session with Dr. Ruth McGuire on the 21st of February was nothing short of a huge success. There was really good response, a good rap, and excellent food. We shall ask Dr. McGuire to repeat this same kind of thing in April. She accepts patients in her office from 10:00 AM to 12 noon. Call 626-2420 or 921-3131 for an appointment. She also has group therapy. DOB would like to thank her for her warm response, and we want to thank all those who brought food and goodies. Thank you all.

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ALTERATIONS - TAILORING
Toni L. Macante 661-1479 (after 6)

HOME CALLS

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THE OFFICE IS OPEN THREE MORNINGS AND THREE EVENINGS A WEEK COME BY AND SEE US OR CALL 861-8689.

PISCES HOROSCOPE (Feb. 20 to March 20)

The Pisces woman is moody. Might as well face that fact immediately. You may never be able to fully understand her. She will be full of surprises: one minute she is soft and dependent, the next she is suddenly able to care for herself, thank you. She is also a very possessive woman, wanting you all to herself. She would make a great partner for anyone into a long term affair. Her feelings are hurt often; she is very sensitive to those around her and especially to her lover. The way to gain her heart is to be honest to the point of telling all. This gives her a needed sense of security in that you love her enough to tell her your greatest joys and fears.

You may feel like protecting this woman; she seems so defenseless. Don't let that fool you. She is a poet and very generous and has hidden strengths you may not even realize are there. But she wants very much to be held and loved and considered special by one person.

The thing that will surprise you all the time about this woman is her uncanny ability to see through lies. Don't ever stretch the truth or tell a lie. She will know and doesn't much appreciate it. Honesty is the very best policy with her. Many Pisces women are psychic. They can often see events that are about to happen. Or they may read your thoughts. Don't worry about that: she is a very fair woman and would rather suffer herself than hurt someone else with her insight. Unless you happen to be her lover. Then be prepared for the truth.

These people are good mates for Pisceans: Scorpios, Taurans, Cancers, Capricorns, and occasionally a Virgo. Be careful if you are a Sagittarius or a Gemini. She can't put up with your outgoing personality or your love for chatter.

In general, be honest and warm. This is the surest way to keep her happy. She is generous and giving. But you must learn to have patience with her shifting moods.
They came
one
at
a time
to ask me not to cry
and I kept on
not caring
until
one
at
a time
ty 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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To my Irish Lady

You are my princess
you here
in the tousled tossing
of covers

It is early morning
princess
and I must go
The splendid rolling rose
of the night is past

Before you wake
I touch my mouth
to your back
questioning you:
Do I go alone
or with your blessings?

When you face I clench up from sleep
I regret
my listening
and my inquiry

Fingers
wander over
my back
Do I part?
when I must know
and I dare to hope

I press you much in my hand
in parting
and I am reminded
of the soft silk feel
of your body

The rain calls
In percussive whispers
cupping its mouth against the window
the town awakens
stretches
it is damp
and drowsy
I must be off to join its busy army
I leave you
wrapped warm
smiling and dreaming

I will be a hero
among them
for I
am in love.

By Deborah

ATTENTION ALL ICETS, PAINTERS, ARTISTS!

Do you write? Or draw? Or wish someone would encourage you to do so? SISTERS magazine welcomes all your literary or artistic contributions. If you wish to submit a drawing for possible use as a cover for SISTERS please submit your drawing on white paper, 8½ x 11. Please do the drawings in black and white until such time as we can afford color printing. All submissions of stories, poems, or art work MUST be in the DOB office NO LATER than the 20th day of each month. Here is your chance.

Do sure to turn your TV's on to Channel 4 every evening for the 7:00 news and "Myra Scott Presents". There will be two programs on gay marriages, one of men and one of women. The programs will start March lst. You may indeed see someone you know....

Maud's Study at 930 Cole in S.F, has been vending SISTERS now for three months. We would like to extend our thanks to the management and to the women there who have been buying the magazine. Every little bit helps.

Do you know of any large spaces for rent? DOB needs a new home where we can put ourselves and have room to breathe. We are thinking of making a women's art center, a dance place and a comfortable office out of it. If you know of some area DOB can rent, call us and let us know.

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FOR SALE: 3-diamond ring, platinum set, size 4½, $50 or best offer, or trade for art books or art materials. Call Karen 864-2857

ROOMMATE WANTED to share expenses in very nice San Jose apartment. Prefer working of college student—someone to be honest about gay tendencies without necessarily a sexual involvement. Call (408) 374-3355.

Karen and Ruth are moving to northwestern Pennsylvania in the spring of 1972. We would like to write to any interested gay women. Write Sudul/Wells, 84 Walter St., San Francisco 94114.

Have any camping equipment? We’d like to buy some second hand, well preserved camping stuff. Call 64-2857 evenings.

Woman, 42, in SAN JOSE, would like to meet others in San Jose for companionship. She missed the Pot Luck. Call 298-6202 in San Jose.

Women interested in motorcycle riding on weekends call 851-8689 and let’s get something together.

GAY WOMEN (OR MEN) WITH BUSINESSES WANT TO ADVERTISE YOUR WORK IN SISTERS? RATES ARE REASONABLE—OUR CIRCULATION IS GOOD IN THE BAY AREA. SISTERS REACHES THREE WOMEN’S BARS AND MANY INDIVIDUALS. CALL NOW FOR RATES FOR FULL PAGE, HALF PAGE OR QUARTER PAGE ADS. SISTERS’ COVER WILL BE PRINTED EACH MONTH. IF WE HAVE GOOD RESPONSE THROUGH ADS AND INCREASED CIRCULATION, THE COVER AND THE ENTIRE MAGAZINE WILL BE PRINTED.

Personal ads cost $2.00 to non-members, free to members. If you would like an ad included, please mail in the exact wording and a phone number no later than the 20th of each month.
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DOB, 1005 Market, Suite 208 861-8699
Free Clinic S.F. Berk. 563-7876 548-2974
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Gay Students' Union, Cal Berk. 848-7540
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NOVA, Box 6184, Albany, Ca. no phone
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Women's BREAK A WAY School 922-9406 or Women's BREAK A WAY School a school by, for, about women 334-9750 or in Berk 949-6293
Women's History Library, 2325 Oak, Berk. no phone
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