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County Anti-Briggs campaign gears up for fight

Out of a May 23 meeting to organize a local group to fight the Briggs Initiative has been born the Sonoma County Residents Against Proposition 6 (_SCRAP 6). SCRAP 6, which is registered with the California Fair Political Practices Commission, has been given office space through November at the California Teachers Association building, 2490 Guerneville Rd., Santa Rosa. A desk is in place and a phone will be installed as soon as Pacific Telephone can get around to it. In the meantime, inquiries can be directed to 544-2276. The organization hopes to have some paid office staff soon; however, most of the work will have to be done by volunteers.

General public meetings will be held at the CTA building every other Tuesday evening at 7:30. The next meetings will be Tuesday, July 18, and Tuesday, Aug. 1. These meetings are open to the public and input from a wide variety of people is sought. Meetings during June were attended by many Lesbians and Gay men as well as teachers, parents and other concerned non-gay people.

SCRAP 6 is organized around policies and strategies created by a Steering Committee and presented to the general membership for amendment and approval. The Steering Committee is composed of representatives of the working committees and members at large. Future meetings of the Steering Committee will be held on July 11, July 25, and Aug. 8, at the CTA building at 7:30 pm. The Steering Committee meetings are open to all who wish to attend and give input.

The working Committees of SCRAP 6 are:

FUND RAISING: This committee meets every Thursday at 8 PM at the CTA Building.

MEDIA: Meets every Thursday at 8:00 PM at CTA building. Contact: Kat, 528-2272.

LITERATURE: Meets every Tuesday at 5:30 PM at CTA building.

SPEAKER'S BUREAU: Meets every Monday at 7:00 PM. Contact: Kati, 544-2276.

DOOR-TO-DOOR: Holding a work shop for door-to-door canvassers on July 15, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the CTA building. Contact Joanna, 544-3587.

LIAISON: (To solicit support from other organizations) No meetings scheduled at this time. Contact: Robin 526-1642.

Any assistance or donations to defeat this attack on the human rights of all people can be sent to: SCRAP 6 P.O. Box 58, Santa Rosa, Ca 95402.

The fear of child molestation appears to be an issue for those respondents that favor the initiative. While only 27 respondents believed that there was a greater chance of child molestation by homosexual teachers, those respondents favored the initiative 59% to 7% with 33% undecided. Respondents who agreed that there was no greater chance of child molestation by homosexual teachers opposed the initiative 55% to 25% with 21% undecided.

Of these factors, age seems to be the most significant. Respondents under 40 were opposed to the initiative 48% to 38% with 33% undecided. Respondents over 40 favored the initiative 48% to 33% with 21% undecided.

The other factors seemed to have strong significance at first. The religiously committed support the initiative 43% to 30% with 26% undecided. Those with homosexual acquaintances opposed the initiative 47% to 14% with 38% undecided. Those with homosexual acquaintances opposed

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Petaluma poll shows voters split on Briggs

by Richard Hagen

According to a recent study conducted by my sociology students at the Petaluma Center of Santa Rosa Junior College, the Petaluma community is still undecided on John Briggs' anti-homosexual school employee statute. If the election had been held in May, 1978, Petalumans would have split evenly on the homosexual rights issue, with 29% of the voters undecided.

Voters tend to support the Briggs initiative are over 40, parents, people that consider themselves strongly committed religiously, have a relatively high income, and don't know that they have any homosexual acquaintances.

In contradistinction, voters that tend to oppose the anti-gay initiative are predominantly under 40, childless, minimally or uncommitted religiously, have relatively lower incomes, and have homosexual acquaintances.

Data for this study was obtained from over 200 one hour interviews conducted in the Petaluma area during the month of May, 1978 and reflect the combined efforts of over 40 sociology students. Respondents, for purposes of analysis, were divided into four sub-groups; the general voting public, school employees, the local clergy, and community leaders. What follows is a brief discussion of the findings within each sub-group.

It is my hope that these findings will be useful, on an individual and/or group level, in planning strategy to defeat the initiative. A more complete analysis of the survey will soon be available.

GENERAL VOTING PUBLIC

A scientific random sample was obtained from the voter registration roll in Petaluma, and from the 14,760 registered voters we isolated 200 respondents for interview. Of these, we were able to contact and complete interviews with 136 voters. All interviews were conducted in the respondents' homes, and we consider the sample representative.

Data indicates that the general voting public, at the time of the survey, was still undecided on the initiative; 36% of the respondents planned to support it, 35% planned to oppose it, and 28% were still undecided.

You cannot sit back on your duffs and expect straight America to give you your rights," admonished Herbert P. Rickman, special assistant to New York City's Mayor Ed Koch. Rickman's May 16 address to the Greater Gotham Business Council, New York's "gay chamber of commerce," was viewed as an indication of the present administration's attitude toward the city's pending gay rights bill.

Rickman termed the Koch administration a new direction in gay politics and said the mayor would testify on behalf of the bill (now before the city council) on the first day of hearings. "This administration is not fearful of the age of the Yahoo," Rickman said. He pointed proudly to the fact that more gay men and women hold positions in the present city government than ever before, but insisted that the burden of securing protection falls on the gay community itself.

"We must reach out to straight America and show them that we are not child molesters, that we make good teachers -- better teachers in fact," said Rickman. Addressing himself to what he termed the state of the movement, he said, "We are in trouble...The majority of our people are comfortable in their closets. Not until one million New Yorkers stand tall and say 'I'm gay and proud'--not until then do we deserve our rights." ADV

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Rusty Nail supports SCRAP 6 drive

During the afternoons and evenings of July 4, members of the Sonoma County Lesbian and Gay Alliance and members of Sonoma County Residents Against Proposition 6 (SCRAP 6) staffed an informational table on the patio of the RUSTY NAIL. Copies of the Sonoma County Lesbian and Gay News were distributed and contributions of $200 were collected for continuing educational efforts. Pledges were accepted for the Gay Freedom Day Parade in San Francisco on June 25. These plans, the largest and loudest contingent in the march, those marching behind the banner of the Sonoma County Lesbian and Gay Alliance. Included in the group were many of our non-gay friends and supporters who were originally let the hundreds of thousands of speculators know that we are there. The tide of Lesbians and Gay men swept the Market Street. They collected 400 people from Sonoma County demonstrated that we are a force to be re- lished in this county. In addition to the marches in the Sonoma County Lesbian and Gay Alliance continued, other residents of Sonoma County matched with the Lesbian Schoolworkers, the Gay Teachers and School-workers, Gay Parents, Straights for Gay Rights, and many others.

The official estimate of the number of participants in the parade is 340,000, and combined with the 200,000 to 300,000 spectators, this is probably the largest demonstration for political and human rights ever held. The speakers and entertainers at the Rally and Celebration were repre-sentative of the great diversity of the gay community and our supporters. Most people left with more pride in ourselves and renewed energy for our struggles.

Moonrise Cafe Calendar

1/3--Astrology Class/1 pm
1/7--Psychic Awareness Class/8 pm
1/14--Bingo Benefit for Lesbian Theatre/Noon
1/16--Psychic Awareness Class/1 pm
1/19--Psychic Awareness Class/8 pm
1/26--Psychic Awareness Class/1 pm
1/30--Society's Most Eligible Bachelor Theatre/Noon
2/4--Publicity Class/1 pm
3/8--Publicity Class/1 pm
4/9 pm/$2.50
6/29 pm/$2.50
7/6--Trine Berg-Robin Flower, Carol Venosillo-Judith Hill/Noon/$2.50
7/13--Astrology Class/1 pm

San Francisco labor opposes Briggs

The San Francisco Labor Council voted to oppose the Briggs initiative as a serious threat to rights and free speech. The initiative, on the November ballot, would permit public school officials and district employees — including teachers — the right to discriminate against homosexuals.

Both Save Our Moral Ethics (SOME), led by homophobic Seattle police commissioner David Estes, and gay rights supporters, Citizens to Retain Fair Employ­ment (CREFE) are firing off volleys in the battle to repeal the city's anti-discrimination ordinance. SOME is attempting to collect 17,426 valid signatures by August 1 to put Initia­tive 13, the November ballot.

SOME's May 24 advertisement in an area newspaper headlined "Reasons for Repealing Seattle's Homosexual Law." lists examples such as: "Homosexuals account for half of the murders and suicides in large cities." "Half of the nation's syphilis comes from homosexuals."

A great many homosexuals are classified as psychopaths and therefore qualify for welfare, and often have more active lives and others...

Program America's Children, Anita Bryant's organization, has contributed $2,000 to CRFE. Gay rights organizations have been in court to prevent the police from in a bloc of pro-Initiative 13 forces, to challenge New unfair police enforcement...
Alliance conference success

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For many, the conference represented for the first time that lesbian and gay experience were discussed in a public forum.

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Conferences speak...present features...LGBT history

The following talks were delivered at the SCLGA conference education committee.

By Mary Williams

Before we can see the past we must first define what it is that we are trying to see. In this context, the past is, in a general sense, an unknown phenomenon. The question to be asked is: What is the content of the past? This is a question that requires an answer in order to define the past. The definition of the past is a psychological, emotional, and social entity that is not only the result of the present, but also the result of the future.

The rise of Christianity brought with it a new way of thinking. The concept of the individual was emphasized, and women and much of her poetry was lost in the process. The role of the individual in society was important in that it helped to define the roles of men and women in society.

As an example, let us consider the history of female homosexuality. The history of female homosexuality is a complex and often confusing one. Historians have often been forced to rely on written records to understand the lives of Lesbian women. These records are often incomplete and biased. A woman's life can be difficult to understand, especially when she lived in a society that did not recognize her sexuality.

In the case of Lesbian history, we have a similar problem. The lack of written records makes it difficult to understand the lives of Lesbian women. Although we have some written records from the Middle Ages, they are often incomplete and biased. Additionally, the lives of Lesbian women have been suppressed by society, and the few records that do exist are often not accurate.

Lesbian history born of new found identity

Names associated with the Lesbian Sub-culture in Paris include: Gertrude Stein, native of Oakland, prose writer, art collector, and mentor to many aspiring authors, among them Natalie Clifford Barney, Alice B. Toklas, who did not even have a recipe for brownies in her celebrated cookbook; Romaine Brooks, an outstanding portrait painter, and Marguerite Radclyffe-Hall, who suffered from legal and social biases.

One of the most famous salon members was Louise de la Vallière. She regularly held gatherings which ranged from literary and art events to presentations by new and established artists, actors, and musicians. The most famous of these gatherings was held each Tuesday evening and was hosted by Louise de la Vallière and Princess Anne, Queen of Great Britain, the wife of King George III.

These women's names and lives were recorded in history because they were well known to the rich and the powerful. The few records that exist are a testament to their creativity.

At the beginning of the 18th century, the French Revolution began. The French Revolution brought about a new identity for the Lesbian community in Paris. The rise of the French Revolution forced Lesbian women to begin to build a new identity because they were discovered their homosexuality and were subjected to waves of social and political repression.

Lesbian women were especially targets of the French Revolution. Lesbianism was considered a disease, and the same laws that were used to suppress male homosexuality were also used to suppress female homosexuality.

The French Revolution, however, was also a time of change and renewal. Lesbian women were able to find new ways to express their sexuality, and they were able to find new ways to express their identity. Lesbianism began to flourish in Europe during this time, and Lesbian women were able to build a new identity for themselves.

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Briggs sides with Nazis

State Senator Briggs, the author of
anti-gay Proposition 6 which would
provide for the firing of gay teachers
and restrict the free speech of any
school worker who advocated the
human rights of gay people, came out
recently in defense of "freedom for
Nazis.

The occasion for this endorsement
was a debate in the State Senate over
a proposed measure that would pro­
hibit the wearing of Nazi uniforms
in public where the appearance would be "likely to cause dis­

Senator Briggs called the measure a "repressive, repressive bill." I
recently put in a position
where I have to make a bill that
makes me look like a bigot. None of
we like what went on in Nazi Ger-
many but we don't solve a prob­
lem by putting up with or siding with
Briggs said.

Senator Allan Robinson, who sponsored
the bill said: "I do not believe whether
or not you kill me is debatable. I do not
believe that's free speech. When
I see a swastika it means one thing..." He
said Germany and New York City
were fighting against wearing Nazi
uniforms in public.

Briggs initiative

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title
and summary of the chief
provisions of Proposition 6... "PROHIBITS DISCRIMINATION BASED ON
SEXUAL ORIENTATION IN EMPLOYMENT"... "PROHIBITS Firing, and
requires dismissal by school district board of any probationary
or permanent teacher, teacher's aide, or other school employees,
who has engaged in a public homosexual act described in Penal Code
sections 286 or 288a, or
who has engaged in advocating, soliciting, imposing, encouraging or
promoting of private homosexual acts directed at, or likely to come to
the attention of school
children and/or other employees. Financial impact: unknown, but
costs may exceed $250,000,000..."
New Kinsey study challenges homosexual stereotypes

"Relatively few homosexuals conform to the hideous stereotype most people hold. In a recent study, some 20,000 students, who are part of the homosexual community, were interviewed. The results indicate that most of the people who are considered to be homosexual are in fact not homosexual at all. They are simply people who happen to be attracted to the same sex as their partners."

"Gay Liberation" movement has come to challenge the goal of the gay liberation movement in the Bay Area and throughout the nation. This movement has been called the "Gay Rights Movement," and it has been active for the past five years. The movement has been successful in changing the attitudes of many people towards homosexuality. It has also been successful in changing the laws of many states to allow homosexuals to marry and adopt children.

"An important lesson to be learned from the data is that homosexuals and men who are heterosexual are not as different as they are often perceived to be. The data shows that there is a great deal of overlap between the two groups in terms of their personal lives."

"Fear of child molestation an issue for those who favor the initiative"

Factors that seemed to have little or no significance were the sex of the respondent and marital status. School Employees

The school employees committee, headed by Darin Smidt, contacted the teachers and counselors that were employed by the Petaluma School District and listed in the Petaluma phone book. After sampling restriction, the sample is not considered representative of the total population of school employees in the district. Although in some cases those teachers that do not reside in Petaluma cannot attend a meeting representing a wide range of religious affiliations and other factors, there is a sizeable representation of the clergy from the Petaluma area.

The Petaluma clergy is overwhelming opposed to the initiative. Some members believe that homosexuality is a perversion and one should not be planning to support the initiative. Only two of the clergy members are considered to be active homosexuals and one is a heterosexual. The other two are the same, and only 3 reported that they were in favor of the initiative.

"What gay rights supporters do between now and November is of crucial importance."

If we fail to educate our fellow citizens, we will lose the battle for gay rights. We need to make sure that our message is heard. We need to make sure that our supporters understand the issues. We need to make sure that our opponents understand the issues. If we fail to do these things, we will lose the battle for gay rights.

"Pat Park, contacted and interviewed the Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and all six city council members. None of the respondents in this group were extremely cooperative and willing to participate in the research project."

As a group, the elected officials support the gay-homosexual Rights initiative. 5 was 1 undecided, and they expect their constituents to be allowed to vote on the initiative.