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SMU Refuses Again to Recognize Campus Gay Group

By Doug Weatherford

Once again, the SMU Gay and Lesbian Student Support Organization has failed in its attempt for recognition by the Student Senate, this time in a close 16-15 loss.

After intense debate this past spring, the Student Senate of Southern Methodist University denied formal recognition to the newly formed Gay and Lesbian Student Support Organization (GLSSO). The afternoon of the vote was marred by charges of bad faith directed against some senators and members of the school administration, in the aftermath of a private dinner attended by select senators where an anti-gay presentation was made by right-wing activist Dr. Paul Cameron.

The senate meeting was also terminated during a chorus of cheers by students in attendance who were forcefully against recognizing the group, leading some observers to remark that SMU perhaps was not sociologically ready to adapt to the changing times and openly acknowledge that it had its share of homosexual students. But co-chairpersons of the GLSSO, Robert Rios and Leslie Cooper, vowed that the struggle would begin anew this fall if SMU President L. Donald Shields refused to overturn the Senate decision, as turned out to be the case. At the time, Shields stated his reservations about having this type of student affiliation on a Methodist church-related campus, though he also expressed his desire that no student should be subjected to any form of harassment or ill will from his fellow students, merely due to the fact he might be gay or associated with GLSSO.

In the ensuing months, however, there have been substantiated charges that harassment of gay students has taken place, and complaints on the matter have been filed with the proper school authorities. The harassment included the defacing of school property and threats against at least one student who was passed an anonymous note which said, "Move off the floor, faggot, or else."

Though GLSSO had received what its leaders termed gratifying support from many faculty members, as well as from students in the Perkins School of Theology, it was not known whether there would be the organized opposition to the group's recognition attempt this fall as there had been in the spring. To mitigate the chances for this, the group waited until the last minute to make it known that they would seek recognition on October 4 at the senate meeting where applications for

such formal recognitions are routinely passed upon. (Last fall, one such group, the Association of White Students, was recognized but had to disband in the public firestorm that followed amid charges that it was a racist-oriented organization.)

Prior to the public debate and vote, the senate held a private meeting on the preceding Thursday, in order to hear arguments pro and con; each side was given separate 45-minute presentations. By holding such a non-public (and evidently unprecedented) meeting for the senators, it was hoped that debate during the public meeting might be limited (the spring gathering lasted four hours), and tempers might be somewhat more calmed than was the case before. It was difficult, surely, for the various senators to ignore public comments by some of the more esteemed alumni of the university—including former U.S. Rep. Jim Collins—expressing concern that SMU might sanction such an organization, but the senate members were careful to remain publicly mute on the subject prior to the meeting and at least give an appearance of open-mindedness.

There was still controversy surrounding the vote this time, however, as former senator Ted Brabham had sent approximately 1000 letters to SMU alumni urging their expressions of disapproval of GLSSO to the school administration. GLSSO faculty advisor Campbell Read termed the letter "inflammatory," but the fact remained that there did not appear to be the strong organized opposition to the group this time around. (The petition circulated last spring eventually contained about 2500 signatures of opposing students).

Also this time, cameras and recording equipment were barred from the meeting chamber, evidently in hopes that there

would be less disruption from roaming media persons and less temptation from some senators and members of the audience to grandstand.

After routine business was taken care of, the senate just as routinely passed on their approval of recognition to six other organizations, which included a Russian Culture group, the Student Law Society, the Economics Club, the Air Force ROTC and something called Students to Uplift Dying Spirits (STUDS), after which debate was begun on the question of whether to recognize GLSSO, which once again received a positive recommendation from the SMU Organizations Committee.

There was some discussion about allowing for alternative methods of voting by the senators, with the suggestion that a secret ballot would allow for those voting not to do so under the pressure of immediate public scrutiny. But under the parliamentary guidelines which were being followed, no motion to this effect was allowed to be put forth.

In their arguments asking for recognition, GLSSO spokespersons avowed that such recognition would not imply that either the senate or the university endorsed the group's lifestyle or goals. But, said co-chairperson Leslie Cooper, the group was greatly needed by gay students who faced "innumerable odds" in coming to terms with their personal sexuality and relationship to their fellow students. As another put it, GLSSO is a group where individuals can find friendship, security and understanding, helping people to gain a "positive feeling about themselves and the school."

In trying to argue that fear of such an organization is based on ignorance and prejudice, it was pointed out that SMU has recognized other organizations which are not directly related to or taken from

orthodox Methodist doctrine, such as an association of Islamic students. In his remarks before the crowd, former Dallas Gay Alliance President Don Baker, an SMU alumnus himself, emphasized the sense of "alienation, sense of hurt (and) sense of isolation" felt by many students when faced with situations like the backlash against gay students which has followed on the heels of last spring's attempt to gain formal recognition for GLSSO. And as one senator said in support of the group, "It would be nice if we could merely say everyone has equal rights, and that would make it so. But it isn't so, and we all know it. We can keep fighting until one group is silenced—someone will have won at the expense of someone else. But wouldn't it be nice if we could all live in the same community with a free exchange of ideas?"

Arguing against the group, one senator said all arguments which appeal to the emotions should be discounted and at the same time wondered if this were truly a student organization rather than something organized as a result more of faculty initiative. The senator labelled the group hypocritical and called into question the members' commitment to the school, citing remarks Rios had made which were published in the Sunday, October 2, *Dallas Times Herald*, stating he had wanted to do something which would "shake (SMU) to the very core of its existence." It was also asked whether the group was using the SMU community for the overall enhancement of the Dallas gay community.

Once again, it was stated that the aims and purposes of such a group were incompatible with Methodist church doctrine and Christianity in general. And someone even concluded that GLSSO's requirement to hold open public meetings, as would be the case if it were a recognized group, would drive some gay students farther underground, rather than risk being seen "coming out" in public. Another senator expressed that he saw recognition as a "privilege" and not a "right," though there was no indication that GLSSO leaders saw the matter differently; and yet another senator stated that recognition might lead some alumni to withdraw financial support of the university, though when asked if anyone had stated categorically that he would stop donations, the senator said only that some had said they would "consider it."

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The Latest on AIDS

Dr. Harvey Thompson. p.12

One Killed, One Wounded in Reverchon Park Shootings

By Don Ritz

One man was killed and another wounded at Reverchon Park shortly after midnight on Sunday, Sept. 25.

According to Cpl. Margaret Chandler of Dallas Police, Sgt. Frank Ross was walking along the railroad tracks in Reverchon Park searching for a robbery suspect when he discovered the body of the dead man about 12 feet from the tracks.

Then the police department received a call around 1:00 a.m. from Presbyterian Hospital regarding the surviving wounded victim.

The wounded victim first reported that he had been shot in the 3700 block of Throckmorton. However, after more questioning by the DPD, the victim revealed that the shooting had occurred at Reverchon Park.

The wounded man reported that he and the other man had just met, according to Chandler. He said that two men approached them from behind and demanded money. The wounded victim said that he took a karate stance, trying to tell the suspects that he was trained in the martial arts. At that time, one of the sus-

pects said, "Shoot him," at which point the victim began to run away, he said. The victim said he was shot in the buttocks while running.

The other man was killed shortly thereafter, said Chandler. She mentioned that a person in the park heard two shots—one loud, the other muffled, as if shot at close range. The victims were shot by a sawed-off 12 gauge shotgun, Chandler said.

According to the wounded man, both suspects were white men, approximately 25-years old. The suspect carrying the

shotgun was about five feet, seven inches tall, weighed approximately 150 pounds, was clean-shaven and had dark straight hair which covered his ears. The other suspect, who did all of the talking, was about five feet tall, weighed approximately 150 pounds, was clean-shaven and had light hair which covered his ears and hung below his collar.

The police said there have been similar incidents in the Oak Lawn area. They urged citizens to report the suspects or any additional crimes to the police department.

Longstaff Denied Citizenship by Appeals Court

By Don Ritz

Richard Longstaff, gay Texas businessman and owner of the Union Jack clothing stores in Dallas and Houston, has been denied U.S. citizenship by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals under a 1952 ruling that forbid non-citizen homosexuals to enter the U.S.

Last week, the Court of Appeals in New Orleans by a vote of two to one affirmed a decision previously made in the Federal District Court.

Longstaff has been previously denied citizenship twice by District Court Judge Estes. After the original denial of citizenship, Longstaff appealed to a higher court. However, the appellate court remanded it to the District Court and ordered a new investigation.

Judge Estes denied citizenship to Longstaff on the basis of two issues. Estes claimed that Longstaff was in violation of Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, commonly called the "homosexual conduct" law, and that Longstaff illegally entered the country.

A law passed by Congress in 1952 states

that individuals with "psychopathic personalities" are excludable and ineligible to receive visas to immigrate to the U.S. In 1965, that law was amended to specifically include "sexual deviants."

The Public Health Service has stated that homosexuality is not capable of medical diagnosis and it has not examined persons for the condition since 1977. Brian Bates, Longstaff's attorney, said that the Fifth Circuit is stating that when Congress passed the exclusion law in 1952, "psychopathic personalities" was meant to be a legal term, not a medical term. Therefore, a medical diagnosis of "homosexuality" is not required.

According to Bates, the Fifth Circuit ruled that Longstaff was excludable at the time of entry to the U.S. and, therefore, was not legally a permanent resident. The issue of violation of the previously existing Texas homosexual conduct law was not the point in the appeals court decision.

Recent decisions of homosexual immigrations made by the Ninth Circuit and Second Circuit Courts of Appeals appear to be in conflict with the Fifth Circuit Deci-

sion. On this basis, Bates said that he believed there would be a good chance that the Supreme Court would hear the case if it's appealed.

When Judge Jerry Buchmeyer of the U.S. District Court ruled that Section 21.06 was unconstitutional, it gave Long-

staff new hope.

Longstaff said, "I don't know whether or not I will appeal to the Supreme Court. Right now, I'm considered a permanent resident. I don't have to leave the country unless the Justice Department starts deportation hearings."

Plop Plop, Fizz Fizz, Run Run

Runners who want to boost their endurance may want to reach for a bottle of Alka Seltzer. Canadian Researchers claim the alkaline content of Alka Seltzer and baking soda counteracts the buildup of acid in muscles being pushed to their limit.

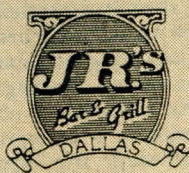
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Maybe that's why they call him "Speedy."

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Ford has a better idea for getting you to watch its television ads. This year, rather than dropping pickup trucks from airplanes, they're driving them off cliffs.

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Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Texas-OU Weekend

By Joe Baker

This is THE weekend in Dallas. Everybody has been waiting for it all year.

This is the weekend that you can drink on downtown streets, parade up and down in a drunken stupor, shout obscenities and later—if you are lucky—get hosed down by Dallas firemen.

For this—I left Spring Break in Fort Lauderdale?

There also is some kind of a sporting event. I think it is called a football game. That's the game where grown men spend half their time chasing each other and the other half of their time jumping on each other. After they do all that, they hug each other and pat each other on their buns.

It's not really fair. When we gays do that, we get a lot of crap from the public. I don't understand why football players can get away with doing those things, but we can't.

There's two pretty popular institutions of higher learning playing in this football game this weekend. One of them is the University of Texas—the one in Austin. They are called the "Longhorns." The other school is Oklahoma University. It is in some place called Norman, and they are called the "Sooners."

I used to think they were called "Sooners" because sooner or later they were going to win a football game or something like that.

But then I decided I shouldn't be such a dumb Yankee, and I thought I'd impress you with my wisdom by looking up the definition of the word.

Sure enough, there it was in my First Communion dictionary. "Sooner: 1) A person settling on land in the early West before its official opening to settlement in

order to gain the prior claim allowed by law to the first settler after official opening; 2) A native or resident of Oklahoma—used as a nickname."

I guess that means people moving north of Belt Line Road also are called "Sooners."

Anyway, I used to have a hard time understanding why these two teams come to Dallas every year to play their game. But then I found out. It is because the Dallas business community has always been peeved because our fair city has never had a major state university to call its own.

Great cities have great universities. Let's don't even bother to bring up SMU.

There's big bucks in state universities—and football—and Dallas' mothers and fathers wanted some of them. Hell, they wanted lots of them.

So, the way I hear it, they realized they could never succeed in getting a major state university here in the middle of the Badlands—so they settled for the next best thing. That was persuading two big rivals to come to Dallas once a year to chase each other, jump on each other, hug each other and pat each other on their buns.

Part of the deal, of course, was that both

universities also were to bring with them lots of fans with lots of money to spend.

Now you know how the annual Texas-OU Weekend came about.

So what does all this have to do with homosexuality? And why am I writing about it in a gay-oriented column in an obviously "funny" newspaper?

Well, the gay community ain't so dumb. Over the years, we noticed all these good-looking college guys coming to Dallas every year to chase each other, jump on each other, hug each other and pat each other on their buns.

"Wow," we said. "That's the kind of activity we like to see and be a part of."

So the Dallas gay community decided it also wanted to be a part of the Texas-OU Weekend. So word was spread throughout Texas and Oklahoma that Dallas was the place to be in October—and Texas-OU Weekend also became a gay holiday.

Now today, we have thousands of both straight and gay men chasing each other, jumping on each other, hugging each other and patting each other on their buns. Word has it that there also are a lot of straight and gay women doing the same thing.

Because of all this, I have to warn you. It's okay for straights to chase each other, jump on each other, hug each other and pat each other on their buns—as long as they are drunk or are playing that silly football game.

And it's okay for gays to chase each other, jump on each other, hug each other and pat each other on their buns. This is sophisticated Dallas—and those kinds of things are allowed to go on around here these days.

But it is not okay for straights and gays to chase each other, jump on each other, hug each other and pat each other on their buns—anytime! That would imply that the straights really like doing those kinds of things. It brings up the possibility that they also might be a little "funny" like us.

We wouldn't want that, would we?

So remember, when you get into your drunken stupors this weekend, make sure you don't cross that fine line. Straights with straights and gays with gays only.

Yup! This looks like it is going to be a pretty good weekend. I can tell already there's going to be a lot of chasing, jumping—well, you know the rest of the story.

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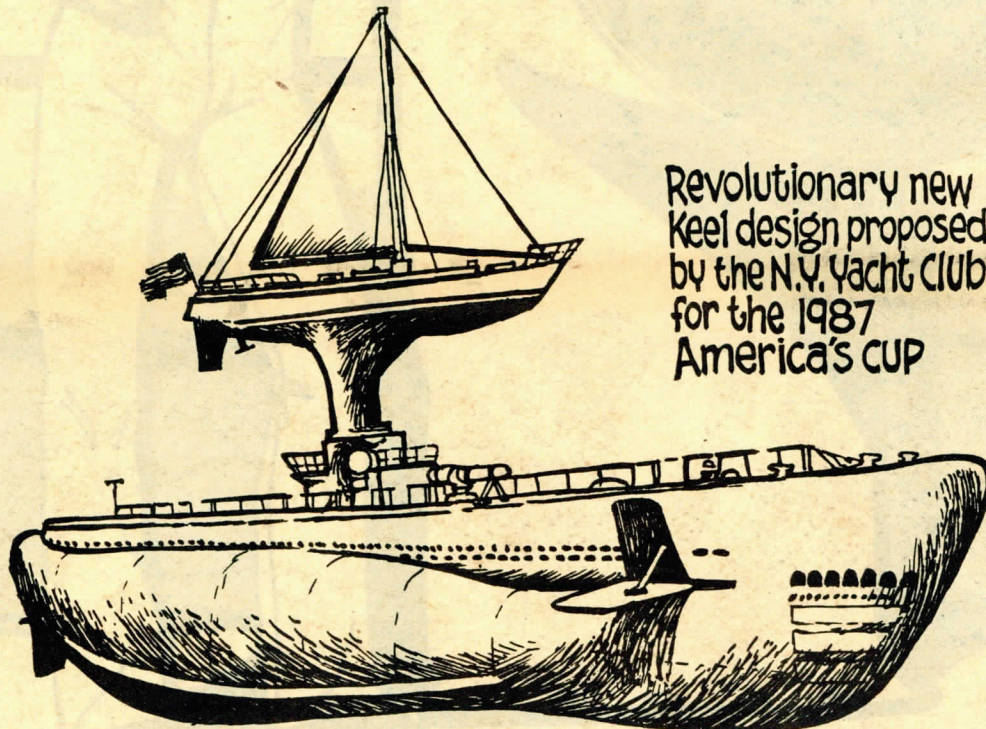
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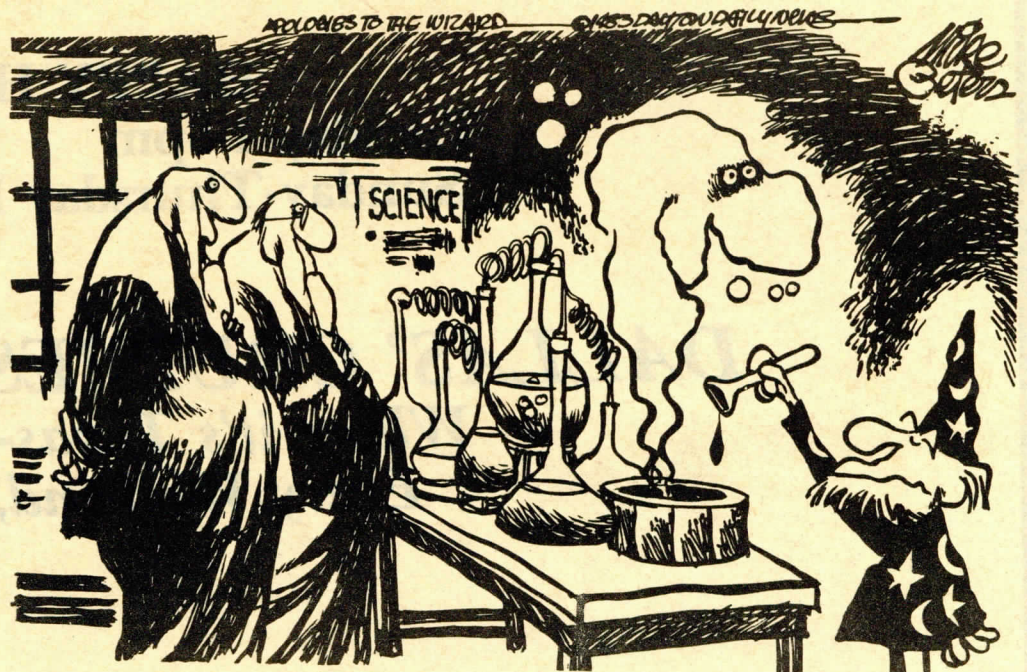
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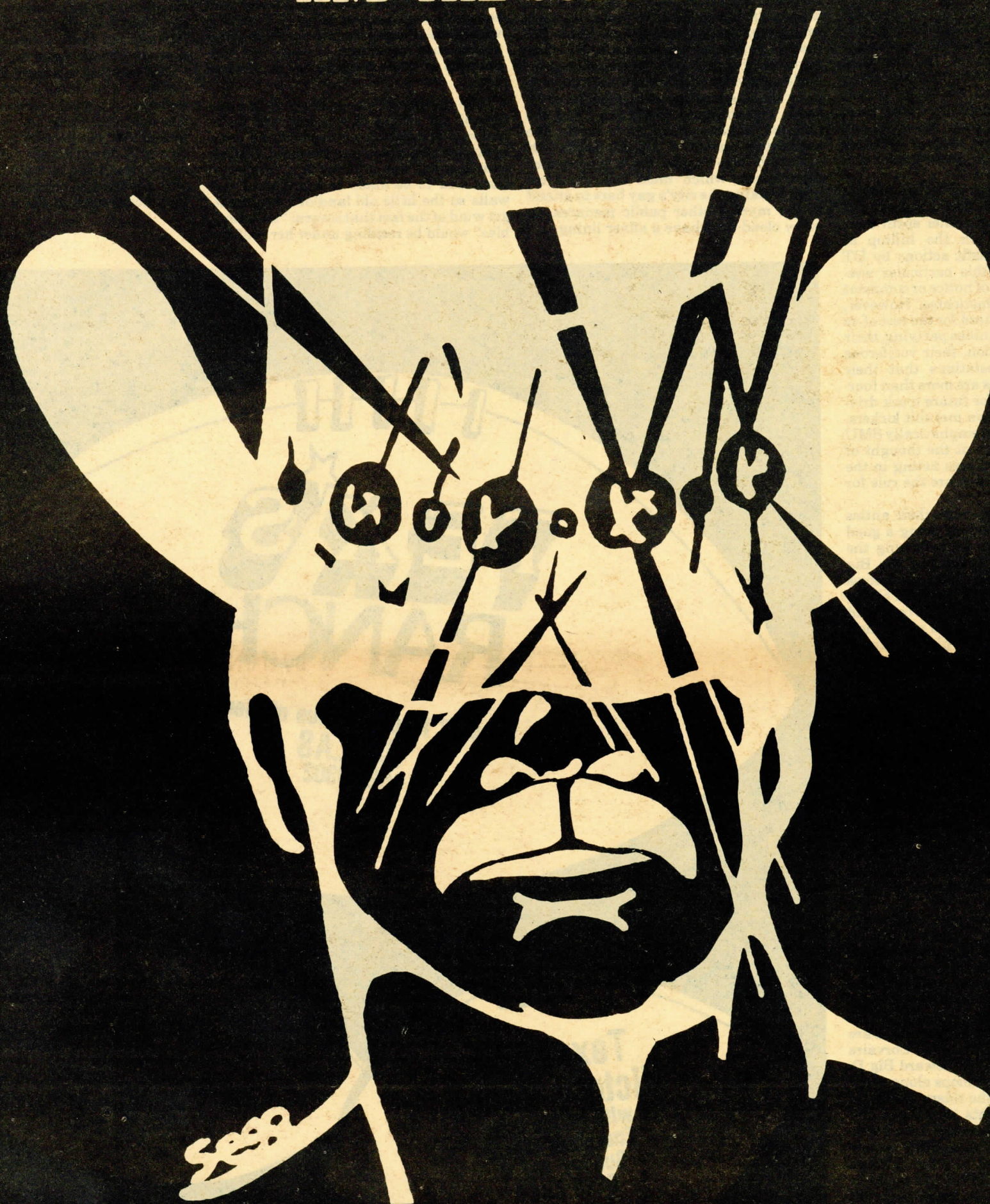


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Be Nice to Aliens Weekend

By Doug Weatherford

For reasons of geographic location, once each year the City of Dallas, which is located approximately half-way between college burbs of Austin, Texas, and Norman, Oklahoma, is subjected to the intense harassment of students from UT and OU, who converge on our peaceful hamlet for their annual football knock-down-drag-out. Each year, there is speculation that this was by far the most chaotic such clash (we're talking off the football field now), and that surely by next year things will have calmed down. However, this has never been the case, and there is little reason to suppose that this year's bash will not be more raucous and rowdy than last year's.

Since many residents of Dallas are not graduates of either of these peculiarly plebian alma maters, but rather spent their undergraduate idyll on the hilltop at SMU, the socially misfit actions by UT and OU alumni on this particular weekend seem unworthy of notice or comment by most Dallas sophisticates. However, these people make it hard for the rest of us to ignore their ignominious partying, their unrepentant inebriation, their vociferous (if misguided) protestations that their respective universities are more than four-year weigh stations for future truck drivers and (if you'll pardon me) shit kickers. Native Dallasites, and emphatically SMU students, would cringe at the thought of being seen in public places acting in the unseemly fashions which are the rule for the out-of-towners.

Yet we must put up with their antics once a year in the spirit of doing a good deed for the deprived: i.e., allowing the commoners to have a taste of the Big Apple of north Texas. Everyone knows that Austin is a nice little town (if a bit too laid-back, not to mention left-wing), and occasionally Dallas residents allow their disdain (albeit mild) of the place to diminish to the point that they consider visiting the city from time to time. After all, it is our state capital, so a little deference now and then is only fair, whether it is deserved or not.

And if UT students find it necessary to make the effort to visit Dallas once a year, as long as they don't make a regular habit of it in months other than October, well, never let it be said that we are an inflexible populace. We can take pride at least in the fact that these people will have stories to tell when they return home of our ultra-modern amenities, our convivial social life, our festive and well-appointed taverns and so forth.

And, of course, those poor OU people deserve a night in the big city if anyone does. (Have you ever been to Norman, Oklahoma? That is, other than accidentally?) Norman is not exactly what one would call a hotbed of cultural (or much other) activity. It makes Waco look like Las Vegas. So naturally, Oklahomans are only too willing to hop into their Corvairs and Gremlins and sputter toward Big D. The southbound convoy loops along every year, like clockwork, the riders' minds on all the wondrous sights they'll see and thinking they might even luck into a weekend fling with one of those SMU preppy types who work out at the Fitness Exchange and drive BMWs. (As would be expected, UT and OU types wouldn't think of mixing with each other socially—the chances of contracting an identity crisis are too great.)

So with their luggage packed with Bevo Hooch and Sooner Ripple, these wild-eyed and rather desperate peons hit the city limits in force on Friday and refuse to call it quits until the wee dawn hours of Monday morning—resulting in poorly attended classes later that day. Dallas puts up with this with a mildly condescending amusement, but the inconveniences caused are not to be laughed off.

For instance, suppose a native Dallasite spots a hot looking prospect at, let us say, JR's. It takes nerve enough to approach anyone under ordinary circumstances, but let's assume the contact is made, only to find out that the prospective "friend" is

from one of the two rival schools. It is not impossible for such a student (or a well-preserved alumnus) to be considered companionable—even if chances for a "meaningful relationship" are decidedly remote. Yet it can be instructive to see how the other half lives and loves. But it can also be trying to have to suffer through ungrammatical conversation and flagrantly vulgar table manners, and Friday night prior to the game is (depending on one's perspective) either the only place to be or the one location to be avoided at all costs. The polluting traffic jams and the polluted revelers make for a scene like something out of a Fellini movie. Of course, it also makes for a busy police department, which must take time off from stalking the city's gay bars to attend to the myriad other public menaces, so every cloud does have a silver lining.

But the fact remains that the social cost of this rampant intemperance is inordinately high, and we in Dallas are only too glad to return to normal during the waning days of the State Fair celebration. We are a hospitable bunch, but one weekend of our distant kin (those black sheep who somehow ended up at either UT or OU) who invite themselves into our homes and apartments is enough to clear our consciences of such obligations for another year.

Take the case of one such group (a mixture of old school chums and one well-removed cousin) who presumed one year to invite themselves into the small Dallas apartment of one unlucky soul. Preparations had to be made to soundproof the walls so the little old landlord would not get wind of the fact that several "undesirables" would be residing under her roof for

the whole weekend. The self-invitations having been offered at the last moment made it difficult for said host to purchase sufficient libations for his guests (out-of-towners do not comprehend the meaning of BYOB), and by that time remaining tickets to the game were in the hands of the local friendly (?) scalpers who were demanding (and getting) substantially more than face value for the ducats.

Not wanting to appear entirely disinterested in the game's outcome, and not wanting to appear snobbishly above it all, the host dug deep into his pockets and forked over the necessary cash. (Scalpers, as a rule, do not accept American Express cards.) Realizing he would be unable to sit with his friends, our host thought at least they could meet at the snack bar during

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halftime for a Coke and a smile. He knew he'd probably have to drive, but, as I said, Dallasites are a hospitable bunch, and he thought perhaps he could substitute these incidents of self-sacrifice for giving up something during next year's period of Lent.

When the guests arrived *en masse*, chaos reigned for an hour or more as each chose his own sleeping accommodations—naturally, the host's own bed was the first to go. Eventually talk got around to specific plans for the weekend's festivities, and it was at this point that the host informed his guests that, after much effort, he had obtained tickets for the game and would be glad to drive everyone to Fair Park in plenty of time to see the kickoff.

This statement was greeted with a collective look of bemusement and a lengthy period of silence. Finally one visitor, with a look of incredulosity, spoke up. "Who the hell's going to the stupid game? We're here to party!" Thus the hapless host, leaving behind four severely hungover aliens, attended the football game by himself. And, wonder of wonders, he even enjoyed it.

There are a million stories in the Naked City. This is but one of them. Whatever are your circumstances, it's a weekend to enjoy as best (and safely) as you can. We in Dallas bid you (a qualified) welcome.

SMU Agains Denies Recognition

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Most of those who rose to speak in support of GLSSO in the senate were careful to qualify their remarks by stating that they did not agree with the gay group's lifestyle or social and academic goals, but that they felt they were in no position to be judgemental, insofar as the group's right to exist and be recognized went. Concerns were expressed as to future funding of the group's educational activities (social activities would continue to be internally funded), but some thought the freedoms of expression and assembly were also major questions here, and that the university setting should be as flexible as possible in meeting the various needs of the students. As one senator stated, "We don't want to be elitist and unaccepting of reality, because gays are here and always will be."

But in the end, the result was effectively the same as last spring, albeit with a much closer vote than anyone had predicted. In a 15-15 tie, the deciding "no" vote was cast by Student Body Vice President Tom Davey, as presiding officer of the assembly. Later at a news conference, Davey said he felt he had to vote the way the student body majority felt on the issue and wanted him to vote. It is generally accepted that the majority of SMU students oppose recognition of GLSSO.

Yet as one spokesman for GLSSO said, if the U.S. Congress has only voted as its majority of constituents felt—voting by public opinion poll—we would never have had the Civil Rights Act of 1964 nor any number of other unpopular measures which are necessary for some minority not to be oppressed by the overwhelming majority, and the advocacy of which requires courage and leadership.

Still, it was also pointed out that the yeas carried the majority of the senate proper, with the deciding nay votes coming from the three voting members of the elected Student Body officers, the president, secretary and finally the vice president (who only votes to break a tie, as in this case). Many felt that perhaps, if the group can remain together and strongly committed to living up to its goals of education of the student body and moral support for all gay and lesbian students, the next time GLSSO tries for formal recognition might lend weight to the old adage about the third time being a charm.

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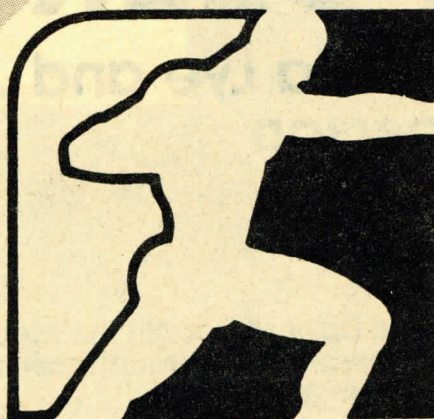
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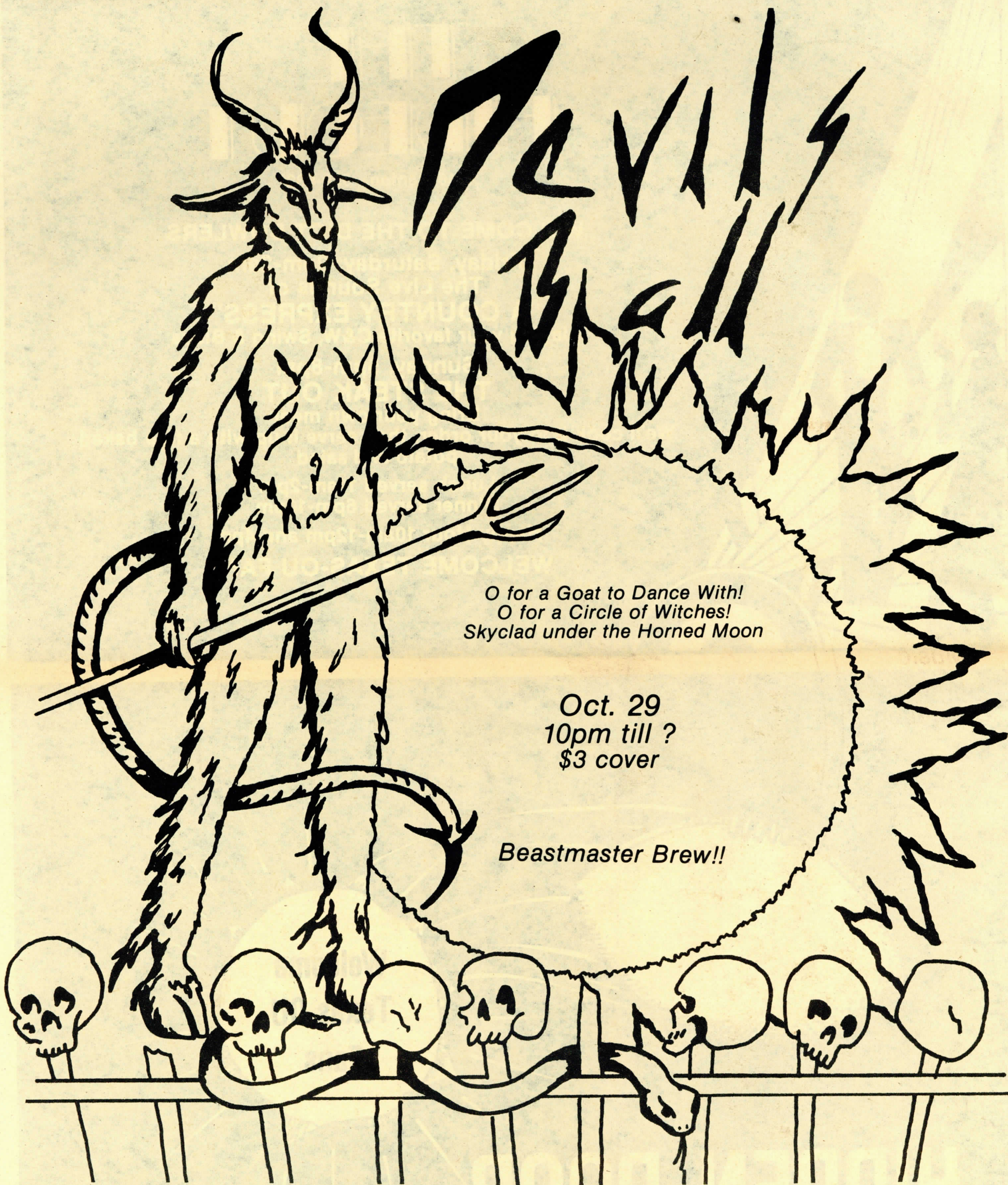
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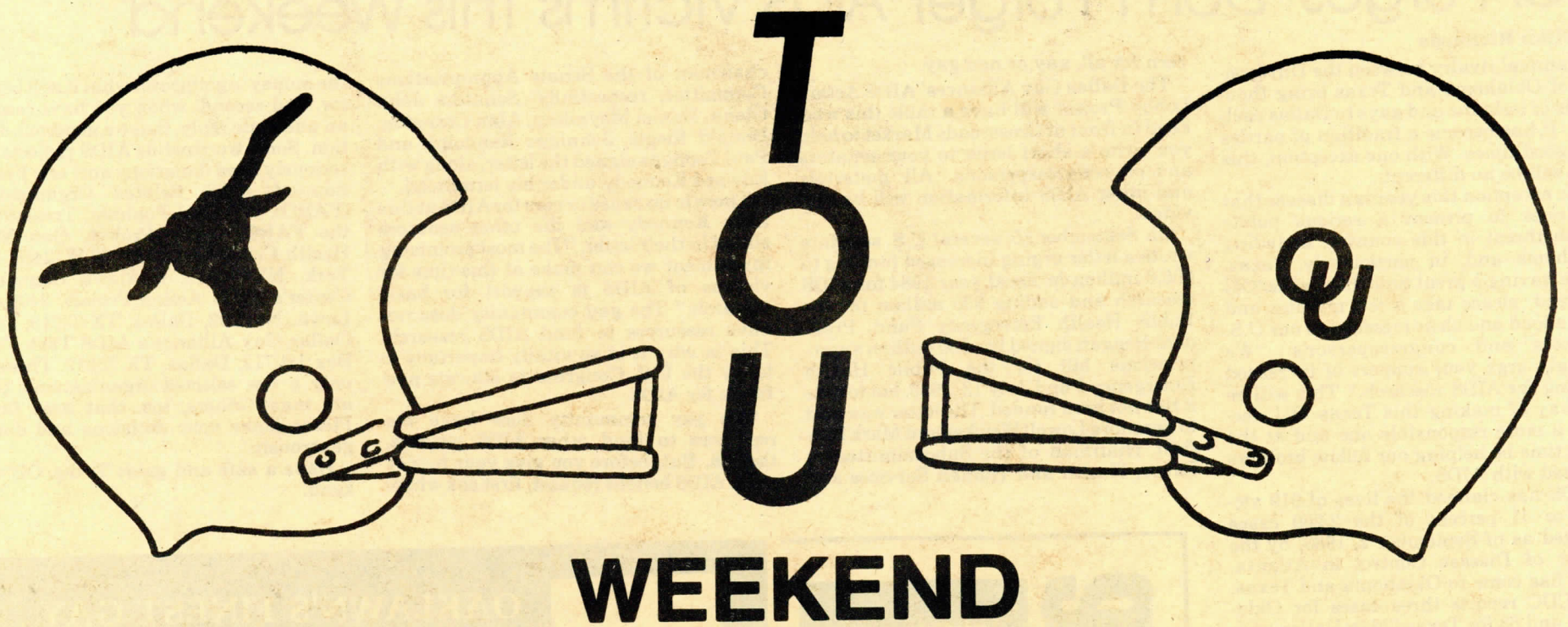
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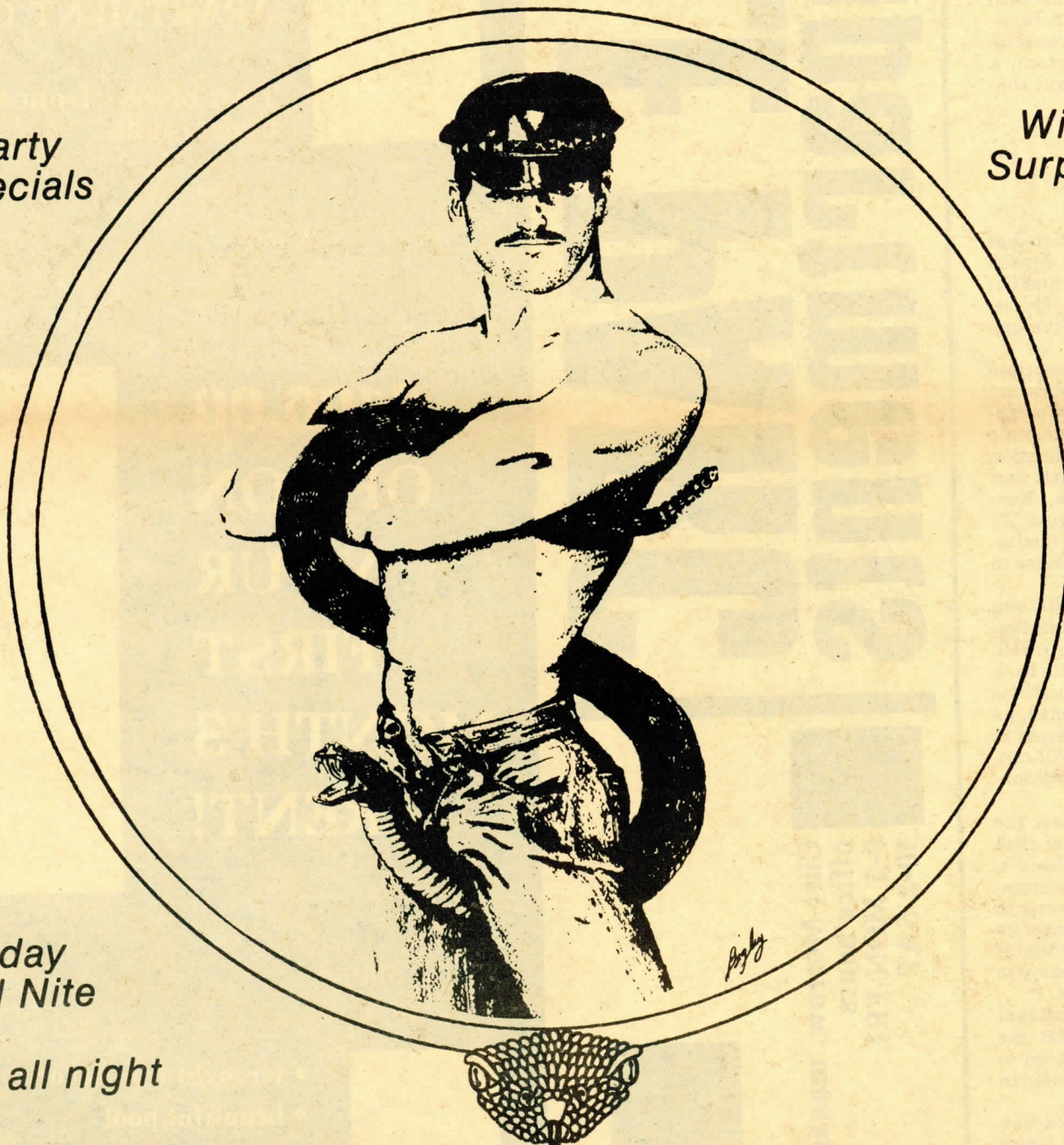
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DGA Urges 'Don't Forget AIDS Victims This Weekend'

By Mike Richards

The annual rivalry between the Universities of Oklahoma and Texas bring thousands of lesbians and gays to Dallas each year. It has become a tradition of parties and good times. With one exception, this year will be no different.

The exception this year is a disease that continues to present a serious public health threat in this country, including Oklahoma and, in particularly, Texas. While having a great time this Texas/OU weekend, please take a few minutes and send a loud and clear message to our U.S. senators and congresspersons: "We strongly urge your support of increased funding for AIDS research." This will be one way of making this Texas/OU weekend a more responsible one and at the same time be helping our fellow brothers afflicted with AIDS.

AIDS has claimed the lives of 919 victims or 41 percent of the 2,259 cases reported as of September 2, 1983, by the Center of Disease Control in Atlanta. AIDS has come to Oklahoma and Texas. The CDC reports three cases for Oklahoma and 63 for Texas (26 in Dallas with nine deaths and over 20 deaths in Houston). Figures are not important; a cause of, a treatment for, and most important, a cure of AIDS is the most important con-

cern for all, gay or non-gay.

The Dallas Gay Alliances' AIDS Action Lobby Project will have a table this weekend in front of Crossroads Market to help you write a short letter to your senators and/or congresspersons. All materials and other AIDS information will be provided.

On September 15, several U.S. senators wrote a letter urging increased funding to \$56.6 million in fiscal year 1984 for AIDS research and adding \$30 million for the Public Health Emergency Fund. President Reagan signed the \$30 million appropriations bill for the Public Health Emergency Fund July 13, 1983, but to date it has not been funded. The letter was sent to Senators Lowell Weicker and Mark Hatfield, chairman of the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and

chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, respectfully. Senators John Glenn, Daniel Moynihan, Alan Cranston, Donald Riegle, Jennings Randolph and Paul Tsongas signed the letter, along with Edward Kennedy under his letterhead.

There is no cause or cure for AIDS at this time. Kennedy and the other senators stated in their letter, "The most promising investment we can make at this time for victims of AIDS is support for basic research." The gay community does not have resources to fund AIDS research. This is why it is so vitally important to lobby the U.S. Congress to allocate new funds for AIDS.

The gay community does have the resources to fund other AIDS projects, though. But, before you give your money to an AIDS benefit request, first ask where

the money is going and what it will be used for, and second, when you have received an adequate reply, make a generous donation. Some worthwhile AIDS projects that seriously need donations now are: Federation of AIDS Related Organizations (FARO), c/o Paul Popham, Treasurer of the FARO Lobby Project, Gay Men's Health Crisis, Box 274, 132 W. 24th, New York, NY 10011; Oaklawn Counseling Center's AIDS Action Project, 3409 Oak Lawn, No. 202, Dallas, TX 75219; or the Dallas Gay Alliance's AIDS Task Force, Box 190712, Dallas, TX 75219. These are only a few selected organizations; there are many others, too, that need funds. Please make your decisions and donate generously.

Have a safe and great Texas/OU weekend.

No Gay Mags in Prison

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A Kentucky correctional institution has been threatened with a lawsuit by the group National Gay Rights Advocates if it does not reverse its present policy of refusing its inmates the right to receive gay publications.

In August, Robert Morris, the associate editor of *The Gaycon Press*, a publication containing gay news, addresses of potential pen pals and usually one nude male photograph per issue, sent the publication to two inmates at the Luther Luckett Correctional Complex in LaGrange, Kentucky, at their request. On August 25, Morris received a notice that the institution would not permit the two inmates to receive the newsletter.

Morris then wrote to Warden William Seabold to ask what the prison's objection was. On September 6, Steven T. Adwell, procedure officer of the prison, wrote back saying: "Publications which advocate or legitimize homosexuality are rejected, as homosexuality is a documented threat to institutional order and security. All censorship is based solely upon security considerations."

National Gay Rights Advocates, the San Francisco-based organization that successfully worked to change the discrimination policies of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, wrote to the prison and requested a statement of its policy on gay publications, saying that if it refuses to let prisoners receive them, it is violating the prisoners' civil rights.

Leonard Graff, the director of National Gay Rights Advocates, wrote that the legal organization is "prepared to go to court" if the anti-gay procedures remain in effect.

The two prisoners who requested *The Gaycon Press*, Rick Espinosa and Bruce Roller, wrote to editor Morris that they were not notified that the publication was denied them, which they considered "a double violation of the institution's own regulations."

Love Among the Reruns

Some couples prefer a background of soft music, but a new survey shows many Britishers make love with the TV set on.

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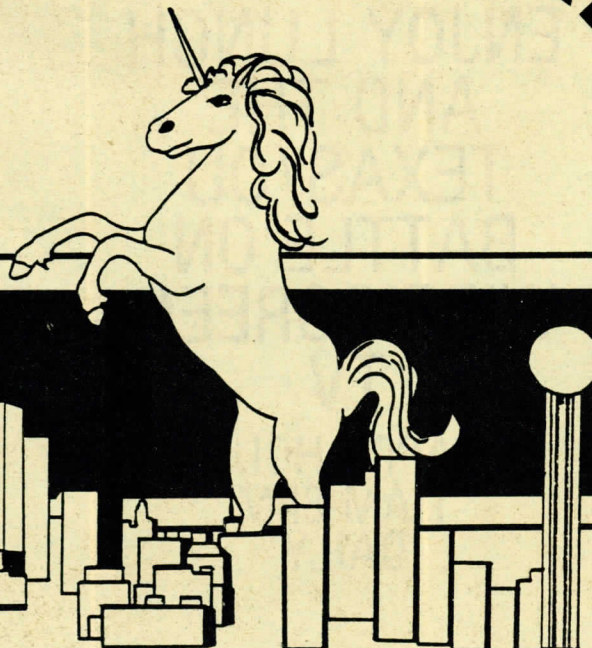
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When Coming Out to Parents

By Phil Nash

On a cold Chicago night in February 1975, Mary Borhek began an odyssey of personal growth that has not only changed her own life but has enriched and comforted thousands of lesbians, gay men and their parents. Mary was visiting her married daughter and son-in-law when a late-night telephone call woke her. Sensing trouble, she asked her daughter who had phoned at that hour. The caller was Mary's other teenage daughter back in St. Paul. The younger daughter became concerned when her older brother, Eric, had brought a male friend to the family home during their mother's absence.

Not that the incident was so unusual, but Mary knew she was being left out of something, so she confronted her daughter and son-in-law with her suspicion. "Is Eric a homosexual?" she asked. "We promised we wouldn't tell," they responded.

'Unhook yourself from your own emotional reaction.'

The conversation went on for a long time that night and continued the next day. Mary's son-in-law tried to comfort her, but also tried to help her understand what Eric's concerns might be. Mary phoned her son that day and told him she had found out he was gay and assured him he was "still her son" in spite of the emotional turmoil she was going through in those initial moments of her awareness.

A month later, Eric asked his mother if he could bring his lover to have dinner with her, to which she agreed. The occasion was awful, Mary says in retrospect. She was so nervous about it before it happened that she couldn't relax. But they got through it, and a second dinner engagement some weeks later was much more pleasant.

Like many gay people, Eric had feared to tell his mother he was gay because he feared her religious beliefs would lead her to reject him. At that time, Mary belonged to a fundamentalist, charismatic religious group. Religious beliefs were indeed the major source of conflict with which Mary had to cope in the ensuing period.

By May of that year, Mary had begun to record her progress in coming to terms with Eric's gayness on paper. The result was *My Son Eric: A Mother Struggles to Accept Her Gay Son and Discovers Herself*. The book took her two-and-a-half years to write. Mary says it was written for average Christian people, like her, whose religious values appear to disagree with the reality presented by gay people in their lives. The book still enjoys steady sales and has drawn an enthusiastic response from gay readers.

Recently, Mary completed another book, *Coming Out to Parents: A Two-Way Survival Guide for Lesbians and Gay Men and Their Parents*. The Pilgrim Press publication is slated for release this fall. In her book, Mary identifies the various issues both parents and gay children should consider when confronting the truth about the offspring's homosexuality.

Grief, Borhek believes, is the fundamental issue children must consider in disclosing their gayness to parents. While they do not actually lose their offspring due to death or disappearance, parents do lose the image of the children they thought they had or would like to have. For many parents, the initial shock of learning of their child's gayness may be a day-to-day survival effort similar to the grief process one experiences upon the death of a loved one. Parents may feel guilt, anger, pain,

sorrow, rejection—sometimes all at the same time. "Don't expect after a month your parents are going to embrace you and say 'What a wonderful thing... I'm so glad to have a gay or lesbian child.'"



PHIL NASH PHOTO

Mary Borhek

Should all gay men and women come out to their parents? Mary doesn't think so. "Count the cost before you buy the article," she says. "Maybe you never did have a good relationship with your parents, and there has never been any meeting of the minds anyhow, so why tell them about this? If you are living far away and you have little contact with them, and they are very fundamentalist and you can't put up with 'the lecture' every time you go visit, it may not be worth the hassle."

If you do decide to tell parents, Mary has some helpful tips. Setting the stage is very important. "Once you are ready to talk to the parents, don't begin by saying, 'I have some shocking news,' or 'I know you are going to think this is awful,' because then they will find the news shocking or awful." Rather, she recommends not beating around the bush. "You might simply say, 'I have something I have been wanting to share with you and I want to share it because I care about you, and it is that I am lesbian or gay.' Don't give a long preamble, and don't talk around it because you give the idea that it is something you are having difficulty getting around to," Mary says.

In preparing oneself to tell parents, Mary advises, "Unhook yourself from your own emotional reaction. If the parents say, 'What an awful thing!' you should not come back and say, 'It is not awful' and then proceed to give them the whole gay rights political line. If you can

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possibly manage it, you might say something like, 'I hear this is a real shock to you.' You should try to validate their feelings."

Mary continues, "As one parent said at the Parents and Friends of Gays meeting the other night, when children come out to

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their parents, they should be psychologically prepared to parent *their* parents for a while. They are the 'child' in the area that you are leading them into."

Mary says that an initial negative reaction of parents to a child's gayness may not exactly express what they want to communicate. "Six months or a year later, they may realize they didn't mean everything they said. They say angry things in the heat of the moment while they are shocked, and they strike back to defend themselves. If you are able to do it, you should reach out to parents after such a negative confrontation. Send a birthday card, or an anniversary card and let them know you love them. Indicate that you are open to hearing from them."

Mary says that there are two major pitfalls in coming out to parents. Though not universal, they apply in a vast number of cases. They are gaps in religious values and sexual morals.

"Parents are often rather saddened because they think they may not be with their gay or lesbian child in heaven,"

'Don't expect after a month your parents are going to embrace you...'

Mary explains. She says that biblical interpretations of homosexuality are not intended to apply to people who are drawn lovingly toward members of the same sex, but rather refer to certain excessive sexual practices that went on during certain historical periods. She concludes that only through counseling did she understand the shortcomings of her own Bible-based religious beliefs around homosexuality. She began to recognize that she harbored a great deal of anger, even recognizing in herself the urge to kill. She reasoned that such an urge couldn't possibly be less sinful than having or acting on homosexual feelings.

Mary also says that parents hold a stereotype that all gay people have rebelled against religious principles. While acknowledging that many have indeed cast aside any religious persuasion, often with very good reasons, it is not universal. She was surprised to learn that her son's lover attended Catholic mass regularly.

Her new book offers a long chapter dealing with some of the basic religious issues gays and lesbians and their parents should consider in shaping their attitudes. Her arguments include Jewish viewpoints, enlightened explanations about the oft-cited Biblical references condemn-

'... gays and lesbians have a lot to offer heterosexual people.'

ing homosexuality, her responses to the flawed arguments of conservative writers, and, finally, a section entitled, "Is My Child Lost for Eternity?"

Regarding sex, Mary says "Very often parents are bothered by a graphic sexual picture in their mind. Some parents really do want to know what actually goes on. For myself, I don't really want to know what goes on between my married daughter and her husband. It's not any of my business. I don't expect to tell them what my husband and I did."

"But the words 'gay lifestyle' suggest a particular thing," Mary continues, "like spending every night in the baths or in the bushes or down on the nude beach. I have read interviews with people with AIDS, and one of them said he's had over 1000 sexual partners. Now that ... perpetuates the stereotype. I get a little steamed up about that because it is simply ingrained in people's minds that gay people don't think a lot about love—it is just lust all the time."

"I now know a lesbian who evidently didn't have a good relationship with her

mother. Her mother asked how many partners she had and wanted to know all the details, so the daughter told her all about it. What they were doing was using sex as swords ... they were dueling."

If a child's sexual habits are a concern to parents, Mary encourages them to initiate a dialogue to reach some sort of understanding. "If parents see that the child is down in the bar or at the baths every night, they can talk with them about it—not how they 'do it'—but by saying something like 'I don't understand why you are so sexually active, so will you please explain it to me.'" She says parents should refrain from being judgmental even though they may strongly disagree with their child's sexual morals.

Mary says that gays and lesbians have a lot to offer heterosexual people, and vice versa. Her fervent wish is that the church would get rid of all barriers against gay people so that it could provide a medium for dialogue. "I would like to see the

church simply accept lesbian and gay people as people ... so that they could sit down together and share the joys, the sorrows, the pains, and hear the different life stories and minister to each other so there isn't all this legalism and judgment." Mary says that non-gay people could learn to appreciate the struggle of many gays and lesbians to come to terms with their identities.

"You (gay people) have to find out on a much deeper level who you are, and you have to fight for it. You have essentially been wounded by society, so their judgment of you as sick or sinful has made you struggle to find yourself and be yourself. Therefore, you have had to go through processes the average heterosexual person has never been through. They usually go by a pattern that has already been set, and it suits them just fine."

Borhek says that parents of gays and lesbians must go through their own coming out process as well, if they choose to

deal positively with a child's gayness. "As with anything in life, it's *what* you do with what happens to you. You can withdraw into a corner and lick your wounds until you die, or you can say, 'Okay, how am I going to deal with this constructively? Can I use this occurrence in my life as a springboard for growth?' A lot of parents do that and a lot don't."

"In the book," Mary says, "I very much encourage parents to see the adaptation to having a gay son or lesbian daughter in that way. I say, 'Let this open doors for you. Let this help you get to know yourself better. Don't cut yourself off from your child.' Parents can have tremendously loving and caring relationships with their gay or lesbian children. If they do, there's losing. We must remember that those experiences that threaten to destroy us are those that give us the most opportunity for change, personal growth and positive healing."

Nash is a freelance writer living in Denver

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'Risky Business'

By Jack Sturdy

Risky Business is being marketed with a tantalizing but misleading ad campaign that does not do the film justice. Screenwriter/director Paul Brickman has carefully crafted an exquisite slice of upper-middle-class suburban Americana.

Joel Goodsen (Tom Cruise) is a bright, thoughtful, well-spoken model son whose American dream is acceptance into an Ivy League college. Joel has channeled all of his energy into that pursuit. *Risky Business* is the exploration of a week-long chaotic upheaval that results when he denies his goal.

Brickman has written a complex, multifaceted, frequently moving film. It begs comparison to Mike Nichols' *The Graduate* and rightly so. Joel Goodsen, like Dustin Hoffman's Benjamin Braddock, is a young man whose well-ordered life is forever altered by an affair with a woman. In 1967, it was an older woman; in 1983, it is a high-priced call girl. The result is almost as emotionally shattering. And, since the 16-year lapse between the two films has seen a dramatic shift in young American thought, Joel embraces the very ideals that Benjamin rejected.

That philosophical difference is nicely delineated in a fast-food palace, where

Joel is debating pragmatism versus idealism. After an envious discussion of the lucrative starting salaries of Ivy League grads, the question becomes moot—all the classmates opt for the money.

Joel runs afoul of his goal when his parents take a vacation. They entrust him with the expensive house and all of its trappings, including Daddy's new Porsche. Joel has been advised to use his own judgment, but in his father's words, "It's my house—you live by my rules. And don't drive the Porsche."

So ingrained is Joel with upper-middle-class tradition that even his nightmares focus on his failure to live up to the burden of parental and peer expectations. It is his best friend Miles (Curtis Armstrong) who unleashes those nightmares as reality when he phones a call girl to "service" Joel.

Joel's feeble protests dissolve into acquiescence when Lana (Rebecca De Mornay) arrives. But her evening of passion is expensive. She solves Joel's cash shortage by purloining an ornamental crystal egg, which has to be returned before his parents' homecoming. Tracking down Lana is easy compared to the difficulty of retrieving the egg. Her former pimp has gotten possession and is reluctant to part with it.

The "risky" business of the title is not only Joel's emotional involvement with Lana, but a business deal they set up to match his friends with hers. The film's ending is a bit of a stretch but consistent with the parents' staid standards.

There are so many good technical things going on in *Risky Business* that it is easy to gloss over the few flaws. Brick-

man's direction, particularly for a first film, is moody and unerring in pace and timing. Bruce Surtees' cinematography is excellent, combining some of the best camera work with the most innovative perspectives to be seen in a 1983 film. Tangerine Dream's music melds perfectly with the mood of the film, enhancing both.

The film belongs to Tom Cruise in the acting arena. His previous work in *Taps* and *The Outsiders* comes full circle here. His performance is layered with nuance and articulate style—Oscar nomination material.

Risky Business is sometimes funny, sometimes thought-provoking, always entertaining. It is definitely a "must see."

Sturdy is the film reviewer for "The Weekly News" published in Miami. ©1983 Stonewall Features Syndicate.

NGRA to Present Oral Argument in Military Case

SAN FRANCISCO—The U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., will hear oral arguments in a case involving the rights of lesbians and gay men to serve in the military. This is according to National Gay Rights Advocates, the San Francisco-based public interest law firm, which is making a constitutional challenge to the Navy's exclusionary policy.

The military requires that all homosexuals be discharged solely on the basis of their sexual orientation, without regard to an individual's fitness to serve. Leonard Graff, NGRA legal director, said, "The Navy's mandatory discharge policy violates the constitutionally protected rights of privacy, due process and equal protection of the laws."

NGRA Executive Director Jean O'Leary said, "The only legitimate qualification for serving in the military is the ability to do the job. The Navy's policy is an irrational discrimination against lesbians and gay men."

Stephen Bomse, a San Francisco lawyer, will present the oral argument.

This case was chosen for a challenge because of Dronenburg's exemplary record over nine years in the Navy, said NGRA. He was an expert in Korean cryptology and was given a \$12,000 reenlistment bonus shortly before the Navy discovered he was gay and discharged him.

NGRA filed the lawsuit in the D.C. Circuit because, by reputation, it is the most liberal. And, a victory in Washington would be of benefit to all service members, regardless of where they are stationed, the group said.

The Navy's rationale for their position is that: "The presence of a (homosexual) member in a military environment seriously impairs combat readiness, efficiency and security." The District Court agreed in ruling that "maintenance of the effectiveness, discipline and morale of the nation's naval forces is a legitimate Navy policy."

The Navy's policy and its rationale are strikingly similar to its former policy with regard to blacks, said NGRA.

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AIDS Update

By Harvey Thompson, M.D.

One-third of the pages in the August issue of *Annals of Internal Medicine* were concerned with AIDS coverage. The first of two main portions presented the long-awaited Health Department's case-control study of Kaposi's sarcoma and *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia in homosexual men: both their epidemiology and laboratory results. Here are some of the key points:

National Case Control Study: Epidemiology.

1. PWA's (People with AIDS) had a median of 61 partners per year, more than twice the average of 26 per year for the controls (healthy gay men).

2. Cases were more likely to have exposure to feces during sex (via anal-oral, anogenital or fisting). In fact, it was astounding to find that 52 percent of cases had inserted their hand into a partner's rectum sometime during the year prior to interview.

3. Drug use (marijuana, cocaine, heroin, amphetamines, barbiturates, LSD, Quaaludes or MDA) was also more commonly seen among cases, although it was not isolated to any one particular drug.

4. There was NO difference between cases and controls in terms of frequency of the receptive role.

5. Amyl nitrite did NOT show up more frequently among AIDS cases than controls. However, known *lifetime* exposure (days of use) for nitrites was greater for cases than controls.

6. Strongly associated with cases of AIDS were higher proportions of sex partners from bathhouses.

7. No differences among cases or controls were found in levels of income or education; one-third of AIDS cases were earning more than \$20,000 per year, and the median educational level of both cases and controls was 16 years.

8. The conclusion was that AIDS as manifested by Kaposi's sarcoma and *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia was associated with certain aspects of lifestyle seen in a subgroup of the male homosexual population.

National Case Study: Laboratory

1. Cases had lower numbers of lymphocytes, and specifically, the helper type of T-lymphocytes. More than 75 percent of cases had ratios of helper to suppressor (the well-known T-cell ratio) lower than the lowest of healthy homosexual controls (0.6 vs. 1.4 for controls).

2. The lymphocytes of cases were less likely to respond to known stimulators of lymphocytes.

3. Epstein-Barr virus antibodies (the cause of mononucleosis) were significantly more often present among cases.

4. Cytomegalovirus (CMV) titers were higher in cases than controls. Also, the

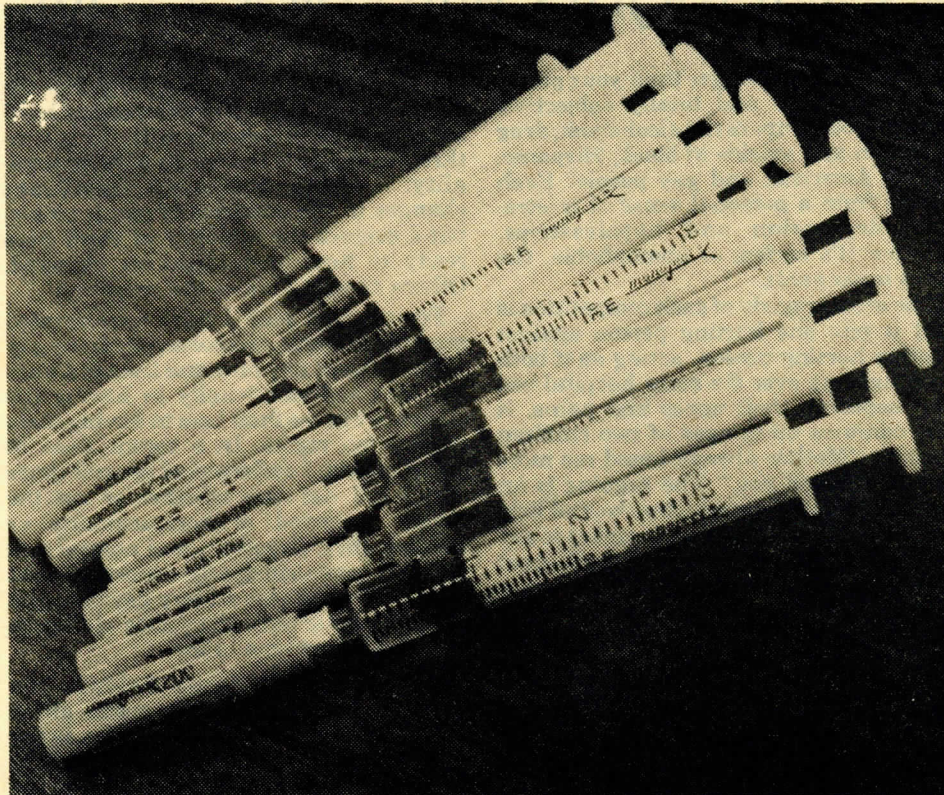


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virus was more often cultured from urine and throat swabs in cases.

5. Antibody to Hepatitis-A was more commonly seen in cases than controls. This was *not* true for Hepatitis-B.

The UCLA Conference

The second "main feature" in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* was an excellent, up-to-date, complete discussion of AIDS by the UCLA faculty department of gastroenterology, immunology, epidemiology and oncology. This gem is a concise, well-written and sympathetic summary which can be obtained by writing the chief author: Dr. Michael Gottlieb, Department of Medicine, UCLA School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA 90024. For a complete, state-of-the-art presentation, it can't be beat.

Some of the significant data are:

1. KS is more often multi-focal than a single lesion presentation.

2. KS accounts for up to 10 percent of all cancers in Uganda and Kenya.

3. KS can occur in virtually any organ of the body. Fifty percent of cases have large and small intestinal involvement when they are examined for KS lesions.

4. Interferon is achieving complete or partial responses in up to 50 percent of cases. These are NOT cures, but instead responses of yet undetermined duration.

Gastroenterology:

1. Of gastrointestinal pathogens (disease-causing agents), the cryptosporidiosis parasite is the most serious and ominous, because it has no treatment.

2. Weight loss is the most striking early clinical feature with AIDS cases in the infectious type of presentation.

3. Generally, overt skin lesions are present with GI Kaposi's sarcoma, but there were two of the 25 patients who had no skin lesions, despite KS in the bowel.

Immune System:

1. Antibody responses to immunization were reduced (possible B-lymphocyte problem?) but ordinary bacterial infections (such as staph, strep) were *not* present.

2. Only 50 percent of cases with KS had

decreased lymphocytes, whereas *all* patients with the infectious presentation of AIDS had reduced numbers.

3. Either helper T-cell decreases or suppressor T-cell increases can make a T-cell ratio low. Susceptibility to AIDS may depend on which is present, rather than merely the ratio of the two.

4. Persistence of immunodeficiency is a major feature of AIDS; only two of 21 patients have had a return to normal immunity.

Epidemiology:

1. No cases of AIDS existed before 1979; furthermore, complete recovery has not yet occurred in an AIDS person.

2. There are cases of females apparently getting AIDS from a partner who is *not* a drug abuser, suggesting that transmission can occur through heterosexual contact.

3. Only 20 heterosexual patients have KS, compared with 445 cases among homosexual or bisexual men. KS is becoming the "gay cancer," like it or not. KS is seen 20 times more often in that high-risk group than in the other three categories (heroin addicts, Haitians and hemophiliacs).

4. Cytomegalovirus seems to be heterogeneous by gene-typing. Apparently, more than one CMV strain is associated with the AIDS epidemic.

5. By 1985, 20,000 persons will have AIDS.

God bless Dr. Gottlieb for his closing statement: "Given the exponential rise in the number of cases, and the *cruel* nature of the disease, we hope that efforts will soon yield important information on causes, therapy and prevention."

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Comparing Gay Civil Rights with Black Civil Rights

By Brian McNaught

Non-gay black men and women can be the best and the toughest members of an audience listening to a talk on homosexuality. That, at least, has been my experience as a speaker.

As one would hope, many black men and women are able to identify with the oppression they hear articulated by a white gay male or lesbian speaker. You can see it in their eyes, in the knowing nods of their heads, in their half smiles, and you can hear it in their questions. For that reason, I am always happy to see black men and women in audiences and I generally try to relate the struggle for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights to the Black Civil Rights struggle.

That technique also prompts some non-gay black men and women to be the toughest, angriest members of an audience. The general response from these individuals is "How dare you compare the oppression of a gay person to the oppression of a black? I will always be black but you chose to be gay!" The defensible point is that gay people face blatant discrimination when they choose to identify themselves, and black people don't have the option. A white gay male or lesbian can pass. A black non-gay man or woman can't.

Yet, even when that is acknowledged and even when it is made perfectly clear that sexual orientation is not chosen but determined by unknown factors by no later than age five, and that 10 percent of the population has always been and will always be gay; and even when it is explained that the horrors of the closet and the horrors of isolation make coming out less a choice than it seems, there is still resentment on the part of some racial and ethnic minority people when they think they hear it suggested that anyone has suffered as much as they have.

I don't have much patience with the

game "My pain's bigger than your pain." Pain is relative and totally subjective. How do you compare the alcoholism, drug addiction and suicide of black, Hispanic, Native American and gay people? Each results from a personal sense of frustration, depression and hopelessness. Whether it's racism or homophobia, the effect is the same.

The great tragedy of such competition is that it pits one hurting person against another hurting person, acting as if both were fighting over the same hospital bed by comparing their aches and pains. It also conjures up images of two children arguing "Mother always hated me more than she hated you." The arguing is an exercise in counterproductive wound licking. How much more sense it makes to say "We are both entitled to full and equal access to the benefits of the earth. We have been historically denied them. How can we help one another become whole people?"

Those statements are rarely made because it is human to be selfish. We imagine there is a limited amount of justice to go around, and we want to make sure no one interferes with us getting our share. We imagine there is a limited amount of sympathy, a limited amount of time, a limited amount of money and a limited amount of patience on the part of the non-gay white masters. So, we bicker.

Politically active minority people tend to cooperate with other minority people when they see it to their advantage. Electing progressives to positions of power is generally one agenda we share. But watch out if there is a black progressive running against a gay progressive!

In my quiet moments of dreaming things that never were and asking "Why not?" I imagine a world in which every person is conscious of the oppression they create in other people's lives and makes the conscious decision to alter their behavior and attitudes. I imagine integrated gay bars and integrated gay and non-gay high school proms. I imagine integrated gay and non-gay neighborhoods, not because people were forced financially to live together, but because they wanted to.

"Why not?" Because we're imperfect and afraid and selfish. Attitudes are deeply ingrained and we are all racist, sexist, religious elitist and homophobic. We have learned to spend our time on those things which benefit us, and no one has shown us how spending time imagining the horror of growing up black in America is of any benefit to us personally.

While I still dream about an individual and national shift of consciousness on the attitudes of people toward one another, I find that I spend most of my time today concentrating on behavior.

By way of example, I have spent nine years traveling across North America giving two-hour talks to predominantly non-

gay audiences on homosexuality. For the first eight years, my presentations have been tailored to educate with, in a non-threatening way, the truths of homosexuality. I have witnessed significant changes in the attitudes of many people, but I suspect the majority of them were ready to have their attitudes changed. Others accepted me as the exception.

For the last year, I have concentrated more on changing the behavior of non-gay people toward gay men and lesbians. I am less invested emotionally in having the audience like me than I am in having them respect my rights. In a recent class of police cadets, I underscored several times that I did not care whether or not the cadets approved of homosexuality or whether they thought it was normal and moral. I was principally concerned that they treat with respect every gay man and lesbian who entered the police station to fill out a report on a crime.

As black author James Baldwin has stated, he doesn't worry much about racism anymore. Racism, he states, is the white person's problem. I worry less about homophobia because homophobia is the non-gay person's problem. My problem is working to guarantee that gay men and lesbians can live where they want to live, work where they want to work and receive the services to which they are entitled as taxpayers. It would be nice if our landlords, employers and those who provide services liked us, but it is not essential to happiness.

Education continues to be important, most especially given the incredible level of ignorance in society about sexuality. (I would hazard the guess that the majority of the country thinks cunnilingus is an Irish airline.) But education is most effective

when the information is communicated through actions rather than just words. As every poll has shown, attitudes about homosexuality in this country are directly linked to "coming out." It is not by hearing eloquent presentations by gay and lesbian speakers that the average American decides to support Gay Civil Rights but by his or her personal contact with a self-affirmed gay man or lesbian who has come out of the closet at home, at work, in the neighborhood and in church.

There is one moment in my presentation to a public audience during which I see nearly every black head nod in affirmation. It is when I describe my suicide attempt and the lesson I learned then. Whether we are black or white, male or female, gay or straight, young or old, beautiful or average-looking, fat or skinny, able-bodied or physically challenged, we all have the individual choice of living our lives for ourselves or living our lives to meet other people's expectations. Do we live, do we dress, do we laugh, do we stay silent to make Mom and Dad, my boss, my landlord, my mail carrier, non-gay people, white people and powerful people happy, or do we live, dress, laugh and stay silent because we find it gives our life meaning?

If you make your decisions based upon your dreams and affirm the right of others to do the same, the question of who has suffered more becomes irrelevant. If you are then able to embrace the directive which states that you love your neighbor as you love yourself, the question "Why not?" becomes moot.

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Moon Over Managua

Korean evangelist Sun Myung Moon has launched an all-out campaign to save Latin America from communism. Moon's Unification Church is pumping millions of dollars into an organization called Causa, which has close ties to right-wing groups in the region.

The Moonies have been most visible in Honduras, actively supporting that country's military commander-in-chief. But they suffered a setback recently when the Catholic Church condemned them as "anti-Christian."

In Uruguay, however, they've managed to purchase a radio station, a newspaper, the country's biggest publishing house and its most luxurious resort hotel, reports the *Washington Post*.

Don Ray's Dogs Top Monday Bowlers

Following last Monday's competition in the Oak Lawn Bowling Association, the team Don Ray's Dogs of Division B currently are on top with the best record, 13 wins and 3 losses.

The highest game bowled last Monday was Brice Mateo's 255, who also ended the night with the best series, 651.

Meanwhile, four teams are tied for top spot in the LAMBDA Thursday bowling league, all with 12 and 4 records. They are Four and One Real One, Numero Uno, Wet and Wild and the Cyprians.

During the Sept. 29 competition Bill Yates had the high game, a 255, with E. Beasley scoring the highest among women in this mixed league, a 204.

Texas Impresses Kansas City

Kansas City's Heart of America Softball Tournament turned into a Texas affair Sept. 25-26, but before it was over, the Kansas City Cabaret team kept the championship trophy.

Dallas Steel represented the Oak Lawn Softball Association in this all-central American event.

Houston's Barn opened the tournament by losing to a coed Topeka Lambda team, but then reeled off four straight wins in the consolation bracket, the fourth win over Dallas Steel, putting Dallas in fourth place. The Barn then lost to the Montrose Voice, the other Houston team in the tournament, putting the Barn in third place.

Then the Voice played with a vengeance, destroying Cabaret 20-2, setting up a winner-take-all game which was won by Cabaret 11-8 when they scored six runs in the sixth inning.

Sports

The three Texas teams dominated the tournament's best player selections, placing seven on the 10-member all-star team. Eugene Cross from Dallas Steel make the list.

Oak Lawn Bowling Association

Winter League Team Standings following Oct. 3 competition

DIVISION A	W	L
1 Tidy Bowls	12½	3½
2 Hardheads	12	4
3 Ms. Thang & Her Thangs	11	5
Zebra's	11	5
Touch of Trash	10	6

High Game: Brice Mateo 255
High Series: Brice Mateo 251

DIVISION B	W	L
1 Don Ray's Dogs	13	3
2 La D'Dahs	12	4
Lucille Balls	12	4
4 Perpetual Split	10	6
No Holes Barred	11	6

High Game: Kyle Peters 225
High Series: Ken Knowles 578

DIVISION C	W	L
1 Atta Girls	12	4
2 Pump Jocks	11	5
Impotential New Boyfriends	11	5
Boot Scooters	11	5
5 Crisco Kids	10	6

High Game: Dan Russell 230
High Series: Al Aaron 648

Lambda Bowling Standings

RANKINGS

Following Sept. 29 competition

	W	L
1 4 & 1 Real 1	12	4
Numero Uno	12	4
Wet & Wild	12	4
Cyprians	12	4

Women High Game: E. Beasley 204
Women High Series: E. Beasley 551
Men High Game: Bill Yates 255
Men High Series: Yates & Richard Boyce 600

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Of Divine Thunderbolts and Popcorn Bowls

By Randy Alfred

INTERPRETING AIDS: Newspapers and other media hereabouts have been making much of a study that shows whereas 30 percent of gay men interviewed had reduced or stopped high-risk sexual behavior since learning about AIDS, 62 percent had continued or increased "at least one high-risk behavior with new or anonymous contacts."

Here's the catch: psychologists Leon McKusick and William Horstman and psychiatrist Arthur Carfagni conducted their research in April. That's just about the time many gay leaders abandoned their previous reticence about making explicit recommendations favoring sexual moderation.

In other words, many gay men were just getting the word when this study was done. My bet is another third of all gay men have modified their behavior in the past two months. I hope so, anyway, and I hope the other third acts soon, too.

VULTURES: Randy Schell of Community United Against Violence has this chilling tale. Members of the anti-gay, born-again, rightist-Christian group S.O.S. were planning to go into AIDS wards in San Francisco last summer to proselytize and tell those patients they were suffering the wrath of the Lord.

Fortunately, CUAV alerted the hospitals, and they will not allow any proselytism or other unwanted and unsolicited religious visits. Thank you.

HANDS OFF: Unfortunately, AIDS is not our only epidemic. Many gay men are being laid low by various intestinal parasites. Rimming and other, even indirect, oral-anal contact are definite no-no's if you want to avoid these diseases.

Have you ever wondered about the popcorn bowls in gay bars? I have. I asked two

physicians about them, and both minimized the possibility that many cases of parasite diseases are transmitted by dirty hands in those bowls. Rimming and the sucking of unwashed penises inserted elsewhere are their main concerns.

Nonetheless, they both acknowledged the possibility of more casual transmission. Personally, I've foresworn those popcorn bowls. I've seen too many men walk out of rest rooms in gay bars without washing their hands.

JUST AROUND THE CORNER: 1984, that is, and with it the Democratic National Convention comes to our fair city. When the Demos announced they would meet here, Mayor Dianne Feinstein said she'd given her word there would be "no demonstration by the homosexual community nor any other major demonstration."

The American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California feared "the mayor was taking the 1984 part ... a little too seriously," according to a report in the *ACLU News*. Executive Director Dorothy Erlich asked the mayor to clarify her remarks.

Erlich wrote the mayor. "The right to demonstrate is one of the most precious rights that Americans enjoy. We do not understand how the City of San Francisco can guarantee the absence of major demonstrations unless it is intent on violating the First Amendment, or no one is interested in carrying out a major demonstration."

The mayor responded promptly: "I never intended, nor could nor would impose, any restriction on lawful assembly and full speech. Your fears are unfounded about the 1984 Democratic National Convention. I ... can assure you it will succeed with respect for the rights of all who are involved."

BLOOD: Herbert Perkins, M.D., scientific director of the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank here, favors the screening of potential donors to keep AIDS-contaminated blood out of the supply. Irwin asks about AIDS symptoms and/or multiple sexual partners with any of the high-risk groups.

Surprisingly, Perkins reports that Irwin has had to turn away only 16 applications out of 50,000 in the first five months of this year. He believes this is due to the educational efforts of gay organizations and publications: most likely turnaways are staying away on their own.

Perkins also notes that blood supplies are above normal at Irwin. He credits this to the publicity about AIDS. He thinks it's reminded other donors that if they want a safe blood supply, they'd better come in and donate themselves. This is apparently not the case in other cities, where confused would-be donors fear contracting AIDS by giving blood. (No way: blood banks use disposable needles.)

Irwin and other blood banks are also concerned about a flood of requests to have designated family, friends and clubs build up private supplies for their own use. Perkins says this "creates an absolute nightmare logistically," does not ensure safety, is opposed by the American Association of Blood Banks and will not be done by Irwin.

Finally, Perkins reminds that although evidence indicates that AIDS can be transmitted by blood and blood products, it appears to be only slightly infectious. Thousands of people who received blood and blood products from the same supplies as those that infected a few did not contract AIDS themselves. Some people seem to be susceptible and others not.

SILVER LINING: Thomas A. Ziegler wrote to the *San Francisco Chronicle* to suggest the current public hysteria about

casual contact with gay men might result in a decrease in fag-bashing. Maybe. Those punks should at least be afraid to draw blood.

Art Hoppe, the *San Francisco Chronicle's* resident satirist, had an answer to Rev. Jerry Falwell's claim that AIDS, herpes and venereal diseases are the Lord's judgement on society. Sure, Hoppe opined, and the common cold is an affliction for forgetting your galoshes, tennis elbow for a bad backhand, childhood diseases for being childish, heart attacks for eating too much salt, athlete's foot for hanging around locker rooms, and rickets, consumption and pellagra for being poor. All the Lord's vengeance.

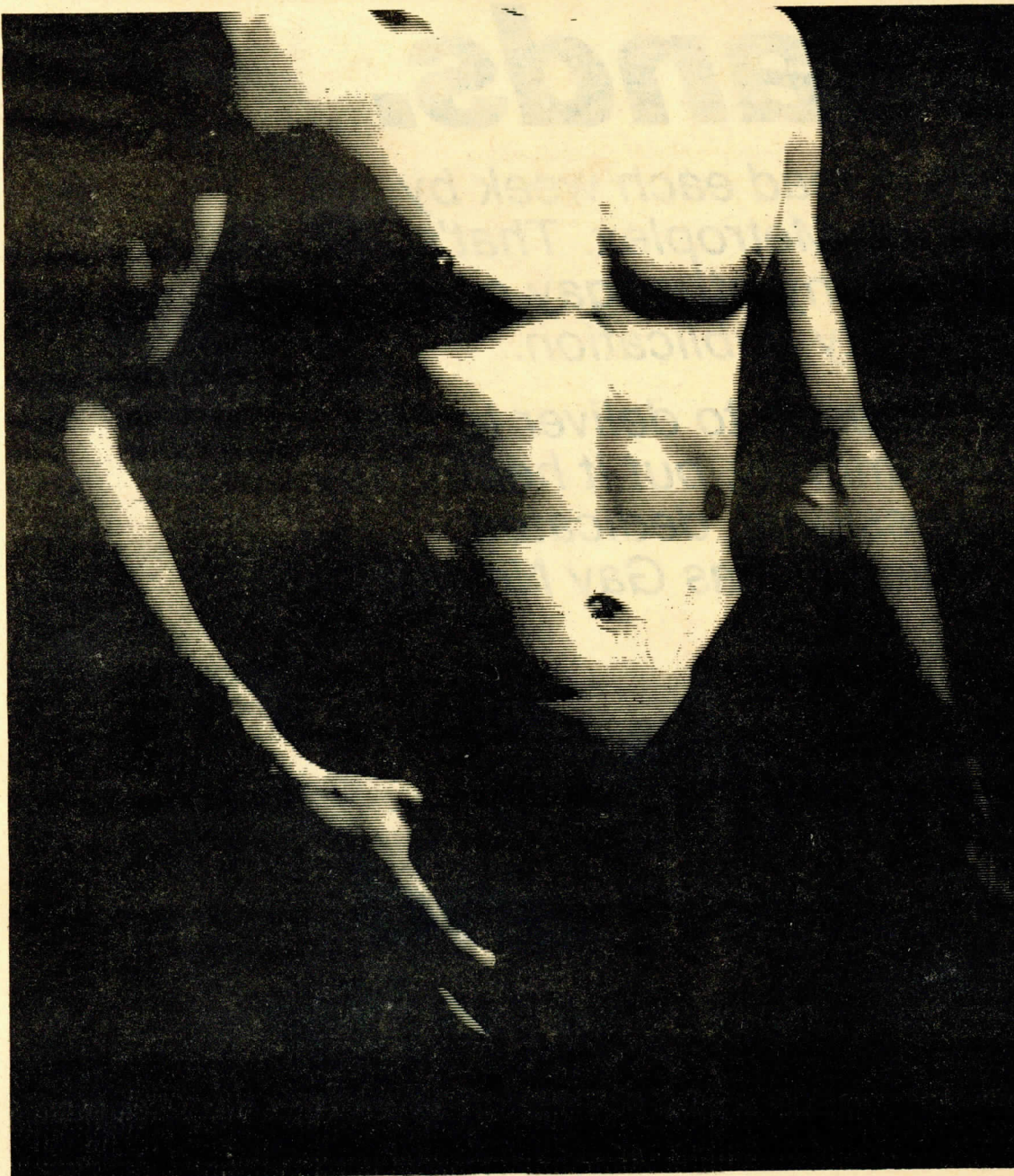
Finally, suggested Hoppe, headaches are a form of birth control, and given all the aforesaid retribution, a divine thunderbolt should hit the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. Oh yes, as long as Falwell wants to close gay bathhouses, why not include the back seats of automobiles?

A.B.1 UPDATE: I told you a few months ago of Assemblymember Art Agnos' new strategy to pass Assembly Bill 1, which would ban anti-gay employment discrimination through California. Agnos wanted to round up the three R's: rural, religious and Republican support.

It's worked so far. The Assembly passed the bill, 41-36, a bare majority of its 80 members, in June. In July, the Senate Judiciary Committee passed it, 6-4. Action on the Senate floor is awaited soon.

Meantime, the *San Francisco Chronicle* and the *Oakland Tribune* have joined the *Los Angeles Times* and the *Sacramento Bee* in endorsing A.B. 1.

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Commentary

Year of the Queen? Gay Astrology Simplifies It All!

By David Meunier

Today, many people are fascinated by astrology.

You know that system where people supposedly have similar personality traits according to the month in which they were born. They are assigned funny little symbols and animals to represent them. It's all very technical because you have to know exactly in what hour and minute you were born. You also have to consider the position of the moon and what planets were in transit.

Like, can you believe this crap? Personally, I think people would be much better off with signs like: OPEN 24 HOURS; OUT OF ORDER; UNDER CONSTRUCTION; or NO TRESPASSING.

However, wouldn't you just know it. Those inscrutable Orientals would have their own system. In Chinese astrology, they don't bother with all this day and month business. They go for whole years: Year of the Monkey, Year of the Tiger, etc. I find this a little easier but still confusing. So I've developed my own system, based on the Chinese method which will help put all gay people in one of five categories. You don't have to bother worrying about researching your birthdate. As you read on, it will become readily apparent which group you fall into.

YEAR OF THE QUEEN: Do you like to decorate? Find china patterns stimulating? Recognize good crystal at 40 feet? You may have been born in the Year of the Queen.

People in this group are likely to be pretentious, materialistic and dizzy. On the other hand, they are organized, efficient and like to clean house. They also have an inordinate interest in Princess Di, and not many of them will be found in the service professions.

Some famous people born in this group include Liberace and Barbra Streisand.

YEAR OF THE BUTCH: Butch people like to join gyms, work on cars and smell leather. They are usually strong, confident and stuck on themselves.

They can also be fun folks who like to wear costumes and party all night. They do not fare well when exposed to opera, ballet or public television.

More women are born into this year than any other. Some famous butch people are Grace Jones and Tom Selleck.

YEAR OF THE ALLIGATOR: What do Brooke Shields and Attila the Hun have in common? You've guessed it! They are both alligator people.

These people think they are adventurous and exciting and reach puberty at an early age. They are also healthy, like to travel and are just plain boring.

Alligator people have hobbies such as knitting, stamp collecting and mixing drinks. They tend to work well when disco music is playing in the background. They are loyal lovers and good politicians. They adore things like "Save the Whales," "Ban the Bomb," etc.

YEAR OF THE CRAB: Crab people are unlucky in areas of health. Even when they are well, they look sick.

On the positive side, they are kind, considerate and love soap operas. They like to work in health food stores and fast food chains.

Unfortunately, they make terrible lovers, since they never feel well enough to do "it."

Some well-known crabs are David Bowie and Typhoid Mary.

YEAR OF THE TROLL: Many persons born under this sign tend to be physically unattractive or, at the very least, have an unpleasant personality.

Trolls are not great social mixers and will not enhance your dinner parties. They like the outdoors—living under bridges and cliffs or in caves suits them just fine.

On the positive side, trolls love animals

and live long lives. (Or maybe it just seems like they never die?) If you're a troll, you're in such company as Truman Capote and Jerry Lewis.

Remember, you may have been born in transit (if your mother didn't get to the hospital on time), so you could have traits from several groups.

What? You say the whole thing is ridiculous and has no redeeming social value? Well, that's what I said in the beginning. Frankly, my sign has always been: MEN AT WORK!

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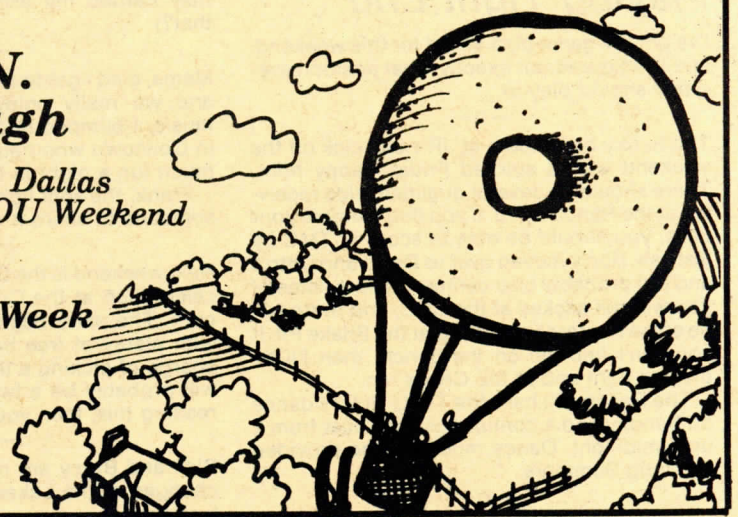
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Playing Tight End

I've got my game plan all set for this weekend, and I've figured out exactly what position everyone should play in.

The hunky bartenders at JR's can kick off the weekend with a spirited Friday happy hour. There should be several qualified wide receivers at the Ranch by 10. If you don't fumble your balls, you should be able to score at TMC by last call. Ron's moved over to David and Ditto's and will probably play center. I'm sure some of you will get sacked at the CBC, and there will be some impressive rushing at the Snake Pit. If you can't find me on the bench, then I'll be playing tight end at the Crews Inn.

The Ranch will have the T-OU victory dance on Sunday and a continuous beer bust from 2 until midnight. Dance music will be provided by Doug Summers.

If you're in Dallas for the weekend and you're looking for all the fun new places to go about scootin', then try the new Wild Crowd Saloon and Dance Hall.

Don and Harry moved here from Houston and are filling a gap in Dallas.

Happy Birthday to Kenny Vaughan who will be celebrating on Sunday and promises to do the beer busts. Also H.B. to Don Ritz who's been sliding by for one-and-a-half years without an occurrence.

The Butch Party has been rescheduled for next Saturday, October 15, at the Hideout. Look for the men in the gray Butch Party shirts this weekend for your invitation; and you thought I only wore red.

Get to JR's by 8 on Wednesday so you can watch Dynasty and order a liter of champagne for just \$5. During a commercial, be sure and ask Joey about his vacation to Europe that's planned for later this month.

I'm sure you heard about it word of mouth (how else?) that the Sundance opened last Friday. It was like going home, and it was great to see David, Bobby and even Buffy there. I do miss Cybil, the star trout, but I'm sure that if she doesn't turn up soon that her replacement will be equally as exciting.

Gene at TMC, I didn't know that you were into the arts. But then again, I guess I did know that you have culture.

Lee, the lay from L.A., will be in Dallas this weekend to see cowboy Stacy who has always enjoyed a good cow poke. And Robert, is Mr. Ed all the name implies? If so, then he must be much more than just a talking horse. How often do you get to ride him? As you know, a horse is a horse, of course, of course.

I promised Terry at the Hideaway that I wouldn't tell about his misfortune in Fort Worth that began with dirty knees at the Lumber Company. Of course, I wouldn't spread that tale, so I'll tell about my trip to Fort Worth.

It was a spur of the moment decision to ride over to Louella Lye country. As usual, Cowtown courtesy was at its best. It was great to

see Buddy, Scott and Lynn at the Lumber Company. Lynn, I'm ready for the housewarming, so be sure and let me know about it.

The 651 was crowded with really friendly folks, but the Corral was a little confused when they carded my escort. (Are you ready for that?)

Mama, glad I got to see you at the Other Place, and we really enjoyed dancing to Derek's music. I bumped into several Dallasites while in Cowtown who had already discovered how much fun a night in Ft. Worth can be.

Frank, the spot light isn't so bad if you have someone to share it with. Do you do duets?

Next weekend is the Dallas Gay News birthday celebration at the Crews Inn and at the Unicorn. The party begins at 7 at both locations with plenty of free beer. Louella and I are in charge of picking a theme and decorations. It will probably be a twisted party, but if you're reading this, then you'll fit right in.

Rick and Bracy are moving in to make some changes at the Lakewood Station, like furniture even.

Steve, how much does a custom made sun-deck cost? I understand you got yours for a handshake or two.

Trash Dance, a party sponsored by Trash of America, will be at the Ranch on October 22, so get ready to get trashy.

When Terry tells you he got his hair cut, you just don't know where to look first. In any event, you can depend on him for smooth talk, if not more.

Jim and David are hoping to have Patricks open in time for the T-OU weekend, so make time to make a pass by and see if they're out of the huddle and ready to play.

Make a pass by the 4001, which has been enjoying hot weekend dance crowds and good music. If you're there before 10 on Friday or Saturday, there's no cover and you can dance till dawn.

It's nuts and bolts night at the OP Wednesday night with their male strip show, and there's more; there are shows every night at the OP.

Football aren't the only balls in town this weekend. The Oak Lawn Bowling Association is hosting a tournament this weekend. Teams are expected from as far away as Canada and Hawaii.

The Hideouts lost and found box is still colorful from the Red Dress Party. If your missing a red and silver wig, red pump or red finger nail, then hook 'em to the Hideout.

Look for some of the "Best Little Whores" in Oak Lawn at the bowling tournament awards banquet this Sunday.

Start getting ready for the Devil's Ball at the Snakepit, Oct. 29, for a tempting good time. This Friday is "Sooners" night, and Saturday will be the victory dance with surprise specials through both nights.

The Midtown Spa is offering free rooms to any members of the Texas or Oklahoma football teams. (Robert wants to know if the head cheerleader can get a free room too.)

Mike, in case you don't remember, you were

having a wild time at the Saint last Sunday. Do you remember the Sainly bartender's name you were cruising?

Ft. Worth Soap

By Louella Lye

Surviving Texas-OU Weekend

I keep talking about change. It seems as though whenever the seasons change, moods and attitudes start changing also. I've already started gearing up for all the social events that fall usually brings with it. I went out shopping for my outfit for Halloween the other day. Now being the practical, conservative person that I am, I did manage to find just the right thing that I could wear for Halloween and then save to wear again on Thanksgiving.

But what does all this have to do with the price of potatoes? Well, this weekend is T-OU weekend, which seems to be the start of what I call the "Party Season." If you can survive this weekend, then you're in good shape for things to come. So read on, and let's take a peek at what and who is coming for this week!

Tim, I guess you and Terry had a big splash last weekend. When Terry gets back to Austin, I hope he gets housebroken for his lover's sake.

One day at a time. Who was that mysterious man in leather with me Sunday night? I'll tell you this much, I just love a good mystery. Or is that Mystery.

Well, Al and Frank got double coverage again this weekend in Ft. Worth. Heda, dahling, I didn't mind letting you use my form-folding bed, but I am somewhat curious as to how you made that bed squeak.

Carmalita, would you please make up your mind? Quickie divorce or marriage? All of your bridesmaids at the TCMC want to know so they can decide whether to give you a shower or a fiesta.

Doug, new dancer at the Lumber Company, I think that you have taken South Jennings, Inc. by storm. This sudden interest has prompted me to organize an Alberta peach pie-eating contest.

James, what's the problem with your sugar? Or should I say daddy? I know that sleeping on the couch can really get to be a bore. Hon, you know how those video people are. They hate reruns.

Do you like birthday parties? Well, Sam is having a "it's not just a birthday party" party this Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Tequila Sunrise. Between 7 and 9pm, there will be a Mexican food buffet and margaritas, of course. Most of you know Sam as the bouncer at the front door of the Tequila Sunrise. After completing a successful diet and reaching the big "30" mark, Sam wants to celebrate life with her friends and loved ones. Happy Birthday you little sweetie pie.

Speaking of Birthdays, Happy Belated Birthday to Jim B. Did you find batteries for that

funny shaped present?

Are you ready for this? The Lumber Company will be closing this Saturday, Oct. 8, and then reopen on Monday, Oct. 17. We're talking about a heavy remodeling job here. Buddy won't say exactly, but I have it on good word that the new TLC is going to be a la Ritz. There will be super shows, gala events and more entertainment than Cowtown has seen in a good while.

Ma Peeler, remember the elegance of the Celebrity Room? Get your tux ready. Don't miss the closing of the TLC; there will be all kinds of surprises this Saturday night with a show starring Lynn Christopher, Autumn Leaves and the new Miss Gay Dallas, Ginger Taylor.

Mary Beth and Rhae Jean, what's this about you two moving to San Marcus? There goes my butch contacts.

Joe H., I found out that David has you spinning these days. And whenever you're not spinning, you're playing house?

Coming October 11 at the Come Along Inn will be the Mr. Levi Contest. It's being sponsored by the Court of the Golden Lion. The winner will be sponsored on to the Mr. Gay Ft. Worth later this year. And, yes, I will definitely be there taking notes and drooling. Also, first place wins \$50 cash.

Happy days are here again, thanks to Lou of the 651 Ft. Worth. On Tuesdays and Thursdays that is. On both days, free dance classes for beginners and those more advanced are starting up again. And on Tuesdays, as always, there is a cash drawing of at least \$25, and of course the pool tournament with a \$50 cash prize. Hot times.

In case your wondering what's going to happen to the dancers of TLC, they will be at the 651 on the 12th and then at the Come Along Inn on the 14th and then return to the TLC when they reopen. And Terry Abshire will be trailing right behind them as the guest DJ.

Okay, Ruston, here it is. RUSTON HILL IS NOW THE NEW ASSISTANT MANAGER AT THE 651 FT. WORTH. Now rest, Ruston.

Connie and Lillie, is it true that you two have practically started your own after hours "hot spot" for wayward women? I love it.

Well, the Tarrant County Mining Company is starting to shape up. They are doing what I call a section-at-a-time remodeling job. From what I've seen and heard, Justin is putting his heart into this one. Justin, who is your assistant?

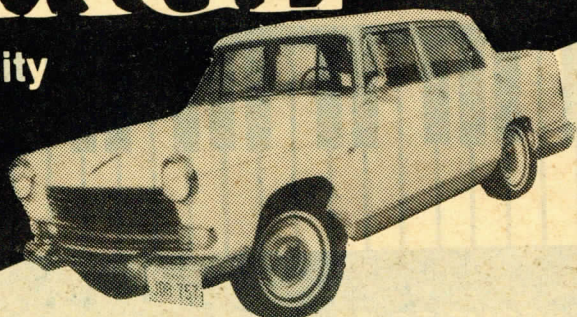
Mr. Corral Contest will be this Monday, Oct. 10, at the Corral. The contest starts at 10pm with a first prize of \$100 and a second of \$50 and trophies for days.

Monty, of The Other Place, I heard that there's trouble in paradise. You know, you ought to make Albert your sister. I just know that you would get along with him better.

The Tarrant County Talent Review will be held this Wednesday, Oct. 12, at the Other Place at 10pm. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three winners. Anybody interested may participate, meaning that this contest is open to all forms of entertainment and/or talent. And yes, men and women alike are encouraged to enter. See you there.

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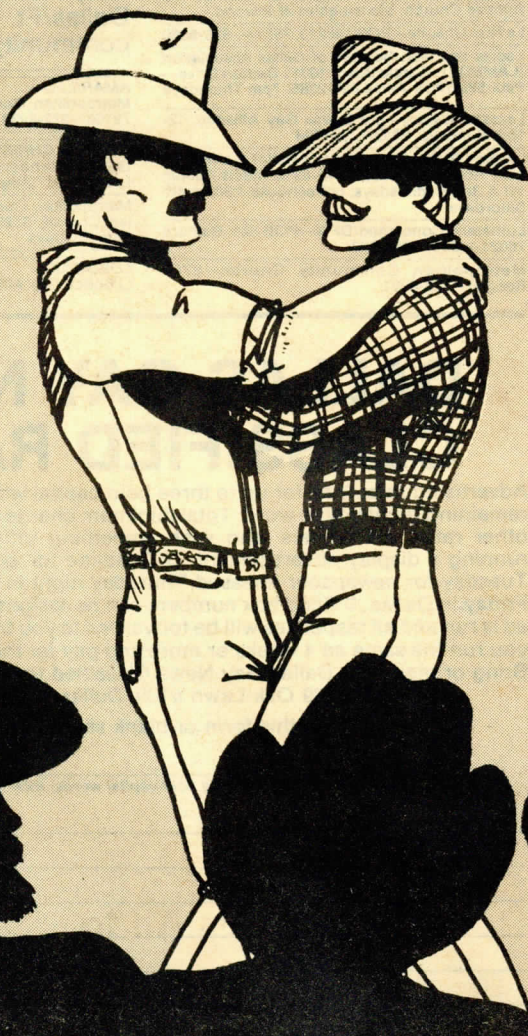
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ARLINGTON HAS IT

Do Palimony Agreements Negate Love?

By Henry Walter Weiss

When Maureen came to see me, she explained that she truly and deeply loved the young graduate student, Stacy, who had been living with her for the previous six months. Still, she thought it would be a good idea if Stacy and she entered into an agreement spelling out their obligations to each other, or more particularly, Maureen's obligations to Stacy.

Maureen, at 29, had just inherited several hundred thousand dollars from an uncle. She stood to inherit even more from her parents, but they didn't like the idea that the family fortune might pass into some non-family lesbian's hands. Maureen loved her parents, and her desire to have an agreement with Stacy was in part motivated by the wish to satisfy her parents' concerns.

Maureen gave me the details, and I prepared an appropriate agreement. The most important concern was a provision that, in the event of a break-up of the relationship, Maureen would pay a stipend to Stacy for six months to give her some time

to get on her feet economically. Meanwhile, Stacy waived all rights she otherwise might have had to get a portion of Maureen's estate.

The details of the economic *quid pro quo* among two people in their 20s seemed to me most unusual. Still, I complied with the client's wish. The Lee Marvin case was front-page news at the time, and palimony was a fresh concept receiving plenty of media attention.

A year later, I had another call from Maureen. The romance was over, and she and Stacy were going their separate ways; it was time to implement the provisions of the carefully worked out agreement. This I did as quickly as possible. Before long, the two women were living their separate lives. Stacy got the decreed stipend for six months, gave up all other claims against Maureen, and there was even an element of civility and friendliness in the break-up.

The agreement, entered into when things were good between them, gave the two women a framework for dissolving their relationship. Neither could feel she was being taken advantage of by the other, since rights and obligations had been spelled out at a time when each had a substantial concern for the other.

After the break-up, Maureen was older, but not necessarily wiser. Last year, she met another graduate student, Louise. This time, though, it may well *really* be love: Maureen won't think of entering into another living together agreement!

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Brazilian drivers who violate the rules of the road more than once are being subjected to a little juvenile justice. The offenders are forced to sit through a lesson on road safety ... surrounded by a class of three- and four-year olds.

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Welcome to
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Seven Day Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					OCT. 7	OCT. 8
OCT. 9	OCT. 10	OCT. 11	OCT. 12	OCT. 13		

For additional information or phone numbers for events listed below, look for the sponsoring organization under "Organizations" in the Dallas Gay News Classified & Directory.

Selected Events through 7 Days

■FRIDAY-MONDAY: Family & Friends international convention, New York

■SATURDAY: National AIDS vigil, Washington, D.C.

■SATURDAY-MONDAY: Dallas Invitational Columbus Day Bowling Tournament

■SATURDAY: Deadline to register to vote in Texas November elections

■SUNDAY: Oak Lawn Tennis League play, noon, Cole Park Tennis Courts, Dallas

■SUNDAY: "Lambda Weekly," gay radio, KNON, 90.9FM, 12-1pm

■SUNDAY: Affirmative meets 3pm

■MONDAY: Columbus Day

■MONDAY: Dallas Gay Alliance meeting, 7:30pm, MCC, 2701 Reagan

■MONDAY: Oak Lawn Bowling Assoc. league competition at Bronco Bowling Lanes, Oak Cliff, 8:30pm

■MONDAY: Mr. Gay Metroplex Contest, 4001, 4001 Cedar Springs, 10pm

■TUESDAY: Oak Lawn Symphonic Band meets 7pm, MCC, 2701 Reagan

■WEDNESDAY: Pegasus Volleyball Assoc. practices 7-9pm, Reverchon Recreation Center, 3505 Maple, Dallas

■WEDNESDAY: Oak Lawn Tennis Assoc. meets 7:30pm at Cole Park Tennis Courts, Dallas

■WEDNESDAY: Dallas Motorcycle Club meets at Hidden Door, 5025 Bowser

■THURSDAY: LAMBDA bowling, 7pm, Circle Bowl, 10011 Denton Drive

■THURSDAY: Organizational meeting Ft. Worth chapter Texas Gay Rodeo Assoc., Office Club

Selected Events in Future Weeks

■IN 1 WEEK: MCC annual party, 6:30pm Oct. 15

■IN 1 WEEK: Butch Party, Oct. 15, Hideout, 6316 Denton

■IN 1 WEEK: Dallas Gay Pride Week Assoc. meets 1pm Oct. 16, NOW offices, 3107 Routh

■IN 1 WEEK: Imperial Court of the Shooting Stars meet 2pm Oct. 16, 5534 Merrimac

IN 1 WEEK: Imperial Court of Ft. Worth/Arlington meets Oct. 16 2412 Lipscomb, Ft. Worth

■IN 1 WEEK: Gayline meets 7:30pm Oct. 16

■IN 1 WEEK: 'Gay News' 1st Anniversary Parties, benefiting Media Fund for Human Rights, 7pm Oct. 16, Crew's Inn, 3220 N. Fitzhugh, and Unicorn, Lemmon at Douglas

■IN 1 WEEK: Ft. Worth Dignity meets Oct. 17, Catholic Renewal Center, 4503 Bridge

■IN 1 WEEK: Pegasus meets Oct. 18, 1st Unitarian Church, 4015 Normandy

■IN 1 WEEK: Lesbian Rights Task Force of Dallas County NOW meets 7:30pm Oct. 19, 3107 Routh

■IN 2 WEEKS: Full moon, 4:45pm, Oct. 21

■IN 2 WEEKS: Gay/Lesbian Student Support Group meets 9:30am, MCC, 2701 Reagan

■IN 2 WEEKS: Lesbian Rights Task Force of Dallas County NOW coffeehouse, 7:30pm Oct. 22, 3107 Routh

■IN 2 WEEKS: Trash of America's Trash Dance, Oct. 22, Tex's Ranch, 4118 Maple

■IN 2 WEEKS: Integrity/Dallas meets 7:30pm Oct. 27, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Mockingbird at Inwood

■IN 3 WEEKS: Capital Halloween Invitational Bowling Tournament, Oct. 29-30, Washington, D.C.

■IN 3 WEEKS: Halloween, Oct. 31

■IN 3 WEEKS: Tarrant County Gay Alliance meets Nov. 1 at Center for the Community

■IN 3 WEEKS: National Association of Business Councils 3rd annual national convention, "Future Links," opens Los Angeles Nov. 3, to Nov. 6

■IN 4 WEEKS: Election Day in Texas, Nov. 8

■IN 5 WEEKS: Veterans Day, Nov. 11

■IN 6 WEEKS: Dallas Dinner Committee's "Visions" Nov. 19 benefitting Human Rights Campaign Fund and National AIDS Federation Lobby Project

■IN 6 WEEKS: 20th anniversary of President Kennedy's assassination, Nov. 22

■IN 6 WEEKS: Thanksgiving, Nov. 24

■IN 7 WEEKS: Gay Academic Union 9th National Conference, "The Challenge of 1984: Together We Can Make a Difference," San Diego, Nov. 25-27

■IN 11 WEEKS: Christmas, Dec. 25

■IN 16 WEEKS: Gay Press Association Southern Regional Convention, Jan. 27-29, Houston

■IN 30 WEEKS: First primary party elections in Texas and party precinct conventions, May 5

■IN 31 WEEKS: World's Fair opens in New Orleans, May 12, lasting to Nov. 11

■IN 32 WEEKS: Texas Senatorial District Party Conventions, May 19

■IN 34 WEEKS: Run-off party elections in Texas, June 2

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- Crew's Inn—3220 N Fitzhugh—526-9320
- The Crib—5404 Lemmon Av—521-6553
- Eighth Day—2509 N Fitzhugh—823-0276
- 4001—4001 Cedar Springs—522-4001
- Fraternity House—3215 N Fitzhugh—521-1651
- Hidden Door—5025 Bowser—526-9211
- Hideaway Club—4144 Buena Vista—559-2966
- Hideout—6316 Denton—350-6327
- High Country—3121 Inwood—351-2278
- JR's—3923 Cedar Springs—528-1004
- Jugs—2812 N Henderson—823-0746
- Moon Dreams—3913 Cedar Springs
- No Name—2513 N Fitzhugh—823-0790
- Old Plantation—3911 Cedar Spring—526-5590
- Patricks—3224 N Fitzhugh—526-0527
- Roundup Saloon—3914 Cedar Springs—522-9611
- Saint—2609 N Pearl—871-1070
- Snake Pit—3136 Routh—871-1955
- Tex's Ranch—4117 Maple—526-9302
- Texas Territory—2508 N Fitzhugh—823-0138
- Throckmorton Mining Co—3014 Throckmorton—521-4205
- The Unicorn—4125 Lemmon—521-4666
- Wild Crowd Saloon & Dance Hall—2515 N Fitzhugh—842-9158

FT WORTH—

- Come Along Inn—515 S Jennings—332-0720
- Corral—621 N Hemphill—335-0196
- DJ's—1308 St Louis—927-7321
- The Lumber Co—700 S Jennings—332-0192
- Music Box—704 Carroll—336-2472
- The Office—1209 Jacksboro Hwy
- Other Place—1036 N Henderson—335-1901
- 651 Club—651 S Jennings—332-0745
- Tender Trap—1815 E Lancaster—335-0031
- Tequila Sunrise—1612 Park Place—927-9661

ARLINGTON—

- 651 Arlington—1851 W Division
- Tarrant County Mining Co—735 N Collins (Hwy 175)—265-6448

AMARILLO—

- Maggie's Disco—1005 N Fillmore—372-5081
- Papillon—401 Taylor—374-1342
- Take Five—323 W 10th—372-9240

LUBBOCK—

- Papillon—1204 Broadway—763-7729

OKLAHOMA CITY—

- Angles—2117 NW 39th—524-3431
- Barbara's Nite Life—2120 NW 39th—528-9056
- Circa Club—2201 NW 39th—525-3344
- Colorado's—3201 N May—942-9492
- DJ's Crescendo—2805 NW 36th—942-9658
- Mark's Toybox—2807 NW 36th—942-9305
- Mainline—4315 N Western—525-0730
- The Nail—2807 NW 36th—942-9305
- Our Place—1302 N Penna Av—528-9396
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SHREVEPORT—

- Florentine—728 Austin Place—221-0360
- Korner Lounge—800 Louisiana—222-9796
- My Way—1605 Marshall—221-9543
- Snootie Fox—802 Mason, Bossier City—746-9664

TULSA—

- Bamboo Lounge—7204 E Pine—838-9323
- The Club—1229 S Memorial Dr—838-9283
- 11th Street Warehouse—1904 E 11th—584-8129
- J Michael's—506 S Lewis—582-9294
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- Track Club—1710 DuPont, Claremore—341-9875
- Tracy's Disco—1338 E 3rd—584-8147
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- Harlow's The Pub—804 Lamar—322-0137
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ORGANIZATIONS

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Gay Rights National Lobby—POB 1892, Washington, DC 20013—(202) 546-1801
Lambda Legal Defense—132 W 43rd, New York, NY 10039—(212) 944-9488
Media Fund for Human Rights (Gay Press Association)—POB 33605, Washington, DC 20033—(202) 387-2430
National Association of Business Councils—Box 15145, San Francisco, CA 94115—(415) 885-6363
National Association of Gay & Lesbian Democratic Clubs—1742 Mass Av SE, Washington, DC 20003—(202) 547-3104
National Gay Rights Advocates—540 Castro, San Francisco, CA 94114—(415) 863-3624
National Gay Task Force—80 5th Av, New York, NY 10011—(212) 741-5800
NGTF's Crisisline—(800) 221-7044 (outside New York State)

DALLAS—

- Affirmative—528-4913: meets 3pm 2nd Sunday
- AIDS Action Project: affiliate Oak Lawn Counseling Center
- AIDS Information Line—c/o Oak Lawn Counseling Center, 3409 Oak Lawn—528-2181 24 hours
- Black & White Men Together—POB 36133, 75235
- Church of Christ gay support group—Kerry Dees at 522-5115
- Citizens on Patrol (COPs)—526-5313
- Community Productions—3331 Knight suite D—521-2037, 824-1263
- Dallas Dinner Committee—521-8919: "Visions" Nov 19 benefitting Human Rights Campaign Fund and National AIDS Federation Lobby Project
- Dallas Gay Alliance—Box 190712, 75219—528-4233
- Dallas Gay Historic Archives—6146 St Moritz, 75214
- Dallas Gay Political Caucus—political action committee of Dallas Gay Alliance
- Dallas Gay Pride Week Association—POB 190412, 75219—522-1713: meets 3rd Sunday, 1pm, NOW office, 3107 Routh
- Dallas Motorcycle Club—POB 190525, 75219: Meets 2nd Wednesdays at Hidden Door, 5025 Bowser
- Evangelical Concerned—2901 Knight #111/75219—522-2061
- Gay Academic Union of N Texas—POB 2402, 75221—821-5833
- Gay Unitarians of Dallas: meet 2nd Sundays, 7:30pm, First Unitarian Church of Dallas, 4015 Normandy, University Park
- Gayline/Community Resource Center—POB 190835, 75219—748-6790
- Holy Trinity Community Church—4402 Roseland—827-5088: services 11am, 7:30pm Sun
- Imperial Court of the Shooting Stars—POB 26666 75226—827-1304: meet 2pm 3rd Sun, 5534 Merrimac
- Integrity/Dallas—521-5560, 522-6305: Meets last Thursday of month, 7:30pm, St Thomas the Apostle Church, Mockingbird at Inwood
- La Nuit Chauda—POB 140213, 75214—526-8060
- Ladies and Men Bowlers of Dallas Association (LAMBDA)—Circle Bowl, 10011 Denton Drive—Paul 526-7453, Alicia 620-2385: 7pm Thursdays
- Lambda Weekly—c/o Dallas Gay Alliance: 12-1pm Sundays, KNON, 90.9FM
- Lesbian Rights Task Force of Dallas Co NOW—3107 Routh—941-5331, 742-6918: meets 7:30pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays: coffeehouse 7:30pm 4th Saturdays
- Lutherans Concerned/DFW—POB 881, Bedford 76021—(214) 526-2553
- Metropolitan Community Church—2701 Reagan—526-6221

Lambda Group of Alcoholics Anonymous—4525 McKinney—698-0200: meetings 7am, noon, 6pm & 8pm Mon-Sat & 7am, 1pm, 6pm & 8pm Sun

Oak Lawn Bowling Association—Jim Beck at 528-2963: plays at at Bronco Bowling Lanes, Oak Cliff, 8:30pm Mondays

Oak Lawn Counseling Center—3409 Oak Lawn #202—528-2081

Oak Lawn Forum—3635 Lemmon Av, Suite 215, POB 191187, 75219—521-4597

Oak Lawn Semi-Literary Society—Box 191354, 75219—526-8294

Oak Lawn Softball Association—David Walker at 522-1713 or Bill Whalen at 828-1247

Oak Lawn Symphonic Band—POB 190973, 75219—351-6697: meets Tuesdays, 7pm, MCC, 2701 Reagan

Oak Lawn Tennis Association—Sam Yee at 739-2726 or 823-2051: plays noon Sun & 7:30pm Wed at Cole Park Tennis Courts

Oak Lawn Volleyball Association—Jim Goodwin at 526-6433 after 6pm: practice Wednesdays, 7-9pm, Reverchon Recreation Center, 3505 Maple

Pegasus—c/o 1st Unitarian Church, 4015 Normandy: meets 3rd Tues

Razzle Dazzle Dallas—POB 50031, 75250

Southern Methodist University Gay & Lesbian Student Organization—Box 1636, SMU, Dallas 75275

Sovereign Court of Dallas—POB 35532, 75235—521-0541

Texas Human Rights Foundation—3128 Lemmon Ave E #304—522-5991

Trash of America—POB 36235, 75235—522-8464

Turtle Creek Chorale—POB 190806, 75219—368-5500, 821-3086

DENTON—

Texas Gay/Lesbian Task Force—POB AK, 76201—387-8216

FT WORTH—

Agape Metropolitan Community Church—4615 SE Loop 820—535-5002

Center for the Community—2412 Lipscomb—926-3521

Dignity—Catholic Renewal Center, 4503 Bridge—283-8588: meets 1st & 3rd Mondays

Fort Worth Tavern Guild—c/o Downtowner Club, 3208 W 7th—332-0335

Gay Hot Line—926-3521

Imperial Court of Ft Worth/Arlington (Court of Golden Lion)—870-2470: Meets 3rd Sundays monthly at 2412 Lipscomb

Lambda Group of Alcoholics Anonymous—332-3533: meetings 8pm Mon-Sat & 2pm Sun

Lutherans Concerned/DFW—POB 881, Bedford 76021—(817) 595-1176

National Lambda—POB 470282, 76147—478-2872

Tarrant Co Gay Alliance—2412 Lipscomb: Meets 1st Tuesday at Center for the Community

Texas Gay Rodeo Assoc—Jack Guthrie at 877-0781: organizational meeting Oct 13, Office Club

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Metropolitan Community Church—1134 Shreveport-Barksdale Hwy—221-8875

TEXARKANA—
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By Tycho

For Friday evening, October 7, 1983, through Friday evening, October 14, 1983:

ARIES—You're learning about the law of give and take right now. It won't be a hard way to learn the lesson, since things between you and your lover have never been easier. But then for you, the initiator of the zodiac, learning the simplest things is always a wonderful surprise.

TAURUS—Commitment is the key word. How you handle this will affect your life for some time to come. The question is money, and that remains in the picture for a while. You'll need to find the final answer before a real commitment can be made.

GEMINI—You may meet someone with a more holistic or spiritual outlook than your own. This person may serve as a mirror for your personal understanding. Don't wear dark glasses. Let yourself see and be seen. A brilliant new you could emerge from this intense reflection.

CANCER—You're still getting ready for some kind of new beginning, and as you withdraw from the social scene, it's important that you explain the reasons to those around you. By doing that, you'll learn from someone very close what this need for solitude is all about.

LEO—This passion that's burning so hot and long is, of course, turning your life around. The air is clear, the birds are singing, you see yourself in a bright new way. It feels so good to get up in the morning! Almost as good as it does to go to bed at night!

VIRGO—In your sign all week: Venus and Mars. Mercury leaves Virgo Saturday evening. You're going to have to bend with the wind a bit in order to keep future plans on course. So don't get locked into anything so tightly that you can't move around. Reserve some elbow room, and listen to what an older man has to say to you.

LIBRA—In your sign all week: Pluto and the Sun. Mercury enters Saturday evening. A friend may become a lover, and someone who has been little more than a sex object may surprise you with the ability to be a good friend. Roles reverse and people do all sorts of unexpected things. Sounds like a lot of fun to Tycho!

SCORPIO—The Moon is in your sign until Sunday afternoon. Saturn is in your sign all week. It's a good thing you've got someone in your life that you can really talk to. Your recent tendencies toward manipulation are obliterated by one more gentle than you. You'll learn something special about how to be with others.

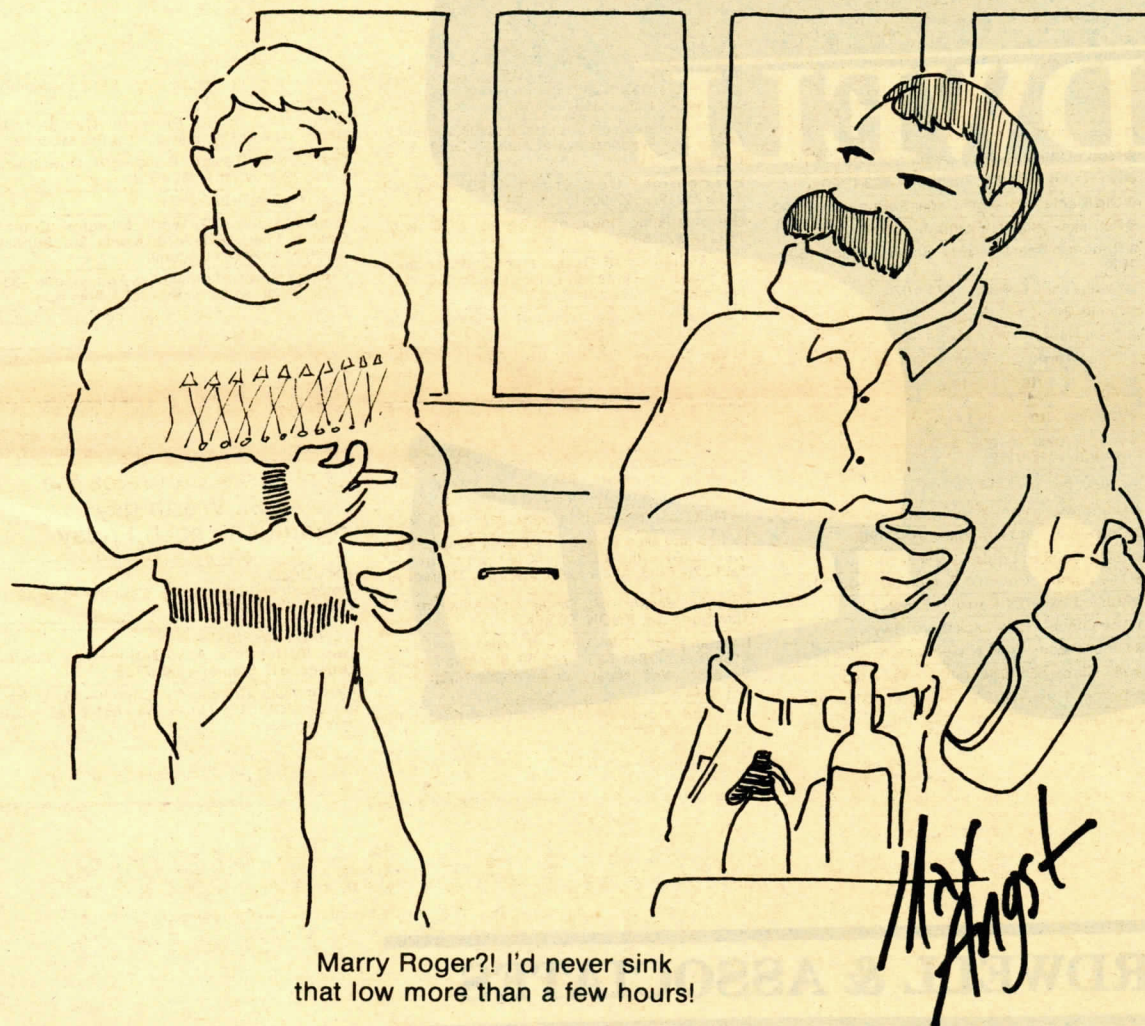
SAGITTARIUS—In your sign all week: Jupiter, Uranus and Neptune. The Moon passes through from Sunday afternoon to Tuesday night. Where are you going, all of a sudden? I think I'll call up a Sagittarian and come along. Spontaneity and creativity go hand in hand, making this traveling time more exciting. You're off at the drop of a hat, and lucky is anyone who's off with you.

CAPRICORN—The Moon is in Capricorn from Wednesday morning to mid-day next Friday, the 14th. All of that discipline you've observed over the past few weeks is paying off. You're feeling fit, both mentally and physically, and after a dose of hard work, you're ready, willing and able to play hard, too! Very hard!

AQUARIUS—Always a bit of the radical or revolutionary, you may find yourself in a bit of a clash with someone whose views are more conservative than your own. Teaching by example seems to be the way to go on this one. Don't let business take you away from new-found friends.

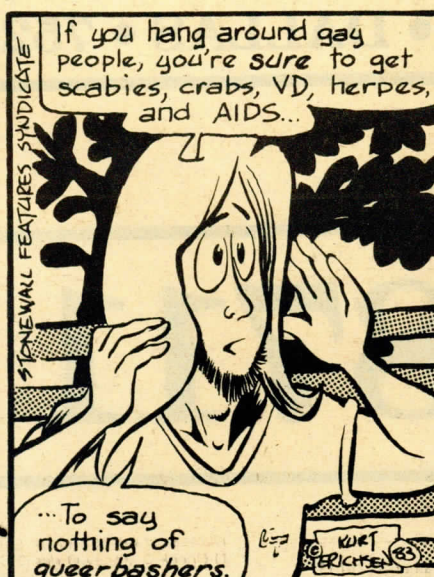
PISCES—You could be a heartbreaker without even knowing it. Get smart and look around. Someone who regards you as a very special role model may be confused by your recent actions. Take time to explain yourself. Step down from the clouds for a while.

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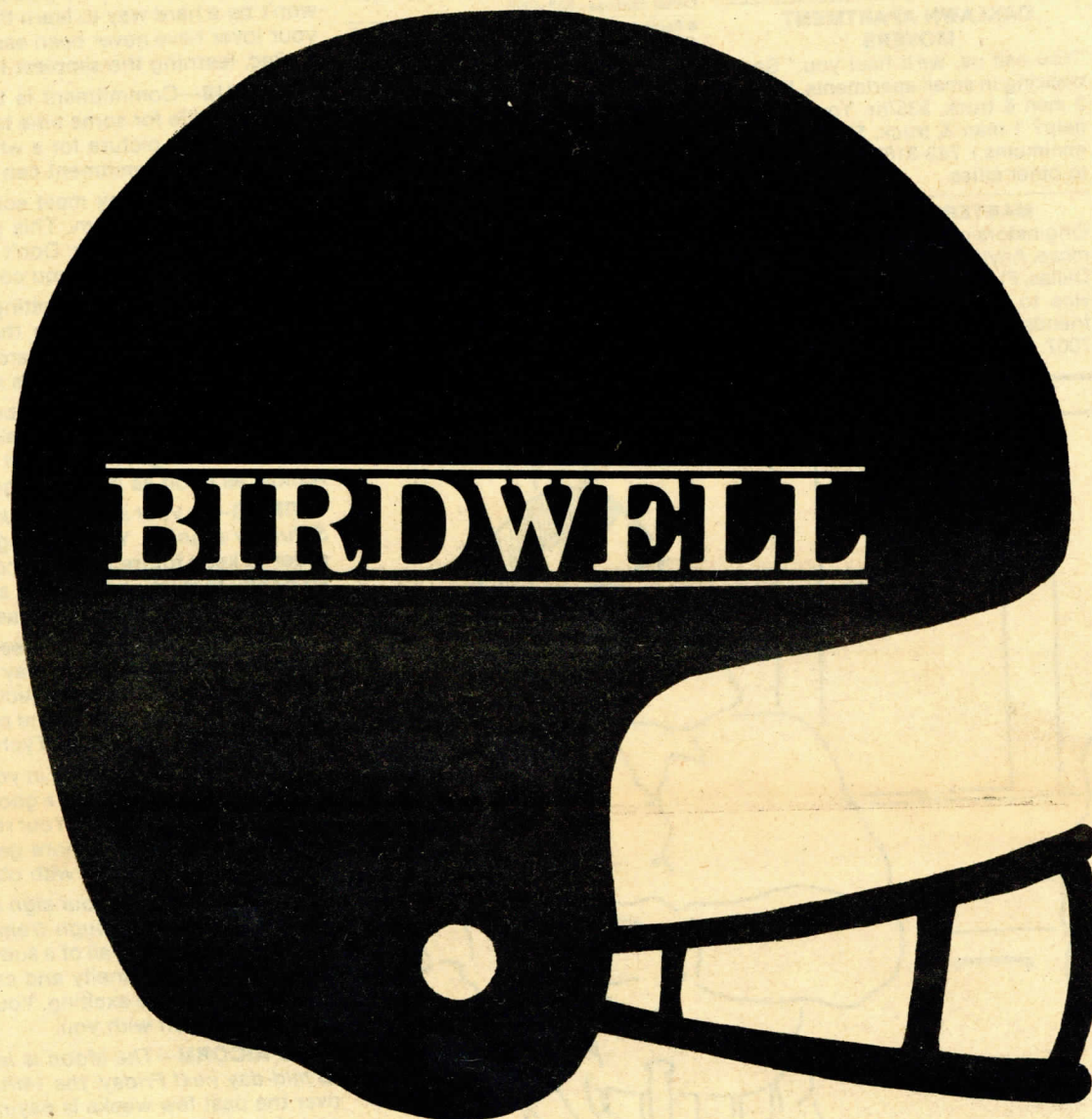


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