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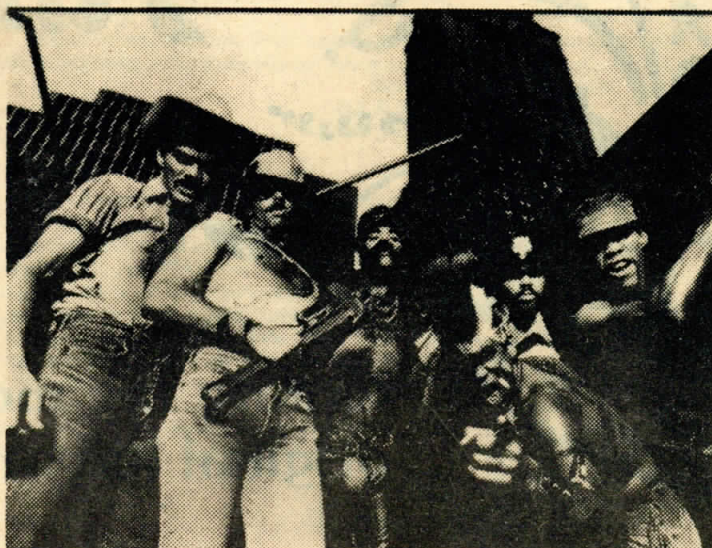
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Presidential Candidates Respond to Questions on Gay Issues

"The President's record shows that he has taken steps, in his first three years in office, to address most of the public issues articulated historically within the gay community," wrote Robert Strauss, Chairman of President Carter's re-election committee, earlier this month in response to a questionnaire from the National Gay Task Force. "I believe this record warrants your continued support."

In making their survey, the National Gay Task Force asked each candidate of the Republican and Democratic Party five questions. The questions touched on access to administration officials, consideration of presidential appointees without regard to sexual orientation, support for a gay rights platform plank in their party, issuance of an executive order to prohibit discrimination by the Federal Executive Branch, and support for the gay rights bill in Congress (HR 2074).

"Lesbians and gay men are an important, albeit often invisible, grass roots constituency in this country," commented NGTF Co-Executive Directors Lucia Valeska and Charles F. Brydon. "We believe the candidate responses acknowledge this growing political reality. They also reflect significant movement since 1976 when only one candidate, Jimmy Carter, was prepared to speak out on the issue."

Rep. John Anderson (R-IL) and California Gov. Jerry Brown have been vocal in their support of gay rights. Senator Kennedy has a mixed record on this issue, but of late has been making stronger pro-gay statments. The letters from these candidates to NGTF reveal little that is new. Senator Howard Baker (R-TN), while affirming equal protection under the law, commented: "I do not believe that this should become an issue that sharply divides the American people." Governors Ronald Reagan and John Connally did not respond to the letter.

The three-page letter from Carter's campaign office praised the President for opening up the White House for the first time to meetings between Gay leaders and presidential aids; for his commitment to appointing officials without discrimination based on sexual orientation; and for his signing into law the Civil Service Reform Act which, among many other things, prohibits discrimination in federal personnel actions based on non-job related behavior (i.e., homosexuality).

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National News

Congress Considers Immigration Legislation

Washington, DC—Sen. Alan Cranston (D—CA) has introduced legislation to repeal offensive language in the Immigration and Naturalization Act used to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

The bill, S. 2210, would repeal section 212(a)(4), which provides for exclusion of "aliens afflicted with psychopathic personality, sexual deviation, or mental defect." The bill goes on to re-insert "aliens afflicted with psychopathic personality or a mental defect."

Companion legislation has also been introduced in the House of Representatives. The bill, like the Cranston bill in the Senate, would delete the term "sexual deviation" from the same immigration legislation. The bill, H.R. 6303, was introduced by Representatives Julian Dixon, Anthony Beilenson and Henry Waxman (all democrats from California).

Already, there are six additional co-sponsors on the bill.

March Committee Meets

Oberlin, OH—The National Coalition for the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights held its first national meeting since the October 14 march recently, according to *Gay Community News*. Over 100 lesbians and gay men from various parts of the country met during the weekend of March 7-9 at Oberlin College.

Plans were announced for the formation of a new national organization in the spring of 1981, that would unite grass-roots organizations throughout the nation and co-ordinate various nationwide activities.

Also discussed was the \$35,600 plus debt incurred by the first march. Revenue of \$10,000 is anticipated from the sales, during the last march, of t-shirts, buttons and posters. A fund-raising committee was formed to plan a drive to raise \$25,000.

Gay Man Denied Citizenship

Alexandria, VA—A federal judge ruled on Feb. 26 that homosexuality is sufficient ground for denying US citizenship to a Springfield, VA man who immigrated from Germany some 13 years ago.

In a three-page decision in which homosexuality is described as

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Lesbian Mother Fights

Richmond, VA—A lesbian mother, denied all parental rights and currently appealing that ruling, has petitioned the Virginia Supreme Court to place the appeal on the "privileged docket" of the court, according to a report in *Gay Community News*. Her attorneys cited the uncertainty for the child as cause for the case to be moved up on the courts' agenda.

The mother, "Jane Doe" is appealing the ruling of a local judge that her 8-year old son be taken from her because of her sexual preference. Pseudonyms are being used in this case by court order at the request of the mother to protect the privacy of the 8-year old child (referred to as "Jack"). The story was briefly covered in *The Front Page*, issue no. 8.

"It's the only case where parental rights have been terminated solely because (the mother) is a Lesbian," ACLU attorney Marsha Lowry explained to the *Blade*. Lowry, who heads the ACLU's Children's Rights Project in New York City, defined the loss of parental rights as meaning that the parent "becomes a legal stranger to the child." The parent cannot visit, call, or have any contact with the child, and the child can be adopted. This differs from custody rights, which gives a parent the child's legal guardianship.

According to a report written for the *Blade* by Lisa M. Keen, the background of the case is this:

"Jane, and her former husband, John separated in 1972. Their only son, Jack, lived with his mother in Ohio. After two years, Jane and her son moved in with Jane's lover and her son. The father seldom saw Jack until February, 1976, when he arrived at Jane's house, with his new wife, and asked to take his son to dinner. They never came back. John and his new wife had taken the boy back to their home in Virginia.

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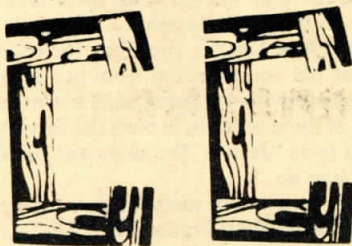
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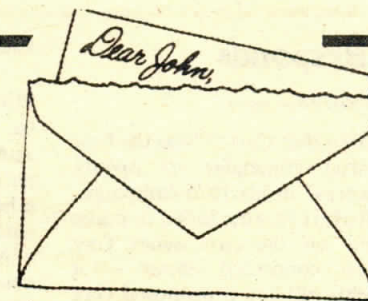
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Letters



Dear Front Page:

I'd like to respond to a letter written by Bob (Vol. 1, No. 8) which obliquely addresses the subject of women's issues in *The Front Page*. Yes, in our eyes (and whose are better to judge?) there is insufficient coverage of lesbian issues. *The Front Page* appears to be a predominately gay male publication; it shows in its articles, advertisements and classifieds. No complaints, though. And I agree that if lesbians want our concerns to appear in *The Front Page* we must help make that happen.

What disturbs me is the cutting tone of Bob's letter, the pervading sense of distrust and lack of confidence in women. It discouraged, rather than encouraged, my participation in your newspaper.

I'm glad you all got a paper together for yourselves. Thanks, but there are many qualified women publications available to me and my sisters, one of the local ones being *Feminary*. I'm glad *The Front Page* exists and is giving itself room to grow, though personally I have little interest in it.

Good luck,
Susan Wetzler

Dear Editor:

North Carolina is indebted to the entire staff of *The Front Page* for the invaluable source of communication which it provides. Prior to the inception of this paper, the dissemination of information throughout the state was always costly, yet rarely successful.

People have already begun to contact our organization for information on the Fifth Annual Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men. Last year's conference was a marvelous gathering of 600 people and was a weekend of freedom, entertainment and emotional growth. In order that people may find out more about this year's conference and begin making their plans, I hope that you will print the dates and location of the conference, as well as the address where further information may be obtained.

Thank you for your aid in this matter.

Sincerely,
Cameron Stanforth
ECGC Secretary

(Our thanks to the East Carolina Gay Community for the encouraging words. For more about the conference, see page 5 of this issue.)

To the Editor:

We think it is time to make known to all readers that there is finally a really *hot* comedian on the drag circuit. It has been our pleasure to see this new and upcoming performer at Winston-Salem and Asheville, NC, recently.

This performer is so different and very refreshing to the drag scene. . . we are speaking of Miss Sabrina Del Ray, from Lexington, NC (we think).

Anyone who really wants to see a good comedian should see this girl whenever and wherever she may be performing.

Thanks to you *The Front Page*, and to the editor, for letting us share this letter with our fellow readers.

Sincerely,
Bill & Randy
Old Fort, N.C.

Dear Editor:

I joined your "cause" in November 1979 and have met 6 beautiful guys thru your *Friends and Partners* classified section and so this is in response to Rick of Chapel Hill. I say *The Front Page* is perfect just like it is, and if you do away with the personals section, I personally will no longer subscribe to it! The personals and the gay business ads are the main reason I subscribed to the paper in the first place.

All gays in NC aren't as fortunate as Rick to live in a large city such as Chapel Hill where there is a much better chance of meeting gays, so here's another vote to keep *The Front Page* just as it is!

Sincerely,
Bob
Kernersville, NC

(We'd like some feedback on this letter, please. "The personals and the gay business ads are the main reason I subscribed to the paper in the first place" — is that true for most Front Page readers? If so, we'd like to know. There's no real problem if that is the case. . . it just means that the editor and the staff might just be pushing ourselves needlessly to keep the news and feature story writing the best we can possibly manage. Let us know how you feel, okay?)

The Front Page welcomes comments, criticisms, and information from our readers. We love getting mail! Typed, double-spaced letters are ideal, but not mandatory. It is mandatory for letters to be signed. Unsigned letters will be disregarded. Names are withheld upon request, and considered confidential.

Dear Sir:

I have been elated to receive sixteen letters in response to my ad in *The Front Page*. All of them have seemed so honest, open and sincere. I have met four of the men who answered my ad and I will meet two more in the near future. I have been impressed with the men who have visited me.

Last night I felt so stupid and embarrassed to find out that one of the men who was supposed to have answered my ad had not answered the ad at all. The letter I received (a copy of which is enclosed for you to see), was supposedly from a man named Larry L. in Salisbury, NC. A phone number was included with the letter, which was sent from Charlotte on Feb. 5.

I talked with Mr. L. last night and he said he had never seen a copy of *The Front Page* and he had never answered an ad and was baffled by the nine letters that he had received. He did not understand what was going on. His only way of explaining it was that he was a supervisor and he recently had let some workers go and that maybe they had answered these ads as if he had.

I wonder if you are interested in writing something about this horrible situation in the next issue of *The Front Page* to protect anyone who might possibly send in an ad or respond to an ad.

In my letter to Mr. L. I did not go into what type of sexual contact I desired and I am so grateful that I did not. However, I think I did express a desire to meet masculine, aggressive men. I am gay and I know it and have accepted it, but I certainly have no desire to write or force my desires on anyone in society who is not interested.

Mr. L. is happily married, has a son, and has no desire to receive letters from men. Please somehow write in your paper something to protect unsuspecting gays who might fall into this trap. Eight other people got letters, supposedly from Mr. L., just like I did, and thought it was sincere and legitimate.

Sincerely,
H.D.
Winston-Salem

(Among the few small compensations available to regular staff of *The Front Page* is a free subscription to the paper. Some choose, since they pick up the paper elsewhere, to give their free subscription to a friend. One staff member recently received a letter and a check from a friend who had been receiving the paper on this basis.)

Dear Willie:

I keep receiving, and enjoying very much, *The Front Page*. I must admit, though, that I have felt badly about not having paid for a subscription, and I know how much postage runs. (To say nothing of the time involved.) I am enclosing a check to cover my subscription and hopefully cover costs so that you all can send the paper to someone who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford it. I know there are a lot of gay men in prison in NC who would like reading it, or maybe you know of someone else. I know how much I appreciate getting it, even when I wasn't able to pay for it. Thank you.

Alex
Larkspur, CA

(We appreciate Alex' thoughtfulness, and his kind gesture in making a subscription possible for someone else. For those of you who have asked about subscription rates, and have never found them where they are buried in the paper, it's simple: one year's subscription is \$12. That's for 24 issues, mailed first class in sealed manila envelopes. Our subscription list is confidential, and is never loaned, rented or sold to anyone at any time.)

Cassettes Available On Being Gay

DALLAS, TX.—Cassette recordings of "Being Gay in Contemporary America," a lecture-Discussion course with more than 20 professional participants, are now available from the Gay Academic Union, North Texas (GAUNT). Sessions cover psychology and sex research, religion, literature, gay life in Dallas, history, anthropology, and sociology. For information about content, cost, and availability, write to GAUNT, P.O. Box 2402, Dallas, TX 75221.

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President Responds

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But, while stating that Carter "was the first major Presidential contender to openly discuss gay concerns" in his 1976 campaign, the letter from Robert Strauss failed to make any commitment on the two issues Gay leaders are most concerned about — a national Gay rights bill and a proposed Gay rights plank in this year's Democratic Party platform.

Many Gay activists find the Carter letter less than they had hoped for. "We are disappointed," commented Brydon and Valeska of NGTF. Lou Chibbaro, Jr., writing in the *DC Blade*, commented that it seems "the Carter campaign's eagerness to attract Gay support is quickly disappearing as the campaign of Sen. Edward Kennedy continues to falter and the presidential bid of California Gov. Jerry Brown is all but dead. . . the Carter campaign is rapidly losing interest in Gay rights as it becomes clear that the President is assured of being renominated."

National Assn. Of Gay Business Councils

On November 18, 1979 a new organization was formed comprised of the majority of the gay and lesbian business associations across the country. This group, the National Association of Business Councils, is incorporating in Washington, D.C., with its principal offices in New York City. Its purpose is to support, assist, inform, and educate gay and gay oriented business associations in their relationship with each other, to gain increased respectability for the associations, and to recognize their high standards by engendering the practice of strong motives toward excellence of service and products.

NABC is affiliated with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and has established contact with the Business Roundtable, the influential business lobby in Washington. Its future plans include securing group insurance plans for members, publishing a newsletter and a buyers guide and/or membership directory, securing a reduction for members' use of bank services such as VISA and Master-Charge, and securing discounts for members on rental cars, office supplies, and other business services. A discount for NABC members on certain services of Automatic Data Processing has already been arranged.

Elected representatives from each council will meet twice each year; the officers who comprise the executive committee will meet four additional times each year. The next general meeting has been scheduled for Houston, TX on May 17. For information about the meeting, or about NABC, write the National Association of Business Councils, 55 W. 42nd St., Suite 854, New York, NY 10036, or call (212) 944-9185.

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Citizenship Denied Gay Man

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"licentious living. . . likely to lead to. . . moral decay," US District Court Judge Oren R. Lewis denied the naturalization request of Horst Nemetz, 40, a hairdresser who has been living in the US since 1967.

Nemetz told the press that he had no comment on the ruling, but would consider appealing his case.

Immigration and Naturalization officials consider the case an important test of the ambiguous criteria for citizenship. While homosexuality is considered to be grounds for denying aliens entry into the country, it has not specifically been grounds for refusing naturalization.

In the course of a routine background check, federal investigators were told that Nemetz was homosexual, which he confirmed, according to court documents.

Virginia, which classifies sodomy as a felony and a crime of "moral turpitude," has one of the most conservative laws regarding sexual activity with same sex partners. Virginia law makes no distinction between private and public acts.

District Court Judge Lewis was one of a three-judge panel that declared Virginia's sodomy statutes to be constitutional in 1975.

Lesbian Mother

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"When Jane tried to get her son back, she was advised that she probably could not win custody of Jack because she is a Lesbian. Jane yielded custody; but, kept visitation rights eight weeks in the summer and alternate holidays. Then in September, 1978, John Doe's new wife petitioned the Virginia court to adopt Jack.

"The adoption case was heard by local Circuit Court Judge B.A. Davis III in Franklin County Virginia. A required report by social services acknowledged that Jane Doe was a fit parent and well respected in her community. The report recommended that the adoption not be granted to Mr. Doe's wife. But the judge was not bound by the report, and stripped Jane Doe of her parental rights and granted the adoption to Doe's new wife."

Man Adopts Lover

Milwaukee, Wis. - A judge has granted a petition allowing a 21-year old man to adopt his 23-year old male lover.

The 23-year old man, who asked to remain anonymous, told the wire services that adoption was the best and most economical way for the men to make each other heirs without drafting a will. Also the adoption proceedings allow them to share a last name.

"It was an unusual petition," the presiding judge later told the press, "but there was nothing to indicate that they were homosexuals."

Military Discharge

Washington, D.C. (Blade)—The deadline for veterans seeking to change their undesirable discharges to honorable ones has been extended, at least for those discharged prior to January 1, 1965.

Under the program, veterans who were undesirably discharged because of extenuating circumstances, including homosexuality, may apply for a review of their cases.

The new deadline is April 1.

In signing the order granting adoption, Judge Davis said that Jane Doe's Lesbian relationship "would have a detrimental effect on Jack if he is permitted to live with his mother, especially during his formative years."

In appealing the decision, the American Civil Liberties Union is arguing that no evidence was presented at the original trial to show that removing the boy from his mother's custody was in his best interest. *The ACLU Guardian* commented, "This would be the first such high court of any state to hear a Lesbian custody case based on the rights of the child."

The appeal is also based on constitutional grounds, in that the judge decreed that the mother's lesbian lifestyle alone was sufficient reason to deny her custody. The appeal further declares that the Virginia adoption law is unconstitutionally vague.



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Local News

Irrate Evangelist Preacher Causes Charlotte Controversy

by Howard Martin

Special to *The Front Page*

Charlotte—Charlotte has become the focus of a well-financed, highly organized anti-gay campaign.

Leading the drive is the Rev. Charles Sustar, a militant-sounding television and radio evangelist from Christianburg, Va., whose TV sermons are carried on 25 stations across the country.

At stake, along with gay rights, is the lucrative broadcast license of WSOC-TV, Charlotte's Channel 9, an ABC affiliate.

WSOC enraged Sustar by preempting his 7:30 a.m. show "Flames of Revival", on Sunday, March 2, in favor of a pro-gay sermon by the Rev. Nancy Radcliffe, a Columbia, S.C.-based minister in the predominately gay Metropolitan Community Church.

Charlotte gay activist Don King requested the preemption after Sustar delivered a vicious anti-gay sermon in the same TV time slot on Dec. 30. (King wrote about his involvement in this controversy in his "Charlotte Viewpoints" column in *The Front Page*, Vol. 1, No. 8). WSOC agreed to air the response on the grounds that television stations have a legal and ethical obligation to present contrasting sides of controversial issues.

Sustar, a 38-year-old Charlotte native ordained in the Church of God, has come to North Carolina's largest city twice to condemn WSOC's action because "... a homosexual act 'sodomy' is a felony in this state." According to Sustar, WSOC stretched the fairness doctrine to mean criminals and sinners have an equal-time right to respond to on-the-air attacks at crime and sin.

Sustar's organization has poured thousands of dollars into organizing an anti-gay movement in Charlotte that threatens economic sanctions against WSOC if the station doesn't promise to ban pro-gay programming.

At a press conference on February 29, Sustar told the press: "History is being made in Charlotte. For the first time in America, as well as we can tell, a minister of the gospel is having his contracted air-time taken away to allow a rebuttal by the gay Community."

Sustar was joined at the press conference by the Reverend Garland Faw, minister of The Truth Temple in Kannapolis. Together, they announced, they would hold a "God and Country Rally" in Charlotte's Ovens Auditorium "to combat the move made by homosexuals to become a minority in America."

An advertisement for the rally asked whether the station was guilty of conspiracy to commit a felony in airing the pro-gay rebuttal, since homosexual acts are illegal in North Carolina. "We don't think you can put a felon on television to speak for a felony," Sustar was quoted as saying.

The 24-minute rebuttal by Rev. Nancy Radcliff aired, despite threats and protests, in March 2. A written disclaimer appeared on the screen before the program began, explaining the purpose of the program and that the views expressed "do not necessarily reflect those of this station."

Rev. Radcliff began her sermon with a quiet introduction, "I am a born-again Christian, who, incidentally, happens to be a female homosexual."

Sustar's "God and Country Rally" on March 10 reportedly drew more than 1,000 people. Most were from the fearful-but-joyous evangelical denominations, and responded to anti-gay rhetoric with standing ovations.

Sustar had ushers pass out copies of a 10-proposition ballot in which he sought a mandate to:

- set up a committee to monitor and fight "immorality" in the media.
- demand Channel 9 ban programs "for any group which would advocate the violation of any state law," meaning gays.
- if that doesn't work, hire a lawyer and plan a viewing boycott of WSOC, while pressuring WSOC advertisers and threatening to boycott them.
- ask for a Federal Communications hearing, and possibly challenge the renewal of WSOC's license.

Sustar's organization has been at odds with network affiliates like WSOC that refuse to sell "prime time" slots for religious programs.

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Gay Rights Platforms Discussed At Local Precinct Meetings

Resolutions endorsing gay rights were introduced and passed by at least four precinct meetings in Wake and Orange Counties on March 13. These precinct meetings are the first step in selecting delegates to the county, district, state and national party conventions in this presidential year. Resolutions passed at the precinct level are then presented for approval at each succeeding level with a view toward introducing planks in the national party platform. Three presidential candidates (Kennedy, Brown and Anderson) have indicated they would support statements insuring gay rights in their party platforms and a national campaign is working to achieve this goal.

These resolutions were introduced by a few

gay men and lesbians who decided to begin working within North Carolina party policies to initiate discussion of gay issues and, where possible, gain support. Others attended precinct meetings to become delegates and will be on hand at future conventions to support the resolutions which have been introduced.

Three precincts in Raleigh endorsed resolutions calling on the President to issue an executive order banning discrimination based on sexual orientation in the federal government and recommended passage of federal legislation insuring the civil rights of gay men and lesbians. One precinct in Orange County endorsed a resolution calling upon the North Carolina Congressional delegation to support the National Gay Rights bills currently pending in the House and Senate.

Media Notes:

- Greensboro—The existence of a Gay student group at UNC-G has been the cause of a heated debate in the "Letters to the Editor" section of the *Greensboro Daily News*.

It all began with a letter from a woman who studied at UNC-G many years ago, Mrs. Katherine Grantham Rogers, now of Washington, DC. Homosexuality is being "encouraged," she wrote in her letter printed Feb. 20, by the authorization of this group.

"There is nothing neutral, non-partisan or even objective about the name or the aim of the organization. The word 'gay' shouts that its members are passionately committed to homosexuality, and... committed to spreading homosexual propaganda and to winning more converts."

She concluded her letter: "There are well-to-do straightlaced old alumni who don't hold with the felony, 'a crime against nature.' What if they wise up, sue the university and rid it of a cozy nest for fashionable homosexuals?"

Randy Woodland of Chapel Hill was quick to respond, saying that Mrs. Rogers based her argument on "half-truths, distortions, irrationality and emotionalism, revealing a basic misunderstanding about homosexuality, and about human sexuality in general."

"My involvement with gay groups has been an important part of my life," he continued, "and I hope that the GSU will likewise make a valuable contribution to the university community."

James H. Allen, vice chancellor for student affairs at UNC-G, wrote to explain the university administration's position on the issue, saying that UNC-G "has always tried to maintain an open atmosphere in which various ideas and movements which are influencing our society may be carefully studied and discussed."

Thomas L. Tedford, professor of Communication and Theatre at UNC-G and an actively involved member of the local Civil Liberties Union, wrote: "I am one of the many heterosexual citizens... who believe that homosexuals have the right to associate with one another in a student club, just as Baptists associate in the Baptist Student Union, Catholics in the Newman Club, accounting students in the Accounting Club and service-minded students in the Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity. The federal courts agree."

Another letter came from John G. Hill of Greensboro, "a tax-paying citizen who deeply resents any part of my donated revenue being used to foster the aims and desires of any group of homosexuals, or whatever they term themselves." Mr. Hill concluded "... I have great faith in our political system. I can't really believe that in an election year Gov. Hunt will allow Mr. Allen to remain 'vice' chancellor through the primary. If he doesn't address this scandal, perhaps Mr. Scott will."

Oddly enough, in an article published the same day as Mr. Hill's letter but in the *High Point Enterprise*, former Gov. Bob Scott commented that he would not favor state funding of a gay student group at UNC-G. "I didn't know it could be done," he said, adding that he would not say the group could not organize "but the state shouldn't fund it."

And the letters still kept coming! On March 11, the *Daily News* published two more letters on the subject. Frances J. Lewis, of University Park, Md., wrote "In my opinion concerned citizens should voice their dissent against this evil which is affecting the lives of many young people. I call it a 'cancer' which should not be allowed to grow." Writing from Jamaica, NY, Julia M. Crum assured readers "I am not one who is rabid about homosexuality," but she drew a parallel between gay groups on college campuses today and certain groups popular in the 1930's.

"There was a time in the early 30's," she wrote, "when students thought it quite the modern thing to join organizations on the communist fringe. One has only to remember subsequent events to see how desperately hard it was to rid themselves of the label later though they had joined in all innocence."

• In a long three-column story on telephone crisis intervention volunteers, the *Burlington Times-News* (1/3/80) inserted only one subhead into the entire article. It appeared half-way through the story, and refers to a situation summed up in two sentences and never referred to again. In all caps, it reads: **HOMOSEXUAL CONFRONTATION.**

As an attention-getter, it's unbeatable.

- In an article (1/15/80) on race walking as a form of exercise and sport, Raleigh *News & Observer* staff writer Rick Sluder commented that "Like runners, walkers have come out of the closet," and then went on to quote from a professor at UNC who is a dedicated walker:

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5th Annual Southeastern Gay Conference Planned

Memphis, TN—The 5th Annual Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men will be held this year in Memphis, according to a report in the Memphis gay newspaper GAZE.

Scheduled for August 1-3, 1980 the conference will feature a multitude of workshops ranging from consciousness-raising to political topics.

The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Rivermont in Memphis, overlooking the Mississippi River. The Rivermont, with large meeting facilities, is considered ideal for the many workshops, keynote speakers and other activities now being planned.

A regional planning meeting will be held on Saturday, April 5 in Memphis to discuss both the conference and the necessary fund-raising activities which must precede it.

Information about the conference can be gotten by writing *Conference '80*, Box 3038, Memphis, Tennessee 38103. Or you can call Bill Johnson at (901) 744-4453.

Much concern was voiced at the fourth annual conference held last April 6-8 at UNC-CH that the upcoming conference be held in an ERA-ratified state. Conference participants from Tennessee, most of whom were from the Nashville area, volunteered to sponsor the conference.

The Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights (TGCHR) in Nashville originally agreed to host the conference, but in January they asked the Memphis TGCHR to host the conference, as the Memphis organization has a larger, more cohesive organizational system.

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"Adult" Book Store Raids

Largely untested for two years, a 1977 N.C. law limiting the number of 'adult' businesses in a given building, became a law enforcement tool again in December when a federal appeals court upheld the law. Police in Wake County, Guilford County and Craven County decided to act on the new ruling.

In Raleigh, five persons were arrested on January 24 when police raided four local adult book stores: The Camera's Eye, Chateau II, Raleigh Book Store, and Adult World Book Store.

The first arrest took place at the Camera's Eye on S. Wilmington. Local television and

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Best Bets

Cruising fizzles; *La Cage Aux Folles* Carries On

by Don King
Special to *The Front Page*

Cruising, which was the top-grossing film in the nation (according to *Variety*) during its first two weeks, has been doing steadily declining business ever since and may soon disappear entirely. Meanwhile, a single, badly-worn copy of the Academy Award nominated film *La Cage Aux Folles* (which also has homosexuality as its theme) has been playing scattered two-week engagements in North and South Carolina, almost unnoticed by the majority of movie goers.

A spokesman for United Artists, which distributes both films, told the Associated Press in early March that *Cruising* was a "good-grossing" picture that would have its real test after the fourth or fifth weeks. Now, five weeks after the film opened, the film is quietly being (or soon will be) replaced by something else in most theaters in N.C. The trend appears to be national.

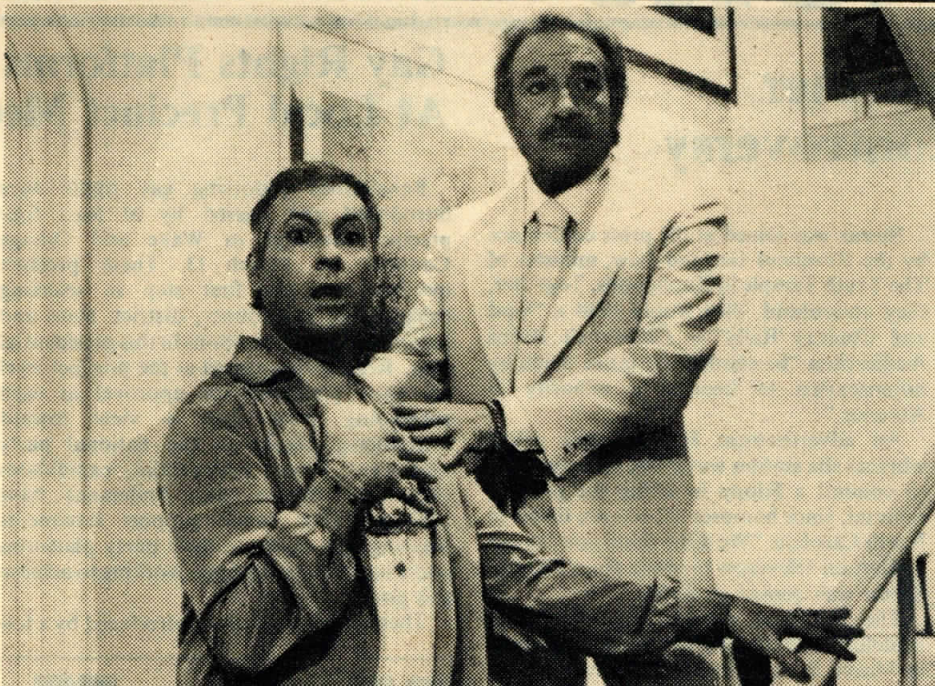
Barry Cato, manager of the Tryon Mall Theater in Charlotte, agreed to an interview in the first few weeks when *Cruising* was still packing them in. Talking about the film on Monday, Feb. 18, Cato commented that the Steve Martin film *The Jerk* did excellent business at Christmas, and it looked like *Cruising* would do the same. Over 2,000 people saw *Cruising* at the Tryon Mall Theater in its first three days. (Cato's theater has the movie exclusively in Charlotte; *The Jerk* played concurrently at another Charlotte theater.)

Cato said he didn't attend the Charlotte screening for booking agents and that he had no choice about running *Cruising* since the theater is part of the Plitt chain which bid highest for the film. "But I was glad we got it," he said, "because I thought it would get business."

Plitt's Charlotte manager, Dan Gattis, said his company is playing the movie in eight to ten theaters, buy beyond that he refused to comment. His only response was that "I guess people just want to see what it's all about" when asked why it was drawing ticket buyers. He then refused to answer more questions about it.

Charles Hunsuck, branch manager in the United Artists Charlotte office, also refused to answer questions about the screening and distributing of either *Cruising* or *La Cage Aux Folles*.

However, *The Front Page* learned, *La Cage Aux Folles* (the advertising translates the title as *Birds of a Feather*) was screened in Charlotte last summer and no theater picked it up for the Charlotte market. The film has since played Durham and Raleigh, and done reasonably good business. It will soon play in Anderson, S.C.



A moment of surprise from *La Cage Aux Folles*

According to the owner of the Colony Theater in Raleigh, which normally shows Kung Fu flicks, *La Cage Aux Folles* did very good business during its run. The advertising was minimal, but word of mouth — according to the owner — made the difference. Business was slow to start, but picked up considerably towards the end of the run.

An employee of Southern Booking Service, a movie booking company, said only one print of *La Cage Aux Folles* has been allotted to this region because only 50 prints of the French film were made for distribution originally, and larger markets received more than one print.

The story of *La Cage Aux Folles* is an enormously funny farce concerning two middle-aged male lovers. One of the pair owns a night club, called "La Cage Aux Folles," the other works in the club, in drag, as the world-famous "Zaza." The owner was married once, and has a son. He and "Zaza" have raised the boy, who is now engaged to be married. Her parents, extremely conservative members of the establishment, want to meet his parents. The entire second half of the film involves this gay couple's attempt to act straight, while they entertain the girl's parents in their apartment, which is over the club. Meanwhile, the girl's parents are being pursued, although they don't know it, by scandal-hungry reporters. And what happens then... well, you'll just have to see the film. If you ever have the opportunity.

"Subtitled pictures die here," a representative of Columbia Pictures, a rival of United Artists, told me. That's one explanation why it hasn't been booked into more theaters, but this problem may soon be solved.

Hy Smith, vice-president of worldwide advertising and publicity for United Artists,

said from his New York home that UA is testing a version with English dubbing, and that the dubbing job had been very successful.

"Probably the only reason the subtitled version hasn't played in theaters outside the major cities is because the art theater thing is a thing of the past," he said. "We played *La Cage Aux Folles* in Atlanta for 13 or 14 weeks in French, then went to the English version and business jumped 25 percent."

"We're going slow on it because it's still playing in a number of major cities, and because we're aiming at warmer weather when more people go to the movies."

Three Academy Award nominations probably won't hurt attendance of the dubbed version, either. This month the film was nominated for Best Director, Best Screenplay, and Best Costume Design. The screenplay, by the way, is based on a play which made its debut in Paris in 1973, and which has been playing to continuously packed houses ever since.

"So far, the strength of the film has been word of mouth and the excellent stuff we've gotten from the opinion makers — the critics," Hy Smith continued. "It's in its 45th week in New York. It opened good and then improved. In Detroit where you might expect a six-week run, it's gone on over 15 weeks. And it's not just gays going to see it. In New York, we've done informal surveys and they show we've gone from a 40 percent gay audience to 25 percent."

Smith, reached at his home on Monday, Feb. 18, said he had just returned from three days in his New York office. "I had been there since Friday (the 15th) because of *Cruising*. But the problems we thought we'd have just didn't materialize."

The business they anticipated apparently just didn't materialize, either.

Other Gay-themed Movies in the Works

Hollywood (IGNA)—Marilyn Beck, the Hollywood gossip columnist, reports that Herbert Ross, director of the successful "Turning Point" and "The Goodbye Girl," is at work scouting locations in New York for the Paramount adaptation of *Dress Gray*, a novel about a murder of a homosexual cadet at West Point. Ross does not expect protests from Manhattan's gay community over his film, as there have been over the production of "Cruising."

The movie of "Dress Gray," according to Ross, does not approach homosexuality in a derogatory manner, whereas he thinks that "Cruising," with its study of a homosexual killer who haunts leather bars "examines the freaky, tiny part of the gay community—and I don't blame that community for being upset."

Ross also has finished another movie involving homosexuality, "Nijinsky," about the life of the famous Russian ballet dancer. "He loved and lived with Sergei Diaghilev, the director of his dance company, and after an argument Nijinsky married one of the girl dancers and Diaghilev refused to speak to him, Nijinsky went mad and spent the rest of his life in and out of sanitariums."

Ross's intention in this film "is to explain the mystery of that madness and his agony over his bisexuality in a sensitive and sympathetic way."

A Bill for Protecting *Cruising*

San Francisco (IGNA)—The City of San Francisco is billing United Artists for the overtime paid police for supervising the demonstrations over the controversial movie *Cruising*.

"As soon as we get the official figures, we will send them a bill," Mel Wax, press secretary for Mayor Dianne Feinstein, said. "If it weren't for them we wouldn't have the expense."

The bill could run between \$41,000 and \$130,000.

The press secretary acknowledged that the decision to bill the film's distributor is unprecedented.

He said that the company was unwilling to delay the showing until the situation could be defused. "United Artists purposely put out a very violent, provocative film."

Transamerica Corporation spokeswoman Jane Hall said that Feinstein's action "smacks of politics."



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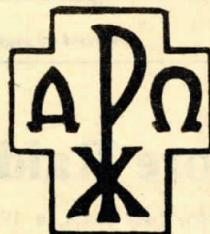
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Books

Men's Bodies, Men's Selves

by Sam Julty
A Delta Book

Ever since the Boston Women's Health Collective published the excellent *Our Bodies, Our Selves*, there have been several attempts to produce a male equivalent. Sam Julty's recently published *Men's Bodies, Men's Selves* is easily the very best of these attempts. He succeeds in covering a staggering number of topics sufficiently, imparting a wealth of basic information, and giving a number of sources for further information.

Men's Bodies, Men's Selves is not a book for or about gay men or straight men, but is a manual for and about all men. That the book includes a well written, supportive section dealing with the unique emotional and psychological aspects of being gay is most significant.

Because of the nature of this book, we have asked two different people to review it, a gay man and a straight woman. What follow are their thoughts on *Men's Bodies, Men's Selves*.

Daniel Curzon:

If you've been thinking lately that society still hates you because you're queer, cheer up. *Men's Bodies, Men's Selves* is a book that will make you feel better about yourself. The best part (gay activists take note) is that the sections on homosexuality in a book meant for a general audience are pure gay liberation material.

Now, one has to hope that some non-gays will actually read the part called "Men Loving Men" I confess that I'm enough of a cynic to think that there are plenty who'll

ignore the "fag stuff," but maybe more than a few will take a peek, especially if nobody else is watching.

Here's what they'll see:

The author, Sam Julty, takes a very sympathetic attitude when discussing gays. He even says that gays can teach straight men some things—how to avoid role-playing, how to be vulnerable, how to take risks, how to be courageous in facing social hostility.

One of Julty's sentences probably should be required reading in all jock institutions, including schools: "The next time you support the persecution of gay men, ask yourself whether it is gay men you fear or your own feelings for other men you care for." Perhaps if we keep saying this again and again, queer-bashers and their kind will begin to believe that they are revealing their own homosexuality whenever they are anti-gay. (It's not utterly satisfying, that's true, to have to get them to stop persecuting us by convincing them that they're "fags" themselves, but it may have to do until something better comes along.)

Readers will also find interesting letters and short anecdotal essays by other writers, giving real-life examples of why gay liberation has come to be—that is, such things as the homophobia of the military, the sins of psychiatry against gays, the cruelty of prisons (from authorities and prisoners alike) and similar matters.

All in all, it's the kind of book you'd want your father to read.

My only complaint is that Julty comes down too hard on non-committed sex. He's so much into the New Androgyny (no sex roles, etc.) he can't abide the superjock image

some gay men assume. Sure, he may be right about some (who have adopted the role of their oppressors), but not every sex act is used as a "measure" of their "manhood." For some people, sensuality is pagan delight. It's just fun and can and should be enjoyed as such.

Shirley Martin:

Julty has broken the macho barrier with this one. The natural follower of *Our Bodies, Our Selves*, this book delivers good information in an easy, conversational style that projects warmth and caring. Many of his personal feelings and convictions shine right through the print, but in no way does the work come across as the Gospel according to Sam. Rather, he uses lavishly first-hand statements of feelings/experiences from others throughout the volume. Each chapter offers a wealth of resource material for further investigation of its subject content. In a manner neither pedantic nor puerile, the author shares insights with a candor which will surprise some, advise many, and blow away a few.

From intimacy to aging, dental health to VD, Julty covers them all with common sense. His discussions are both informative and thought-provoking. In suggesting that the sexual vocabulary be redefined, for example, he offers this:

ORGASM. Probably the most misused word in the sexual language — when it refers to men. An ejaculation is NOT an orgasm. Men can ejaculate without having an orgasm; men can have an orgasm without ejaculating. The sensations of ejaculation are almost entirely confined to the pelvic area, the

orgasm is a total bodily experience, and its sensations vary from one individual, even from one orgasm to the next. . .

Chapter 4 of the book is entitled "Men Loving Men" and is a very unbiased and supportive presentation of male homosexuality. It deals with ways in which gay men relate to each other, the ways in which gay and straight men relate to each other, the agonies of coming out, and the discrimination, pain and trauma society forces gay men to endure. Because the author is not himself gay and thus cannot speak first-hand about the life experiences of gay men, he offers many short essays and letters written by gay men which present first-hand experiences and perspectives on friendships, stereotypes and labels, coming out, the male role and masculinity, counseling, prison, the military, etc. Sam Julty has stated that he hopes this chapter will help to break down the barriers between straight and gay men because of the lack of understanding and dialog which has previously existed between straight men and gay men.

Although heterosexual men have no corner on being close-minded, there will continue to be — as Daniel Curzon points out in his review — those who won't have any part of this book or any other of its kind. But, beyond this point, I do not share his cynicism. There are many, many more men who have both wanted and needed something of this caliber to be produced and it is these with whom I celebrate.

Men are suspecting the validity of the "sex education" they received around the locker rooms and cathouses, in the back seats of cars

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Calendar

SUN. MARCH 30	MON. 31	TUES. APRIL 1	WED. 2	THURS. 3	FRI. 4	SAT. 5
MCC/Raleigh 3PM Dignity/Triad 5PM (G'boro) Dignity/Raleigh 8PM T.G.C.P.C 6:30PM (Durham)	FULL MOON! Deadline: Ads Issue #12 <i>The Front Page</i> Reserve some time this week to register to vote.	ACCEPTANCE Charlotte 8PM East Carolina Gay Community Greenville 5PM	C.L.O.S.E.R. Asheville 8PM Dignity/Charlotte 8PM	MCC/Raleigh Talktime 8PM		T.A.L.F. Durham 7PM
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MCC/Raleigh 3PM Dignity/Triad 5PM (G'boro) Dignity/Raleigh 8PM		ACCEPTANCE Charlotte 8PM East Carolina Gay Community Greenville 5PM APA drops the term "homosexuality" from its list of mental disorders, 1974	C.L.O.S.E.R. Asheville 7PM Reflections luncheon, NCSU Student Center 12 Noon (Discussion: Gay Health) Dignity/Charlotte 8PM	MCC/Raleigh Talktime 8PM Issue #12 of <i>The Front Page</i> comes out! (We hope.)		

Highlights

The Triangle Gay Communication and Planning Committee will have its next meeting in Durham on March 30th. For more information, call (919) 834-3302.

"The Good Friday Experience" will be the theme of St. John's Metropolitan Community Church's Easter Program at 8pm Friday, April 4. The program will be at

the Community United Church of Christ, which is located at the corner of Dixie Trail and Wade Avenue, and is the regular worship site of the MCC.

The program will feature vocal and instrumental music and readings from the Gospels, especially those passages related to the Crucifixion.

A fellowship and refreshment period is planned for after the program.

The Front Page Calendar is cheerfully compiled for us each month by the tireless James Parker.

Mr. Parker is always happy to receive word of any events in NC of interest to the gay community.

If you know of an upcoming event, please write:

James Parker, Calendar

The Front Page

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MEDIA NOTES, *continued from page 5*

"When you're out in the neighborhood, you're liable to hear all sorts of things. . . They'll say 'It looks like you have to go to the bathroom,' or they wonder if you're gay. . . I've heard it compared to an ostrich with arthritis."

Is *that* how we walk?

• Greensboro — A column in the *Carolina Peacemaker* called "Dear Carol" featured (1/5/80) a letter from a young man who said that he knew another young man on his basketball team was homosexual. Should he tell his teammates?

Carol replied: "If your other team member has not chosen to reveal his sexual preference to your fellow teammates and classmates then it is not your place to reveal this information, especially if he has made no sexual advances. . . In this country, privacy is an almost sacred thing. You have yours, and he deserves his also."

• Charlotte—Bill Britt has returned as editor of *Whatever!*, the Charlotte area publication, after a lengthy recuperation from a heart attack. Since his return the magazine has not only looked markedly better, but has included an increased emphasis on news and articles over gossip. An advice column, called "Whoever," has also begun.

• Efland — Faygele ben Miriam, writing in the most recent issue of RFD, shared the good news of that publication's good financial health and went on to announce that RFD will probably be moving in the spring to the mountains of North Carolina. Running Water, specifically.

For those of you who would like to work on an issue of RFD, or who would just like more information, write: RFD, Rt. 1, Box 92E, Efland, NC 27243. Subscriptions are \$6/yr (2nd class); \$8/yr (1st class).

Local News, *from page 5*

Ballots were collected at the door. Ushers collected donation envelopes in Kentucky Fried Chicken buckets. As leisure-suited audience members made out checks to Sustar's "Flames of Revival" ministry, the hell-fire preacher promised to mail receipts for tax deduction purposes.

He also suggested holding another rally in six weeks and inviting Anita Bryant.

Unlike Miss Bryant, who professes to want to help misguided homosexuals, Sustar speaks of "perverts" in the harshest terms. Homosexuality, he said in Charlotte, "is one of the leading sins that will destroy America."

He expressed compassion for one homosexual who wrote him a "please pray for me" letter. But he said most homosexuals are beyond help, condemned by God to depravity, "their minds already seared by a hot iron."

He vowed to fight with his last breath gays who think "they deserve all the civil rights that you and I have."

Sustar expressed fear that if a gay rights bill passes Congress no minister will be able "to read Romans (Bible verse) over the airwaves" to condemn homosexuality as a sin.

Sustar estimated his organization spent \$6,500 on the rally, \$2,000 for advertising. Several singing groups performed, including the entire sanctuary choir of Charlotte's Paw Creek Church of God. Keyed-up audience members reponded throughout the 2-hour, 45-minute event with waves and shouts of "Praise the Lord." News and Sustar's organizations cameras filmed the evening's highlights.

A Sustar protege read the names of "close to 100 preachers of the gospel who have come boldly and courageously" to be present at the rally.

Book Store Raids

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other news media were apparently tipped off by the police, as they arrived on the scene (according to an eyewitness report) before the police. While the cameras were present, the manager of The Camera's Eye was led out of the store in handcuffs. When later arrests were made, and no cameras present, handcuffs were apparently not used.

"We were not hitting the adult book stores in an effort to close them," Detective Lt. C.R. Stinson, head of the Raleigh drug and vice squad, told reporters. "We hit them because they were found to be in violation of the law and to bring them into compliance with the law."

Another book store, the Bachelor's Library, was not raided at the time because it is outside city limits. The Wake County sheriff, however, made an arrest there in mid-February on the same charges.

Each of those arrested was charged with one misdemeanor count of selling more than one type of adult entertainment in the same building.

Sustar repeatedly insinuated that he had received threats of violence and disruption and felt his life was in jeopardy. Gay activist King said no counterdemonstration was planned.

In Sunday sermons given since the rally, several Charlotte ministers have advised their congregations that this fervent group of homophobes represent only a small minority of the religious community.

SE Conference

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It is estimated that this conference could draw 2,000 people from across the Southeast. Previous conferences, held in Atlanta and Chapel Hill, have drawn from 700 to 2,000 participants from Maryland to Louisiana.

TGCHR Memphis voted unanimously at its Feb. 4 meeting to host, plan and organize the 5th annual conference. A planning committee, with 30 members, was established to decide upon a theme, on topics for workshops and caucuses, and on general logistics for the conference.

Gay Black Men Meet

Atlanta—The first national conference for black gay men, entitled "Man's Work," was held on February 15-17 for the purpose of "establishing a viable national network by and for black gay men and the black community at large."

The conference included consciousness-raising seminars, organizational planning sessions (arranged by city and state), and a keynote speaker. Workshops scheduled included the areas of communications, education, senior gays, legal defense, political impacting, prisoners, religion, sexism arts.

In Greensboro, several adult establishments were also raided and arrests made, but the cases fared poorly in court.

Several cases came before the District Court on January 22, and were dismissed. These cases involved the Executive Health Salon and the Gypsy Book Store.

Charges were voluntarily dismissed by an assistant district attorney after District Court Judge Joseph A. Williams raised questions about the nature of the adult materials involved and, according to a report in the *Greensboro Record*, indicated that the state would not win the cases.

The case against Dude's Bookstore has since been dismissed. Those cases which have yet to go to court include The Adult Book Mart, and the 24-Hour Book Store.

In Havelock, Acting Police Chief Bill Dodson raided Players Adult Bookstore and two other adult book stores in the area on January 3. According to a report in the *New Bern Sun-Journal*, an undercover officer went to the store with a marked \$20 bill, purchased an adult homosexual film and viewed an adult movie. Nearly \$1,500 worth of merchandise was reportedly confiscated in the raid.

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(704) 867-9262

Shelby
Highway 74 Books
(On Hwy 74, 4 miles outside
Shelby, going north)

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Music



Manhattan Transfer

Extensions

Manhattan Transfer
Atlantic

Now I will tell you flat out that I think Manhattan Transfer is the greatest thing since sliced bread and peanut butter. Or hot, buttered bagels, for that matter.

What? You never heard of them? Sit down, kid. I got a lot to tell you.

This group of four sensational singers (that's them pictured above in the Flash Gordon outfits) can sing just about anything. I believe they could even sing the phone book and it would sound perfect.

Actually, you may have heard some of their material. Two cuts of theirs — "Operator (Give Me Jesus On The Line)" and a vocal rendition of "Tuxedo Junction" got some exposure on the radio. But that was a while back.

Now — with several good but unnoticed albums behind them — Manhattan Transfer is back, with a new image (new costumes, new dance steps by Toni Basil, etc.) and, more importantly, their best album yet!

One cut from this new album is even appearing on the disco charts and — as they say in the disco biz — its *hot, hot, hot!* This particular cut is called "Twilight Zone/Twilight Tone." The first part is a pulsating rendition of the theme song to the old TV show, the second part is a terrific

dance tune with (you'll never believe it) intelligent lyrics. Currently a disco hit in Los Angeles, San Francisco and (oddly enough) Miami, it looks like this cut is gaining popularity in our area too.

From this dynamite starting point, the new album, *Extensions*, boasts an amazing variety of other cuts — swing, jazz, rock, you name it — all of which show off the talents of Manhattan Transfer to great advantage.

My favorite cut from the album is the latin-flavored "Shaker Song." Of course any song with a lyric that describes a joint where "guys are spinning girls like 45s" is going to be popular with me. In addition to the great vocals, Ritchie Cole does an alto sax solo in the middle eight that will knock you right out of your seat.

"Trickle, Trickle" is a plain fifties rock 'n' roller that somehow escaped being included on Barbra Streisand's latest, and somewhat waterlogged album. How M.T. can sing phrases like:

Trickle, Trickle, Slop, Slop

Just got to see my seat don't drop without cracking up is beyond me, but sing it they do, and very well.

They also perform "Birdland" and "Body and Soul," Coleman Hawkins brilliant treatment of the old standard, with lyrics by the late Eddie Jefferson. Yeah, they can sing jazz, too.

The surprise cut of the album is a song by the talented songwriter and weebegotten singer Tom Waits. The number, "A Foreign Affair," is arranged so that even Waits wouldn't recognise it, and sung entirely *a cappella*. And it's breathtaking.

The obligatory piece of M.T. madness on this album is a mercifully short cut called "Coo Coo U," an enjoyable exercise in weirdness with tiny little Mel Blanc voices running all round.

This is a wonderful album. I'm going out to buy another copy, because I've already worn out my original.

Void Where Inhibited
Gotham
Aurum Records

What I basically have to say about this album boils down to two things: its a great souvenir if you saw Gotham during their last visit to NC; it's also a pleasant album for soft, at-home disco listening, if you didn't catch their act this time around.

But the question you want answered is this: does their new album recapture the excitement of hearing this talented trio in person?

The answer?

No.

What does the album have then?



Gotham

Well, it has a take-off on the Village People, called "AC/DC Man," which comes a little late and doesn't quite manage to be as funny as it was intended to be. Besides, Bette Midler beat them to it with a wonderful "Macho Man" parody called "My Knight in Black Leather."

The album also has, during the middle of an otherwise likable song entitled "Bedroom Eyes," some of the most embarrassing heavy breathing I've heard since Donna Summer first panted and moaned her way to stardom.

Nevertheless, I have found myself putting this album back on the turntable regularly

just to sort of settle back and unwind to.

While there isn't a single cut on the album that couldn't be improved by cutting it down to three minutes, and while none of the songs strikes me as hit material, four of the songs on the album of six numbers — "Is It Big Enough For Ya," "Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is," "Bet Your Bottom Dollar," and the previously mentioned "Bedroom Eyes" — are enjoyable performances anyway.

Incidentally: a new 12" disco single has been released to the clubs with two numbers from this album re-mixed so that the vocals are way up front (which is where they should be). So, who knows? Maybe we'll be dancing to Gotham yet!

Nightout
Ellen Foley
Epic

It's nice to get a demo album that isn't disco, and that's why I was pleased to receive a new solo album by Ellen Foley, who formerly sang with Meat Loaf.

While the current wave of rock music is not my main musical interest, I am confident I would know a good rock album if I heard one.

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National Gay Health Directory

The National Gay Health Coalition is issuing a call for listings to be included in the Second Edition of the National Gay Health Directory. This directory describes services offered by individual gay health professionals, clinics, walk-in centers, counseling and referral agencies, AA meetings for gay people, help lines, etc., throughout the US and Canada.

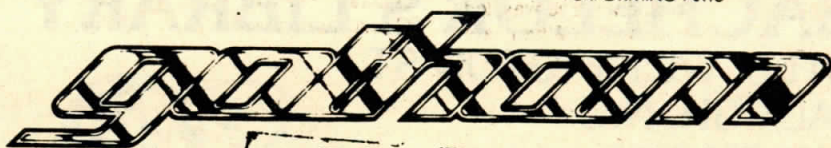
Each listing is free; to be included all a group or an individual has to do is send the name, address and phone number of the facility or service, as well as a description of services offered, fees charged, days & hours

available, an indication of whether an appointment is necessary and any other pertinent information to Jeanne Brossart, 80 S. Elliott Place, Brooklyn, NY 11217 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

The Second Edition of the National Gay Health Directory will be distributed free to each of the anticipated 1500 participants at the third annual National Gay Health Conference to be held in San Francisco June 19-22, 1980. Copies remaining after the conference will be sold in the US and Canada at a nominal charge to benefit the National Gay Health Coalition.

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or even at their father's knee ("I wish Dad had talked less about Jesus and more about sex"), as it becomes apparent that their instructors were not only passing along errant information but really didn't have much knowledge themselves. Yes, I think they (straight men) will read Chapter 4, and furthermore, I think they'll find it largely acceptable. The growing awareness of a need to improve relationships — all relationships — will draw the audience.

On the other side of the coin, at least one gay man of my acquaintance has commented that he found the chapters on heterosexuality, female psychology, and birth control to be fascinating. Perhaps, he says, this is information he may never put to practical use, but he feels it is good to understand these things, nevertheless.

Although the work may have been directed

originally directed toward straight men, the entire content is certainly of both interest and value to gays, if for no other reason than the need to improve relationships. The fact does remain that all men do have teeth, genitals, and are prone toward aging. The recognition of these conditions is the greatest recommendation for the entire book to the entire population. Don't buy one copy, buy two. Read one and keep it on your re-read shelf, then give the other to your father-brother-son-husband-lover-friend for any occasion you can find. Or for no reason at all, except that you care about him.

Julie is telling us here that men are certainly capable of being fully human; but they must first permit themselves that luxury. He reinforces a statement which I personally support: "We respect our men for their strengths but we love them for their vulnerabilities."

More information about THE GAY PRESSES OF NEW YORK may be obtained from one of the presses: Calamus Books, P.O. Box 689, Cooper Station, New York, N.Y. 10003; Sea Horse Press, P.O. Box 509, Village Station, New York, N.Y. 10014; or JH Press, 90 Bank Street (5D), New York, N.Y. 10014.

If you are interested in reading a book reviewed by *The Front Page* but can't find it at a local book dealer, you might try contacting one of the following stores.

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Gay Presses Form New Organization

Three gay presses have joined together to form THE GAY PRESSES OF NEW YORK, a new association to promote gay publishing.

The publishers involved are Calamus Books, which has published *The Faggots and Their Friends Between Revolutions* by Larry Mitchell, *Mercy Drop and Other Plays* by Robert Patrick and other books; Sea Horse Press, which has published *The Deformity Lover and Other Poems* by Felice Picano, *Two Plays* by Doric Wilson and other books; and JH Press, specializing in gay theatre publications, including *Gay Theatre Alliance Directory of Gay Plays*, compiled and edited with an introduction by Terry Helbing, as well as acting editions of gay play scripts.

With this joint effort, the three companies are attempting to increase the visibility of the gay press through mutual advertising, promotion, sales and distribution. The companies will also publish under a joint imprint—major new gay works that they would not have been able to publish individually.



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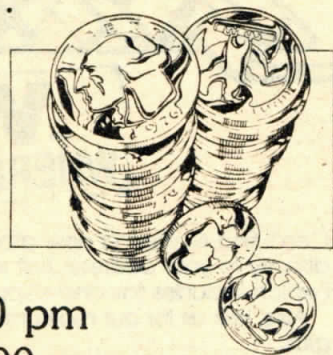
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Classifieds

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Professional woman, 33, attractive and fem. Interested in meeting other gay working women over 30. No students or masculine woman, please. Box 57, Front Page. Raleigh area preferable. (12)

INTELLIGENT LIFE STILL SOUGHT. GWM, 26, 5'11", 155 lbs (could stand to lose 5-10 of those), brown hair, blue eyes (behind the predictable glasses) seeks contact with lively minds everywhere. I'm a graduate of a small, Quaker college in NC, currently working at the sort of job that allows me to call myself a "professional" (dubious honor, and I worry about how very middle-class I've become. I didn't mean to. Honest). I'm somewhat nervous around new people, but basically a friendly sort. . . a notoriously tardy correspondent. . . a good sense of humor, but given to an overall melancholy (in the Shakespearean sense, I mean — Jacques comes to mind, although he speaks better).

(Look, Ma, a literary allusion! Ain't he grand?)
Currently biding time reading Lewis Stone's *Lives of a Cell* (wonderful book!), James Kirkwood's *Some Kind of Hero, Life at the Dakota*, and *Follies*, a book of poetry by Daniel Mark Epstein.

Would like to establish communication with intelligent, literate folk, located anywhere this paper might find itself, for conversation, recognition, or what you will. Ages 25-45(?) preferred; honesty, sincerity are musts. I'm located in the Triangle area. Box 21, Front Page.

(You know sometimes I am just too much, even for me. I'm not even sure I would answer this ad. Sheesh.)

WM seeks friends to help me better understand gay scene. Want new friends in new area. 28, bl eyes, br hair, 6'. Am loving, affectionate, willing to meet any. Am hairy and fat. Russell, 6583 North Blvd., apt. 6, Raleigh, N.C. 27604. (13)

BiWM, 35, 6', 160, attractive, seeking discreet GWM or BiWM who has WF companion. Need Fr loving, all combinations. Mail photo, letter to Dave, P.O. Box 30831, Charlotte, N.C. 28230. (12)

Student, 29, attractive, sensitive, well-built male 5'9", 155, seeks couples, ladies, any age, for adult fun. I might be Bi with the right man. P.O. Box 2232, Durham, N.C. 27702. (12)

GWM, 34, 5'6", 135 lbs, slim, attractive, Br hair & eyes. Mature, urbane, enjoy art, theatre, reading, history buff, music. Would like to meet WM w/same interests. Jim, Apt. 210, 508 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC 28202 (704) 372-4561. (12)

GWM, 33, intelligent, sense of humor. Drag Queens welcome, very romantic, looking for GWM 28-40, hairy, lover, friend. Relationship possible, will try anything with right person. FF but no S&M/B&D. Write Lyle, 1808-D Willomere, Greensboro, N.C. 27406. (12)

GWM, 25, blonde/blue, 5'10", 150 lbs. I am Fr A, Gr P. Would like to meet other GWM, 18-35. Call (704) 873-6296, after 4:30 Mon-Thurs, after 12 noon on Fridays, anytime weekends. Or reply to Gary, 1006 Boulevard, Statesville, N.C. 28677. (12)

HAZING—HELL WEEK—INITIATION. Special interest in Davidson, Clemson frats, football & wrestling teams. Collector swaps personal stories of hazing experiences - fraternities, clubs, athletic teams, military schools. Also prison, brig/stockade, reformatory punishment. Write John Barton, 735 Eleventh St., NW Washington, D.C. 20001. (12)

HIKERS: Looking for womyn interested in hiking all or part of the Appalachian Trail. Starting in GA mid-April. Hope to reach Maine by Sept. For further info, contact Joan Warren, P.O. Box 5902, Santa Fe, NM 87501. (12)

Writer heading South. GWM, 31, writer, plans hitch-hike trip from Boston, south to Atlanta, on very low budget. Seek places to stay 1 or 2 nights in Richmond or Raleigh or Charlotte, late April or May. Offers along I-95 or I-85 would be appreciated. Box 226, c/o GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass 02108. (12)

WF desires companionship. Durham area. WF or BF, call (919) 682-4417. (13)

GWM, 21, 5'7", 120 lbs, short brown hair, brown eyes, small, slender and smooth, into photo sessions, hairy guys and life itself. Looking for same for fun times. Photo and phone, if possible. T.E. Church, P.O. Box 362, Spruce Pine, NC 28777. (14)

PEN-PAL WANTED: I would like to write to new people. Travel may be possible, if you'd like to meet. WM, 24, br hair/bl eyes, 150 lbs. Write: Occupant, P.O. Box 620, Surf City, NC 28445. Send photo, if possible. (12)

GWM, 26, college grad, fairly attractive, wishes to meet similar mature individuals willing to work at building a relationship. P.O. Box 2923, Asheville, N.C. 28802. (12)

S&M in Eastern NC. Would like to meet others into same; can play both roles. Leather, rubber, blacks. Free days. Trim, masculine men only, please. Write: M.G., Box 1144, Wilmington, NC 28420. (12)

WM, 30, 5'11", 149 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, moustache, wishes to meet other straight-appearing guys for possible relationship and friendship. I'm a rather sly Virgo, but worth getting to know. I'm very honest, sincere, lovable, fun loving with a wide range of interests. Please send letter and photo to JR, P.O. Box 174, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27102. (12)

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. is an exciting place! GWM, Raleigh native, 31, 6'1", 170, br/br, masculine, attractive, straight-acting and appearing, now living in A.C. to work in the entertainment/arts side of the dynamic new casino gaming industry. I'm honest, giving and caring, sincere, strong but sensitive, loyal, somewhat conservative but out-going and fun-loving, likable, educated, successful, always growing, selective, very discreet and protective of the valuable thing that is the privacy of my personal life. I would like a similar compatible GWM to 30s as a possible intimate friend/life-mate, who is interested in some aspect of the casino hotel industry, is in a position to move to A.C. to try and get in on the ground floor for a potentially fantastic future, has the finances to at least get through the initial 6-months residency period, and is wanting to share life's pleasures (and realities like rent) with a good person. We'll first exchange descriptive letters, pictures, and phone calls, then take it from there. Please send detailed letter with a recent photo and method of contact to Bob at Box 52, Front Page. (12)

UNC-CH grad student, 33, 6'3", 170 lbs, seeks free, wild GWM into all kinds of esoteric sex, 30-50 preferred; very curious, experimental, to learn Lt. S&M, B&D. Hot stuff, versatile, verbal, fantasy exploration, all inhibitions invalidated, experienced. Write Box 53, Front Page. (12)

WM, living in Georgia, would like to meet passive type young man into physical fitness. I'm 30, 5'8", 140 lbs., & good-looking. Box 56, Front Page. Please include photo. Thanks! (12)

MARINES, SAILORS, Coast Guardsmen, College Students, Truckers: when in Eastern North Carolina call (919) 729-5321 for an evening of entertainment. Ask for Lee and be discreet. (12)

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New GAYMATE newsletter of gay male storeies, ads, contests, etc. All for only 35¢ in coin! Tom Lovelace, 1610 Argyle Avenue, #102G, Los Angeles, CA 90028 (14)

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ROOMMATES

WF wants to share house in Durham, 682-4417 (14)

Going to UNC-CH this fall? GWM, law student, needs WM grad/professional student to share my apartment. Close to campus, reasonable rent. Write WGO, 123 1/2 Barclay Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27514 (14)

GWM, 23, wants roommate for 2 bdr. apt. in Chapel Towers (3 bks. from West Campus, 4 bks. from 15-50). Next to pool and laundry). Must be 18+, responsible, and easy-going. Must like plants and be a non-smoker. If interested, write Bill at 1315 Morreene Rd., apt. 23-A, Durham, NC 27705. Rent is \$115 plus utilities. Plenty of room for extra furn. (14)

GWM, 19, 145 lbs, 5'10", needs roommate to share my two-bedroom apt. starting in May. Raleigh area. Call 851-3722, ask for Scott. (14)

ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE: Duke Gay Alliance is starting a referral service to help gay people find compatible roommates. The service will be centered in Durham, but will ideally serve the entire Triangle. Call (919) 684-3043, between 7:30 and 9:30 pm — Sunday through Thursday. (12)

Looking for lesbian roommate. Two lesbian (friends) household looking for third woman. Inexpensive. Charlotte area. Call 334-0588. (12)

Want GWM to share bedroom in all gay house. \$10 per week. Call John at 688-8941 in Durham. (12)

ROOMMATE wanted by WM, 32, must be white and over 18, male or female. Send info to Wade, Route 2, Box 79, McLeansville, NC 27301. 11 miles from Greensboro. (12)

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CLOSER—Asheville's Community Liaison Organization for Support, Education and Reform. We meet every Wednesday, at 7pm at All Souls Episcopal Church. Those wishing additional information can write to us at PO Box 2911, Asheville, NC 28802.

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ST. JOHN'S MCC: Worship—St. John's Metropolitan Community Church worships at 3pm Sunday, Wade Ave. & Dixie Trail, Raleigh. Phone 787-1046 or 737-2414.

Talk-Time, Gay/Lesbian discussion/social hour is 8pm Thursdays at Community United Church of Christ, Wade Ave. & Dixie Trail, Raleigh. St. John's MCC, sponsor. Phone 787-1046 or 737-2414.

Interchain: for men into leather, levis, and bodybuilding. For information: Box 410, 166 W. 21st Street, NYC, NY 10011.

The Lambda Association of Bodybuilders, a communications net work for the sincere, dedicated gay male bodybuilder. For information write: L.A.B.B., PO Box 594, Ellicott Station, Buffalo, NY 14205.

New York Wrestling Club has 400 macho members nationwide (many in the South). For info. and newsletter, write: John Handley, 59 West 10 St., New York, NY 10011; (212) 477-4227.

GAY MEN OVER 30 — An informal discussion group has formed in the Triangle Area, and the first meeting has been held. For more information, write Larry, PO Box 1137, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

Dignity/Triad liturgy 5:00pm, program 6:00pm at 413 N. Eugene St. Second and Fourth Sundays each month. For further information write PO Box 19332, Greensboro, NC 27410 or call 919-275-2061.

DIGNITY—Raleigh. Mass every Sunday at 7:15 for those who wish to attend; discussion and fellowship follows at 8pm. Place: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center, Overbrook Drive in Raleigh. For more information, phone (919) 929-3730.

Gays in AA and AI-Anon needed for 12th Step purposes. I am compiling a national directory of gay meetings and gay 12th Steppers, and need contacts in North Carolina and elsewhere in the South. Please write Nancy Tucker, PO Box 4623, Arlington, VA 22204.

Reflections Luncheons, noon - 1pm Wednesdays in NCSU Student Center Green Room. Bring lunch, enjoy fellowship, discussions. Phone 737-2414 or 787-1046.

FRIENDS & PARTNERS

GWM, 24, 5'9", 140 lbs, seeks Charlotte area white males, 21-30 for backpacking trips on Appalachian Trail. Looking for someone with backpacking experience and own equipment, who enjoys good conversation, good times, and good friends. Please, no phonies, plastic bores, or anyone just looking for sex. Photo appreciated. Send letter about yourself to Randy, P.O. Box 10042, Rock Hill, SC 29730. (14)

Hello, gentle people. I'd like to meet other gay men interested in any/all of the following: seed catalogues, folk dancing, Southern gay history (N.C. in particular), chamber music (I play violin), children's books and justice for all. I am 32, on the staff of a regional magazine, and at somewhat loose ends. Write: Box 61, Front Page. (13)

GWM, 6', 150 lbs., brown hair/eyes, masculine, athletic UNC-CH grad student wants to meet WM, attractive, masculine, especially like blonds. I am not into bars and want to meet some intelligent life. Send letter, photo to Box 58, Front Page. (13)

CHARLOTTE — attract/intell WM, 30, wants educated, sensitive, masc WM into lasting relationship. Am into Eastern Philosophy, movies, theatre, bicycling, easy-going lifestyle. Affectionate, sexually versatile. Letter, photo to Box 51, Front Page. (12)

GWM, just moved to North Carolina, good appearance, well-educated. Speaks Spanish as well as English. Would like to make new friends. An unbiased person who is not into the bar scene. No drugs or kinky sex. Chapel Hill area. Box 59, Front Page (13)

Black male, br hair/eyes, 120 lbs, 21 years old, want to meet other males for a relationship. Must be honest and neat. Enjoy good times and getting high. Write: Bobby, 211 James St., Kannapolis, N.C. 28081. Age 21-25 preferred, send photo please. (13)

GWM, 41, 6', 175, masculine, attractive, super-endowed, hairy, loving, wants masculine GWM, versatile, 40-50, 6' plus, well-endowed, to train me to do whatever he wants on a continuing basis. Send photo or description. Write: Box 34, Front Page. (13)

GWM, looking for TV. Is very understanding. 6'3", 196 lbs, good-looking couples okay. I am 40. Write Occupant, Box 5742, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27103. (13)

Help! Job needed. BWM, intelligent, personable, experienced housekeeper/cook, live-in only, in exchange for room, board, small salary. Triangle or Charlotte area preferred, but will consider any offer. No sexual involvement. Can relocate immediately. Write: J.R., Rt. 4, Box 841, Thomasville, N.C. 27360. (13)

Bi male, young-looking 48, 5'10" tall, 178 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, good build. Would like to meet bis of either sex, gay or straight males for occasional meetings. Discretion a must. Box 40, Front Page. (13)

Dear Peter:
"My mind arcs blue.
My hand reaches out to touch your hot wire."
They just don't write like that anymore, do they?

GWM, 35, looks 28, 5'7", 142 lbs, blk/br, beld with beard, moustache, handsome, masculine hairy body, friendly, honest, and discreet. Would like to meet hot, handsome types for whatever. Letter, phone with photo, gets quick response. Boxholder, Box 11002, Raleigh, N.C. 27604. (14)

GWM, 33, 6'4", 200 lbs, good looks, hairy chest, built. I have brown hair and eyes. College grad. Seeking GWM, 25-45, for enjoyable meetings. Photo & phone (if available). Masculine only, please. Write Resident, 4985 Reidsville Road, Walkertown, N.C. 27051. Please be discreet, will answer all. (13)

Black male desperately needs love and affection from a decent, nice-looking, mature male between the ages of 21-40 years old. Race does not matter. I am 22 years old. Write: Eduard, 1807 E. 12 Street, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101. (13)

GWM, 37, desires to meet other GWM, ages 18 to 40, for companionship and action. I am honest and discreet, expect same. Write: Bob, 905 Foothills Drive, Kernersville, N.C. 27824 (13)

GWM, 50-ish, college grad, former traveling salesman (mostly on college campuses). Interested in art, books, music, sports, interesting and explicit conversation and/or letters. Like 'em younger (but over 18). . . gay, straight, or bi, as I don't require anything. Prefer trade mostly, especially college or service. Will answer all in kind. Call (919) 933-7905 or write, JW, Rt. 7, Box 283-A, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514. Send photo if possible. (13)

Looking for Mr. Perfect? Stop! GWM, average, and looking for same. For friendship - correspondence - whatever. There must be more average people than perfect. Where are you? Your letter will get mine in return. Box 63, Front Page. (14)

GWM, 19, good-looking, brown hair, hazel eyes, 5'10", 150 lbs, new to Raleigh area, wants to meet other attractive GWM for friendship or possible relationship with right person. Can't wait to hear from you. P.O. Box 12391, Raleigh, N.C. 27605. (14)

Would like to meet GWM. I am not gay, but could learn with right person. Lost a friend of 4 years, 2 weeks ago in an auto wreck. This person to move in to help with expenses and one man's man. Tall and slim and straight-acting. I like country music, outdoors, camping and auto racing. No drug users or drinking. I am 6'1", 145 lbs. Send photo to P.O. Box 285, Wallburg, NC 27373. (14)

Caressive GBM, 22, part-time student. Tall, trim, elegant. I write poetry and sing in the shower. If you like touching, dance, theater, Joan Armatrading and candlelight. Call Stan at 967-3528. I'd like to touch your soul. (14)

GWM, 27, brown hair, blue eyes, 6'2", 220. Seek correspondence with any GWM, 18-45, into sincere, honest communication. I have a strong, versatile sex drive. Am into open one-to-one natural sexual encounters and relationships. Not into one night stand sex. I am into music, art, travel, disco, some athletics, and good times. Am an attractive, reasonably good-looking guy, friendly and gentle. I can be a really good friend. I am a college grad, professional man. Not really into bars, S&M, or anything of that sort. Do enjoy Fr A/P, Gr A, and total body massage. I have moustache, full but trim beard, and a hairy body. If any of the above appeals to you, or if you have similar interests, feel free to write. I'm Dan, Box 1078, Southern Pines, NC 28287. Send your name and address, with photo, if possible. Your sincere letter will get my address and phone number with reply. (14)

NOTE TO D. ROYAL of Richmond, VA
Got your letter in response to my first ad. It came after the time you said you'd be in town. Could not reply to you. You gave no return address. Please write again, with an address. (14)

GWF 29, functional body (2 arms, 2 legs, etc.) Professional, hoping to retire early. Serious about art. Enjoy people with intelligence, good humor. I've been burned by my involvement with the "women's movement," and dislike pedants and dilittantes. Passive/aggressive radicals bore me. Want to make friends with other women, who are warm, active, and aware. Write Box 60, Front Page. (12)

Goodlooking GWF, 23, wants to meet same, must be discreet. I love a good time. Not into cruising bars. Send photo if possible and description to Box 54, Front Page. (12)

WM, 28, in Durham for 10 weeks on business, want to meet people for dinner, movies, and ??? Please call Lee at 489-9121, Rm #234. (12)

GWM, 23, attractive, intelligent and outgoing. Varied interests include the outdoors, church and civic activities, and travel. Anxious to meet mature, sensitive WM 18-40, with similar interests. Call Dave, (704) 525-5708 or write Box 55, Front Page. (12)

The Front Page's free personals are a terrific way to meet new people, find a roommate, offer a job, send a message, or make a friend. Use your imagination. Don't be restricted by any ideas of "catagory" for these ads — invent one!

You can say just about anything, but please remember we reach a diverse audience and phrase your ad with that fact in mind. If your ad refers to sexual preferences, we ask you to be clear but not too graphic. We also ask that you be positive about yourself, rather than negative about others. Phrases such as "no fats or fems," or "no Blacks" can be insulting.

If you're interested in meeting someone through an ad, be sure and give a true portrait of yourself. The only way to benefit from a correspondence situation is to be above board and honest. When you receive an answer to your ad, please remember: that person deserves the courtesy of a reply. If you're not interested, a short note saying "Thanks, but no thanks" will do. If we receive repeated reports of the same advertiser failing to answer his mail, we will be forced to cancel the ad in question.

If you don't mind people calling you directly, then you might consider publishing your phone number with your ad. (There is a \$1.00 charge to verify the number.) Phone number ads always receive more response than any other type. The only drawback is that you must be prepared to answer many calls at all hours. We ask that anyone answering an ad with a phone number please honor any time restrictions or requests for discretion.

If you want to answer an ad using a Front Page box number, here's how:

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2. Plainly print your name and mailing address in the upper left hand corner.
3. Print the complete box number in the center of the envelope
4. Enclose your sealed letter in a larger envelope, and mail it to The Front Page, P.O. Box 25642, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.

It doesn't cost you anything to answer an ad. Your unopened reply will reach the person you're writing in just a few days. Your complete return address is needed in the event that, for some reason, we are no longer able to forward mail to a particular box. Your name and address will remain strictly confidential.

How to place an ad: please type or neatly print your ad on a separate piece of paper. Try to be as brief as possible. Then clip and sign the authorization below, and mail both to The Front Page.

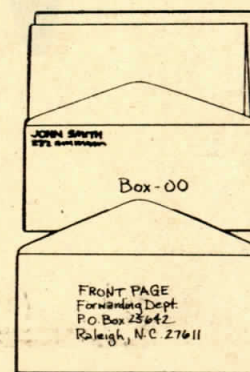
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I, the undersigned, hereby certify with my signature that I understand and accept the above stated terms of advertising in The Front Page; that I am 18 years of age or older; that I am the person represented and possess the full legal capacity to execute this authorization:

Any ads which arrive at The Front Page without a signature on the above line, and any letters to be forwarded which arrive without stamp, forwarding envelope or return address will be destroyed (for your own protection) without further notification.



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TO CHARLOTTE, N.C.

Details on Grand Opening in next issue.