Two Boys Charged With Murder
Both Boys Point Finger at Corll's Sex-Murder Parties Over Two Years

S. Harbers
Elmer Henley 17, Tim Kerley 19 and Ronda Williams 15 went to the home of Dean Corll Tuesday night for a glue sniffing party. Corll had been host to several of these parties and was very much into having sex with young boys. The trio sniffed glue until they were unconscious, while they were out Corll bound and gagged them and Ronda. When he started to hand off the Henley boy it brought him around. Corll then told him that he was going to kill all of them. Corll then dragged Henley to the kitchen of the small frame house in Pasadena, where according to the boy he was "told to" Corll into releasing him in order to help in killing the other two. They returned to the room where the two were bound to a special plywood frame which had holes cut in it for hands and feet. There Corll told Henley to sexually assault one while he was sexually assaulting Kerley. The boy went to the bathroom for some lubricant and on returning picked up the gun from the table. The boy said to Henley at him and he shot him. He then released his friends and called the police.

The Henley boy then took the police to a boot shed in southwest Houston where 17 bodies of young boys were found to be buried. Who was this man who murdered these boys? Did the Henley boy help him kill them? Was the Henley boy the only one who helped Corll find, tortare, murder, and burry these boys? According to police the boys were mostly from the northwest side of Houston and many were friends or neighbors of Henley's.

According to Henley's statement Corll had offered him $1500 for each boy he recruted, helped kill and bury. Henley says that there are more bodies buried at High Island and Lake Sam Raburn near Lufkin. The total goes as high as 25 or 30, and stretches over a period of at least wo or more years. Corll "liked children and was around them every chance as he said people who knew him. He would take them for rides in his van and evidently picked up some of his victims hitch-hiking.

Corll was employed by Houston Light and Power as an electrician at the Hiram Clarke generating station. He was thirty three and sensitive about his age. He has lived in Houston since 1951 and was brought up by his mother. The house in Pasadena was given to him by his father and he had lived there for three months. His neightbors thought him a clean cut man with quiet habits. The mother of the Henley boy, talks of Corll as a friendly person who treated her boy like his own son.

Identification of the bodies found so far has been difficult and parents with missing boys are anxiously waiting to see if their search is over. At press time only three of the bodies have been identified.

Early Thursday David Brooks, 18, also of Houston came forward and told the police that he and Henley had participated with Corll in at least thirty torture killings. The list of suspects in the killings. The list of suspects in the killings now has three names on it, but police are reluctant to say if this is all of the people who took part in the killings. The pattern seems to be an indication that over the past year period each victim was a young boy and each one of his hands tied behind his back. I have seen the burial sight and it is hard to believe that the remains were once living people. As more bodies are found the police are reluctant to say if this is all of the people who took part in the killings. The striking thing is that this trio got away with killings for two years and were only caught because of the actions of one (Corll) who got too weird. Houston police receive many missing children reports. Something like this happens and in the words of Police Chief Short, "It is a sad thing, but it happened," and their is little we can do about it. The victims were all young boys and were sexually assaulted in the course of the torture, this fact points up a strange conclusion perhaps these boys were looking for something different, cheap thrills, but the ready availability of these boys tends to lead one to believe that they wanted to be hurt. As the investigation goes on and more and more loose ends are being tied up ----- the only question is just how these boys let themselves get involved, and how their lives were taken, and why?

Aftermath
The Fire Upstairs

In reviewing all information about the New Orleans fire the NUNTIUS received in THE LETTER Vol. XVIII No. 6 the most complete recap of all and therefore pass it on to you who do not receive this monthly letter from ONE

Still more about the New Orleans fire? Why? Does not continued sift ing through the ashes of the tragedy run the danger of sounding like "injustice-collecting" and mas ochistic self-indulgence? To ask the question implies that all ONE Members have ready access to such publications as have given coverage to the New Orleans story. Many Members do not, nor has all the information reprinted in these pages been covered else where. The principal reason for continuing to discuss the whole affair is to see what can be learned from it. For instance, how many gay bars are there around the country which are in such violation of the fire laws as to present comparable hazards? Do those who operate them very much care? For that matter, how many would really welcome the sort of fire inspections and office supervision that ordinary businesses regularly undergo for safety and insurance purposes? One bar packed to the hilt was cleared by the police on the stated complaint of overcrowding, then allowed to refill up to its approved capacity. Ward then went out through the underground. "They're after the (name omitted)." Business fell off and before long it closed its off and before long it closed down for good. Which way do we want it?

There are, believe it or not, people who are so anti-her as to claim that gay bars merely foster the neurasthenes of those who go there, and encourage them in putting off making adjustments, putting off making adjustments, putting off making adjustments, putting off making adjustments. There are those who drop in on some very touchy questions. Such as can anyone feel really safe, however supposedly sophisticated a city may claim to be? Does not past experience indicate that Society is like some sleeping animal which when rudely awakened is entirely capable of turning suddenly into a wild beast? Should we be astonished at this? Did not many of the quoted remarks and actions of city and ecclesiastical officials smack all too clearly of ill-concealed disdain, intolerance and even some smug, a priori superiority that they well deserved?" feelings? It would be very easy to take plus platitude from some, an official's retraction of implausible statements and the few genuine expressions of good will as evi...
GAY PRIDE PARADE

IN "74?"

Will there be a Gay Pride Parade next year? Yes. But probably not in Dallas. Chris Meyer, the organizer and tireless worker of the first two Gay Pride Parades has said that she will not head a parade committee for 1974. The 1973 Parade was a success in every way, but she feels it was not quite as successful as the first one. Maybe some other person or organization will sponsor next year's parade. Or perhaps there is a better way to win our civil rights and acceptance (not tolerance) for the gay community.

The National Gay Mobilizing Committee of Urban, Illinois is planning a massive gay march on the Washington Convention Center in the Spring of '74, and is asking all organizations and individuals to participate in this effort. Why a nation-wide march on the Capitol? One piece of national legislation, can sweep aside local post office. National opiate dealing in interstate commerce, state's sodomy and solicitation laws, and full civil rights to gays in all 50 states. Furthermore, state civil rights laws do not apply to corporations dealing in interstate commerce, nor do they even apply to the local post office. National opinion and the national news media tend to shape more by national action, than by similar state, local or regional action.

There are more than 400 gay organizations in the nation. But the movement needs a unifying national gay organization. NACHO failed. We were young. We learned. Perhaps this time we will win.

The National Gay Mobilizing Committee is a group of Gay women and men in New York and Illinois of various political tendencies, who feel the necessity of a nation-wide organization with a rational action perspective. No Gay organization is excluded from NC GMC because of political orientation.

Other minorities are winning their rights for acceptance. We are the second largest minority. Where do we go from here? We leave that to your own individual conscious:

Musical Pastor Returns With A Gay Potpourri

Al Carmines, the musical minister of Off-Broadway, who turns out hits as easily as others produce flags, has another with The Faggot. Like his previous musicals, this one is a review on the theme of homosexuality, was first seen at Carmines' Judson Memorial Church, and Carmines once again is composer, lyricist, author, director, and the entire orchestra (piano) for his production. This time, though, he also appears as an actor; one is hardly surprised to find that he's okay at that too.

The Faggot is highly melodious, bright, and cheerful, and I think the most important theatrical offering on its topic since The Boys in the Band. As it advances thinking not acceptable verbiage criticising "them" it probably must be labeled a propaganda piece. But to those who already accept that homosexuals are merely people with a different viewpoint, The Faggot is an extension of good heart and mind, its message simply that homosexuals are mere people with a slightly limp-wristed stereotype.

In sketch and song, Carmines roams widely through the homosexual world. He visits, among other places, a pathetically funny drag queen, a handsome young tease in a gay bar who believes his attractiveness will last forever, a man who has hidden his homosexuality for so long that he is attached to his secrecy, and an old husband and wife who roam the streets in their wedding pajamas. There is a drum solo by a rugged soldier, and a ballet by gay men in tights. In short, The Faggot is so good, so logical, so entertaining that it may even change the political tone of the gay movement.

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Dames (August 23-25) Ruby is the inspiration for young song-writer Dick Powell. They finally get to stage The Big Show when chorus girl Joan Blondell vamps Guy Kibbee for the money. 

The Dames songs are "Try to See It My Way," "When You Were a Smile on Your Mother's Lips," and a "Twinkle in Your Daddy's Eye." "The Girl at the Ironing Board" -- bowler haedress Joan Blondell irons and sings while the forest of pajamas and long underwear swings and sways behind her -- and "I Only Have Eyes for You." -- Dick Powell dreams up a fifty of Venus with Her Galley Slaves. "The Ninety-Six," a sixty foot galleon overhead shot "Spin a Little Web extravaganza that one would never suspect son Nor­ man of being a homo. He appears perfectly normal, as do most homo­sexuals, the book says." I was extremely upset over the derogatory word "homo" and the im­plication that gays are not nor­mally gay. I wrote Mr. Gordon a let­

ter explaining my position. Two days later I received a phone call from Mr. Gordon. He apologized, and said that he did not realize that "homo" was a derogatory word. He also told me that when he said "normal," he was trying to get across the fact that you cannot stereotype homosexuals. We had an interesting chat where he told me that "Norman" was a good show and handled the gay subject well. He also told me that he would correct his state­ment in print. Mr. Gordon poin­ted out that no matter whether be or other people approved or disapproved, we must all live to­gether. I thanked him and my faith in him as the finest re­viewer in the city was restored. 

In the meantime I of course watched the reviews to see what was said about the show. Sure enough one reviewer printed what was considered a derogatory sta­tement. Mr. Jack Gordon of the Fort Worth Press (who I consi­dered the finest reviewer in the city) printed this statement: "No one would ever suspect son Nor­man of being a homo. He appears normal." 

"THIS AND THAT: A note from Fort Worth chapter of AURA in­forms this column that one never property refers to a homosexual as a "homo," as this column un­wisely did in reviewing the Wind­mill play, "Norman, Is That You?" Writer of the letter, who says be is a homosexual, points out that the abbreviation "homo" is as offensive to homosexuals as are the many crude words sometimes used in reference to blacks, Poles and other minority, groups. It is something to remember. Times have changed." 

SEXUAL PRIVACY 

AURA has just received info about the American Civil Liber­ties Union National project on Sexual Privacy. The purpose of the project is to take a national effort to remove all laws which prescribe consensual sexual activity among adults and to elim­minate discriminatory practices which flow from the existence of such laws. The director of the project is Marilyn G. Haft. 

Remember, AURA and the ACLU are here to help you! If you think you have been discrim­i­nated against, that your rights as a citizen have been taken away, do not hesitate to call the AURA office at 838-2095. Or write to AURA, P.O. Box 7318 Ft. Worth 76101.

Classified Ad Refused? 

Why Was This Classified Ad re­fused by the Fort Worth Star­Telegram? "God Loves His Gay Children Too! Join Informal Bible study discussion group (not MCC) 838-2095, 535-0617. Was it because of the word "Gay?" Are we not even allowed to ad­vertise for religious activities be­cause we are gay? When are we going to stand up for our rights? A lawyer is now looking into this for AURA. AURA will soon be announcing action which will be taken against the Star-Telegram for Gay discrimination.

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THE EMERGENCE OF GAY THEATRE

Boys In the Band, That Certain Summer, Fortune in Men’s Eyes and other shows have centered around the gay life style. Yet the actors insist (very loudly) that they are not gay, they are merely “acting”. “One need not be a thief to play the part of a thief,” they say.

There are two sides of the coin. Visit backstage of a rep: costume, Broadway Musical, a touring Skating company, the Opera, the Ballet or even the local college’s “Little Theatre”. What percentage of the cast is gay playing the parts of straights?

As children we are taught “To think on your own, be true.” Yet, at the same time we are taught to mask our true identities. Isn’t it about time this sham came to an end?

Mazy “have eyes, but see not.” But to those who will, they will see gay history in the making – the emergence of a gay culture.

In the beginning, there was one tiny gay club, fearfully meeting behind locked doors, shades tightly drawn. A little gay magazine came out. It had short stories, avant-garde poetry and book reviews. A “physique” magazine dared to proclaim the emergence of public but few gay organizations, then more.

The gay movement reaches adolescence and admits it’s new muscles. Bolder publications reach the homes of a gay national newspaper. Court battles. Pickets, Confrontations. Zaps.


But wait! Where is gay theatre? In bigger cities there are some- times gorilla theatre protesting estrangement, unfair laws and closeted queers. But these productions are like early morning mist, to be enjoyed for the moment only. Still, the world’s largest gay organization routinely mounts full-length productions of excellent quality. But in small towns (like Houston and Dallas) gay theatre consists of “drag” queens in elaborate gowns, elaborate make-up and elaborate wigs impersonating Barbara Strisend, Judy Garland and Liza Minnella — straight women.

We love our drag-brothers and embrace them. They bravely led the way while the rest of us pretended to be straight. They had balls, you see. But drag represents only a tiny fraction of the gay life style.

So now, a star is born, the Thespian Players of the Metropolitan Community Church, Dallas! What are the purposes of the Thespian Players? Oh, noble to be sure. We want to show GAY GUYS AS GAY GUYS, GAY WOMEN AS GAY WOMEN. No. Even more than that. We want to discover, develop and display gay talent!

So we rehearse long hours, com- plain of aching muscles and rehearsed schedules. We make our own costumes and worry about missed cues, cracked notes and being “out of step with the music.” But it’s worth it. On opening night we carefully apply make-up, nervously hold our hearts in our hands as we wait in the dark wings while the curtain is being raised. Then we go on! and give brilliant performances! (Well, actually we’ve only given one performance so far. But we were good – at least that’s what our friends tell us, and never mind that jealous ol’ bitch who thought otherwise.)

Other noble objectives: We want to bring the gay church to gays who never heard of MCC before, insisting they will see our perform- ance, learn of the church and attend services. Also we want to help our church and gay bars and gay organizations financially. Hopefully our reputations as outstanding performers will draw lots of business to the gay bars that book us. (This proved to be true at our premier performance at the Encore in Dallas). Money collected at the door is split -- 2/3rds for the local organization we are benefiting, 1/3rd for the Thes- sian Players and the Dallas MCC.

At present there are 16 members in our company, but we eagerly seek new talent and invite anyone interested to contact us. It’s real easy, just call 821-8299 or 821-5465 area code 214.

We are anxiously seeking new engagements too. In the meantime we will return to the Encore for a performance on August 11th. Next we plan Oklahoma City benefiting the Oklahoma City MCC on August 18th. We hope to have some kind of representation at the General Conference in Atlanta, Georgia on the 30th of August. Plans are being made to play Houston on the 22nd of September. Ft. Worth and San Antonio engagements are in the planning stage.

What other noble long range objectives? We want to develop a repertoire of songs, dances, production numbers, skits, dramatic and comic readings, plays and musicals. We want to continually enlarge our collection of costumes and props. Most importantly, we want to grow artistically. And finally, like all acting troops, someday we want to have our own home.

Hordhats’ Strike Defends Gay Student

Work on the half-finished University of Sydney was halted by laborers when a student from near- by Macquarie Univ. was expelled for being gay.

Workers at the construction site went on strike at the request of the Students Union.

(GAY LIBERATOR)

GAYS REGARDED AS FAMILY UNIT

Homosexual couples have been recognized as family units by the Massachusetts Red Cross Blood Program.

About 180 pints of blood were donated by gay couples after the Red Cross issued an emergency appeal.

Penny Perrault, intern­ minister of Metropolitan Community church, said the Red Cross agreed to recognize the couples as family units, eligible to receive blood from the program for any children of either partner.

She called the decision a “real trail-blazer” and said the homo­ sexual community would probably organize to donate blood again in the future.

The Red Cross reported that many of the weekend donors were first-time volunteers and provided a number of rare blood types.

(GAY LIBERATOR)

RAPE LAWS SHOULD PROTECT MEN, TOO

The first District Court of Appeals, meeting here in May has ruled that the Florida rape law protects men, as well as women, from foreseeable intercourse.

A three-judge panel convicted two Florida State Prison inmates of rape and foreseeable carnal knowl­ edge of a fellow male prisoner in 1971. This is the first such decision in the country definitely covering male-male rape.

In 1971, the Florida Supreme Court struck down the state’s “crime against nature” miscegen­ a (214) 824-0770 or BOX 594

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Crackdown in Cuba

The Cuban government's anti-gay policy continues its course. According to a gay brother in Cuba, since the Declaration of the Congress on Education and Culture in 1971, "hundreds of acts and people in general connected with the National Council of Culture have been expelled from their jobs and made to work in restaurants, in the fields, construction, etc.

The Congress took as one goal the elimination of homosexuality from Cuban society and called for the removal of gays from all positions of influence in culture and education. This policy is now being put into effect.

In addition, four new oppressive laws have recently been approved by the Cuban government and are now "being discussed at the popular level." Such "popular discussion" is simply a means for the Cuban government to educate people about new laws and no substantial changes are expected.

This is especially so since the dissident groups toward which the new laws are aimed do not dare identify themselves by speaking out in their own defense.

One law makes it a crime, punishable by months of imprisonment, for anyone to "make a public ostentatious display of their pederasty." According to Cuban gays, this can mean anything from wearing one's hair long to walking with an effeminate flair to wearing a flashy shirt.

Another law provides one month in jail or a fine to "women who, in the public street, do not maintain the proper modesty." Still another law prohibits unauthorized "congas, comparsas, or other dances of an African character in the public streets."

Another law virtually prohibits the practice of Afro-Cuban religions because "they are alien to civilization and decent customs."

North Americans may note a familiar pattern here. The persecution and control of gays, women and blacks is as characteristic of this country as of Cuba. Neither is free.

And despite claims to the contrary, Cuba is not building socialism. Socialists stand for the fullest possible degree of personal freedom and oppose repressive laws such as these in Cuba, as here, no one is free until we all are free.

(GAY LIBERATOR)

Psychosurgery Outlawed

In Michigan, at least, psychosurgery is now an illegal treatment for involuntarily confined persons. The unanimous decision, handed down by a three-judge panel of the Court of Appeals, was based on a reading of the Eighth Amendment.

In its ruling, the court declared that "the freedom to express ideas, it necessarily follows that it must protect the freedom to generate ideas." But psychosurgery, which is irreversible, often limits the ability to generate new ideas. "It is more important to protect one's mental processes," the court explained, "than to protect even the privacy of the marital bed."

In response to psychosurgeons who claim their experiments are aimed at curing social violence, the judges said, "Neurosurgery rightfully should concern itself with medical problems and not the behavioral problems of a social etiology."

According to Dr. E. Yudashkin, director of the State Dept. of Mental Health which originally endorsed the proposed psychosurgical experiments, the state has no plans to appeal the courts' decision and is not now conducting any form of "high-risk" experiments.

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STAR TREK IV

Happy Birthday LEO! After the last six months of many changes, especially healthwise, you may desire solitude and seclusion during August. This month is a good time to take a vacation by yourself. It would also be best to take precautions against fire and burglary, some could be caused by your own negligence. Plans to change jobs during the rest of the year is not advisable. Delays or changes in your long range planning may be necessary. If you haven't started to increase your circle of friends yet, do so during the rest of the year--and have fun!

Neil Armstrong, Princess Anne of England, Amélia Earhart, Benjamin Harrison, Alfred Tombs and Shelley Winters were born with the Sun in Leo.

A look at that special Leo; as with other Fire signs, they are self-oriented. They take pride in their achievements and are usually active. They are customarily found to be affectionate, amorous, ardent, passionate, and romantic. A Leo can also be oppressive, impulsive, commanding and arrogant.

For all signs: Employment is better obtained on the 3rd, 19th and 23rd. Ask favors on the 3rd, 7th, 12th, 17th, and 31st. Make moves on the 13th and not 19th and 23rd. Ask favors on the 3rd, 7th, 12th, 17th, 21st, and 31st.

For Virgos: Long awaited romances should have had some very favorable results (like lovely partnerships), however there may be some troublesome domestic affairs during September. The fast changes in friendships should be slowing down by now. Older friends in your life will be influential in some fashion perhaps in helping you realize your ambitions. It would be wise to curb your spending for your month. If you haven't changed your job (or haven't gotten that raise), you still have the rest of the year to consider a change (or get a promotion). Workwise, this is a very productive year for you, and should have gotten you out of your rut.

Some others born with their Sun in Virgo - Augustus Caesar, Sarah Bernhardt, Greta Garbo, Margarete de Lafayette, Sophia Loren and Roddy McDowall.

A look at that special Virgo: this is the sign of health, you will find some Virgos interested in health and diet. They have a practical nature and can be classified as individualists. The concise style and discriminating essence can sometimes be contrasted (or is in actuality, critical, intolerant and calculating). For all signs: Employment is better obtained on the 3rd, 6th, 8th, 11th, 13th, 17th, and 24th. Love affairs will prosper when the gay community has suffered another setback with the death of Henry J. McCluskey.

SLAYER OF DALLAS ATTORNEY STILL AT LARGE

William David Hovilic, blond, blue eyes and about 35 years old, is still being sought by Dallas police for questioning in the slaying of Dallas attorney Henry J. McCluskey, Jr.

According to witnesses, on the evening of Wednesday, June 27th two men drove up behind McCluskey's office at the corner of La Vista and Skillman in East Dallas. The lights went out as the two men got out of the small blue car and entered the office. McCluskey's body was found in a park about a mile from the attorney's office, and a $500 check made out to Hovilic was withdrawn from the attorney's bank account. McCluskey's body was found in a park about a mile from the attorney's office, and a $500 check made out to Hovilic was withdrawn from the attorney's bank account. McCluskey was 30 years old at the time of his death and a bachelor. He was well known in the gay community for his willingness to take gay cases where other attorneys wouldn't.

He is best remembered for challenging Texas' sodomy laws in the famous Buchanan case in 1969. Although he received a favorable ruling from Judge Sarah T. Hughes, the state appealed the case to the Supreme Court which returned it to the local district court. Buchanan had been charged with two counts of sodomy. McCluskey won one of the cases but lost the other. Buchanan is in the state prison at Huntsville today. The gay community has suffered another setback with the death of Henry J. McCluskey.

CONvention '73

Whitman Center is cooperating with several other ex-offender groups in presenting a community workshop on the rights of prisoners and victims of crime. The theme of it is, "Convicts cannot make restitution if they are in prison." It will take place August 10 and 11 at the Whitman Center, 2425 16th Ave. So., in Seattle. A number of workshops are dedicated to the problems of women and gays in prison. For more information, contact Whitman Center.

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CONJUGAL GAY VISIT IN ORGAN?

In an attempt to reduce homosexuality within the Oregon prison, the legislature recently passed a bill allowing conjugal visits. Ironically, however, the new bill passed by the Senate permits one 12-hour visit per month with anyone on the inmates visiting list who is over 18!

THE GOOD GRAY POET

"In every library throughout the Texas Department of Corrections is a thick volume of poetry titled Leaves of Grass. It is the gospel of America's most perfect singer, lover and believer in the brotherhood of all creatures. It is the quintessence of Walt Whitman: 'Camerado! This is no book; Who touches this, touches my soul and the distant future. The conscious mix of visionary philosophy and the Texas Department of Corrections is a thick volume of poetry titled Leaves of Grass. It is darkness. Through him there can be peace and a solid rapport with anyone on the inmates visiting list who is over 18!"

From A Poet In A Maryland Prison

Your Loneliness Tool

"I comforted your brief note and held your friendship near. You spoke with fear and for being such a fool I realized I was only just a LONELINESS TOOL!"

ACLU Joins Slopak Case

Larry Slopak, a gay resident of Oregon State Penitentiary in Salem, has filed suit against his parole board for refusing to release him on parole to Whitman Center. Filing the case on behalf of the Oregon ACLU was Herbert Titus, professor of law at the University of Oregon, and David Jensen, a Eugene, Ore., attorney who has had considerable success defending anti-war demonstrators. The brief was filed in the U. S. District Court for the District of Oregon in Portland. In part, the brief states that the decision denying release on parole was based in part on the grounds that the plaintiff was thereby denied due process and equal protection of the laws secured to him by the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

In preparing the brief, the attorneys obtained a copy of the tape transcription of a parole hearing last September 7. A "considerable portion" of that hearing was taken up in discussions of the biblical injunctions against homosexuality and the "incongruity of a former Catholic priest running a running program for unreconstructed homosexuals," referring to our program to which Slopak had applied.

The Whitman Center staff aided Slopak in bringing the case to the attention of the Governor's office and the public. They also met with the parole board who admitted that "religious considerations" were partly responsible for the parole denial. Gov. Tom McCall's office has taken a hands-off position on the highly publicized case. The governor's legal assistant, Edward Branchfield, former State Supreme Court Justice, stated there were merits to both sides of the case.

Slopak had already served five years for a sex offense involving a consensual act with a 14 year old male. The board set his next hearing for 1975. It is reported that the average sentence served for manslaughter in that institution is 2½ years.

FEDS HASSLE GAY INMATES

Several letters of protest have been sent to authorities of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons alleging harassment of prison inmates John A. Gibbs and Ernest Valenzuela, who have been attempting to seek prison recognition by attempting to form a chapter of the National Gay Prisoners' Coalition in the Leavenworth Penitentiary. Gibbs is on the board of the National group.

Last December 10, visitors from the Lawrence College Gay Liberation Front were prevented from visiting him. On Jan. 15, both he and Valenzuela were isolated from the general population by being locked up in their cells. Valenzuela is still in isolation, and both have been threatened with removal to other institutions.

On Jan. 20, materials sent to the supervisor of the education department of the prison were returned without comment to Chris Wheeler, director of the National Gay Prisoners' Coalition, who had protested the treatment of the gay inmates. Several letters were sent to the director of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, Norman Carlson, through the office of Senator Magnuson.

In reply, Carlson stated: "The Bureau of Prisons does not permit the intimidation of any inmate.
within our institutions; however, it is quite true that the National Gay Prisoners' Coalition has been denied permission to organize within the institution. The National Gay Prisoners' Coalition is interested in the promotion of the welfare of all gay men, and encouraging the acceptance of this form of behavior.

Violence which arise from homosexual behavior are the chief cause of fights, assaults and deaths within correctional institutions. We believe it is absolutely necessary to forbid homosexual behavior and take all necessary steps to prevent its occurrence. We are also very aware of the real possibility that, if consensual practices were permitted, the intimidation or threats which might be the source of this consent could go undetected in the institutional setting...Our records indicate that Mr. John Gibbs and Mr. Ernest Valenmure are now confined in a control status as a result of their being involved in an altercation with each other.

In our next letter, we contend that depriving any group of their constitutional rights was a gross form of harassment, and that the Federal Bureau has no evidence at all that allowing the gays to organize would increase either the incidence of homosexuality or violence, and that, in fact, the authorities have agreed that the violence and sexual assault are not caused by homosexuals, but by the brutalizing atmosphere of the prison itself. Those concerned with the civil rights of gays in prison should write their congressmen, Norman Carlson, Director, U.S. Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20537, and Warren Daggett, Box 100, Leavenworth, KS 66048.

More Protection For Gays In Prison Urged

Regulations to allow more sexual freedom for inmates in Washington State penal institutions were discussed at a meeting in Olympia on July 18. The Residents' Council at the State Reformatory in Shelton argued that the ban on sexual acts should be lifted to those which are expressly "unlawful," and the Washington ACLU suggested that only forced or coercive acts should be considered prison infractions. "Sexual freedom, including homosexuality is too important and too necessary to be banned completely," the ACLU said in a statement.

Our position was that homosexuality is not a problem in prisons, but the persecution of homosexuals is. Prison authorities have been accused of ticketing gays from acts of violence. "The basic question," we wrote in a letter to Milton U. R. Powers, Secretary of the Dept. of Social and Health Services, "is not whether the behavior is increased, but whether the incarceration of gays in prisons is being used to suppress that behavior in a climate of fear of assault.--It does not constitute cruel and unusual punishment in the strict sense--"

AND NOW, For the news

A fire broke out in Whitman Center, the morning of June 10, destroying one bedroom and most of the belongings of two residents. No one was injured. Through quick action by residents and the fire department, damage was limited to $2,000, made good by insurance except for the personal losses. The Red Cross made good for some of the clothes lost. Repairs are to be completed shortly. We are still trying to replace uninsured furniture. We would welcome donations of beds, bedding, dresses, lamps, and chairs.

LAVENDER COUNTRY

A fine album of gay music in a rousing country-western style has been produced by a group of Seattle gay movement people. To get your copy send $1.50 to Gay Community Social Services, P.O. Box 2222, East Union Station, Seattle, WA 98122.

From The Leaves Of Grass

When I heard at the close of the day how my name had been receiv'd with plaudits in the capital, still it was not a happy night for me that follow'd. And else when I carouse'd, or when my plans were accomplish'd I still was not happy.

But the day when I rose at dawn from the bed of perfect health refresh'd, singing, inhaling the right breath of autumn, When I saw the full moon in the west grove pale and disappear in the morning light, When I wander'd alone o'er the beach, and undressed bathing, laughing with the cool waves and saw the sun rise, And when I thought how my dear friend my lover was on his way coming, O then I was happy, O then each breath tasted sweeter, and all that day my food nourish'd me more, and the beautiful day pass'd well.

And the next came with equal joy, and with the next at evening came my friend, And that night while all was still I heard the waters roll slowly continually up the shores, I heard the hissing rustle of the liquid limbs as directed to me whispering to congratulate me, For the once I love most lay sleeping by me under the same cover in the cool night, In the stillness in the autumn moonbeams his face was inclined toward me, And his arm lay lightly around my breast--and that night I was happy.

THE HOMOSEXUAL IMAGINATION

The editors of College English, an official publication of the Council of teachers of English, have given us the opportunity to assemble a special issue devoted to homosexual literature, criticism, and teaching, for which we cordially invite contributions from professors, students, and critics. The issue will focus upon the homosexual imagination, what it is within literature and criticism, and how it enriches education and the human experience. The key note will be the unique contributions of gay insight. As guest editors, we shall give preference to articles reflecting a pro-gay attitude over those with more apologetic, or defensive tones, the mood should be more celebrative than angry, more literary than clinical or sociological.

Article topics may range from homosexual literature as a developing historical tradition to linguistic studies of gay slang, from American political literature toward informed by gay insight to genre definitions of camp, from the lesbian or feminist Insight to the bisexual insight to the gay black insight, from a broad discussion of repression and literary symbolism to the archetypal quest motif of coming out, from gay critical insight into heterosexual literature in perspectives on the classroom situation--to mention but a few springboard topics. There will be no taboos regarding the topics, except for College English's usual ban against articles on only one author or one work without broader implications.

Our tentative working plans call for a May 1974 publication for which we would appreciate receiving contributions by January 1974. The suggested length of each article is from 2000 to 3000 words, with an academic and lively style, written for a mixed audience. The combined experience of the guest editors includes teaching courses on homosexual literature, general academic activities, creative writing, and publication in various scholarly and educational journals and gay periodicals.

We look forward to your help with this exciting and liberating project.

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enches that the Movement has gone much further and is no longer a sec-
tion warrants. Those of us who work
within the Movement’s border-
could easily delude ourselves into
thinking that the Movement prides
the little meetings we attend, the
crowded drag balls, and the
congratulations we offer one another: approval socially
substantial clout and muscle.

What the beast strikes and
it takes a catastrophe like New
Orleans to give us a fleeting
glimpse of the social forces lying
there just below the surface
— have we in the Movement
given much thought to how we propose
to cope with it? Are zaps and
chaining ourselves to the table legs
in city halls much of an answer?
Do costumes in the style of Dali
and little gender fuck games with
beards and earrings show us what
to do?

The sad fact seems to be that too
many of us are busy doing our “own thing” to give very much
time to studying where we are going and what we are after. Yet,
if we neglect the long range view
of ourselves — as we might (be sure) without much idea of
how much they can grow or even what kind of growth is
possible? Highly charged rhetoric
and the joining of hands in some sort of a united front
is a tendency to give momentary
reason while leaving us with deeper feel­
ments of commitments just fixture
away.

The victims of the fire will have lost their lives to no effect
at all unless more of us wake up,
in fear if you want to call it that.
that the Movement either means
nothing or means much by the
declaration that makes us willing to sacri­
cifice and give up much for the
good common, or else we shall
all be in danger of the beast
each time it becomes aroused.

Would anyone be expected to
say that society is going to just
sit back and play show business
like a TV show? The world isn’t
like that, say the leaders in the
Movement, because without
and power we need gained by
such methods. How, then is it to be
answered? That is the answer we
should all be striving to come
with. It is an enterprise most people
find either boring or incom­
prehensible. However, not to make
the effort in something that can be
neglected at our own peril.

As of this date, there have been
no more deaths from the fire, but
one sister and several brothers
in Charities Hospital, New Orleans, in very serious condi­
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Young Lutheran Host
Gay Minister

S. Harbers
Gay minister from Maumee
speaking to 200 persons attending
the Lutheran Youth meeting in
Houston, told the meeting that
what people do in private “is their own
business if they are comfortable with it.”
I feel very good about my sex­
uality and my experiences,” he
told the group.

The title of the discussion group
was “Gay Men in Plain English.”
The group was made up of mostly
teenagers from all over the United
States.

The Rev. Maurer is a lecturer
in the Sexuality program at
the University of Mississippi.
He is a United Church of
Christ minister and lives in
Minneapolis.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Frequently distressed by gay organizations and gay churches ask, "What good are you doing? Why, rock the boat?"

I only refuse to work for gay unities and love, but that's not true. I only wish these fee-drags could sit for just one evening in a gay city and read the letters this newspaper receives from lonely people all over America. Following is a typical letter—just one in a hundred:

Dear Editor,

I live in a small town in Missouri. My father and I don't get along. I work at a job I don't like and I'm leaving this town forever.

I know I'm gay, but I don't know how to meet anyone. How can I let a gay guy know I want to talk to him? How can I let him know I want to have sex with him?

How can I handle my religious feelings about "sinful" love?

How can I handle the need for secrets and fears of being found out?

Please help me. I'm so lonely.

Dear John,

Neither I (nor anyone else) can give you "instant knowledge (or wisdom)" by mail order. On the other hand, I can't turn my back on a boy who, so far, has done his best. But please keep in mind I'm no authority. I speak only from my own experience.

1. How to break the ice and talk with a stranger? In a city park or public rest room, don't try. The chances of your putting beast-up, rolled or arrested are real good. At the local YMCA you can always ask about swimming, basketball, ping-pong, photography or whatever your intended friend is interested in. But go slow at first. Play it with caution. Make friends first. Sex will come naturally.

2. What technique to use to let him know you are interested in sex? Many Gays like quick pick-ups and are very good at it. But sex? Many Gays like quick pick-ups and are very good at it. But sex?

3. Do your gay feelings change, or can you do what you want when you want?

4. How to handle fears of being found out?

Hi! I've just bought this hotel in Eureka, which is the most scenic town in the Ozarks. Arts, crafts and beautiful old 1878 atmosphere abound—If I'd like to welcome your readers and would appreciate an ad in your classified immediately. Please bill me. I have owned and still own the Pattened Caf in New Orleans for a number of years and find I would like to extract my clientele from your readers. Please place my ad immediately and send a rate card. Thank You—Sincerely Barbara Scott

BOOK NEWS

Gordon of Khartoum, the soldier and mystic who has been consid­ered as a strange, heroic misfit and a combination of martyr, saint and Metropolis sex symbol, comes to life with hallucinating credibility in a novel, THE LAST ENCOUNTER by Robin Maugham (McGraw-Hill, $6.95).

For his twentieth book, the famous author draws on material painstakingly gathered over a period of two decades from a wide variety of sources. He vividly evokes an unforgettable figure: General Charles George Gordon, the veteran of Imperial glory in China, Africa, India, and now on the eve of his ultimate epic, his trans­figuration through death in the hands of Dervishes in the Sudan.

With penetrating insight and tender compassion, Maugham des­cribes the last tortured months of Gordon's life as Gordon himself might have recorded them in his last journal. It is the gripping, moving portrait of a man's unanswered questions of his destiny as he was unsure of his sexual emotions.

As the author of The Servant, Escape from the Shadows, and Somerset and All the Maugham's works, Gordon of Khartoum is reminiscent of Lawrence of Arabia: the same bravery in the face of terror and death, the same sexual ambivalence, the same tormented soul searching distinguishes both men. As the London Sunday Times observed upon publication of this book's British edition, The Last Encounter "presents a convincingly portriat of a strangely complex man.

MAYBE

We are born, we live, we love.

We suffer.

Then we die . . . . and the waves continue to beat upon the rocks.

The sand and bars of time come and go. But nothing remains but the earth.

And what should be done, but couldn't, and wasn't be.

Another time . . .

And then . . .

MAYBE

BUSBY BERKELEY IS BACK

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(see story on page 2)
ried or have heterosexual affairs. The Shermans said studies of the mate-swapping "swingers" showed:
- They are not necessarily emotionally disturbed;
- Generally they have a better than average education;
- They are usually middle and upper class;
- They are more mobile than the average person;
- Many feel mate-swapping "saved their marriage;"
- They generally favor extramarital sex when one party does not know or does not participate;
- Generally they are more conservative politically.

The Shermans have three children. Jerome Sherman, 36, is a private psychologist and will lecture at Rice University this year in addition to teaching at South Texas.

Rush Sherman, 32, is a microbiologist at South Texas.

Southwestern Medical School Studies Gay Men

An indepth study of the sexual preferences of homosexuals is now being conducted by Psychologists from Southern Methodist University and Southwestern Medical School.

With the increasing interest of researchers directed toward the nature of human sexuality, Psychologists from S.M.U. and Southwestern have focused their attention on the relation of sexual preferences to sexual orientation.

Addressing the issue of homosexuality, the purpose of the current research is to gather 'normative data' in an effort to better understand homosexual preferences. Authors of the study have begun with the premise that many current assumptions about sexuality are ill-founded due to a lack of research.

Prior assumptions aside, the current research is an attempt to begin at the beginning, to research and document preferences of all sexual orientations. It is felt that only through such an endeavor can the homosexual orientation be understood and accepted by societal definitions. Further, in an effort to understand the homosexual, it is hoped that through enlightenment consequent research may assist the homosexual in his understanding of himself.

Those wishing to aid in this research are asked to call Mary Wilson, Southwestern Medical School, Monday through Friday at 692-2266 or 369-9133 after 5 o'clock. You will not be asked to disclose your identity.

TOUCH ME
I have awakened during the night wanting your touch - nothing more than your touch. That would have been enough of love ....... that would have been all.
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Some of the contestants will be taking advantage of the complimentary visit to the Club Monday evening. Again, all welcome.

The Club Houston that Monday evening could prove to be an opportunity for you to do some pre-judging.

There have been several entries for the contest. However, contestants can still enter by contacting Lynn at the Club Houston, 2205 Fannin, or Gene at the Farmhouse. There is no entry fee, but please enter before Friday midnight, Aug 24.

"Where were you when the lights went out?" is the sign that appears in the entry of the Hi-Kamp. That refers to the other night when power transformer blew out and the lights went off. Ronnie Hos paid the light bill at least, and sabatoge was not the cause. The overloaded circuit and business was back to usual the following evening.

SPEAKEASY Plush

Formerly the Silver Helmet, the Speakeasy on Denton Drive cut-off in Dallas is aptly named, for it is one of the few bars in this city where the noise from the sound system allows easy conversation. This might account for its success. Al and Gene have teamed up with Buddy and Arthur to put together a club which has personality entirely its own. According to the owner, the charges have been dropped against those who were engaged in what at the time of the arrests seemed to be overt homosexual acts.

Unfortunately, this place, long a monument in Dallas as a cruise bar, and has equally shared the reputation of the same going-on in the Tea-Room for some time, has not reached the ears of Margaret. Until this unfortunate arrest scene.

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Mr. Club Baths to be chosen at the FARMHOUSE

This month in Big D, the Old Charter has flowed freely, much too freely for all our health.

We celebrated Ronseque's birthday that took two days and two nights! There was a gala party at the Bar for Sue and the Midamin' Fertilizer, with food and drinks. The following night there was another festivities at Miss Exons' bode with friends for din-

din and libations! Perry P. you had a great time whether your memory was serving you or not!! Blanch had to leave early to catch a flight to Atlanta. I've got to talk to her about that. The menu read like Mother's Country Kitchen -- stuffed peppers, fried okra, squash, purple hull peas - corn bread and onions (HUSH YOUR MOUTH) -- it was a blast. Ron-
sue sure likes them "hot peppers" among other things!

Big Mable - Slit and Mother want to thank you for the grat-

tuties due to our fantastic service this past Sunday night! Good old Diamond Jim Mable!! Mable gave Mother a 90¢ drink in exchange for a doll and was true to keep the change. Mother immediately brought the ten cent tip to Sluts.

Love ... What the hell, I don't know--

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The Tina Flash is back in a dress -- got her all tuckeayed up one night and she was easy! She got another engagement coming up soon at Ronseque's.

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Perry P. -- thank of course J. Carrol -- "Look Slut, Big Mable gave Mother's dress - - got her all tookeyed Diamond Jim Mable!! Mable gave this past Sunday night! Good old Mother a for a dollar and was told to keep the change. Mother immediately sue sure likes them "hot peppers" among other things!

Tina Flash was there to greet Sadji had been back with Billy, it's good to have you back between her jobs. Billy, it's good to have you back! -- that took two days and two nights!! But anything was engaged in what at the time of the arrests seemed to be overt homosexual acts.

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Love ... What the hell, I don't know--
Never one to be topped, the Bayou Landing of Dallas decided to compete with the opening of the Mark Twain by recarpeting, new sound and some reconstruction and held its celebration the night of August 8th.

Free liquor and beer was given away all night long, no cover charge at the door and a fantastic show. One could not move throughout the mammoth club. Literally hundreds poured through the door to help celebrate and show support for the club. Owners and managers from virtually every bar in Dallas and some from as far away as Houston were seen in the crowd.

The Landing earned for itself a reputation that night that will be long in forgetting because of the genuinely friendly service (even though it was free), the cordiality at the front door upon entering, and the thrill of bumping shoulders with some notable stage and screen stars hidden in the masses of kids enjoying the reward of patronizing this fantastic club. Part of the club’s reconstruction was the building of tiers which now afford a gorgeous view of the bodies parading through the club. Carpeted throughout except the dance floor, the club has a new feeling of elegance, but more important, lets the patrons know their support has helped pay for all of this; a smart move for any operator.

Big David in Florida

What it all this we hear about Big David having been in Miami for a week. Understand her performances were a tremendous success and will long be remembered. As if good showmanship were not enough to leave the Floridians with it seems that there were also “autographs” left on some “hot checks” -- it is expensive for one so loveable and large to travel in such fashion. Big David is also remembered in Houston for “non payment” of obligations.

HURT

You hurt me in bed last night -- was it the liquor you had drank -- or are you falling out of love with me -- or did you have a bad day at your office. I love you -- you can hurt me if you want -- just don’t forget I’m a person and I have feelings.

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GLORY HOLE
Closes

The Glory Hole of Dallas has closed. According to the owners who stated that although the club opened with all promises of success, something seemed to be lacking in the "enjoyment factor" and business began a gradual decline soon after its opening. In retrospect, it can be said the employees working at the lounge were the finest.

Free liquor was poured this opening night until 10:30 when a festive mood changed to the ordinary routine of bar-going once customers began paying for drinks. It is bound to be a huge success, especially if Mother Caven continues to keep the decor lively.

No entertainment was provided, but snacks were placed at a back table facing a cute cubby-hole dining area which windows onto the Lemmon avenue traffic.

Altogether an interesting place. Ample parking and beautifully decorated.

Among those seen at opening were Margaret (TJ's), Ronnie Sue (RonSue's), Sonny Sewell (Speak-easy), and many others.

'REALITY
Take me to a place I've never known,
where we can hold hands on the street
and I can say I love you out loud
and you can touch me as we lay on
the beach sunbathing. How long will
we have to save for passage to such a
place... forever?

'Mark Twain'
Opens in Dallas

Bob Cappell

Frank Caven, entrepreneur in El Paso Gay Bars a few years ago came to Dallas to open the original Bayou Club which brought both fame and fortune to the large, if not fat, man known affectionately by his friends as Mammy.

Discounting his failure to revive the Atlanta by re-naming it the King Of Clubs, (which somehow never even became the King of spades) Frank opened the Candy Store with little success and Motherseers with some success as a straight enterprise.

The new club promises to be something else. It looks like success all over again.

At first glance you will see the shadows of patrons from years past who perennially haunted the old Atlantis, and at opening night, faces appeared from homes, not mainly or chiefly other bars as would be expected. Almost as though the old Villa Crowd or the Old Atlantis Crowd had waited these years for the place to open.

The decor speaks little of Mark Twain. Tiffany lamps, crystal chandeliers, an island bar, a mammoth patio, a second story club (as yet uncompleted) blend into a smallish dance floor and game area. Circulation throughout is easy, and the layout is lavish. Chairs, tables, etc., are obviously costly and many face the double-sided fireplace awaiting romantic evenings to come.

Located in the heart of the Lemmon Avenue Straight district, the bar is accessible to Airport, restaurants, etc., and is therefore planning to cater to a stable swinging straight crowd for lunches; this, according to Billy, will help create good will for the place when it becomes Gay later in the evening.

The St. George Hotel in New York City was the site of the Mr. David Contest August 11th and 12th. Mr. C. J. Harrington from the Bayou Landing, Houston, Texas was winner of this contest and is now not only Mr. Bayou Landing, but Mr. Texas and Mr. David.

1st runner-up was Mike from Portland, Oregon. 2nd was Gary Hunt of New York City and 3rd was George Payne of Youngstown Ohio.

The Miss David Contest was won by Brandy Lee of the Cabaret Club in San Francisco. 1st runner-up was Roshi Fernandez of Atlanta. 2nd runner-up was Gene Chandler of 82 Club, New York. 3rd runner-up was Rachell Wells of Atlanta.

The Next Mr. David Contest will be held in San Francisco, Ca. We at the NUNTUS wish to extend our congratulations to Mr. C. J. Harrington and thank Mr. Bill Baker, manager of the Bayou Landing - Houston for the pictures.
 **TRAD'N TRICKS**

**WHITE** - LEGALLY MARRIED

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All applicants will be contacted.

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**PIX U SCENED HEAVY.** Bondage, w/m, leather, w/chains, bits, & bikes. Lists many names w/ phone, addresses. $2 Now. Lists Box 84; Pacific Palisades, CA 90272. Also send story or whip race uses only $2.

28. CHINESE - I stand 5'9' tall, slim built, with black hair and brown eyes. I would like to write and meet gay guys 25-35 years of age, with hairy and well built body. Will send photos to guys who will write to me. P.O. Box 817 - Cebu City J-137, Philippines.

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**DOWN**

1. sand
2. go
3. lift
4. as
5. Britain
6. suspend
7. desired
8. dessert
9. through
10. tripped
11. blue
12. spin
13. orbs
14. clouds
15. resign
16. si
17. O.E.
18. across
19. entire
20. fun
21. even
22. it

**ACROSS**

1. song
2. dull
3. split
4. send
5. as
6. S.S.
7. re
8. LP
9. con
10. ice
11. red
12. sat
13. not
14. i.e.
15. ate
16. oui
17. across
18. name
19. then

**DIOGAL**

12. else
17. help
20. assent
30. spoils

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