ARSONIST(S) BURN FARMHOUSE CLUB

Sunday AM March 3, at 6:55 a 4 alarm fire destroyed Houston's largest Gay club.
The Farmhouse Club, 3835 Westheimer was in the process of rebuilding for reopening on March 9th and was closed at the time of the March 3rd blaze due to a previous five the 27th of January.
According to Arson Investigator Parks, "arson was the definite cause of the latest fire. Two - two gallon gasoline cans were recovered at the scene. Fire had been deliberately set at the entrance, the front corner and the double doors leading to the parking lot."
Parks also stated that, "employees and connected personnel with the Farmhouse had undergone lie-detector tests and that the results did not in any way indicate that any were implicated in the fire."
The previous fire was not ruled arson but the arson aspect had not been ruled out and since the later blaze final ruling as to cause is pending. Mr. Parks stated that "there are two teams of investigators working on the Farmhouse case and any information anyone might have to help would be kept in strict confidence. Anonymous persons who might wish to help in anyway might call the Arson Division or Mr. Howell or Newton at the Plantation on Westheimer."
This help is needed and it is the responsibility of the gay community to help if possible.

STREAKING - GOOD/BAD/IMMORAL?

by Jim Chase

"Streaking" good or bad, moral or immoral? Who cares as long as it is fun and nobody is hurt by it? In the past couple months things that might be considered strange by some, have been happening all over this great, "free" country ours. Streakers have been appearing everywhere, including our favorite television shows. If you didn't catch the streakers on your favorite news broadcast, or the "Tonight Show", don't give up. Just make sure you see "Password" on April 16th.
For once Texas hasn't been left out; colleges, highschools, night clubs, and landmarks have all gotten into the act. In Houston, the "Tiger Room Club" has been streaked on several occasions (once by the entire female staff of the Texas Free Press). In San Antonio, even the Tower of the Americas was streaked (March 29, 1974 issue Texas Free Press). In Corpus Christi, a male streaker dashed down the main corridor of a local high school during the noon hour. Just across the border, in Nuevo Laredo, streaking became a form of protest for three prostitutes were soliciting in the downtown area, away from the city's red light district.
Streaking has had its problems:
Three Brigham Young University streakers have been ordered to pay for clothing someone else was wearing while they were streaking across the campus.
The Provo, Utah judge decided that
It seems that before a person can become successful, or even start on the road to success, he must first come to grips with himself. So it is with Steven Grossman, who just four years ago was student body president of Erasmus High School in Brooklyn and is now a promising artist with a debut LP, "Caravan Tonight," on Mercury Records.

Understanding and appreciating oneself is not the easiest chore in the world, especially when, like Steve, you realize you are a gay male in a straight world. But being gay is just one facet of Steven's personality that he now understands.

Originally, he wanted to be an actor and had planned to study at the prestigious Neighborhood Playhouse in New York. In order to earn money for his studies, Grossman worked at Coney Island during the summer as a "stab and bagger" -- a garbage collector on the beach. It was during this time that Steven's lady friend had left for England telling him in no uncertain terms to get himself a bit more together.

Steven soon renewed a friendship with a man who had recently become aware of his own gay persuasion, and it was through that friendship that Grossman gained an understanding of his personal homosexuality. Finding it increasingly difficult to work with straight males, combined with a lack of money from the Coney Island Job, Steven quit and tried to sort out things for a year. This was a difficult period for Grossman, he says now, because for the first time he experienced true love, and consequently learned about the rejection that that emotion often entails. He began putting his thoughts into songs, many of which appear on the album. Steven is especially proud of the songs from that period because, as he says, "For the first time I could write what I felt and not what I thought other people wanted to hear."

Several of the songs on "Caravan Tonight!" deal with the problems that gays face in a straight society: "Song To Bonnie" reflects on his leaving his heterosexual past and joining an oppressive gay lifestyle; "Out!" depicts the problems of telling one's parents that their child is gay; and "Many Kinds Of Love!" deals with the religious ramifications of being homosexual.

Other songs deal with everyday occurrences and events and are not limited to the gay perspective. Despite his songs and personal lifestyle, Steven Grossman is not a crusader in the true meaning of the word. He wants to be judged as an artist who happens to be gay, rather than as a gay performer. One main goal of Steven's is that through his writing and performing, he will be able to encourage other gays to be more out front with their emotions in order to take full advantage of their creativity. And in that sense, the success of Grossman might make him a crusader after all.
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