

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to INTEGRITY/HOUSTON which will begin its 4TH year
February 13, 1975!

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JANUARY 1975 NEWSLETTER

A super HAPPY NEW YEAR to all of you. All of us at Integrity wish each of you the very best--may we realize our dreams, individually and collectively.

On December 6th, Hugh of Integrity and Pokey of NOW spoke to a class of medical students at the UofT Medical School in the Medical Center. The professor said it was the first time the class had applauded guest speakers. Our ER speakers bureau has added three more speakers to the ranks and the first of the year we hope to establish guidelines and, perhaps, produce a booklet for use by persons interesting in speaking.

On January 2nd, Integrity is pleased to show the Unitarian filmstrip, "The Invisible Minority," through the courtesy of Mr. Den Milam and GPA. Integrity, expresses its appreciation for their kindness.

On Thursday before Christmas, Integrity held its annual Christmas buffet. It was a grand affair and well attended. The membership outdid themselves. The table should have been photographed by Better Homes. We had every imaginable dish on the table and on the hoof.

The Sexuality and Lesbian Task Force of NOW has purchased 150 ER brochures and has undertaken the task of mailing them to the media in the region. Integrity is presently mailing them to schools and colleges. We hope to gain most of our speaking engagements through the brochures.

I/H is currently negotiating with New Line Cinema in New York to arrange a showing of "A Very Natural Thing," the new Gay first-line feature. We have talked to Interstate Theatres and will be holding discussions with the Tercar chain to obtain a house and hope to show the film sometime in March. If all goes as planned it will be a great fund raiser--if not, those of us underwriting the project can be contacted at the City Pea Farm (debtors prison). We understand the film has been shown in San Antonio and Austin and would like to hear reactions from those who have seen the film.

We are looking forward to our upcoming meeting the end of January in Dallas. I will be happy to bring your monthly mailings back, so try to have them ready. If the communications people will give them to your coordinators or delegates to bring it would be appreciated.

Has ANYONE seen an Integrity advertisement in any Gay newspaper, magazine, or whatnot (tea room wall, etc.) We have gotten numerous inquiries from as far away as Reno, Nev., which is great. By and large they have been legit, but we have gotten some calls that left a great deal to be desired. Several inquiries appeared to have been informed of us through "swingers" publications and were apparently under the impression that we are featuring weekly "bangs." The majority said they had seen our ads--WE haven't. We have not purchased any ads anywhere, nor are we aware of any, other than through our mystery callers. At times we feel like "Dial A Stud." Let us know--by all means.

As I have a "Bitch is Beautiful" award, I can feel free to be aggressive, blunt, competitive, demanding, independent, pushy and stubborn, so if you don't get busy with your mailings--you'll get yours! Thanks to the beautiful people at Dallas MCC. Our best to you all. Onward and upward.

MEETS EACH THURSDAY, 7:30pm, 2020 WAUGH DRIVE

INTEGRITY/HOUSTON

August 1975 (not a complete accounting for month)		Fixed Monthly Expenses	
		all figures estimated	
5/25 balance by phone	\$ 86.21	Rent (\$5.00 per meeting)	\$25.00
deposit 3/27	40.00	Telephone service	19.00
deposit 7/30	33.00	Calendar mailings	6.00
	\$159.21	Miscellaneous (coffee, cups, stationery, etc.)	10.00
phone service \$18.99		Total	\$60.00
Sept. rent 20.00	\$120.22		
Balance carried forward 9/1/75	\$120.22		

Projected Expenses (Plans and Projects)

(Estimated figures)	
Integrity brochures	\$30.00
Annual dues (National Gay Task Force and Texas Gay Task Force)	40.00
Incorporation as Non-profit Organization	45.00
Reserve funds (for unexpected expenditures)	50.00
Purchase of telephone answering device	60.00
TGC III "T" shirts (subject to membership approval) (designed as fund raiser)	50.00

other special projects

\$ 295.00

\$ 155

\$ 450 ÷ 11

38

\$ 100/m

September 3, 1975
Houston, Texas

HOUSTON CHRONICLE

HOUSTON, TEXAS, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1975

Ban Bias Against Gays, Cleric Asks

The pastor of a church that caters to the gay community asked City Council to ban discrimination against homosexuals in housing and city employment in Houston.

The Rev. R. M. Falls of the Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, 2020 Waugh Drive, also urged council to include a course in human sexuality in police training.

Falls said clergymen should be permitted

to counsel homosexuals in the city jail "without being ridiculed."

Ray Hill, a free-lance writer and publicity director for the church, told council he was arrested Saturday in the Montrose-Westheimer area for allegedly interfering with an officer.

Hill said he did nothing to warrant his arrest. He said he was released Monday after the charges were dismissed.

The Houston Post 17A
THURS. OCT. 9, 1975

Council hears complaints about hospital conditions

Complaints of overcrowded and understaffed conditions at facilities in the Harris County Hospital District were aired Wednesday by eight speakers appearing before the Houston City Council.

The speakers were told by council members that the City Council lacks jurisdiction over matters in the hospital district.

Bonnie Adkins, one of the speakers, said the council members ought to work to change the law so the city can make improvements at Ben Taub and Jefferson Davis hospitals.

"The county claims they have no money. We believe it is the city's responsibility to begin providing medical care for every person who needs it," she said.

She and others in the group are members of the Committee Against Racism. The council took no action on the complaints.

Another speaker, Hugh Crell, warned

the council the Gay Political Caucus expects to have 5,000 qualified registered voters for the Nov. 4 election to support candidates who believe the civil rights of homosexuals should be protected by a city ordinance.

"I think you need psychiatric treatment," Councilman Frank Mann told Crell.

Assertions of police brutality by Samuel D. Hall, 2807 Newhoff, and his wife were referred to the Harris County grand jury, the city attorney and the police department for investigations.

Hall said he was shoved into a glass window by a police officer and then arrested on a subsequent charge of resisting arrest. He received cuts on the chin, a finger and on his back which required medical treatment, he said.

Councilman Jim McConn said: "This case seriously concerns me. I think it might be the Halls are telling the truth. If so, it was a sorry mess that took place."