

Houston Human Rights Rally Thursday, June 16, 1977 Bagby/McGowen

AGENDA

7:00 - 7:45 Press Conference inside Depository II (Private)

RALLY BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 8PM!

8:00 - 8:40 Speakers (Approximately 5 Minutes Each)

- 1) Hugh Crell—Local Gay Activist
- 2) Liz Torres—Actress
- 3) Nikki Van Hightower—Feminist
- 4) David Goodstein—Publisher of The Advocate
- 5) Ginny Apuzzo—Co-Chair of Gay Rights National Lobby
- 6) Rev. Troy Perry—Founder of UFMCC

8:40 - 8:45 Gary J. Van Ooteghem: Telegrams and Walk Instructions

8:45 Begin Walk Downtown. Obey Traffic Laws; Be peaceful and Orderly

9:30 Assemble at Public Library and Read Basic Human Rights Statement

9:45 Begin Return Walk. Continue to Obey All Laws and Instructions

10:30 Walk Ends

The Depository II Has Invited Us to Be Their Guests For an Orange-Based (Texas) Drink Inside After the Rally and Walk

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Montrose Meets The Candidates

Sunday
October 23, 1977
3:00 PM

In the courtyard at the corner of
Bomar at the North End of Whitney
(approximately 2 blocks SW of Taft and West Gray)

Gertrude Barnstone Introducing

Frank Briscoe
Noble Ginther
Dick Gottlieb
Jim McConn
Diane Sarge
Allan Vogel
Bette White

Followed By Questions From The Audience

Entertainment By Cy Brinson
Beverages and Refreshments Available

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1977

THE DAILY COUGAR

States 'intent'

Law won't affect gays here

By LORI KORLESKI
Managing Editor

A state law designed to bar all gay organizations from state campuses will have "absolutely no effect here," the associate dean of students said Thursday.

Section 37 of the General Appropriations Act, which went into effect Sept. 1, states: "It is the intent of the legislature that all boards of trustees and administrators of state colleges use all legal and reasonable means to prohibit the use of state facilities by any organization that seeks to foster or promote illegal activities, including homosexual organizations."

The Texas Legislature added the homosexual clause as a rider after two bills to ban homosexual organizations outright died in committee.

However, Julius Gordon said the law was vague and would not have any bearing on the Gay Activists Alliance or the Gay

Resource Services, the homosexual organizations at UH.

"The law states that the organization must foster or promote illegal activities. We have carefully examined the constitutions of these organizations and have found no intent to do anything illegal on the part of these organizations," Gordon said.

Gordon added that if any organization sponsored any illegal activities, the law would definitely be enforced.

"Like if we had a CB recycling club whose purpose was to rip off CBs and install them in members cars for a discount price, then they would be engaging in an illegal activity and they would be dissolved," he said.

Shawn Gonser, president of the GAA, said she agreed with Gordon's assessment of the situation.

"What the legislature actually passed was a statement of intent, and I don't think it's really enforceable. As to other schools who are trying to start organizations

like ours, I'm not sure how it would affect them," Gonser said.

She added that the persons who were trying to start a gay organization at Texas A&M are still in court. A&M's president denied the group recognition last year, on the grounds that sodomy was against the law and A&M would not endorse a group of potential criminals.

A coordinator for the Texas Gay Task Force, Woody Egger, said the reason such a rider was put on the General Appropriations Act was "the legislators probably visualized gay orgies on campus facilities. They just can't accept the fact that gays have political and social interests, too, and don't go around thinking about sex all the time."

Gordon was more critical of the legislature. "They could have just let it go with saying illegal activities, but they chose to take a shot at the gay community. It just reflects the conservative mood of the legislature—you've got to remember where most those people come from."

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Word

... I attempted to place an ad in your newspaper under the heading of GAY SALES with the specific purpose of attracting that category of person to sell 14K gold chains, etc. to other members of the gay community. Obviously, when trying to reach that market, which is excellent for wearing gold chains, bracelets and pendants, a member of the community would do the best job of reaching them.

I was informed by your classified department that I was unable to use the word gay in an ad. "It's too controversial." I think this is pretty dense on the part of your policymakers. When we have to tread so lightly that we can't use a word that is as common today as man and woman, then we're in deep trouble. I placed the ad anyway, headed by the title MALE-FEMALE. I hope I can attract the other also.

James R. Braun

P.O. Box 20205, San Antonio, Texas 78220

Hospitals, homosexuals

... Gays (Sound-Off Oct. 28) DO build hospitals, good schools and churches. They also help "downtrodden humanity to a better way of life." Gays are found among the ranks of all "helping" professions—doctors, social workers, teachers and clergy. Many of them also donate time and money to ... philanthropic and volunteer organizations.

Mrs. McCown (S-O Oct. 28) may have been helped sometime by a homosexual person but didn't know it because they looked and acted no different from anyone else. I would be glad to ask a gay for help and am proud to count many as my friends even though I am hopelessly heterosexual.

Jeannette M. Hughes

2226H Kipling, Houston, Texas 77098

employ them so that they might have the money to do so.

... I've yet to meet the gay person who wasn't at once friendly and helpful to anyone who didn't at first condemn them.

C. M. Sullivan

P. O. Box 1745, College Station, Texas 77840

A place

... Ms. Gregory (Sound-Off Oct. 26) asks what the world is coming to. Hopefully it's coming to be a place where all people will start appreciating (and stop condemning) the differences in each other.

Blaise DiStefano

3602 Garrett, Houston, Texas 77006

Help

Of course gays (please see the preceding letter) don't build hospitals, good schools and churches. No one will

Write to Sound-Off, The Houston Post, Houston, Texas 77001. Sign your letter and list your home and daytime telephone number. And please short.