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HELLO, PEOPLE, I'M YOUR FIRST ISSUE!

WRONG EMPHASIS: AN EDITORIAL — THINK ABOUT THIS.

Call someone a homosexual and you have singled out his sex life as the focal point in viewing him. For some, this implies the negation of any positive values in that person's life; he is viewed as morally and spiritually corrupt. For the gay lib homosexual, however, accenting his sexual activity generates a fierce pride in him that makes him impervious to all attack.

Too many straights see the homosexual as nothing but the source of a queer sexual activity. And it is the opinion of this editor that too many gays put too much emphasis on sex. This does not mean to say we should not be proud of our sexual orientation. It does not mean we should consider sex unimportant in our lives. Nor does it imply we become voluntary celibates or refrain from fighting for our rights.

Sex between two gays who relate is beautiful. It is decidedly an important aspect of our lives. It is natural, fulfilling and meaningful. Its exercise is our right. And our present social circumstances demand that we fight for the preservation of our rights. But much the same can be said of exercising our right to take in food and drink, to use our intellect, to give expression to artistic drives. All of these aspects of our life are important. They are all interrelated. Of themselves, they are amoral. How we use any of them determines their morality.

The individual whose life revolves around sex is immoral. When sexual activity becomes the immediate purpose of all social contact, when sexual desires constitute the sum-total of his desires, when sex becomes the focal point around which all else must revolve, there is for that person an imbalance which, when accepted and cherished, becomes immoral.

Homosexuality has no more claim to enthroning sex as the god in our life than does heterosexuality for straights. We are human beings—all of us. Our being is many faceted, each facet in balance with the other. To ignore other facets of our life, other needs and other activities, is to transform our essential beauty and goodness into a comedy of errors. We violate the integrity of our natures. We become immoral.

Our intellects have a natural hunger for truth. To confine the search for truth to the realm of sex or to see all truth as related as corollaries to sex is a tragic distortion of truth. To see beauty and goodness only in terms of the physical and centered in the genitalia, is to be pitifully myopic.

Our spirit tends to rise above the physical but cannot separate itself (until death) from the physical. When we allow the spirit to expand and seek its own horizons, the physical in our life is not destroyed but raised to a higher beauty. So, when a personal relationship is experienced with God, when the world of art is no foreign land to us, sex becomes far more beautiful and meaningful.

Our heart craves human relationships in varying degrees. But when we use those relationships to satisfy our own needs with no real concern for the immediate and ultimate needs of others, especially in the area of sex, we become misanthropic hypocrites—for all our altruistic protestations.

Houston Gays aid health department with VD program

HOUSTON—Integrity Houston, a gay rap and service group, recently assisted the health department in a venereal disease detection program among Gays. As a result of this program, Fred Ard of Integrity was invited to speak to the health department trainee program regarding gay problems.

The Houston Health Department says about 40 per cent of the city's VD cases involve Gays. During the Integrity program the anonymity of those coming for testing was carefully preserved. Among those tested, two active cases of VD were found, and Integrity volunteers contacted the persons themselves. Each person tested was known to the health department only through assigned code numbers.

Health department trainees received the talk on gay problems with interest and expressed concern as to the best methods they could use to help the community. Most concern seemed to center around the question of whether gay relationships were as lasting as those of heterosexuals.

It is anticipated that this will open the door to future liaisons with other city departments, and Integrity spokesmen have been invited to continue their talks with future health department trainee groups.

Chief Short Urges Parents to Assume More Responsibility

Police Chief Herman Short says parents should assume more responsibility in the upbringing of their children and find out more about their activities.

Short said parents have learned the need to exert more effort to know where their children are, what company they are keeping and what they are doing since exposure of the sex murders of 27 young males in Houston. He made his comments on "Q&A"—a panel interview show Monday night on KUHT-TV.

Short, discussing criticism of police handling of runaway children, said he wants legislation giving police more power in dealing with runaways. Police, he said, lack authority to go after and return runaways under present law.

"We look for runaways as a public service," said Short. "Being a runaway is not a criminal offense. It seems the public can't comprehend that."

Short said he did not "intend to lie down" and take criticism of police handling of runaways, some of whom were victims of the sex slayings.

He said homosexuals need not fear police reprisals because of the murders, adding that many sex deviates would not resort to murder.

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