

## Integrity Houston, 1974-1979

### Correspondence File

Marked "confidential" and indeed it contained many

Personal letters from folks asking for information.

One curious angle is that apparently many were responding to an "ad" they saw in Gaytimes Issue #16, but the files includes a letter Saying they placed no such ad.

There are a number of letters from prisoners

April 1, 1974

American Civil Liberties Union  
905 Richmond Avenue  
Houston, Texas 77006

Gentlemen:

By way of introduction, attached is copy of our Statement of Position and Purpose.

Integrity/Houston is now in its third year as a homophile service/fellowship organization with some impressive accomplishments to its credit in the area of gay rights.

We would like very much to have a speaker from ACLU, if it is possible. The subject material would be the choice of the speaker, but we would assume it would concern some area of civil rights. An especially timely topic would be the State Constitutional Convention.

Unfortunately, Integrity is not financially able to offer an honorarium. We meet each Sunday at 12 noon at the above Travis Street address for approximately 1-1/2 hours. The speaker's presentation would not have to be over 30-45 minutes, allowing time for a Q&A session.

Any Sunday you choose will be agreeable to us and we will be deeply grateful to you for your interest.

Your reply will be expedited if it is directed to our post office box.

Awaiting to hear from you, we remain,

Very truly yours,

Hugh Crell  
for the Board and Membership  
of Integrity/Houston

Attachment

R. Kautz #1, Box 3069  
Bonnie W. Kautz, Texas  
75254

New Club Member.

From Stay Time. Hello. I seen  
your ad from Houston and  
am sending this picture here.  
Wish that I saw hope you  
like. With Phone Number. Send  
me aut, stay picture today -  
with your reply. For your my  
send me a copy of the News  
paper, that come out in Houston.  
Rose white - 6/2. Dr Brown  
hair & Blue eyes single & -  
in the white Rose. Wish to  
meet in Houston about the  
same - Ed & Long write -  
I see hope you like the  
picture send. As I will  
write more after I get  
your picture - with



Send Me a Co  
Type Book  
Out in Hou  
Mr. Clyde,  
Rte. One  
BEN whe.  
(754)

Thank you

Clyde  
Rte #1 - Box  
Ben whe

E. Edward Hatter, Jr.  
98 Rosedale Ave., Suite No. 2  
Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y. 10706

Gentlemen,

I would appreciate your forwarding via return mail complete details on your organization recently advertised in GAY TIMES.

I am interested in meeting individuals sharing similar lifestyles and would appreciate your forwarding to address above complete data on your organization.

Sincerely,

Ed Hatter

NOTED  
EVERY OTHER  
L. H. Hatter  
5:20 PM

Hi,  
Saw your ad in  
Gay Times. I'm over 21  
yrs. old.  
Art Burke

Art Burke  
P.O. Box 305  
Albany Oregon 97321

4-30-74  
April 30, 1974

INTEGRITY  
Davis  
Mr. Davis Thompson  
P. O. Box 353  
Morristown, Tenn. 37814

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Thank you for your letter of April 8, 1974.

We are enclosing our Statement of Position and Purpose. As Integrity/Houston is a service/fellowship organization for homophiles there is little in the way of literature we can send you. A

We are rather mystified over the ad in issue No. 16 of GAYTIMES. We have placed no such ad and are not familiar with the publication GAYTIMES. Would it be possible for you to forward the ad to us--we are just curious.

We thank you for your interest and wish you a long, happy and fulfilled life.

Davis Thompson

Respectfully yours,

P.O. Box # 353

Morristown, Tenn. 37814

Enclosure

4-8-74

I N T E G R I T Y

3512 Travis

Houston, Texas 77001

Sir or Madam or Ms. as the case may be.

Say your ad in Issue # 16 of GAYTIMES and I'm curious  
as to what it's all about. No legend just the above  
address.

I over 21 and interested in everything of a homo and  
or hetero nature. Especially of the porno variety.

So, let me hear from you ??????

*Davis Thompson*  
Davis Thompson

P.O.Box # 353

Morristown, Tenn. 37814

September 20, 1974

Mr. Clyde Price  
Rural Route #1, Box 306 B  
Ben Wheeler, Texas 75774

Dear Mr. Price:

Thank you for your kind letter of August 31, 1974, requesting information on Integrity/Houston and other materials.

Integrity/Houston is a social/service/fellowship organization which meets each Sunday at 12 noon at the above address. Unfortunately, Integrity does not publish any materials other than those of an educational nature. I am enclosing our Statement of Position and Purpose which would give you some idea of what Integrity is and tries to accomplish.

We would hope that if you are ever in Houston on Sunday that you would drop in and give us the opportunity of meeting you. As Ben Wheeler is near Dallas/Ft. Worth, may I suggest that you contact AURA, by writing them at P. O. Box 7318, Ft. Worth, Texas 76111, who will be able to suggest activities closer to your home and which will be more available to you than those as far away as Houston.

If we may be of service please advise.

Yours in love and peace,

For the Board and Membership  
Integrity/Houston

Attachment

~~3512 (over)~~  
Integrity P.O. Box 16041  
Houston, Tx 77022

PLEASE MAIL  
EARLY FOR  
CHRISTMAS  
ON THE STAMPS



December 9, 1974  
FSH, Tx 78234

Dear Sir,

I read your ad  
in a magazine recently. I  
would like some information  
on Integrity. I am a soldier:

(Sp 4 Michael D. Coy  
403-72-3259  
52nd MP Co.  
FSH, Tx 78234)

stationed here in San Antonio,  
I visit Houston once or twice  
and I liked the clubs. I

December 29, 1974

SP 4 Michael D. Coy  
403-72-3259  
52nd MP Co.  
Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234

Dear Mr. Coy:

Thank you for your inquiry of December 9. We recently moved from our Travis street address after more than two years in that location, consequently, the mail is still trickling in.

By way of introduction, I am enclosing a copy of our Statement of Position and Purpose, which will give you some idea of what Integrity is all about. The second week of this coming February we will begin our fourth year.

We always welcome new members and visitors, however, may I suggest some organizations in your area which would be more accessible to you. There is the Brotherhood which can be reached at P. O. Box 6649, San Antonio, Texas 78209; Gay Community Center (San Antonio Free Clinic) at 1136 Woodlawn, San Antonio, 78201. Perhaps these organizations will be able to advise you of activities in your area.

Our meeting time is shown at the bottom and we would be delighted to meet you if you should be in town at that time.

Our best to you for the coming year.

Respectfully,

For the Board and Membership

April 25, 1975

Gentlemen:

I saw your ad in Gaytimes and am interested in finding out what you do, your function, goals, etc.

Also, I am interested in making gay or bi contacts in my area but, being a novice, I don't know where to go or what to do. Can you give me any info?

Thanks alot ~

Yours truly,  
John Sanders  
w/m 27 years old

John Sanders  
3317 - 25th Street  
Lubbock, Texas 79410

May 10, 1970

Mr. John Sanders  
3317 - 25th Street  
Lubbock, Texas 79410

Dear Mr. Sanders:

Thank you for your inquiry of April 25. Our apologies for the delay in answering. Integrity has moved its meetings to the First Unitarian Church, consequently, mail addressed to the street address must be forwarded.

Enclosed is a copy of our statement of position and purpose which will give you some idea of what Integrity is about. We are now into our fourth year--with our weekly meetings and programs.

You may be aware that there is a sizeable community in Lubbock. By copy of this letter, I am asking Mr. Steve Burgess, a member of the Texas Gay Task Force to contact you and trust he will do all he can to be of assistance to you. His address is: P. O. Box 4002, Tech Station, Lubbock, Texas 79409.

If we may be of further assistance, please advise.

Peace and Love,

For the Board and Membership

First Unitarian Church, Fannin & Southmore St.

10-1-75

INTEGRITY - HOUSTON

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RECENTLY I HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF MAKING ACQUAINTANCE WITH A HANDFUL OF YOUR GROUP DURING THE TEXAS GAY CONFERENCE II HELD IN SAN ANTONIO. I WAS HIGHLY IMPRESSED BY THE WORK AND BROAD SPECTRUM OF YOUR ORGANIZATION. IT IS WITH THAT SAME ZEAL OF INTEREST I ADDRESS THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO YOU.

DUE TO A BETTER OPPORTUNITY FOR A FUTURE WITH A PROGRESSIVE COMPANY I HAVE MOVED, ALONG WITH MY LOVER TO HOUSTON AND CURRENTLY AM EMPLOYED BY LO-VACA GATHERING COMPANY LOCATED IN THE GREENWAY PLAZA.

I SUPPOSE SOME FORM OF INTRODUCTION WOULD BE HELPFUL. MY NAME IS ARTHUR DOS SANTOS - THEY CALL ME "MICHAEL" BECAUSE IT'S THE NAME I'VE USED IN ASSOCIATION WITH MY THEATRE WORK IN CORPUS CHRISTI AND ON TOUR. - AND BESIDES, I LIKE IT!! ANYWAY, I AM THE FORMER (UNTIL MY TRANSFER DEEMED RESIGNATION NECESSARY) VICE-PRESIDENT OF "GO" - THE GAY ORGANIZATION OF CORPUS CHRISTI. AS ONE OF THE FOUNDING "PERSONS" (I'M NON-SEXIST) OF "GO" IT WAS MY PLEASURE TO WORK FOR THE EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT, POLITICAL STRENGTHENING, AND SOCIAL AWAKENING OF THE LOCAL CORPUS

CHRISTI "GAY COMMUNITY." BUT IN A BROADER SENSE - IT WAS MY PLEASURE TO WATCH AN ORGANIZATION "FOCUS IN" ON THE LIFE OF THE HOMOSEXUAL. THROUGH DILIGENT EFFORT "GO" ESTABLISHED A HEALTHY RAPORTE WITH THE MEDIA, CITY OFFICIALS, AND LOCAL GAY MERCHANTS. OUR NEWSLETTER WAS EVALUATED BY THE CORPUS CHRISTI CALLER TIMES EDITOR, GREGORY FAURE, AS A REFLECTION OF HIGH STANDARDS - THIS LATER LED TO A WEEKLONG SERIES OF ARTICLES IN FAURE'S NEWSLETTER, AS WELL AS NUMEROUS RADIO PROGRAMS AND A "PRIME TIME" NEWS STORY BY A LEADING TELEVISION STATION. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR A PBS PROGRAM IN THE FUTURE - PRODUCED & MODERATED BY "GO".

IF IT SOUNDS LIKE A BRAG - FORGIVE ME! IT'S JUST A MATTER OF PRIDE!

BUT WHAT NOW - A NEW TOWN, I'M UNKNOWN AND YET I KNOW THAT THINGS NEED DOING. THAT'S WHY I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOU - WHAT MAKES YOUR ORGANIZATION AND WHAT IS YOUR GOAL.

UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO A HEAVY FINANCIAL PRESSURE - TOM (MY LOVER) AND I HAD TO ABANDON OUR AUTO PRIOR TO OUR HOUSTON VENTURE. WE THEREFORE ARE WITHOUT TRANSPORTATION, BUT NOT WITHOUT DETERMINATION. A CAR SEEMS IN PERSPECTIVE FOR THE NEAR FUTURE.

AT PRESENT MY HOME PHONES HAVE NOT YET BEEN INSTALLED - HOWEVER YOU CAN & I HOPE YOU

WILL, CONTACT ME AT LO-VACA GATHERING COMPANY  
EXTENSION 1485 AND ASK TO SPEAK TO "ARTHUR" - CAUSE  
IF YOU ASK FOR MICHAEL YOU'LL FREAK-OUT MY SECRETARY -ha!

I DO HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU (BETWEEN 8 AM & 5 PM MON - FRI)  
AND PERHAPS WE CAN GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER.

MY PRAYERS FOR YOUR GREAT WORK -

λ YOUR BROTHER IN "THE CAUSE"

"Michael" Patton (Do-fante)  
3333 Cummins APT #2  
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77027

COX & FORSYTHE

architects

1341 MARKET AVENUE, NORTH  
CANTON 4, OHIO - GL 2-6561

P.O. BOX 9044 - ZIP 44711  
14 NOVEMBER 1975

INTEGRITY/HOUSTON  
P.O. BOX 16041  
HOUSTON, TEXAS - 77022

GENTLEMEN:

I NOTICE YOUR AD IN A RECENT ISSUE OF GAYTIMES AND WAS MOST INTRIGUED BY IT'S HEADING "INTEGRITY/HOUSTON." THERE IS SO LITTLE INTEGRITY LEFT IN THIS TIRED OLD WORLD I COULDN'T RESIST WRITING TO FIND OUT WHY THE AD WAS PLACED. THAT, COUPLED WITH THE FACT THAT I WILL BE IN HOUSTON IN DECEMBER PROMPTED THIS LETTER.

I WILL BE VISITING YOUR FAIR CITY BEGINNING ON THE EVENING OF THE 9TH OF DECEMBER AND CONCLUDING SOMETIME DURING THE DAY ON THE 13TH - SATURDAY. I AM OBVIOUSLY GAY, OR I WOULDN'T SUBSCRIBE TO GAYTIMES; THEREFORE, SINCE THIS IS MY FIRST VISIT TO YOUR FAIR CITY, I CAN USE ALL THE HELP I CAN GET. (IN MORE WAYS THAN THIS!) SO, IF IT ISN'T ASKING TOO MUCH, I WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHAT YOU ARE ALL ABOUT AND WHY YOU PLACED THE AD.

TO ALLAY ANY APPREHENSION ON YOUR PART, I AM A WHITE MALE, IN THE MID-FORTIES, ABOUT SIX FEET PLUS IN HEIGHT AND WEIGHING IN BETWEEN 170 AND 175#. AS YOU CAN SEE I AM A PROFESSIONAL, WITH MY OWN OFFICE AND VERY DISCREET -- NECESSARILY SO. I AM NO 'FREAK' IN ANY SENSE OF THE WORD, CAN'T SEE ANY USE FOR THE CURRENT POPULARITY OF DRUGS (ALTHOUGH I USE TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL) AND JUST SIMPLY ENJOY THE PLEASING COMPANY OF/AND SHARING WITH ATTRACTIVE MALES OF THE SAME PERSUASION. IF YOU CAN BE OF ANY HELP TO ME IN ENJOYING SUCH WHILE I AM IN HOUSTON, I WILL MOST GRATEFUL.

HOPING TO HEAR FROM YOU AT YOUR CONVENIENCE, I AM

SINCERELY YOURS,

  
J. MORGAN COX

P.S. - PLEASE RESPOND TO THE BOX NUMBER, TO WHICH I HAVE THE ONLY KEY.  
THANK YOU.

ROBERT E. FORSYTHE, A. I. A. - OHIO REG. 2399  
J. MORGAN COX A. I. A. - - - OHIO REG. 2283



November 28, 1975

Mr. J. Morgan Cox  
P. O. Box 9044  
Canton, Ohio 44711

Dear Mr. Cox:

Thank you for your kind inquiry of November 14, 1975.

We are as mystified as you over the ad in GAYTIMES. The magazine has been running it for over a year, although we never requested it, have been billed for it, or contacted by the staff for any reason. We have had numerous inquiries because of it so the exposure has certainly been good.

Integrity/Houston was founded four years ago as a social/service/fellowship to the Gay Community in Houston. Our projects have been many and, we feel, successful. At one time several years ago, Integrity was the only Gay organization in Houston, so our endeavors have been varied and diverse as the jobs at hand. Recently, Integrity was incorporated as a non-profit organization by the State of Texas so we have had to cease our work in the political area. We are fortunate to have a very fine political organization here now which is named, appropriately enough, "Gay Political Caucus."

We are pleased to hear of your upcoming trip to Houston and hope it will be fun and long remembered. I am enclosing a recent copy of This Week in Texas, which lists Gay establishments in Texas and has a weekly calendar of activities. Copies are available weekly in the bars and they are free. Am also enclosing a copy of an address presented by an Integrity member at a recent City Council meeting.

We have a 24-hour monitored telephone answering device. The number is 523-4609. Should you need assistance while here, please feel free to call upon us.

Our best wishes for a good trip and long happy life.

Yours in Gay Peace and Love,

For the Board and Membership

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November 28, 1975

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advertised in  
a lot more  
I what you  
be interested*

Mr. Mickey Sima  
P. O. Box 142  
Port O'Connor, Texas 77982

Dear Brother Mickey:

Thank you for your kind inquiry of recent date.

Integrity/Houston was founded four years ago as a social/  
service fellowship to the Gay Community in Houston. Our projects  
have been many and, we feel, successful.

Enclosed you will find a copy of an address made to members  
of the Houston City Council by one of our members concerning a Gay civil  
rights bill.

As shown below, Integrity meets each Thursday and should you  
ever be in Houston at that time we would be delighted to meet you and  
have you participate in our scheduled program, which usually consists of  
a guest speaker or an interesting rap topic.

We are also enclosing a copy of our Statement of Position  
and Purpose which will give you some idea of who we are and how we operate.

Thank you again for your inquiry and our best wishes to you  
for a long, healthy and happy life.

Yours in Gay Love and Peace,

For the Board and Membership

Enclosures

*Mickey Sima  
P.O. Box 142  
Port O'Connor TX  
77982*



Dear Integrity

I do not understand  
your announcement in "Gay Times"

November 28, 1975

I after come to Houston-

Sr. Jay de Laval  
Lomas Del Mar 10  
Acapulco, Guerrero, Mexico

Dear Brother Jay:

Thank you for your kind inquiry dated November 9, 1975.  
I hope you will forgive the delay--the holiday and an unusual, heavy  
workload contributed to the unfortunate delay

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for a long, healthy and happy life.

Yours in Gay Love and Peace,

For the Board and Membership

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November 28, 1975

Mr. David W. Doran  
23 Hillside Drive  
Avon, New York 14414

Dear Mr. Doran:

Thank you for your kind inquiry of November 22, 1975.

I am enclosing a recent issue of This Week in Texas, a Gay entertainment guide which is available in many of the bars in Texas free of charge. It should be helpful to you in finding your way around the Gay community. Should you desire to locate in the Gay area of Houston, you should center your search in the Montrose Area. Rent is not inexpensive there, but you may find it less--much--than in Manhattan. I am also enclosing a copy of an address which an Integrity member made to the Houston City Council in October. The bottom of the page lists numerous Gay organizations in Houston, along with their phone numbers. Please feel welcome to call upon any of them for assistance upon your arrival.

Integrity meets weekly at the address shown below and we would be delighted to meet you and it would be a good way for you to meet others. Hope to see you.

If we may be of further assistance, please contact us. We maintain a 24-hour monitored answering device and the number is 523-4609.

Our best wishes for a good trip and long and happy life.

Yours in Gay Peace and Love,

for the Board and Membership

Date 12/28

To: Bill Buie

From: J.W. KELLETT

Sending out these invitations, and not sending one out to Dignity, raises the question in my mind whether we shouldn't make a special pitch to Dignity members to join Integrity. I don't know why Dignity folded, but if someone was willing to drive over from Beaumont every other Thursday night, there may be some motivation we could draw on. I'm not sure how, though - presumably they would not want to make their membership list available, unless a special final meeting were held where this could be agreed to (or where we could make a pitch.) What do you think?

In case there is any question, I did not send invitations to Carl, Hugh/Fraser, Sam, Albert, Jerry Miller/<sup>Floyd</sup> Mary Milam because I felt it wasn't necessary (and had no more anyway.) I didn't send/<sup>separate</sup> invitations to TRACS & NOW, feeling that those to Anne Mayes & Pokey would serve that purpose. I did send one to MCC and to Webster Kitchell, Minister of First Unitarian Church.

Happy New Year!

*Jack*

P.S. Our mailing list now includes 40 individuals/couples plus 3 organizations ex Dignity.

1-13-76

Integrity / Houston

Hi, I'm a 20 year old guy whose  
new to Houston to go to the  
University of Houston, so I don't  
know many people here. I have  
noticed your organization in some  
gay periodicals and I really  
don't no what you do. I would  
really appreciate it if you would  
write and tell me the purpose  
of Integrity. I need to meet  
some nice people to make new  
friends. Thank you very much -

Blake

address on reverse -

The Order Of The Illuminati  
1437 Polk Street, #4  
San Francisco, California 94109

Saw yr ad in Gaytimes--- please send  
us info. We are a group of younger  
gay guys who've formed an international  
Magickal frat. Maybe we can affiliate.

Troy Saxon  
TROY SAXON  
for  
the Illuminati

Aug 14, 1977

Integrity / Houston  
Box 16041,  
Houston, Texas 77022

To Whom it may Concern,

Enclosed is letter written to me from  
WEST of New York referring me to  
your group.

I am very much interested in  
helping in anyway I can. Both  
with labor contribution and small  
financial contributions.

It requires only about forty five minutes  
for me to drive to Houston so you  
see I will be active in what ever  
is taking place. I love to work  
with and help people.

Please send any information on  
your group that will help me

I remain,

Doug Young  
P.O. Box 411  
Orange Tex 77630

SERVICE/FELLOWSHIP ORGANIZATION - CHARTER MEMBER: NATIONAL GAY TASK FORCE; TEXAS GAY TASK FORCE

**integrity/houston**

**po box 16041  
houston, texas 77022  
692-0325**

1977

Dear Doug,

Thank you for your letter and for your interest in Integrity and the gay movement. We are always happy to see new people take an interest in working toward our goals.

Integrity/Houston is a social/service organization dedicated toward establishing awareness and unity in the community through fellowship. This, at one time, meant that we were involved in most of the political activities in Houston. (We had to be since there were no other gay groups here until 3 years ago) With the coming of several new up front activists groups, and because most of our members are unable to come completely out of the closet, Integrity is primarily social, limiting political activities to behind the scene lobby activities and such things as providing occasional speakers for college lectures and having speakers from various parties and organizations speak to us at our meetings on their stand on gay rights, etc.

We meet every other Thursday night at 7:30 in the upstairs room of the Inside/Outside, which is a gay bar on Westheimer St. Our next meeting will be on August 25.

I am enclosing a copy of our position of statement and purpose and also the addresses of some other gay groups that you may be interested in.

Once again, thanks for writing and we hope to be hearing from you.

Yours truly,

*Dale Carter*

Dale Carter;  
For the Board and  
membership.

A SYMBOL OF STABILITY IN THE GAY COMMUNITY FOR SEVEN YEARS

SERVICE/FELLOWSHIP ORGANIZATION --- CHARTER MEMBER-NATIONAL GAY TASK FORCE; TEXAS GAY TASK FORCE

# integrity/houston

po box 16041

houston, texas 77022

692-0325

## Gay Organizations in Houston 8/16/77

- 1. Gay Political Caucus    815 Hawthorne 77006    526-2668
- 2. Episcopal/Integrity    614 W. Polk 77019    526-0410  
     (This is the group that works within the Episcopal church  
     and is a separate group from Integrity/Houston)
- 3. Metropolitan Church of the Resurrection  
     1214 Joe Annie 77019    526-8233
- 4. Dignity/Houston        p. o. box 66821 77006
- 5. Houston Human Rights League  
     1110 Lovett                527-9111
- 6. Gay Citizens of Texas    c/o Integrity            522-5388
- 7. Wilde 'N' Stein... A Bookshop for Gay People and their friends.  
     Gay Library and Archives.  
     c/o Integrity/Houston    529-7014

A SYMBOL OF STABILITY IN THE GAY COMMUNITY FOR SEVEN YEARS

# NGTF

National Gay Task Force

80 Fifth Avenue • New York, New York 10011 • (212) 741-1010

Board Officers

Pokey Anderson  
Steven Endean  
Charles F. Brydon  
Meryl C. Friedman

Co-Executive Directors

Sean O'Leary  
George Voeller, Ph.D.

Doug Young  
Box 411  
Orange, Texas 77630

Dear Doug,

First of all I would like to thank you for your contribution- as a working person, I know how hard money is to come by today, and we here at NGTF can use every penny.

In Houston, which is not too far away from Orange, there are a number of groups with which I am sure you would like to establish contact.

- 1) GayActivists Alliance of Houston  
Box 441, University Center, University of Houston  
Houston, Texas, 77044
- 2) Integrity/Houston  
Box 16041, Houston, Texas 77022
- 3) Texas Gay Task Force, in care of the same address as #2

I am certain that the Gay movement can use all the help that it can get, particularly at this time.

Thanks for writing.

Sincerely,

*Todd Mills*  
NGTF

λ It's Time

Kapt. Klaus Peder Viksjo  
22 1/2 S. Wisconsin St.  
Elkhorn, Wisconsin 53121

Sept. 1, 1977

Dear Mr. Viksjo,

Thank you for your recent letter. We are always glad to hear from interested brothers and sisters.

Integrity/Houston is not a part of the episcopal organization, which you are probably referring to. Integrity/Houston has been active in Houston since 1970 and is a non-religious service/fellowship group. There is a group in Houston called Episcopal Integrity, however, so I have taken the liberty of referring your letter to them. They should be able to tell you if there is a chapter near you. Their mailing address is :

Episcopal Integrity/Houston  
614 W. Polk  
Houston, Texas 77019

If you are ever in the Houston area, please feel free to contact us. I am enclosing a copy of our Statement of Position and Purpose and a calendar of our topics and meetings .

Once again , thank you for the letter.  
We remain,

Very truly yours,

Dale Carter  
for the Board and membership  
of Integrity/Houston

# integrity/houston

po box 16041  
houston, texas 77022  
692-0325

Robert Wittenbel  
7177 Country Club Road  
Oshkosh, Wis. 54901

12/31/77

Dear Robert,

Thank you for your letter. We are always glad to hear from brothers and sisters in different parts of the country.

Integrity/Houston is a social organization that was formed in 1970. We are not a part of the Episcopal Integrity organization that was formed in 1974. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to Episcopal Integrity Houston which started here about two years ago. They should be in touch with you soon. If you should want to write to them yourself, the address is; Episcopal Integrity Houston, P. O. Box 3553, Houston, Texas 77001.

If you should ever need any assistance, please feel free to write.

We remain,

Very truly your's,

For Integrity/Houston

(713) 529-7014

A SYMBOL OF STABILITY IN THE GAY COMMUNITY FOR SEVEN YEARS

12/10/15

This is probably the ad  
from Gaytimes —

**INTEGRITY/HOUSTON**

P.O. Box 16041, Houston, TX 77022.  
(713) 523-4609. Religious group.

Dear Sir,

9/25/78

Since you are a religious group I thought  
I might be able to get some help. I am new  
to gay life and so is my lover we have  
been together for 3 months and have never  
had love and we found each other without  
any means or baths we are both Roman Catholics



Integrity/Houston

P.O. Box 16041

Houston, Texas

77022

12/10/15

This is probably the ad  
from Gaytimes —

and would like to know if there is a group or  
organization of Roman Catholics who are Gay  
and we would also like to know if there is  
any state where we could legally get married

We would appreciate any help we could get.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely yours.

JOHN J. SPICER JR.

3 MANOR DRIVE #5

CLAREMONT, N.H. 03743

John + Keith



Integrity / Houston

P.O. Box 16041

Houston, Texas

77022

SERVICE/FELLOWSHIP ORGANIZATION - CHARTER MEMBER: NATIONAL GAY TASK FORCE; TEXAS GAY TASK FORCE

# integrity/houston

po box 16041  
houston, texas 77022  
692-0325

John J. Spicer Jr.  
3 Manor Dr. #5  
Claremont, N.H. 03743

Dear John,

Thank you for your recent letter. We are always glad to hear from brothers and sisters in different parts of the country.

Integrity/Houston is not a religious organization. When we first organized eight years ago, we considered becoming a part of DIGNITY, which is an organization of gay catholics. We were meeting at a catholic church at the time and many of our members were catholic. It was decided that being a religious group would be too confining since we were also involved in various political and social activities at the time.

We would very much like to know where the ad that you sent came from so that we might correct it. There is an organization called Episcopal Integrity which formed about 3 years ago. I am sure that the ad has us confused with them.

I am enclosing some information on some of the various religious groups in our area and also on the Metropolitan Community Church Office in Washington, D.C. You might contact some of these to find the location of some groups in your area. To our knowledge, there are no states that allow gay marriages, however, M.C.C. offers what is called a Holy Union, which is the spiritual equal to a marriage, only without the legal ramifications.

Once again, thank you for your letter and feel free to contact us again should you need us for anything.

We remain,

Very truly yours,

For the Board and Membership of Integrity/Houston

Enclosure

(713) 529-7014 or 694-1732

A SYMBOL OF STABILITY IN THE GAY COMMUNITY FOR SEVEN YEARS

Thomas S. Pucci  
5109 Cedar Springs Road  
Apartment 221  
Dallas, Texas 75235

Tom Pucci  
2525 S. Voss #6516  
Houston, Texas 77057

INTEGRITY

I've recently moved to Houston  
from Dallas. I'm interested in hearing  
from you by phone or mail to dis-  
cover more about your organizations.

Home phone 869-5581

Sincerely,

Tom Pucci

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Thomas S. Pucci  
2525 S. Voss # 6516  
Houston, Texas 77057

6/7/79

Dear Thomas,

Thank you for your letter and welcome to Houston!

I am enclosing a copy of our somewhat dated brochure and also a xerox of our most recent newsletter for you to look over.

We would like to invite you to attend some of meetings. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 3405 Mulberry, between Hawthorne and Harold, at 8:30 pm. These meetings usually consist of rap topics, speakers, business, films, etc. We also have a covered dish social each month at members' homes.

Please feel free to call us at 529-7014 (Wilde'N'Stein) for more information.

I remain,

Very truly your's,

Secretary,  
Integrity/Houston

#40 Walden Apts.  
W. Willington, CT 06279

Dear Sir/Madam;

I am considering relocating in your area this fall and would appreciate any information you have on the job market, housing, recreation, and the gay community. I read about your organization in the "Gayellow Pages" and hoped that you could help. Any other information relevant to gay newcomers to your area would be helpful. Also, I would like to know your opinions on the quality of gay life in your area.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

  
Don Porteous

Don Porteous  
#40 Walden Apts.  
W. Willington, CT 06279

7/17/79

Dear Don,

Thank you for your recent letter. I will be happy to give you whatever information that I can.

The unemployment rate in Houston is something like 3%, quite a bit lower than any other large city in the country. Jobs here are quite plentiful. Houston is a very properous city.

Housing in Houston is slightly cheaper than in other large cities such as Philadelphia or New York. This, of course, depends on which area of town you decide to live in. The Montrose are, which is the center of Houston's Gay community, is more expensive than most other parts of the city. It does have its advantages, though, since it is centrally located there is better access to the bus lines. Houston is a car oriented city at the moment, and if you do not want to own a car, then Montrose is probably your best bet.

Houston has a very active Gay community. There are about 40 organizations at the moment, ranging from motorcycle clubs to gay churches. I am enclosing some of the local literature for more information.

If you do decide to move to Houston, please give us a call or drop in on one of our meetings. We would enjoy meeting you.

I remain,

Very truly your's,

Secretary,  
For Integrity/Houston

Enclosures

(713) 529-7014

Neal Tannahill  
7700 Creekbend #3  
Houston, Texas 77071

Oct. 16, 1979

Dear Neal,

Thank you for your letter concerning the COMMUNITY COFFEE HOUSE.

The COMMUNITY COFFEE HOUSE takes place each Friday night from 7-11pm. at 3405 Mulberry (between Harold and Hawthorne, one block south of Westheimer.) We offer ping pong, pool, cards, games, and free films.

The event is sponsored by INTEGRITY/Houston and Bering Methodist Church. Please note, however, that this is not a religious activity. INTEGRITY/Houston is a social/service organization and is not affiliated with the Episcopal organization of the same name, or any other religious organization. At this time, INTEGRITY is providing the people to run the house and Bering is providing us with a building,

Everyone is welcome to join us for this event. Whether you do not care for bars, or just want something to do until the bar crowds arrive, you are invited to come.

Once again, thank you for your interest and we hope to see you soon.

I remain,

Very truly your's,

Secretary,  
INTEGRITY/Houston  
529-7014

Enclosures

NOV-11-79

Sir,

Seen your ad in the paper "Gay Times"  
would like a info of your Service.  
I am 62 yrs old male, D.O.B. 17-2-17  
Do hope you have info on people  
"men" in this area, I am single,  
live alone. Thanks for any help  
you can give me.

Thanks,  
Mark D. Shriver

MARK D. SHRIVER  
RT. 1 BOX 137  
PETROLEUM, W.V.  
26161

Mark D. Shriver  
Rt.1 Box 137  
Petroleum, W.V. 26161

11/18/79

Dear Mark,

Thank you for your recent letter. We have been receiving letters from the ad in "GAYTIMES" for several years now. We never took an ad with them and we really don't know why it is there.

INTEGRITY/Houston is a social, service, and educational organization for gays. We are primarily an organization to serve the Houston gay community. If you would like information on a group of some kind in your area, may we suggest that you contact the National Gay Task Force at 86 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10011.

If we can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact us.

I remain,

Very truly your's,

Secretary, I/H

**GEARY BARTMESS III**

ATTORNEY AT LAW

5401 RAMPART STREET  
SUITE 335  
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77081  
(713) 661-8928

15 November 1979

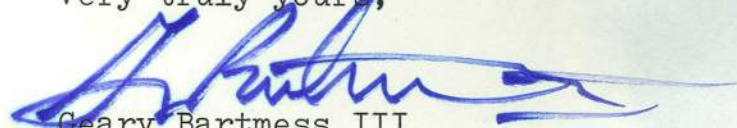
Integrity  
Post Office Box 16041  
Houston, Texas 77002

Gentlemen:

It has been very nice to receive your publications over the last months. Unfortunately, however, I have just accepted a new position overseas in a rather primitive area where all mail is subject to censorship. For obvious reasons I must ask you to delete my name from your mailing list until such time I return to Houston.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,



Geary Bartmess III  
Attorney At Law

GB/is

David Moskowitz  
7225 Chasewood  
Missouri City, Tx 77459

12/30/79

Dear David,

On behalf of the rest of the group, I would like to thank you for your very generous donation to INTEGRITY/Houston. It is through the efforts and contributions of people like you that enable us to continue our services to the community.

Once again, thank you for your contribution.

I remain,

Very truly your's,

Secretary,  
INTEGRITY/Houston

Dec. 10, 1979

Dear brothers & sisters,

I heard about your coffee house from an ad in Upfront newspaper. I'm new in town and primarily rely on Upfront and the Montrose Star for information concerning Houston's gay community. I'm already familiar with the bar scene from directory listings in Gay's Guide. The social alternative that you speak of really appeals to me, since I don't enjoy drinking and bar-type activities. I'd deeply appreciate you sending me any further information you can as well as a schedule of events, if one's available. Till I hear from you via mail, I'll be trying to get in touch by phone...

Many thanks

Clouinda DelGigante  
Trails West, Apt. # 1009  
8811 Mustine Lane  
Houston, Texas 77031