



INTEGRITY / HOUSTON

INVITES YOU TO OUR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Organized in 1970, we are the oldest Gay Activist organization in Texas. Eleven years of continuous activity in the Gay Rights Movement. We think that's worth celebrating. Come and bring a friend.

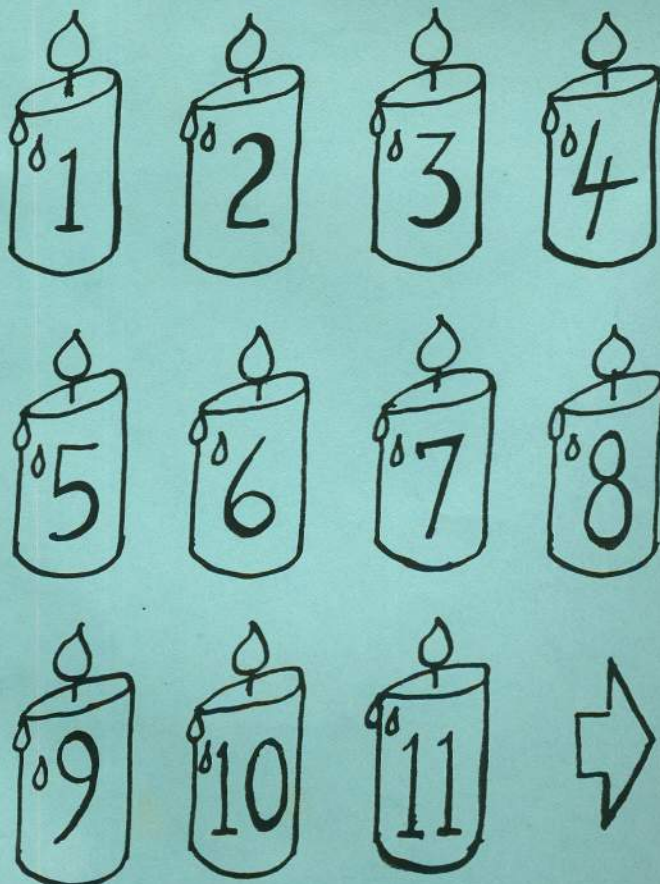


8 P.M. Thursday Feb. 19, 1980
3405 Mulberry

There will be a slide presentation of our history — really a record of the Gay Movement in Houston since 1970
"Because We Care"

Members are reminded of the brief but very important meeting just before the party. It's our annual election time and you are needed to help decide who will be the officers and board members for the coming year. PLEASE, be here at 7:30 p.m. so the business meeting can be finished by 8 o'clock.

Guests are welcome at this meeting, also.



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Greetings*

Season's Greetings
and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year

THE MONTROSE VOICE

THE NEWSPAPER OF MONTROSE

AN EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR GAYS AND FRIENDS AND A FORUM FOR RELATED TOPICS - BECAUSE WE CARE

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January 24, 1981

Barbra Ciganero
c/o G.P.C.
P.O. Box 3887
Houston, Texas 77001

Dear Barbra,

On behalf of I/H Inc., I would like to thank you for taking time out to come and speak at our educational forum, "the Moral Majority".

As a service group to the gay community we realize how valuable it is to provide a gathering place where we can keep abreast of the events that affect our daily lives. This could not be accomplished without the aid of those like yourself who provide us with that much needed information.

Thank you once again for sharing the knowledge you have acquired with us and the community. If we can be of any further assistance do not hesitate to contact us.

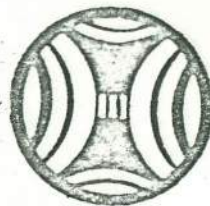
In Gay Pride, I remain

Faithfully yours,

William Ferrell
Secretary,
For the Board and
Membership of
Integrity/Houston, Inc.

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December 7, 1981

Dear Member:

Houston is one of the top cities to live in right now in terms of jobs and access to a Gay lifestyle. The Chamber of Commerce crows about the low unemployment rate and the politicians look to the Gay Community for votes. Access to Gay businesses and pleasures is apparent if you read the Gay news media. TWT lists 56 Gay Organizations/Helplines (TWT, Dec 4-10, 1981), most with different telephone numbers and locations. 34 bars are listed in the same issue of TWT. Seven churches have requested listings. Eleven restaurants cater to the Community's eating needs. The NY TIMES (Nov. 2, 1981) stated Houston has a Gay population in excess of 250,000, many feel this is a low figure. Connect this with the Chamber of Commerce figure of an annual per capita income in Harris County of approximately \$9,000.00 and the Community is responsible for about \$187 million a month in income. That is a lot of money.

Yet, for needed services in Houston the Community has to beg, cajole, and "tin cup" themselves on a continuing basis. We have not established our own financial support systems for the nonprofit service needs of our Community. Our crisis switchboard, counselling service, VD clinic, service and cultural organizations constantly suffer from a lack of finances. We have no Community center in which we can offer meeting space for organizations, display area for Gay artisans, shelf space for the Texas Gay Archives, information for newcomers, or as a symbol for the emerging Gay person.

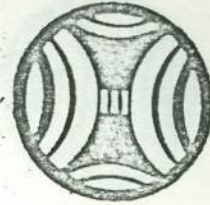
These services could be provided through traditional structures, that is a Gay Houston Foundation. A foundation that can receive, invest, and dispense money so that the needs of Gay people for generations to come will be addressed. It is this concern that is at the heart of the current debate within I/H Inc. Do the members of the organization want to address themselves to this great task, or continue to be one of 56 listed each week in the TWT? The time is now, the need has created the opportunity for the Community to come together and create for ourselves the institutional supports we need now and will continue to need for the foreseeable future.

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This issue of great importance to all I/H Inc. members will be discussed in open forum December 17, 1981. The immediate concern is the restructuring of the organization to allow greater Community involvement and increased activities. This includes planning and organizing for a Gay Community Center and endowment funds for Community needs.

Your participation is vital in planning this change, and this will be the last meeting for discussion prior to the actual vote on January 7, 1982. Come and share your views and opinions. Again the date is December 17, 1981, 7:30 PM, at Bering Methodist Church.

I shall be looking forward to seeing you there.

Yours truly,


Ned Parker, President

P.S. Membership dues are payable for 1982. Though everyone is invited to discuss the issues on the 17th, only dues paying members can be allowed to vote in January.

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Brooklyn College Gay and Lesbian Alliance
C/O BC Student Gov't Office
0304 James
Bedford Ave., and Ave. H
Brooklyn, New York 11210

Because We Care
Box 16041
Houston, Texas 77022

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Brooklyn College Gay and Lesbian Alliance is a support group for gay students at Brooklyn College. We would greatly appreciate it if you would put us on your mailing list and send us a copy of your newsletter if possible.

Thank you for handling this request.

Sincerely,

Brooklyn College Gay and Lesbian Alliance

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On January 19, 1981, I/H, Inc. received notification from the Internal Revenue Service that I/H, Inc. had been approved as a 501 (c) 3 tax exempt organization.

I/H, Inc. had applied for the status of a tax deductible educational corporation in June of 1980. The 501 (c) 3 status will allow all contributions to the organization to be tax deductible.

Richard Burckhardt, Jr., a former officer in the organization who handled the application, said, "We are extremely happy with this decision, and hope that it will act as a catalyst to expand our community services."

INTEGRITY/Houston, from which the initials "I/H, Inc." are derived, was organized in 1970 as a service organization. The group reorganized as an educational corporation in 1980.

INTEGRITY/Houston (I/H, Inc.) sponsors educational forums for the gay and lesbian community, and also sponsors the Gay Archives of Texas, a library and information center for research work.

I/H Inc. most recently sponsored a forum on "The Moral Majority, New Right, and the Gay Community," which featured Gay Political Caucus political action chair Barbara Ciganero.

End for newsletter

On February 19, INTEGRITY/Houston will celebrate 11 years of service to Houston's gay community with a special showing of the newly revised audio/video, "Because We Care: INTEGRITY/Houston." more

HOUSTON'S OLDEST GAY RIGHTS ORGANIZATION; A NON-PROFIT TEXAS CORPORATION

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The presentation will begin at 8 p.m. at 3405 Mulberry.

"We would like to cordially invite all of our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters to join us in our celebration," said Burckhardt.

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For Immediate Release

The Gay Archives of Texas is pleased to announce the guest appearance of Jim Kepner, curator of the National Gay Archives in Los Angeles, who will give a presentation on Gay and Lesbian history on Monday, June 29, at 3405 Mulberry beginning at 7 pm.

"We are extremely happy to welcome Jim as our guest," said Richard Burkhart, director of the Gay Archives of Texas. "He is probably the most notable authority on Gay history in the United States, and we know that Houston will be very interested in his presentation."

Kepner's presentation will include a discussion of the gay relations of such prominent American figures as Eleanor Roosevelt, Abraham Lincoln, and George Washington.

Kepner began the collection which later became the National Gay Archives in the 1940s. He has worked with over 50 gay organizations and has written over 1000 reviews, news reports and articles over a 35 year period for such publications as ONE Magazine and NEWSWEST. He has taught Gay Studies since 1956.

The Gay Archives of Texas is a library and research center for the Gay and Lesbian community of Houston. It consists of magazines, newspaper clippings, audio/video presentations, and over 800 books on subjects of concern to the homophile community. The Gay Archives of Texas has been used by students and researchers from all over the country.
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Archives

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The Gay Archives of Texas is sponsored by I/H, Incorporated, a non-profit, tax-exempt educational organization. Contributions of money or materials to I/H, Incorporated are tax deductible. Because the archives is presently located in a private facility, appointments should be made by calling (713) 529-7014, or by writing to ARCHIVES, c/o I/H, Incorporated, P.O.Box 16041, Houston, Texas 77022.

The lecture will take place at the tail-end of Houston's Gay Pride Week celebration. It is free and open to the public.

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Special

I/H, Incorporated will help to kick off Gay Pride Week with a special presentation of "La Cage aux Folles," the most popular foreign film ever released in the United States. The film will be screened on Friday, June 19, at the Community Coffeehouse, located at 3405 Mulberry.

Other films to be presented at the Community Coffeehouse include "The Black Hole" on May 22, "Superman - The Movie" on June 5, and "The War of the Worlds" on July 10. All films are free and open to the public. Each film will begin at 9 pm.

I/H, Incorporated is an educational corporation for Houston's gay and lesbian community. Meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 3405 Mulberry and begin at 7:30 pm. Services provided by I/H, Incorporated include educational forums, the Gay Archives of Texas, and special programs for the Community Coffeehouse.

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For more information call 529-7014 or 694-1732

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Aug 1, 1980

Dear friends and members,

Ever since those days back in 1970 when INTEGRITY/Houston was meeting in an annex building at Holy Rosary Church, we have always been at the mercy of others when it came to meeting facilities. In the early part of the last decade, gay rights were not yet a significant part of the city's social and political scenes. Gay organizations were frowned upon by gays and straights alike as being too "radical" to even consider as possible users of public or private facilities.

Through the years, I/H has met at Holy Rosary, MCCR, First Unitarian Church, Inside/Outside, Wilde'N'Stein, and Bering Methodist Church, our current meeting place. We have been very fortunate to have been able to utilize facilities in these places, and are very grateful to all of our friends for accepting us.

We have also been limited; ^{however,} in regards to our activities by our lack of control over facilities. We have never had a permanent home. In the past we have had to move because the church or establishment that we were meeting at needed the facilities for their own use. We have no real security, even now. We have always had to rent other facilities for our fundraisers, ^{which is} one reason that we have done so few. ^{without facilities,} We cannot fully utilize or develop the Gay Archives of Texas, nor can we truly offer them to the community. We have also had certain limitations put on us with regards to the types of programs that we can put on. This is especially true now since we meet at a main-line denomination church.

It is my feeling that it is imperative that I/H lease, rent or buy its own facilities some time in the future. I envision something in Montrose that we could use not only for our forums and meetings, but also for a Gay Information Center to house the Archives and library facilities along with an information phone line, Coffeehouses on Friday, Saturday, and Sundays, fundraisers for I/H and other worthy causes, possibly a counseling clinic, and other service and social functions.

I realize that this seems like a dream, but I have seen other seemingly impossible tasks accomplished in Houston's gay community.

Money, of course, is our greatest obstacle. We don't have any.

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A NON-RELIGIOUS SERVICE/FELLOWSHIP ORGANIZATION - SINCE 1970

HOUSTON'S OLDEST GAY ORGANIZATION - BECAUSE WE CARE

(Continued)

Our only source of income ^{has been} ~~is~~ donations from the community. We are currently just barely able to scrape up enough to send out this newsletter and pay for usage of the meeting room at Bering. In order to try and encourage more contributions, we are attempting to obtain a 501(c)(3) ruling from the Internal Revenue Service. This would make all contributions to I/H tax deductible.

Money is not the only problem. We desperately need more participation from our community in I/H. We need volunteers and entertainers for the Friday night Coffeehouses, volunteers for our various committees (Membership, publicity, program, social, fund-raising, etc.), and help in everything else that we attempt to provide in our community.

I have faith in Houston's gay community. Somewhere out there are men and women who would like to see our activities and services grow, and who are willing to work hard to see that they happen. Somehow, we can do it! Somehow... Can you help?

Your's truly,

Richard Burkhat

~~Richard Burkhat~~
Director- Gay Archives of Texas

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A NON-RELIGIOUS SERVICE/FELLOWSHIP ORGANIZATION-SINCE 1970

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INTEGRITY/Houston, Texas' oldest active gay organization, has been chartered as I/H, Incorporated, a non-profit educational corporation in the state of Texas.

Richard Burkhart, a member of INTEGRITY/Houston, said that the charter became active in April of this year and that the purpose for the action was to submit an application for a 501(c)3 tax-exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service. This would make all contributions to I/H, Inc. tax deductible.

I/H, Inc. presents educational forums to the community and participates in service projects for the community. Currently, I/H, Inc. cosponsors a Community Coffeehouse for the Montrose community with Bering Memorial Church.

"We hope to be able to expand our services in the near future," said Richard. "We currently have a collection of gay literature, the Gay Archives of Texas, stored in a member's home. We would like to open them up to the community somewhere in Montrose. Hopefully, this will be a stepping stone towards that."

For convenience, the organization will retain the name INTEGRITY-Houston.

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Phone: (713) 529-7014 or 694-1732

HOUSTON'S OLDEST GAY ORGANIZATION-BECAUSE WE CARE.

Gay Switchboard of Houston
P.O.Box 3624
Houston, Texas 77001

11/28/81

Dear friends at GSH,

Enclosed you will find copies of each of I/H's last two newsletters. Please pay close attention to the "Fireside from the Board" columns on page two.

I/H, Incorporated is currently in the process of totally restructuring the organization into a community-wide entity. We are hoping to use the corporation and tax status as an umbrella under which some of the organizations in our community might operate. These organizations would be connected only by a common board of directors made up of individuals from the community.

I would like to talk to someone from your group about how we might be able to help you in your current endeavor. It is possible that, until such time as you incorporate, that you could operate under the wing of I/H Incorporated, thus making contributions to the switchboard tax-deductible.

Please contact me at your convenience.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

Treasurer, I/H
694-1732

Enclosures

404 Cooner St.
College Station, TX
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October 30, 1981

Interact
Box 16041
Houston, Texas
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Dear Interact People;

I find myself in the unenviable position of coming out of the closet while still a graduate student at Texas A&M University. While I am not displeased with the University's potential for education (regarding my academic career) I have become acutely aware that A&M is indeed the last bastion of 19th Century morals and ethics. Several friends have remarked that I have picked the worst place in the world to try to come out in.

Add to this Victorian ethic the fact that I'm 33 and not blessed with terminal good looks, and you can see that my abilities to meet others locally is decidedly bleak. I think I am the only gay man here who is over 21 -- not conducive to friendship/relationship building. An acquaintance suggested I contact Interact.

My funds are meager (graduate assistants make little money) but my need for interaction is great. I know nothing of your organization other than what my lesbian friend related to me. Can there really be a place where mature men gather for social contact outside the bar setting? The idea is exciting. I suppose what I'm asking for is an indication of Interact's function. A list of its activities that I might be able to pursue on a weekly/monthly basis (depending on funds) would be most appreciated. Any other suggestions you may have to ease my transition into a positive and productive gay life would be most welcome.

Yours very truly,

Sam Lollar

Sam Lollar
404 Cooner St.
College Station, Tx 77840

11/1/81

Dear Mr. Lollar,

Thank you for your letter. It can indeed be trying to feel that you are the only gay man "who is over 21" in College Station. We hope that we will be able to help you.

Although Interact/Houston is technically an educational organization, our social committee does offer some activities that may be of interest to you. Our Community Coffeehouse is held every Friday night at 3405 Mulberry and is open to all people. It offers a variety of activities such as games, bridge, movies, pool, and lots of socializing. If you do make it to the Coffeehouse some time soon, you will find that many of our regulars are avid bridge players and it will appear that they have taken over the place. There are many other, however, that come to the Coffeehouse just to socialize. Most of our regulars are also over 30.

Our social committee also holds a covered-dish social each month at a different member's home. These are also open to all. You needn't be a great cook to attend. You may bring anything that you like, including a bucket of chicken,,etc.

I am enclosing some material that will make you more aware of the types of things that we do. Our newsletters include calendars for each month and should be of particular interest to you. If you would like to receive them each month, please let me know and I will see to it that you are put on our mailing list.

I hope that I have been of some help to you. If you need more information, feel free to contact me.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

Treasurer, I/H Inc.

John R. Behrens
3702 Drummond
Houston, Texas 77025

10/27/81

Dear John,

I wanted to thank you once again for your contribution of \$90 for the purchase of The Ladder. It should make a marvelous addition to our collection.

I thought that you might like to know that other contributions have enabled us to order a set of the Mattachine Review, also. We are also in the process of discussing the possibility of moving the archives into a Montrose location which would be more readily available to the public and open during regular hours. These discussions center around some type of center that I/H Incorporated is contemplating.

Thank you once again. It is through individuals such as yourself that we will be able to strengthen not only our organization, but the community as well.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

director, GAT
treasurer, I/H, Inc.
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P.S. All contributions to I/H Incorporated are tax-deductible.
You may use your cancelled check as your receipt.

Homosexual Information Center

September 30, 1981

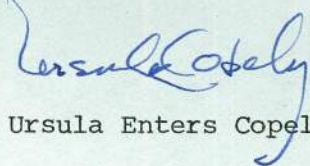
I/H, Incorporated
Post Office Box 16041
Houston, Texas

Dear Friends:

Will you please clarify the name of your organization, its relationship to the Episcopalians, etc.? We wish to continue to receive your publications for our library files, but we would like to have our records straight.

Please also note our change of address.

Cordially,



Ursula Enters Copely

Ursula Enters Copely
Homosexual Information Center
6758 Hollywood Blvd. #208
Los Angeles, CA 90028

10/6/81

Dear Ursula,

Thank you for your recent letter. Hopefully, I will be able to clear any confusion that you may have concerning our organization.

Interact/Houston was originally named INTEGRITY/Houston and was founded in 1970, 4 years before the Episcopal organization was started by Louie Crew. INTEGRITY/Houston was initially a service/fellowship organization until the group incorporated in 1980 as I/H Incorporated, an educational organization. In other words, we have never been associated with the Episcopal organization.

In 1981, we changed our operational name to Interact because of the confusion caused by similarity in names.

In summary, you may call us Interact/Houston or I/H Incorporated. Either is correct. Please remember, however, that we are an independent organization.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

Treasurer, I/H
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IMPORTANT

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Dear brothers and sisters,

As president of INTERACT/Houston, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our organization. INTERACT/Houston is a non-profit, tax exempt educational organization for gays and lesbians. We sponsor educational programs, forums, speakers, and films for the homophile community.

The organization was founded in 1970 as INTEGRITY/Houston (no relation to the Episcopal INTEGRITY), and was chartered in the state of Texas as I/H Incorporated in 1980. We received our 501(c)(3) status in 1981. In June of this year, we changed our operational name from INTEGRITY/Houston to INTERACT/Houston.

Besides our educational programs, we sponsor the Gay Archives of Texas (see enclosed flyer) which is a resource and information center. The Archives consist of gay publications, audio/video materials, news clippings, and over 800 books on subjects of concern to our community. Contributions of materials are welcome and can be used by the donor as a tax deduction. Please feel free to contact us if there is other information that you would like to have.

I/H Incorporated was the only Texas organization represented at the Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men held in Baton Rouge last April. As such, we have taken on the responsibility of compiling an updated list of the gay and lesbian organizations in the state for the Southern Alliance of Lesbian and Gay Organizations, or SALGO. This list will be used to more firmly establish communication between groups in the South. Please fill out the enclosed questionnaire and return it to us. When the final list is compiled, we will contact you so that your group can obtain one.

In Gay Pride, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Thos D. Parke
President, I/H Inc.

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For more information contact 694-1732

For Immediate Release

Interact/Houston is looking for a new logo for the organization and is enlisting the aid of Houston's gay community by announcing a logo contest.

Interact/Houston will offer a free one-year membership, an Interact/Houston button, and a Gay Archives of Texas button to the entry which best depicts the nature of the organization - education.

Entries need not be professional graphics, but should be neat. The contest is open to everyone and the deadline for entries is November 1, 1981.

Entries may be given to any officer of Interact/Houston, or can be mailed to the organization at P.O.Box 16041, Houston 77022.

Interact/Houston, formerly INTEGRITY/Houston, is a not-for-profit educational organization and was founded in 1970. The organization is chartered in the state of Texas as I/H Incorporated and received 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service in January of 1981.

Interact/Houston sponsors educational forums, speakers, films, the Gay Archives of Texas and other projects for the community. Organizational meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month and educational forums are held on the third Thursday of each month. Both meetings are held at 3405 Mulberry and begin at 7:30 p.m.

Kevin Barrett
9502 Woodfair #260
Houston, Tx 77036

8/19/81

Dear Kevin,

Thank you for your recent letter, and welcome to Houston.

INTERACT/Houston is a non-profit, tax deductible educational corporation. We sponsor educational forums, guest speakers, films, the Gay Archives of Texas, and an assortment of other special activities.

Our business meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month, while our monthly educational program is held on the third Thursday evening of the month. These meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. at 3405 Mulberry St. in Montrose.

Our hospitality committee also sponsors a coffeehouse on Friday nights, 7:30 p.m. to midnight, at the above address. We also have a covered-dish social on the second Saturday of each month at different member's homes.

I am enclosing some materials for you to go over. Our current newsletter is in production now and I will see to it that you receive one.

I realize that you might have problems with your work schedule, so I want to issue a special invitation to you to attend our next covered-dish social. The date and the address will be in the next newsletter, which will be in the mail to you shortly.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to give me a call at the number below.

Once again, welcome to Houston. We at I/H Incorporated hope that you find Houston a good place to live.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

/Boardurer

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community resource center

July 5, 1981

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Dear Mr. Parke,

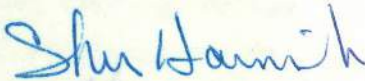
I read with interest your letter accompanying the questionnaire for the Southern Alliance of Lesbian and Gay Organizations. I was unaware that such an alliance existed, but anxiously await the final listing.

My inquiry today concerns the Gay Archives of Texas which you also sponsor. I'm particularly interested in audio/video materials and other resources that might be applicable to training gay and lesbian counselors; information on various lifestyles, specific problems and relationships would be helpful. Community Resource Center (CRC) sponsors Gayline here in Dallas. During the past month our president left for an exciting new job in San Diego, leaving the organization in my hands. Recently, I've been searching for all the information I can find that could be used as part of our ongoing training for our volunteer telephone counselors. We have established an extensive initial training program which has served as models for other gay referral/crisis lines. And we have continuing education programs and speakers at our regular meetings. But new information and resources are most welcomed. We're continually looking for new, more current or generally unavailable information we can pass on to our counselors and our callers.

If possible, would you please send me a listing of the resources you have available, especially any audio/video materials. A copy of your book list would be helpful also. In addition, would it be possible to publish your organization's address and information about the archives in our newsletter?

Thank you for your help and consideration.

Sincerely,



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CRC/GAYLINE
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CRC/Gayline
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7/11/81

Dear Sher,

Thank you for your recent letter. I will endeavor to provide any information that may be of interest to you.

The Gay Archives of Texas began as the AURA Library of Fort Worth by Ken Cyr and Charles Gillis. Ken and Charles moved to Houston in 1975 and brought the archives with them. The Archives remained stored away until about two years ago, when Charles turned them over to us.

When we took possession of the archives, they were nothing more than a roomful of boxes full of junk. They were in horrible shape.

Currently, the archives are housed in my vacant garage apartment. Because we have virtually no funding, we cannot afford to rent facilities. For this reason, use of the archives is pretty much on an appointment basis.

Our collection consists of over 800 books, hundreds of publications from around the world, news clippings, tapes, buttons, posters, and lots more.

I am enclosing a current list of the audio/visuals that we have. At this time, we do not loan out materials, but we will gladly make copies of videotapes for the cost of the tape, Beta II or VHS. Also, copies of any other materials that we have are available to you at cost of duplications.

Unfortunately, we do not have a current listing of our books, yet.

Please feel free to spread the word about the archives. We have been used by students, researchers, writers, and even the National Gay Archives.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

community resource center

July 5, 1981

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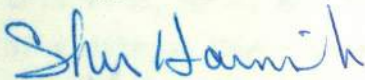
I read with interest your letter accompanying the questionnaire for the Southern Alliance of Lesbian and Gay Organizations. I was unaware that such an alliance existed, but anxiously await the final listing.

My inquiry today concerns the Gay Archives of Texas which you also sponsor. I'm particularly interested in audio/video materials and other resources that might be applicable to training gay and lesbian counselors; information on various lifestyles, specific problems and relationships would be helpful. Community Resource Center (CRC) sponsors Gayline here in Dallas. During the past month our president left for an exciting new job in San Diego, leaving the organization in my hands. Recently, I've been searching for all the information I can find that could be used as part of our ongoing training for our volunteer telephone counselors. We have established an extensive initial training program which has served as models for other gay referral/crisis lines. And we have continuing education programs and speakers at our regular meetings. But new information and resources are most welcomed. We're continually looking for new, more current or generally unavailable information we can pass on to our counselors and our callers.

If possible, would you please send me a listing of the resources you have available, especially any audio/video materials. A copy of your book list would be helpful also. In addition, would it be possible to publish your organization's address and information about the archives in our newsletter?

Thank you for your help and consideration.

Sincerely,



Sher Harnish, President
CRC/GAYLINE
P.O. Box 64417
Dallas, TX 75206

Jim Kepner, curator
National Gay Archives
P.O.Box 38100
Los Angeles, CA 90038

7/12/81

Dear Jim,

Thanks for the phone call. I thought that it would be best if I wrote to you and gave you a list of the publications that you might be able to supply us with. Also, your copies of TWT, UPFRONT, etc., are packed and ready to mail. I hope to get them to the post office this week.

Below you will find a partial list of publications that we are missing.

ADVOCATE - We are missing all of volume 4 except #2 and #3. Everything prior to volume 4 is also missing. Any issues prior #30 are missing, as are issues 55, 56, 57, 60, 61, 62, 73, 76, 87, 90, and 104.

COAST TO COAST TIMES - If you have duplicates of this, we are missing all except #120-123 and #125-129.

NEWSWEST - We are missing issues 1-6 and anything after #56, if any.

ONE Magazine - We have only March and December of 1954. After ~~it~~, we have a complete set, except for October 1960, through ~~1963~~. Anything before March 1954 or after 1962, if any, are missing.

PURSUIT --I had intended to ask you about this. We have issues 1 and 2. Were there any others?

That should about do it, for now. You should be receiving your "care" packages soon. Also, thanks again for the program. People are still talking about it.

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TWT

7/4/81

3223 Smith St., Suite 103
Houston, Tx 77006

Dear friends at TWT,

I would like to thank you for running our public service announcements with regularity in the past. It has helped our organization a great deal.

I would like to ask that you make a couple of changes if you would.

First, could you please correct our zip code in your organizations listing. It is 77022, not 77002.

Also, we would appreciate it a great deal if you would change the community Coffeehouse announcement to read as follows.

The Montrose Community Coffeehouse, a social alternative for the Montrose community, is open each Friday night, 7:30 p.m.-Midnight, at 3405 Mulberry. Call 529-7014 for information on movies and activities.

We would also appreciate it if you would run the following on occasion.

Interact/Houston, a forum for the gay and lesbian community of Houston, meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at 3405 Mulberry. All are welcome. 529-7014

Thank you.

I remain,

Very truly your's,

Treasurer, I/H Inc.
(713) 529-7014 or
694-1732

Barbara Gittings, TFGL
Box 2382
Philadelphia, PA 19103

June 19, 1981

Dear Barbara,

Thanks for the note concerning the 1981 Supplement. We definitely want to be listed.

The only change in the listing for our newsletter, "Because We Care," will be with the name of our organization. We finally got tired of being identified with the Episcopal "Integrity" organization, and changed our name to INTERACT/Houston. Our corporate name remains the same, I/H Incorporated, but we will be operating as INTERACT/Houston.

As for our address and phone number, I must apologize. Normally they are included in the newsletter, but our editor has left it out in a couple of issues. We have just changed editors, so let's hope he can get it right!

Once again, thank you for letting us know about the supplement.
I remain,

Very truly yours,

Treasurer, I/H Inc.
(713) 694-1732

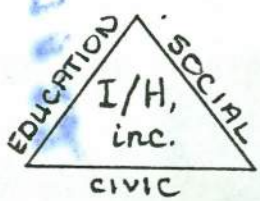
Some of the nominated names for our organization include:

Intelligence/Houston	Impact/Houston
Interact/Houston	the Group
Interface/Houston	the Forum
Interphase/Houston	Gaze Ahead
I/Houston	Options

You are about to become a part of I/H, Inc. history. On Thursday, June 4, additional nominations and the FINAL selection of a new name will take place at the monthly Board and General Membership Meeting.

We are all looking forward to your participation and input. Please don't sit back because I'm positive that you may have some clever, novel, innovative ideas.

A name change? Let your mind do some working. For instance:

- You may be motivated by FEELINGS. You may arrive at... CHARISMA
LUV
- You may be good at coining acronyms and arrive at ...
OLGA - Organization of Lesbian and Gay Alternatives
SPERM - Society for the Promulgation and Emanicipation of Repressed Males
HUGS - Houston United Gay Society
- You may hold dear to your heart a word that has a certain meaning for you.
AEGIS - a shield or a breastplate emblematic of majesty that was originally associated with Zeus but later mainly with Athena; protection, defense, patronage, sponsorship.
- You may visualize an object.
PYRAMID

- You may simply like the sound or that special "ring."
ANGELS
CHAPS
PLUME

IMPORTANT

Whatever! Do let your mind explore the endless possibilities of a new name for Texas' oldest and still active gay organization. We shall look forward to your presence on June 4, 7:30 pm, Activities Hall of the Bering Memorial Methodist Church at 3405 Mulberry.

January 30, 1981

Dear librarian/archivist,

I am a lesbian fascinated with the concept of community scholarship. I am currently compiling a descriptive list of special library and archive collections concerning lesbians. Areas of search include lesbian and/or gay archives as well as libraries of lesbian journals and lesbian studies programs. Information accessibility in public libraries, women's bookstores, archives in general, and women's special collections will be addressed. The information I gather will be available as part of an update on my book Biblioteca Femina: A Herstory of Book Collections Concerning Women, available from Celebrating Women, PO Box 251, Warrensburg, NY 12885.

Enclosed is my initial survey list. If you observe any missing collections please include their addresses in your response.

Sincerely,

Buckwheat Turner

Buckwheat Turner
PO Box 251
Warrensburg, NY 12885

Lesbian Herstory Archives
PO Box 1653
San Francisco, CA 94103

Stonewall Library
PO Box 2084
Hollywood, FL 33020

Kentucky Lesbian Herstory ~~Arch~~
c/o Spiral Wimmin
Lucina Arachne
PO Box 337
Monticello, KY 42633

Lesbian and Gay Archives
of Naiad Press
PO Box 10543
Tallahassee, FL 32302

New Alexandria Library
PO Box 111
Huntington, MA 01050

Gay Archives of Texas
819 Richmond Street
Houston, TX 77006

Buffalo Women's Community ~~Herstory~~
History Project
Davis/Michelson/Kennedy
255 Parkside Ave
Buffalo, NY 14214

Gay Archives Collective
PO Box 3130
MPO Van Couver, British Col
Canada U6B3X6

Lesbian Herstory Archives
PO Box 1258
NY, NY 10116

Canadian Gay Archives
Box 639 Station A
Toronto, ON
Canada M5W1G2

Lesbian Feminist Study
Clearinghouse
1012 CL
U of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA 15260

Homosexual Information Center
6715 Hollywood Blvd Suite 210
Los Angeles, CA 90028

National Gay Archives
Box 38100
Los Angeles, CA 90038

One Institute Library
2256 Venice Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90006

Archive of Homosexuality
Center for Homosexual Ed.
San Francisco State University
San Francisco, CA 94132

National Gay Resources ~~Institute~~
Institute
Washington Bldg Suite 625
15 & New York Ave NW
Washington, DC 20005



As a business owner and long-time resident of the Montrose District, I want to take this opportunity to clarify my position on the much publicized issue of the opening of the Badlands Bar on Auondale.

The Auondale Association has protested the opening of another bar in the immediate neighborhood because of the increased crime, noise, and almost unbearable parking problems. Voting as an individual member, I have voted with the majority of the group because I feel their concerns are justified.

I have been singled out as the victim of erroneous and uncomplimentary publicity as well as boycott, picketing and bomb threats, apparently because of my opinion on this issue. There would appear to be a conspiracy to polarize the gay and straight elements of the community.

Let me take this opportunity to unequivocally state that I am not anti gay and that I do not discrimin

against gay people in employment,
neighborhood relations, or socially.

Hopefully your organization
shares my beliefs that polarization
and divisiveness should have no
place in our community and such
a conspiracy, if it does exist, is
counterproductive to all our best
interests. Perhaps you share my
concern with any ethics which would
attempt to raise such a false issue
in these times when we should all
be working together more closely.
Even if you do not support our
opposition to the bar's opening, I
hope that you will recognize and
respect our right to be concerned
for our neighborhood's quality of life.

Very truly yours,

Cary Pasternal

2/25/81

Press Release

The Dallas Gay Political Caucus (DGPC) announces the publication of Presence, a literary magazine to show the gay community at its most creative. Presence is a periodical which will reveal the artistic talent of gay women and men who too often remain unpublished. Printed works will be diverse and unique to their creators. The overall purpose of the literary magazine will be to produce aesthetic enjoyment for its purchasers. Accordingly, Presence will have a stylish and elegant appearance, appropriate for "coffee table" display.

To publish a wide variety of authors and artists, the DGPC encourages gay individuals and organizations across the country to submit intelligent, well-thought-out pieces of artistic creation. A five-person, cosexual editorial board will review all work and make the final decisions regarding publication. Only creative works of high quality will be printed.

Suggested artistic forms to be submitted for review include prose, poetry, songs, pen & inks, and photography. All submitted works should be on white paper with the author's or artist's name in small print on the back, and pictorial art should be in black and white only. To have submitted work returned, a self-addressed, stamped envelope must be provided. Otherwise, all works offered for consideration, as well as all published works, become the property of the DGPC.

In order to have Presence printed and ready for sale by June 1, 1981, the deadline for all submissions is April 13, 1981. For this artistic endeavor to make the strongest possible statement about gay talent, please send as many separate pieces as you wish to The DGPC Literary Magazine, P.O. Box 35011, Dallas, Texas 75235, but do mail your submitted work before the April 13 deadline. Of

course, works offered for consideration need not be gay in their focus. Presence should and will disclose the depth of artistry in all of us, and it will be a literary magazine of which we can all be proud because it will be the product of the gay community.