



FROM HOUSTON'S OLDEST GAY ORGANIZATION

Because We Care

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THE MORAL MAJORITY, NEW RIGHT, AND US

The January educational forum will be a very special one for lesbians and gay males in Houston. The title of the program is "The Moral Majority, the New Right - Implications for Gays," and will be presented by Barbara Ciganero, the political action chair of Gay Political Caucus.

A GPC spokesperson said that the presentation grew out of research by Ms. Ciganero tracing contributions to the Moral Majority. After finding Coors Beer to be a major contributor, the research continued, revealing some interesting implications.

"The implications are more severe than most of us realize," said Richard Leopold, program chair of I/H, Inc. "This program will trace this right wing network from the ground up to the new Reagan administration."

The program will be held at 3405 Mulberry on Thursday, January 15, beginning at 8 p.m. All are encouraged to attend and bring a friend.

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"MURDER BY DEATH" and "GERTY, GERTY, GERTY"

The free movie presentations at the January Community Coffeehouse will feature "Murder by Death" on January 9, and a repeat of "Gerty, Gerty, Gerty Stein is Back, Back, Back" on January 16.

"Murder" is a Neil Simon spoof of detective films and stars Peter Sellers and Truman Capote.

"Gerty" is being repeated by popular demand and is a one woman show on the life of Gertrude Stein. Pat Bond stars in it.

A special treat prior to "Gerty" will be a videotape of "Is Your Child Gay," a recent segment of the CBS "Hour Magazine" talk show.

Both films will begin at 9 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

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BOARD MEETING MOVED TO JANUARY 8th

The January meeting of the Board of Directors has been moved to January 8 because of the New Year's holiday.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a general meeting of the membership at 8 p.m.

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COVERED DISH SOCIAL ON JANUARY 10th

The January covered dish dinner will be hosted this month by Ken and Gary on Saturday, January 10, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The address is 1909 Brun #11. Call 524-8028 for info or directions.

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BOARD ELECTIONS ARE ON FEBRUARY 19th !!!

COMMENTARY

Stop Bad-Mouthing I/H, Inc.

Dear Editor - "Because We Care"

The monthly newsletter sent by INTEGRITY/Houston is read each issue. The basic concept is "the group is a failure." The blame is placed on poor attendance, poor attitude, and that all the work is done by the same four.

Could leadership be the problem?

I have attended several gatherings. Only one had more than twenty people. The cliques and the "known" conversed. The strangers, including me, just sat, then went to a bar after a short time.

May I make a few polite suggestions?

Write about what is right with I/H. Write about the interesting social activities, the plans to meet new people, the fun, games, conversation and repartee. Write about other activities, not the leaders (?) and their self-justification. Names or initials are not required, just positive, worthwhile activities.

The archives idea is great, but the "ain't I great for doing it" ain't.

"Because we care" is a great statement, but as is said, "action speaks louder than words."

Extol those who come to meetings. Please discontinue your lack of people at your functions. We NEED your organization. We NEED your help, but PLEASE get some worthwhile leadership to run the group.

Stop bad-mouthing a wonderful group. Help us to help each other, instead of making it more difficult.

Chucky



Editor's note-

Thank you for the comment, Chucky.

We agree that I/H has its share of difficulties. But, without the help of people like you, we are not always able to function to everyone's approval. Why not give us a hand?

Archives...

The following publications are now being sent to the Gay Archives of Texas on an exchange basis:

GLADNews-Denton, Tx
ASP Newsletter- Plymouth, Michigan
The West Sider- New York City
NAGAP Newsletter- New Jersey
Making a Difference - Los Angeles

We are now receiving thirty publications in our exchange program. Many thanks to all of the organizations and publications participating.

The archives are available for use by appointment. Call 694-1732 to arrange a time.

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

"The dream is over."
John Lennon

"Long live the dream."
Dale Adamson, columnist, Houston Chronicle, December 1980.

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ACTIVITY GROUP UPDATE

Bowling Activity Group (BAG).- Are there still any interested members who may want to participate in this weekly Monday evening activity? It's a fun and relaxing time for all those involved, besides, it's a very nice way to meet other people. If you have any question(s) about this activity, call the Head Bag (Bill) at 666-3313.

As for the current MSA standings, Team Number 1 was ranked fifth during the week of December 12, while Team Number 2 was in twelfth place. Team 1 lost four games during the December 15th game, while Team 2 picked up 2 games to their credit.

For those people who may want to venture out for the evening and give their support to the teams, we hope we'll see you on Monday nights at the Stadium Bowl.

Gastronomical Activity Group (GAG).- Ken, who is our Head Gag, will be hosting the January covered dish social at his place on Saturday, January 10. The time: 7:30 pm. For any information, Ken may be reached at 524-8028.

You may want to start the New Year right by partaking in this I/H tradition. It's a wonderful opportunity to sit down and relax, and enjoy good conversation and good times. Better still, it will give you the chance to sample the culinary delights prepared by other members of the organization.

If you would like to volunteer your place for this monthly activity, which takes place every second Saturday of the month, then give Ken a call.

Film Activity Group (FAG).- With the holiday season upon us, it is almost next to impossible to get a group of people organized to take in a relaxing evening at the movies. Instead, we would like to make some recommendations about what is showing in town that may be worth your while.

FLASH GORDON is showing at the Alabama and this one movie who all those sci-fi buffs. Although I personally don't think the movie offers much, sitting through two hours and just watching "Flash" may be interesting.

SOMEWHERE IN TIME may not be playing currently, but when it does hit the rerun

circuit, this would be the movie to see. For those who may be turned off by the schmaltzy title, relax...it's pure escape to that world of romance.

THE IDOLMAKER should please those people who can easily identify with the 50s. This movie should also be hitting the rerun theaters soon and this is worth the admission price!

For those members who don't want to stray away from the neighborhood, the River Oaks Theater offers a host of entertaining treats. A triple treat plays on January 3... THE GROOVE TUBE, KENTUCKY FRIED MOVIE, and MR. MIKE'S MONDO VIDEO. And for Miss Marple fans, MURDER MOST FOUL and MUREDR SHE DAID will run on Sunday, January 4. Vietnam is in the spotlight with APOCALYPSE NOW and COMING HOME which will be shown on Wednesday, January 7.

With February right around the corner, do look forward to more FAG outings. We will try to keep everyone posted.

Newsletter Activity Group (NAG).- The newsletter staff would like to thank Ned for donating his time and effort towards the printing of last month's issue. NAGs are still looking for volunteers who may want to donate their facility towards this project.

Poker Activity Group (PAG).- This new activity group has added on three more new members. The PAGs meet on the second Thursday of each month at the Head Pag's house. Call Ned at 524-5463 for more information. The next PAG get-together has been scheduled for January 8 at 7:30 pm.

Fund Raiser Activity Group (FRAG).- We are currently soliciting more input for future fund raising activities. The recently concluded garage sale has been a success and the Board of Directors would like your ideas about what could be done next. If you have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to call Richard at 694-1732. (Richard doesn't know it, but I think he's just gotten himself involved with another activity.)

Hospitality Activity Group (HAG).- A fond adieu goes out to Jim O who has now moved to Tulsa. Jim, our former publicity chairperson, our best wishes to out to you.

Any takers out there who want to open the Coffeehouse on Fridays? Ken is just dying to hear from you. Give him a call at 524-8028.

JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Coffeehouse 2 - 6 p.m. NEW YEAR'S	2 Coffeehouse 7:30 - 12	3
4 MCCR Bering 11 a.m.	5 MSA Bowling 9 p.m. Stadium Bowl	6	7 GPC 7:30pm 4600 Main	8 I/H, Inc. Board 7 pm General 8pm	9 Coffeehouse *Movie- "Murder by Death" 9pm	10 I/H Covered Dish at Ken & Gary's 524-8028
11 MCCR Bering	12 MSA	13	14	15 I/H, Inc Program - "The New Right" 8 pm	16 Coffeehouse *Movie- "Gerty, Gerty Gerty" 9pm	17
18 MCCR Bering	19 MSA	20	21 GPC 7:30 pm 4600 Main	22 Wilde 'n' Stein each Thurs. 90.1 FM 9pm	23 Coffeehouse	24
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I am enclosing my membership dues for 1981. I understand that the membership year ends December 31st.

I do not wish to join at this time, but I would like to receive Because We Care on a trial basis.

I do not wish to join, but here is my contribution.

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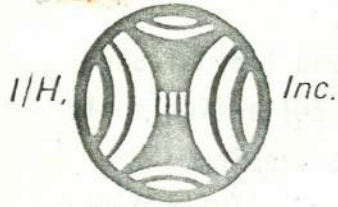
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Elections & Party Slated

In place of our usual educational forum this month, I/H, Inc. will celebrate 11 years of service to Houston's gay community with some very special events.

On Thursday, February 19, we will elect the 1981 officers and board of directors at a 7:30 p.m. meeting of the membership. Following the election, we will be showing the all new, updated audio/video presentation "Because We Care." Then, it's PARTY TIME!

That's right, we're having a party to celebrate our 11th anniversary. Everyone is invited to attend. It should be really festive, and it will all take place at our usual meeting place, 3405 Mulberry. I/H members are urged to arrive before 7:30 p.m. so that the elections, which are extremely important, can be held on time. Also, remember that all I/H members are eligible to run for any board position (See commentary on page 2.)

Archives to show "Trapper" episode

On Friday, February 20, the Gay Archives of Texas will present a videotape of the recent "Trapper John" episode, "Straight and Narrow," which has caused a bit of controversy due to the subject matter- the shooting of a gay cop at a gay rally. Also to be viewed will be a segment of the recent "Real People" which features a gay rodeo. The tapes will begin at 9 p.m., and will be shown at the Community Coffeehouse.

"2001" at Coffeehouse

The free Community Coffeehouse film for this month will be "2001- A Space Odyssey." The film is free and open to the public, and will be screened on February 13 at 9 p.m.

We want to thank Mark for his efforts in obtaining many of the free films that I/H has shown in the past, which have included "Murder By Death," and "Superman."

The Coffeehouse is open each Friday night 7:30 p.m. to midnight and is located at 3405 Mulberry in Montrose.

Food for February...

This month's covered dish social will be hosted by Charles, Adrian, and Walter, and will be held on Saturday, February 14 (Valentine's Day!) and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend and sample some of the marvelous culinary delights that these functions have become famous for.

For more information or directions, call Walter at 522-0884, or Adrian at 528-7587, or Charles at 522-1659. Charles is also the voice you will hear if you call 529-7014, the I/H number listed in TWT. Charles owns Wilde'n'Stein Books.

See this month's calendar for the address.

LAST MINUTE FLASH! We have just received notice that our application for 501(c)3 tax exempt status has been approved by the IRS. Contributions to I/H are now tax deductible. More next issue.

Anniversary Time!

This month I/H will celebrate 11 years of service to Houston's gay community. Eleven years is a long time, especially for a gay organization, but here we are.

The 1980s are on us now, and I/H is busier than ever, which means that we need more warm bodies than ever if we are to continue our services. We need volunteers to open the Community Coffeehouse, writers for "Because We Care," people to organize our social and educational programs, and so on.

Most of all, however, we need our members to help us to improve our membership benefits. Too many of our members do not participate. I, for one, would like to see this change, and one of the best ways I know of for members to get involved is by running for a position on the board of directors.

There are seven positions on the I/H, Inc. board of directors. These include president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and three at-large board positions. These are very important offices because, for the most part, the board runs the business of I/H, Inc.

So, gang, if you have a gripe, or think that some changes for the better need to be made, or even if you think everything is just great, why not run for an office? All paid members are eligible to run. All you have to do is come to the meeting at 7:30 p.m. on February 19. You can nominate yourself, or have someone do it for you.

Please consider this. After all, without our membership, INTEGRITY/Houston is just a couple of meaningless words.

Richard Burckhardt

INVITE A FRIEND TO OUR NEXT MEETING!

Archives

For those of you who have tons of old gay magazines laying around collecting dust, the Gay Archives of Texas is missing a few back issues of TWT (This Week in Texas.) We are looking for volume one issues 2,3,5,6,7, 8,9,10,11,13,14,26,29,35,43,48, and 49. In volume two, we need issues 3,7,13,15,19,20, 22,23,26,33,and 43. In volume three, we need issues 6,19, and 21.

If you have any of these issues, or any other gay publications that you would like to contribute to the Archives, call Richard at 694-1732.

Our latest additions in our exchange publication program are:

Le Beau Monde Lambda Newsletter-La.

Gay Life -Chicago

Tri-State Lambda News-Wyoming

Sisters United - Kansas

We want to thank all of the organizations and publications who are participating.

Remember, the Archives are available for use by calling 694-1732.

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

"Macho does not prove mucho."

Zsa Zsa Gabor.

"Sex is one of the nine reasons for reincarnation. The other eight are unimportant."

Henry Miller

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Short Takes

CLEVELAND- Stella Walsh, Olympic gold medalist in the 1930s, was discovered to be a male after her death during a robbery attempt. Walsh, who won five gold, three silver, and one bronze medal during her career, had been accused of running like a man during her competitive years.

SAN FRANCISCO- Convicted murderer Dan White, who shot and killed Mayor George Moscone and gay Supervisor Harvey Milk, was allowed to have his family in at Soledad Prison for Thanksgiving dinner. None of the other inmates at California prisons are allowed such special favors. (Gay Life)

NEW YORK - The New York State Court of Appeals struck down a state law prohibiting sodomy between two unmarried consenting adults. The 5-to-2 vote came in late December and stated that there was no evidence that "the practice of consensual sodomy in private is harmful either to the participants or to society in general." (New York Times)

Berry's World

Hotlines

Film Activity Group
520-7167

Member's Notes...

FILM ACTIVITY GROUP (FAGs) - This month's suggestions are all at the River Oaks Theatre. "Barbarella" and "Flesh Gordon," two sexy sci-fi spoofs will be playing back to back on February 4. "Come Have Coffee With Us" will be premiering Feb. 6 and features Ugo Tognazzi of "La Cage Aux Folles" fame. "The Women," an all-female comedy featuring Joan Crawford, will show on March 1. Hope to see you there!

POKER ACTIVITY GROUP- This group grows every month. Several new people were at the last poker game, so if you are interested in this group which meets every second Thursday night call Ned, the head PAG, at 524-5463.

HOSPITALITY ACTIVITY GROUP- We definitely need more volunteers to help with the Coffeehouse on Friday nights. If you could help open it once every six to eight weeks, please call Ken at 524-8028. The continued success of the Community Coffeehouse depends on whether we have volunteers to staff it. Currently, we don't have enough.

FEBRUARY

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1 MCC Bering 11am	2 MSA Bowling at Stadium Bowl 9 pm	3	4 GPC 4600 Main 7:30pm	5 I/H, Inc. Business Meeting 7pm (open)	6 Community Coffeehouse 7:30pm-12 Host- Richard L.	7
8 MCC Bering	9 MSA	10	11 MCC every Wed. 7:30 pm 1919 Decat- ur	12 Poker Activity Group 7:30 call Ned at 524-5463	13 Community Coffeehouse Movie- "2001" 9pm	14 I/H Covered Dish 7:30 219 Marsh- all #207
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I/H GAINS OFFICIAL TAX EXEMPT STATUS

On January 19, 1981, INTEGRITY/Houston received notification from the Internal Revenue Service that INTEGRITY/Houston, Inc. (I/H, Inc.) had been approved as a 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 now allows all contributions to the organization to be TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Richard Burckhardt, Jr., the newly elected treasurer of 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."

I/H, Inc. was organized in 1970 as a service organization. The group reorganized as an educational corporation in 1980.

I/H, Inc. sponsors educational forums for the gay and lesbian community, and also sponsors the Gay Archives of Texas, which is 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 (GPC) Political Action Chair Barbara Ciganero.

BEING HAPPY

On March 19 at 7:30 pm, Tassa Bishop will be our guest speaker during the March forum which will deal with "being Happy." The forum is open to the general public and it is held in the Activities Room of the Bering Memorial Church, 3405 Mulberry. For further information, contact Richard at 694-1732. See you all there!

INTRODUCING...THE 1981 I/H, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On Thursday, February 19, a new Board of Directors was elected by the members of INTEGRITY/Houston, Inc. to guide the organization in its functions, activities, and dealings with the gay and straight communities. The new officers are:

President..... Ned Parker
Vice President..... Mark Gwin
Secretary..... Ronnie Demerin
Treasurer..... Richard Burckhardt
Publicity Chair.... Bill Swenson
Hospitality Chair.. Dennis Coning
Program Chair..... Roy Cunningham

To all the newly elected officers, we most sincerely extend our best wishes and congratulations. We are certain that these fine and dedicated people will carry on the traditions with which Houston's oldest group is associated with.

At this time, it is also most befitting to say thank you to our outgoing officers who have contributed an immeasurable amount of time and effort.

to Mike, our former president whose "coming out" was enriched by his official duties...
to Bill Levitt, our former secretary, who was our inspiration (and funny bone) during uninspiring moments...
to Richard L., our former Program Chair, whose excellent educational forums have set an excellent example to further pursue...and,
to Ken I, our former Hospitality Chair, whose untiring efforts made the Coffeehouse and the Covered Dish socials more enjoyable.

A small party was held after the elections where members and friends alike reflected on the past year(s) and expectations for the coming year.

JUST THOUGHT YOU'D WANT TO KNOW...

California... Apparently, the loss of his job AS U.S. Agriculture Secretary in 1976 for having made racial remarks hasn't stopped Earl Butz from making derogatory remarks about people who are different. He is now making jokes about gays and Poles. Butz recently told a gay joke to the California Tomato Growers Association about the "gay" man who walked into a hotel in San Francisco and told the registrar: "If you can guess my weight, I'll go to bed with you." The registrar replied: "1800 pounds." The gay man said, "That's close enough!"

Butz also asked if he could tell a Polish joke to a largely Polish audience at a speech he gave in the Midwest. He said, "I was told to go ahead. No one would understand it anyway."

from the Houston Chronicle

Tallahassee Florida... A Florida college student will become one of the first southern college students to receive credit for interning at a gay organization. A non-gay Florida A&M student will work full time in the Florida Gay Task Force Office during the 1981 winter quarter. A spokesperson for the FGTF said they look forward to having more students intern in the future.

from IGNA

Turkey... Researchers at the Aegean University are convinced that disco music causes homosexuality in rats, and probably in men, too. The Houston Chronicle reported that researchers at the university "discovered that high noise levels-such as that frequently found in discos-causes homosexuality in mice and deafness in pigs." (So much for "modern" research and technology!)

ONLY IN DEATH IS THERE ETERNAL LIFE ...

I would personally like to thank all the members of INTEGRITY/Houston, Inc. for their kind thoughts and sympathies during the recent passing of my father. Your prayers and wishes were most comforting. *Joanne*

Likewise, our sympathies go out to Ned P. whose aunt recently passed away, and to Bill H. whose mother is now in Peace.

ANYONE FOR A "LEI" ... ?

The newly formed TRAVEL ACTIVITY GROUP (TAG) has planned a Labor Day Week (Sept. 5-13) in "Alohaland," oftentimes referred to as the Paradise of the Pacific. For \$719.00, this tour includes air fare, hotel accommodations at the Prince Kuhio, airport transfers, a lei greeting at the airport, etc. Already, 5 I/H members have committed themselves, and if you are interested, call Ron at 520-7167 for more details. ACT NOW BEFORE THE RATES INCREASE! ... Mahalo nui loa!

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Birth date _____
month/day

Address _____

Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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NEW DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DIRECTIVE TARGETS LEGAL FORCES OF GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

On January 16, 1981, the Department of Defense (DOD) issued a revision of its exclusionary policy towards lesbians and gay men. The new policy makes discharge for homosexuals mandatory, thereby targeting the small number of precedential successes established in the cases of Matlovich, Berg, and Ben Shalom.

National Gay Task Force (NGTF) Codirector Lucia Valeska commented, "The new directive signals a reactionary move on the part of the DOD to countereact recent progress made through the courts in challenging discrimination against gay men and lesbians in the military. Fortunately, the new policy has some positive aspects: (1) all exclusions and discharges solely on the basis of sexual orientation will now be classified as HONORABLE, and (2) 'homosexual identity' will no longer be determined by so-called homosexual mannerisms or thru guilt by association."

"On the other hand," Valeska continued, "the directive draws a new battle line in its overall hardline stance. The military has bent over backwards (to the point of downright silliness in places) in order to tighten restrictions. NGTF intends to expose and fight the new directive on the basis of its irrational nature, unenforcable provisions, and fundamental attack on the constitutional rights of all US citizens."

Don Knutson, Legal Director of Gay Rights Advocates said, "The new regulations are, on one hand, ludicrous, and on the other, ominous. They were carefully drawn to make judicial protection for the civil liberties of gay service personnel as difficult as possible. They are, however, vulnerable to constitutional attack in several important aspects. We intend to vigorously pursue whatever remedies are available to us to challenge the courts in this repressive and ridiculous policy."

Summary of New DOD Exclusionary Directive

1. Discharge.- Except in cases of force or sexual relations involving a minor, all discharges based solely on homosexual exclusionary policy will be classified as HONORABLE.
2. The new directive deletes the "tendencies and association" clauses contained in the old: Homosexual identity will no longer be determined by so-called homosexual mannerisms or through guilt by association.
3. The exclusionary policy itself is reaffirmed in the new directive. Terminology and arguments are basically the same as in the previous directive; i.e., emphasizing the "incompatibility" and "public unacceptability" of homosexuals serving in the armed forces.
4. The new directive spells out three basic situations in which one may be excluded/discharged from the military:
 - a. If one has ever engaged in or solicited a homosexual act.
 - b. If one has STATED one's homosexual identity.
 - c. In the absence of actual homosexual conduct or stating one's homosexual identity, one can be excluded/discharged if one has ever MARRIED or ATTEMPTED to marry someone of the same sex, UNLESS said action was for the specific purpose of avoiding military service.
5. Exceptions.- The new directive deletes the "exceptional circumstance" clause as interpreted by the Air Force (and Navy according to court ruling).
There will be no exceptions, unless "made in the interest of national security," as defined by the Secretary of the service branch involved.
6. The new directive removes the discretionary powers of the Secretary of the service branch involved with regard to appeal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT Tom Burrows, NGTF, (212) 741-5800
Steve Parrish, GRA, (415) 863-3624

WE GIVE THANKS...

...to Erwin of the Texas Bay Area Gays who contributed several of the back issues of THIS WEEK IN TEXAS that the Archives was missing. Now, for those of you that have lots of old MONTROSE STARS laying around, we are missing the following issues:

3	35	79	101
4	56	83	107
5	66	86	108
9	76	88	113
10	77	97	128

Please go through your "closets" and/or hunt through those boxes if you think you have have the above issues on hand.

Remember, all contributions to I/H, Inc. are now tax deductible, including contributions to be used in the Gay Archives of Texas. Call Richard at 694-1732 to arrange for an appointment to use our library and archives.

THE EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT

New editions in our publication exchange program include:

the San Francisco Crusader
Lutherans Concerned/Houston

We also want to thank Dignity/Houston, MCCR, and Episcopal Integrity for having sent us their newsletters for the past couple of years.

AMERICAN BOOKSELLERS ADOPT A PRO-GAY RESOLUTION

(courtesy of Wilde 'n' Stein)

The American Booksellers Association, one of the largest trade organizations in the country, has joined the growing list of businesses and organizations officially opposed to discrimination against gay people. In a 7-to-4 vote at the group's quarterly board meeting held in San Diego, the following resolution was adopted:

The American Booksellers Association recognizes that there exist minorities not necessarily ethnic,

which may be subject to discrimination. Be it therefore resolved that the Association urges upon its members and associate members, booksellers, and publishers, to oppose discrimination in services to, and employment of, all individuals, regardless of ethnic or social class background and regardless of religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, or physical handicap.

Support for the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was also affirmed in a second resolution passed by an identical 7-to-4 vote. Both resolutions were introduced in Chicago last June at the association's annual membership meeting. At that time, the resolutions were tabled on advice of the group's legal counsel. The sexual orientation resolution was promoted by the Gay Caucus of Authors, Publishers and Booksellers.

Charles Gillis, GCAPB member and owner of Houston's Wilde 'n' Stein Books, indicated that the resolution was not legally binding upon the ABA or member stores but would provide more awareness of gay issues within the publishing and bookselling industries.

THE BOOKWORM REVIEWS:

The First Complete Legal Guide for Lesbian and Gay Couples

The number of lesbians and gay couples openly living together as loving couples has greatly increased in recent years. And so has the court cases involving the rights of this growing community. However, solid legal information for these couples have been lacking, until now...Hayden Curry and Denis Cliford, two attorneys who have frequently handled the legal problems of the gay and lesbian community have just written THE FIRST COMPLETE LEGAL GUIDE FOR LESBIAN AND GAY COUPLES (\$10.95 paperback).

This book examines attitudes, which have changed in the last few years, and the continuing discrimination of gays and lesbians by the legal system. A major portion of this book is devoted to how a couple can create legal arrangements among themselves.

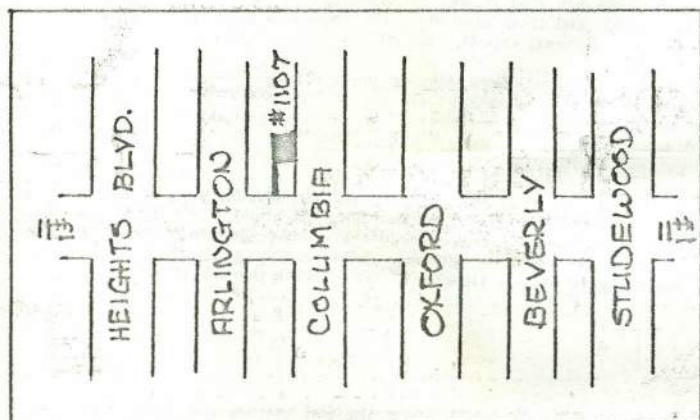
A DEFINITE MUST FOR ALL GAYS AND LESBIANS!

ACTIVITIES UPDATE...

Gastronomical Activity Group (GAG).- Also known as the "covered dish" affair...on March 14, Mark will be hosting this monthly get-together at his place-

1107 Columbia

For your convenience, this map should be a



good reference. Our host would also like to add a few other comments/suggestions:

- When you take Montrose Blvd., be aware that from Allen Pkwy. till you cross the bayou, Montrose becomes Studemont. After the bayou, there's still another change...it becomes Studewood...in short, if you come through Montrose, keep plodding/driving along till you hit 11th Street.
- Should you decide to take Heights Blvd., remember that Waugh Drive becomes Heights Blvd. after you cross Washington.
- Mark would also like to "apologize" in advance for the "state" of his place which is now under remodeling.

Seriously, I don't think that there's anything to apologize about---we're thankful that an I/H member has volunteered their place to hold this monthly social. And besides, like all other covered dish get-togethers, I don't think this would be any different...it'll be one happy get-together as all previous covered dishes have been.

Ahhh...should you still need more info re.

this event, Mark will be able to give you more details if you called him at home... 869-3296...

See you all there on the 14th at 7:30pm!!!

Bowling Activity Group (BAG).- As of Feb. 9, both I/H teams placed in the Top 5, and we expect Team #2 to still remain in their position. However, Team #1 didn't fare so well last Feb. 16, but there are other weeks, and we'll get other chances...in the meantime, we would like to see more of our friends and members to cheer us on every Monday night at the Stadium Bowl at 9pm. It's fun, totally entertaining, and a feast for the eyes. (Special mention should be made to both Ned and Richard for their exceptional games. And although they didn't repeat their exceptional performance, and thus "having fallen from grace," needless to say, we still love them both!)

Poker Activity Group (PAG).- On Thursday, March 12, Head PAG Ned will be having his monthly poker function at 7:30pm. For more details, Ned can be reached at 524-5463.

Film Activity Group (FAG).- With the Academy Award nominations already out, it would be highly advisable to catch those films which have garnered a good share of the nominations, and perhaps the awards themselves. Namely, these films include ORDINARY PEOPLE, RAGING BULL, and ELEPHANT MAN. All three films are exceptionally made, and RAGING BULL stands out as being the film classic of the past two decades. Robert de Niro, Mary Tyler Moore and the rest of the cast of ORDINARY PEOPLE turn in superb performances.

And for those movie buffs who have already seen all of the above films, may we suggest COMPETITION, a tender and precious love story...all diehard romantics will, without a doubt, remember this particular film! And for those of you who may have missed THE WOMEN and THE PHILADELPHIA STORY at the River Oaks, make note of it and catch it when it returns. Both films are marvelous comedies and would brighten up any person's otherwise dreary afternoon or evening.

Bridge Activity Group (BrAG).- This is a new group which is being planned for all potential bridge enthusiasts who may want to learn this game. Contact Carl at 694-1732 for particulars.

FROM THE EDITOR...

Every month or so, the newsletter staff receives a letter from a reader, in this instance, a certain "Chucky" whose latest epistle is shown in its entirety and original (though reduced) form.

In all honesty, it is quite disturbing to receive a letter of this sort, but I would like to take some time out and perhaps provide a reply to our mysterious writer. I have never, in all my years as a writer/editor, taken on a "Dear Abby" task, but I think that in this instance, it is certainly justified.

Dear Chucky,

I am about to dissect your letter before all our readers and take it apart, paragraph by paragraph, and if warranted, sentence by sentence.

PARAGRAPH #1: I don't know what is meant by "get something written." To me, it may either connote a dry and dull Hallmark greeting card or a sensitive probe into human feelings. For the most part of your letter, the former would be more applicable.

PARAGRAPHS 2,3, and 4: I get the distinct impression that your whole letter was based on "what you heard." Then again, there is some amount of inconsistency because you switch from "I" to "we" a couple of times. I could never hold anything valid based on "what I/we heard." Besides, by the time the story gets to me, some "facts" are bound to be distorted. And based on that theory, I cannot give much credence to those thoughts embodied in those three paragraphs.

You don't want participants at our educational forum to bore people with their "tale of woe" yet your letters, which we receive with regularity (like a full moon) bears little semblance to pure, thought provoking actions, but rather, it is your "tale of woe." Need I say more about "tales of woe."

You've cited the president/chairman for his initiative. Yet I wonder why you have no initiative to come over and participate in our forums. As for inviting them back, our forums are open to the whole community. Besides getting the words across about our upcoming forums through our newsletter and through TWT, do you think it would be feasible to extend a "personal" invitation to each member of the community? To entertain that idea is preposterous! Unless, again, you may have other suggestions, like establishing an I/H chapter in Iran, for example!

PARAGRAPH #4: Again you make mention of "reports and so we heard." Our monthly covered dish activities are always looked upon as a good chance for a get-together outside our regular meeting place. But then again, we have the bowling, film, hospitality, newsletter, recreation, etc., activities, and judging from "reports and so we heard," these pasttimes can be just as enjoyable. Where are you, Chucky?

Chucky Comments again,

Blame your editor, he published my last comments and you know how it is when once you "get something written".

Barbara Ciganero is a very well informed person, knows her business and has professionally studied her subject, plus a remarkable insight into the situation, according to those who heard her Thursday, Jan. 15th. The benefits of attending programs of this type are obvious. The skills are evident.

But, so I heard, the discussion after the speech were less than worth of the subject. A speaker deserves good questions, not "listen to my tale of woe". Don't we all have them? Next time, please Mr. Chairman, please interrupt those who ramble on and on and repeat and repeat their utterings. Only one person made remarks that received applause, so we heard.

And Mr. President, you did "good" asking why and how those attending knew about the talk. How about inviting them back?

Great comments are still being made about the wonderful hosts Ken and Gary at their Covered Dish party in their apartment. Most agreed that "that" is what it is all about. Reports are that it was outstanding, worthy of a great amount of thanks for those two guys and their attitude. The food was great plus the conversations so we heard. Repeat, repeat, repeat!

Could part of "our" problem be that there are too many organizations competing with each other because of poor leadership? The public (who ever they are) must be shown that we are worthy of acceptance just as any ignorant red-neck country, uneducated, unknowledgeable fundamentalist preacher. Their halos just do not fit in an enlightened civilization.

And speaking of majorities. Last Thursday night the majority did not consider for one moment that a minority was in the room. The talk about a majority demanding their will on others was ignored. Those that smoke ignored the non-smokers. The majority got their way, the minority ignored. Are we too, guilty of the same thing we are objecting to at this time? Makes us think doesn't it?

And,

My closet is still very dark, the moth balls stink, the wet clothes are cold. Thank you for the light I now see through a crack in the door. Please open my door.

Chucky

PARAGRAPH #5: I am in total disagreement with people who blame things on "poor leadership" because they use this excuse for their own failings. Are you a member of I/H? I wouldn't think so. I would hazard a guess that you even didn't vote in the last presidential elections, and already you're blabbing off about the poor job our new president is doing. If you want to be counted, then speak up and vote. Senseless letter writing will not amount, much less, lead to any great results. Like wise, I have no idea of what your preconceived notion is about an "enlightened civilization." (One makes me think that you are still in a dream world, Chucky.)

PARAGRAPH #6: At long last, we come to something which really makes sense. I shall personally make a mental note of this suggestion and ensure the comfort of our nonsmoking members at our meetings, forums, etc.

PARAGRAPH #7: I will make no attempt to help you open the closet door. Only you can do that, Chucky. There are countless people around who see the light through a crack but never seize the opportunity to grab it. I'm sorry you're one of them. (Besides, it behooves me to no end why someone would have wet clothes in their closet in the first place! Why don't you try a dryer? As for moth balls, they went out with Joan Crawford...why don't you resort to these little room deodorizers. I'm sure they make them for the "closet.")

You see, Chucky, there is an INTEGRITY/Houston. And we are a nonprofit social-service group who have taken on the responsibility of helping our community as an alternative to the bar scene. We attempt to cater to everyone's general needs, not something as detailed and specific as you desire it to be.

May I personally suggest that you see and have a nice long talk with a friend who could probably help you with whatever is bothering you, that is, if you haven't already bored them to death. Then again, you may want to seek serious professional help and that we can put you in contact with.

If and when you are ready to come to terms with yourself, I shall gladly give you a personal welcome. In the meantime, I hope that your future letters (and, boy, do I expect them now) will be more of the first person interaction and not based on "reports."

And there is help, but only you can make the first move...God helps him who helps himself... if ever you want your prayers answered, you have to get off of your knees and do something about it...only he who is at peace in himself can give peace...I could go on and on with these clichés and I'm sure you've heard them all.

Do make an effort to reach out because our arms can only go to a certain point.

Jonnie
the editor



"You and your Gay Rights badge!"

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Sunday	Monday	Tues.	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
11am- MCCR & Bering Services	9pm- MSA at Stadium Bowl		7:30pm- GPC 4600 Main	7:30pm- I/H, Inc. Board & General Meeting 10pm- Wilde'n' Stein, 90.1 FM	7:30-Midnight- Coffee House Movie: "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" (9pm)	

8	9	10	11	12	13	14
11am- MCCR & Bering Services	9pm- MSA			7:30pm- Poker Activity Group (524-5463) 10pm- Wilde'n' Stein, 90.1 FM	7:30-Midnight- Coffeehouse Activities	7:30pm- Covered Dish*

* 1107 Columbia...call Mark at 869-3296 for more info...better still, check the Activities Page for directions and specifics.

15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
11am- MCCR & Bering Services	9pm- MSA			7:30 pm- Education Forum with Tassa Bishop ("Being Happy")	7:30-Midnight Coffeehouse Activities	

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DIRECT FROM THE WIRES OF...

Houston.- The Texas Gay Conference (TGC) VIII Committee of the Texas Gay Task Force (TGTF) is requesting that those individuals who plan to attend the Houston conference on Sept. 4-7, 1981, are urged to send in their registrations as soon as possible. The early registration will provide seed money for the committee to use in assuring that the conference plans are to be carried out. Because of its poor financial condition, TGTF is unable to provide financial assistance. Early registrations can be sent to:

TGC VIII
P.O. Box 3942
Houston, Texas 77006

London.- An expedition to the foothills of Mt. Everest is being planned by a team of British gays. Philip Johnson, a research scientist, says he hopes to take a party of 12 gays-not necessarily all men-to the Himalayas in November. The goal of the climb, which should last four weeks, is to reach the base camp which is 18,000 feet above sea level on the 29,028-foot peak. They plan to take a more difficult route to the base camp. "Gay men are supposed to be delicate flowers sitting among potted palms and imbibing pink gins while talking about opera and ballet," said Judson. He does intend to show that gays can be mountain climbers, too. (IGNA)

BY INVITATION ONLY

In a show of gratitude and appreciation, Annella Harrison of Families and Friends of Gays, is personally inviting ALL I/H, Inc. members to a Sunday brunch on April 26. For more information and details, please contact Dennis at 528-1311.

SPECIAL SATURDAY COFFEEHOUSE

I/H, Inc. will be participating in a special one-time only "Saturday Coffeehouse" on April 25 at the Bering Memorial Church (Recreation/Social Hall). This all day activity will be part of the Duetschfest celebration, and it will also coincide with the Westheimer Arts Fair. If you would like to volunteer some time to staff the Coffeehouse, please give Richard a call (694-1732) and better still, while attending the Fair, you and your friends may want to drop by the Coffeehouse to relax and enjoy some refreshments. It would also give your friends an opportunity and an exposure to our activities.

HERE COMES SUMMER

It's almost that time to get out the skin tight t-shirts and ever revealing shorts as we prepare for the summer. But how many of us will find that winter has taken its toll? ... Here are a few "tips" for those attempting to diet but who may occasionally slip and splurge on those calories.

One chocolate ice cream cone contains 150 calories, and this is equivalent to:

43 minutes of walking
21 minutes of tennis
14 minutes of bicycling
11 minutes of jogging

One cola contains 105 calories-or
30 minutes of walking
15 minutes of tennis
10 minutes of bicycling
8 minutes of jogging

Ten potatoe chips contains 110 calories
31 minutes of walking
16 minutes of tennis
10 minutes of bicycling
8 minutes of jogging

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HERE COMES SUMMER (continued)

One 12 oz. can of beer contains 168 calories, and this is equivalent to:

- 48 minutes of walking
- 24 minutes of tennis
- 15 minutes of bicycling
- 13 minutes of jogging

One slice of pizza contains 245 calories, and is equivalent to:

- 70 minutes of walking
- 35 minutes of tennis
- 22 minutes of bicycling
- 18 minutes of jogging

Four chocolate chip cookies contain 200 calories, and is equivalent to:

- 57 minutes of walking
- 28 minutes of tennis
- 18 minutes of bicycling
- 15 minutes of jogging

NUTRITION is the key element of any diet. Make sure you eat well-balanced meals consisting of foods from all six basic food groups (bread, fat, fruit, meat, milk, and vegetables). Diet programs which include these six food categories will provide you with the essential vitamins and nutrients that you need.

EXERCISE, along with your diet program, is an excellent way of speeding up your weight loss. Keep it simple. Walk rather than ride. Use the stairs for a few flights instead of taking the elevator. Even mild calisthenics can do alot to firm your body as you lose weight.

With these helpful tips in mind, there should be no reason why you can't enjoy the sights at Memorial Park and be a part of all this activity. If you start your diet and weight program now, you won't have to be sidelined and forever hoping for "the body."

draft rough *Ronni*

.....from the editor

No, I don't think I'll get carried away this time like I did in the last issue, remember Chucky? However, I would like to take this time to share some random thoughts with you.

1. Ned Parker has been president for almost two months now, and I must honestly say: "I am very optimistic about the organization's future."

Every so often, there comes a person who can really do big things and help a group like I/H, Inc. AND NED'S THE PERSON.

However, all his efforts, combined with the efforts of the Board (and a couple of interested members), is STILL NOT ENOUGH.

If ever we are to succeed in our goals and expectations, then we must ALL cooperate.

This may seem like a little piece that you've heard and read about so often. But from my personal point of view, I am proud of what I/H, Inc. has done for my own personal betterment.

In an attempt to solicit membership participation, a new feature (and indeed it is unique) will be the mailing of the MINUTES to EACH MEMBER. Hopefully, this will

keep everyone abreast of our activities and different functions/plans. I personally encourage each and every member to take a more ACTIVE stand in our affairs because this is the year which I believe will be one in which great strides will be made. Don't you want to be part of the success team? I know you care, but SHOW IT!

2. There are many interesting articles that come to my attention at work...articles that would be helpful to everyone, regardless of sexual preferences. In this issue, a creativity aptitude test is given. Hopefully, you will benefit from it, and perhaps pick up a few thoughts to incorporate in your own lifestyle. (I was disappointed because i was a "few" points off from being EXCEPTIONALLY CREATIVE.)

If there is anything that you would like to read about, or a topic that you want covered, please give me a call, and we'll do our best to see that it's covered.

Until next month, here's wishing you all the best and hoping that you enjoy this month's publication.

It is always easier to hate something than to understand it.

ACTIVITY GROUP UPDATE

Film Activity Group (FAG).- The talk of the town has got to be LA CAGE AUX FOLLES II, which if you haven't already heard, is breaking box office receipts. To take part in this "festivity," the FAG's are planning a Sunday afternoon outing to the Greenway Plaza where the film is currently showing. The date has been set for Sunday, April 5 at 12 noon. We will be meeting at the Parc V Recreation Room at that time before proceeding to the theater. For others who may be interested in a Sunday brunch before going to the movie, call Ronnie at 520-7167, and we'll arrange to have that other side trip/brunch taken care of...Hopefully, by April 5, that is, the lines at the bargain matinee won't be that long and it would be to our advantage...so for all those fans, if you can, please hold off any immediate plans about seeing the movie before the 5th, and join in the fun and lets go as a group...we'll all have a wonderful time, and that is guaranteed!

By the time you read this, the Oscars will already have been given out to the best performances of the year, but for those of you who have still held out on going to see the pick of the crop, whenever RAGING BULL and ORDINARY PEOPLE make the runs at the second-run moviehouses, then by all means, see them...those two films, along with PRIVATE BENJAMIN, are exceptional...and while we're on the topic of exceptional, KAGEMUSHA, also showing at the Greenway, is a visual feast for the eyes.

FAG's intends to get more people involved in the coming months with their outings and plans.

If you have any ideas that you want to share with the rest of the FAG's, whether it be a movie outing or some interesting movie trivia note, then by all means, do contact Ronnie, the Head FAG at 520-7167. We do need alot of input about all the different members and we'll seriously entertain your suggestions.

Gastronomical Activity Group (GAG).- Bill Swenson is the host for this month's covered dish social which will be held at 7:30 pm on April 11 at 607 Harold. The covered dish social is yet another I/H, Inc. function which attracts both members and nonmembers alike. We do invite all of you to participate in this monthly activity, and even invite your friends...the only Prerequisite is that you bring along your

special recipe for others to sample.

For more information concerning this month's festivity, our host can be contacted at 523-6922.

Bowling Activity Group (BAG).- As of this printing, both teams are on the Top 5 in their division standings.

However, the biggest item yet is that both teams are headed for Dallas at the end of this month (march) and we'll be able to give you more details about this bowling tournament in the next newsletter.

Already, there is talk about getting an INTEGRITY/Houston #3 up for the coming summer league. We do have a couple of people who are expressing an interest in this activity, but as you well know, a team is comprised of 5 members (plus a couple of substitutes). It isn't likely that there'll be any dropouts from either teams 1 and 2, so if you think you may want to occupy yourself on Monday nights from 9 to about midnight, you may want to call Bill Howard and express your intentions of participating in this MSA event. Bill's number is 666-3313.

Hospitality Activity Group (HAG).- Dennis Coning is the new Head HAG and like everyone else, he would like to see some other faces opening the Coffeehouse other than the regular members. Dennis can be contacted at the Coffeehouse each Friday night. He does need all the support we can give him!

Recreational Activity Group (RAG).- A proposed canoe trip is in the making and we should give you more details about this expedition (of sorts) by the next newsletter. The only requirement, from what I've been told, is that you MUST know how to swim.

Bill Levitt would also like to plan other activities, but he has to get your input about what kinds of recreational activities YOU want to get involved in...with summer fast approaching, there'll be plenty to things to do, and you can count on that.

Poker Activity Group (PAG).- This activity group meets on the second Thursday of each month, and for April, it's scheduled for April 9, from 7:30 pm- ...?... Ned Parker is in charge of this group and he can be reached at 524-5463 for more details.

Travel Activity Group (TAG).- The Labor Day Week vacation to Honolulu is getting off to a good start. Two more people have already signed up...See Roonie for more info.

JUST HOW CREATIVE ARE YOU?

Researchers have described a number of tests to determine whether someone is predisposed to think creatively. The following test was designed by Eugene Rausepp of Princeton Creative Research, Inc. after studying characteristics of highly creative people. To take the test, indicate after each statement whether you: (A) agree; (B) are undecided or don't know; or, (C) disagree. Answer as accurately and frankly as possible, trying not to guess how a creative person might respond. There is no time limit. (Answers are on page

1. I feel that a logical step-by-step method is best for solving problems.
2. It would be a waste of time for me to ask questions if I had no hope of obtaining answers.
3. I always work with a great deal of certainty that I'm following the correct procedures for solving a particular problem.
4. I concentrate harder on whatever interests me than do most people.
5. When trying to solve a problem, I spend a lot of time analyzing it.
6. I occasionally voice opinions in groups that seem to turn some people off.
7. I spend a great deal of time thinking about what others think of me.
8. Complex problems and situations appeal to me because I find them challenging.
9. It is more important for me to do what I believe is right than for me to try to win the approval of others.
10. People who seem unsure and uncertain about things lose my respect.
11. More than other people, I need to have things interesting and exciting.
12. On occasion, I get overly enthusiastic over things.
13. I often get my best ideas when doing nothing in particular.
14. I rely on intuitive hunches and the feeling of "rightness" or "wrongness" when moving toward the solution of a problem.
15. I sometimes get a kick out of breaking the rules and doing things I'm not supposed to do.
16. I like hobbies that involve collecting things.
17. I feel I have capacities that have not been tapped as yet.
18. Daydreaming has provided the impetus for many important projects.
19. I like people who are objective and rational.
20. I see myself as more enthusiastic and energetic than most people I know.
21. I can get along more easily with people if they belong to the same social and business class as myself.
22. I have a high degree of aesthetic sensitivity.
23. I have a highly developed capacity for self-instruction.
24. I like people who are most sure of their conclusions.
25. Inspiration has nothing to do with the successful solution of problems.
26. When I am engaged in an argument, the greatest pleasure for me would be for the person who disagrees with me to become a friend, even at the price of sacrificing my point of view.
27. I tend to avoid situations in which I may feel inferior.
28. In evaluating information, the source of it is more important to me than the content.
29. I resent things being uncertain and unpredictable.
30. I like people who follow the rule "business before pleasure."
31. One's own self-respect is more important than the respect of others.
32. I feel that people who strive for perfection are unwise.
33. I prefer to work with others on a team effort rather than solo.
34. I believe that creativity is restricted to specialized fields of endeavor.
35. It is important for me to have a place for everything and everything in its place.

JUST HOW CREATIVE ARE YOU? (concluded)

75. The columns below show a list of adjectives that describe people. Indicate with a check mark the 10 words that best characterize you.

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| energetic | factual |
| persuasive | open-minded |
| observant | tactful |
| fashionable | inhibited |
| self-confident | enthusiastic |
| persevering | innovative |
| forward-looking | poised |
| cautious | acquisitive |
| habit-bound | practical |
| resourceful | alert |
| egotistical | curious |
| independent | organized |
| good-natured | unemotional |
| predictable | clear thinking |
| formal | understanding |
| informal | dynamic |
| dedicated | self-demanding |
| original | polished |
| quick | realistic |
| efficient | modest |
| helpful | involved |
| perceptive | absent-minded |
| courageous | flexible |
| stern | sociable |
| thorough | well-liked |
| impulsive | restless |
| determined | retiring |

SCORING

125-150 EXCEPTIONALLY CREATIVE
 90-124 VERY CREATIVE 35-54 BELOW AVE.
 55-89 ABOVE AVERAGE 0-34 NONCREATIVE

The rest have values of 0.

self-confident	open-minded
forward-looking	restless
alert	determined

The following adjectives have values of 1:

thorough	informal
involved	flexible
dynamic	self-demanding
curious	innovative
courageous	enthusiastic
original	perceptive
dedicated	independent
resourceful	persevering
observant	energetic

The following adjectives have values of 2:

51. 1,0,-1	26. -1,0,1
52. -2,1,0	27. -1,0,1
53. 2,1,0	28. -2,1,2
54. -2,1,0	29. -1,0,1
55. 2,0,-1	30. -1,0,1
56. 2,0,-1	31. 2,1,0
57. 2,0,-1	32. -2,0,1
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To compute your score, add or subtract the points assigned to each question; A for "Agree," B for "undecided or don't know" and C for "disagree."

APRIL FORUM

The first educational forum under Roy Cunningham's direction as Educational Chair will be on April 16 at 8:00 pm. In addition to our "surprise" program, Richard Burckhardt will once again be previewing both slide and notable film clips regarding history.

We see things not as they are,
 but as we are.

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	April 1-4	April 5-11	April 12-18	April 19-25	April 26-30
Saturday	12 noon- FAG outing...*	7:30 pm- Covered Dish Social at 607 Harold		COFFEEHOUSE FESTIVAL (call Richard at 694=1732 for more info)	
Sunday	11 a.m. Services at Bering Memorial Church (3405 Mulberry) and at the MCCR				ANNELLA HARRISON BRUNCH
Monday	9 pm- MSA Bowling Night at the Stadium Bowl...Come in and join the fun and CHEER for both INTEGRITY/Houston Teams!!!				
Tuesday					
Wednesday	7:30pm- GPC Mtg at 4600 Main		7:30 pm- GPC Mtg. at 4600 Main		
Thursday	7:30pm- I/H, Inc Board Mtg.	7:30 pm- Poker Activity Group	7:30 pm- I/H Educational Forum	7:30 pm- THE IDOLMAKER, River Oaks**	
Friday	COFFEEHOUSECOFFEEHOUSECOFFEEHOUSECOFFEEHOUSECOFFEEHOUSECOFFEEHOUSECOFFEEHOUSECOFFEEHOUSE_COFFEEHOUSE 7:30 to Midnight				
		← Movie: Animal house		Movie: The Magic Christian	

* LA CAGE AUX FOLLES II...We will be meeting at the Recreation Room of Parc V at 12 noon. For more details, call Ron at 520-7167.

** THE IDOLMAKER doubled with GO JOHNNY GO will be featured at the River Oaks Theater. All interested parties will meet at 6:15 pm at the Parc V Rec Room. Call Ron at 520-7167 for more info.



FROM HOUSTON'S OLDEST GAY ORGANIZATION

Because We Care

Newsletter of

(I/H, Inc.)

Issue June 81

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

If you haven't already noticed, the letterhead no longer carries the name INTEGRITY/Houston. Until the selection of a new name, all operations will continue under the I/H, Inc. banner. Additional nominations and the final selection of the new name will be held at the June 4th Board and General Membership Meeting at 7:30 pm.

An overwhelmingly large number of members and interested members of the community attended the Special Board and General Membership Meeting last May 28 and voted unanimously for a name change. Redirecting our goals yet maintaining our basic functions, attracting and involving potential members, disassociating ourselves with a religious group were some of the reasons which prompted both a controversial and emotional move for a name change.

We hope to see all our members at the next Board and General Membership Meeting (this Thursday, in fact) to take part in a historic move for Texas' oldest and most active group.

CATALOG LISTS GAY BOOKS

New York---Paths Untrodden, a mail-order book service offering "books of merit on the gay male experience," has released its 1981 catalog listing more than a thousand recent and out-of-print titles about homosexuality or works by gay authors. Inspired by a poem from Walt Whitman, Paths Untrodden offers both new and use soft/hardcover books, but specializing in hard-to-find, out-of-print books. Updates are provided throughout the year, thus keeping people informed of the latest releases and new finds. This catalog is available by mail by sending \$2 to: PATHS UNTRODDEN, P.O. Box 459, Village Station, NY 10014.

LA CAGE AUX FOLLES, I AND OTHER CINEMA DELIGHTS

I/H, Inc. will kick-off GPW with a special presentation of "LA CAGE AUX FOLLES, I" at the Friday, June 19 Coffeehouse. Being the most popular film ever released in the US, this film will make its I/H, Inc "debut" at 9 pm. A partial listing of other summer features include: "SUPERMAN-THE MOVIE"/June 5 and "WAR OF THE WORLDS"/July 10.

ATTENTION: NONMEMBERS

This will be your last issue of BECAUSE WE CARE. To continue receiving this newsletter, complete the attached membership form in this newsletter and indicate either membership status (payment enclosed) or mailing list only. Your name will be dropped from the mailing list on June 30 if we do not receive any reply. This announcement does not apply to those organizations or publications with whom exchange subscriptions have already been established.

RESIGNATION

Roy Cunningham has resigned as Education Chair and his successor will be elected at the June 4th Board and General Membership Meeting.

Handguns and fairy tales

A pro-handgun friend of mine was telling me about his trip to work one day last week.

"Boy, I was sure glad I had my gun in my truck the other day. Those anti-gun people don't know what they are talking about. I might have been killed without it!"

"Oh," I said. "What happened?"

"Well, I was driving to work in my truck one morning . . ."

"You mean the one with the four-wheel-drive, gun racks, and the 'I like Bum' bumper sticker?"

"Yeah, that's the one. Anyway, I was stopped at a light on Spencer Highway when some guy rear-ended me. I immediately got out of the truck to check the damage and found that there was a large gash in the rear of the truck. The guy that hit me was driving a van. You know, the kind with all kinds of wild hippy junk on it and a 'Legalize Freedom' bumper sticker?"

"No, I can't say that I do," I answered.

"Well, I could tell by the bumper sticker that this was one of those peace loving pinkos from Montrose, so I wouldn't have any problem with him. I went over to the van to talk to the guy. He was about 25 years old and kind of pale. He talked very softly. I asked him for some I.D. and the name of his insurance company and he gave them to me. Like I said, I didn't think that I would have any problem at all. If I did, I always had my good old .22 in my glove compartment."

"Isn't that illegal?"

"Yeah, but so is driving barefooted. Nobody cares and everybody does it so why shouldn't I?"

"Oh."

"About that time, another car pulled up and two big guys wearing leather jackets and chains came over to us. I wasn't sure, but I thought that they might mean trouble."

"I would think so," I answered.

"Anyway, they came over to us and demanded our wallets. I refused and told them that as a member of the National Rifle Association, I would shoot them both if they tried anything."

My Turn
by
Richard Burkhardt

They were not impressed and I forgot that I had left my gun in the truck."

"My goodness, what happened?"

"Well, one of them began swinging at me with a lead pipe and the other went after the sissy from Montrose."

I ran over to the truck to get my pistol, but before I could get there, this guy had me on the ground and started beating me with the pipe."

"So, that's how you got the stitches over your eyes," I said.

"Yeah, and I thought I was done for. This leather guy reached in my truck and pulled out one of my shotguns. When he found that it wasn't loaded, he started beating me with it. I was about to blackout when this Montrose sissy jumped on the leather guy and began throwing him around like a doll. I looked over at the van and saw that the other hood was sprawled out on the ground unconscious. In another minute, the one that had beat up on me was out cold, too. I then crawled over to the truck and pulled my pistol out. Boy, was I glad I had it!"

"Wait a minute. I thought you said that this guy from Montrose had knocked the two leather guys out. Why were you so happy to have your gun?"

"Well, what if they regained consciousness? I wanted to be able to blow them away if they tried to get up. Besides that, I was a little worried about that Montrose fellow. Whoever heard of a Montrose sissy knowing karate?"

"Oh," was all I had to say.

(I/H Mailbag-continued)

I do intend to come back when I have the opportunity and feel that your organization has great potential in the Gay community, but I would like to be made to feel more at ease. Thank you.

(Unsigned)

I/H Mailbag

Dear sir,

I have been to your Friday night coffee house three times and except for one man, no one spoke to me or introduced themselves.

As a suggestion, I think it would make strangers feel much more welcome if someone acted as a host and introduced new people to all present.

(More next column)



(Our Own - March '81)

ACTIVITIES GROUP UPDATE

Bowling
Activity
Group
(BAGS)

The Winter League has ended, and with very satisfying results. Of the 54 teams participating in last season's MSA's Bowling Subgroup Activities, the I/H teams, 1 and 2, placed 4th and 5th respectively. Congratulations are in store for these active participants for doing a job well done.

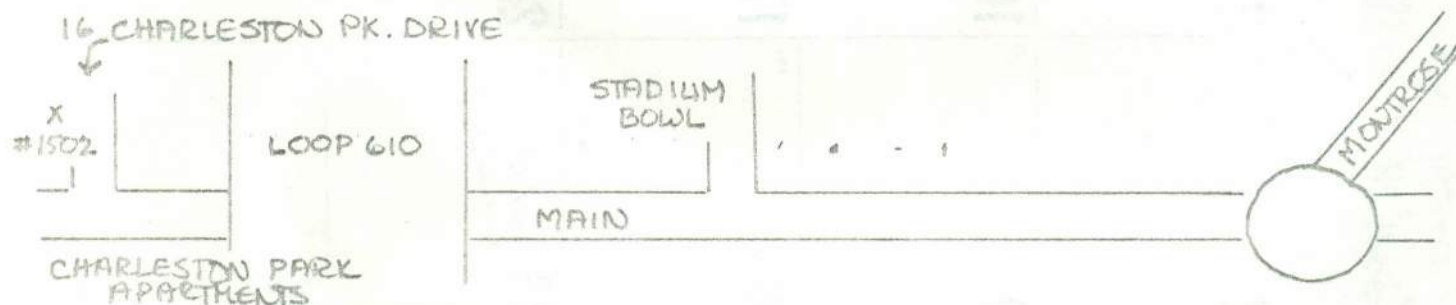
The 12-week summer league begins this Monday, June 8 and I/H will be represented by three teams. We hope that you will be able to take some time out to find your way to the Stadium Bowl some Monday evening to cheer the teams on...honestly speaking, they do need your moral support!

As for the recently concluded International Gay Bowling Tournament held during the Memorial Day Weekend, final standings are not yet in; however, it should be noted that our very own Ned Parker made quite an impression with his tournament high of 265! Now, if the rest of the team had done just as well, the Archives would be housing an impressive trophy... then again, there's always the next time...and that next time falls around the Thanksgiving holidays wher HIT 81 will be held in Milwaukee.

Lastly, the Cheer Day Covered Dish was well attended and both members of I/H and various team members from different MSA bowling groups got to meet each other.

Gastronomical
Activity
Group
(GAGS)

This month's Covered Dish Social will be held at Bill Howard's residence at 16 Charleston Park Drive, Apt. # 1502. If you have any questions, please give Bill a call at 666-3313, and I'm sure that he'll be able to give you more information. Remember the date: June 13 at 7:00 pm...and so that you won't accidentally get lost, refer to your little map for directions.



Poker
Activity
Group
(PAGSO)

Ned Parker's "baby" will be having their monthly poker social at his place, 2511 Eagle at 7:30 pm. This month's activity is scheduled for June 11. If you want more details about this get-together, give Ned a call at 524-5463.

Film
Activity
Group
(FAGS)

Because of all the ongoing activities with Gay Pride Week, it would be in the best interest if this particular group did not indulge in any activity. The only big disappointment that the film buffs have is that River Oaks will NOT be showing CALIGULA for its Friday and Saturday midnight showings. That seemed to be the only movie worth waiting for, unless you're

a fan of the Lone Ranger...Klinton Spilsbury, perhaps, the gorgeous hunk who plays the lead role. (I must admit there's something about a masked man who goes galloping thru the wilds with his "friend." Then again, there are people who like their "meat red.") Move over Christopher Reeves, here comes the Lone Ranger/Klinton Spilsbury!

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

All I/H Inc. functions are held at the activities room of the Bering Memorial Methodist Church at 3405 Mulberry.

Sunday **Monday** **Tuesday** **Wednesday** **Thursday** **Friday** **Saturday**

	1 ¹⁵²	2 ¹⁵³	3 ¹⁵⁴ GPC 4600 Main 7:30	4 ¹⁵⁵ Board and and General Meeting 7:30	5 ¹⁵⁶ Coffeehouse 7:30-12:00 Movie: 9:00 SUPERMAN	6 ¹⁵⁷
7 ¹⁵⁸ MCC and Bering Services 11:00	8 ¹⁵⁹ MSA Bowling 9:00 Stadium Bowl	9 ¹⁶⁰	10 ¹⁶¹	11 ¹⁶² PAG Poker Group Ned Parker 2411 Eagle	12 ¹⁶³ Coffeehouse 7:30-12:00	13 ¹⁶⁴ Covered Dish Bill Howard 16 Charleston Pk. #1502 Call 666-3313
14 ¹⁶⁵ MCC and Bering Services 11:00	15 ¹⁶⁶ MSA Bowling 9:00	16 ¹⁶⁷	17 ¹⁶⁸ GPC 4600 Main 7:30	18 ¹⁶⁹ "GPW Begins" I/H Forum	19 ¹⁷⁰ Coffeehouse 7:30-12:00 Movie: "La Cage Aux Folles" 9:00	20 ¹⁷¹ MSA vs. HPD and HFD softball games
21 ¹⁷² "Dallas Day"	22 ¹⁷³ MSA Bowling 9:00 GPC Education Program	23 ¹⁷⁴ "Day of Remembrance"	24 ¹⁷⁵	25 ¹⁷⁶ "Gay Youth Day"	26 ¹⁷⁷ Coffeehouse 7:30 "Heritage Day"	27 ¹⁷⁸ "Fred Paez Memorial Day"
28 ¹⁷⁹ GPW Parade and Rally	29 ¹⁸⁰ MSA Bowling 9:00	30 ¹⁸¹			May S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	July S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



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Proposed Names for I/H, Inc.

1. Identity/Houston
2. Intersect/Houston
3. Interchange/Houston
4. Impact/Houston
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7. Impulse/Houston
8. Incentive/Houston
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Houston's oldest gay rights organization is also Houston's newest. INTEGRITY/Houston is now INTERACT/Houston.

METAMORPHOSIS

The membership of INTEGRITY/Houston voted to adopt INTERACT/Houston as the organization's operational name at the I/H Incorporated business meeting on June 4, 1981. The new name was adopted in order to eliminate confusion between the Houston

group and the national Episcopal organization, INTEGRITY Inc.

"Although our organization was using the name 'INTEGRITY' four years prior to the start of the Episcopal organization, it was obvious that most gays relate the name with religion," said Ned Parker, president of INTERACT/Houston. "With our new name, we hope to bring more of the community into contact with the purpose of our organization, which is community education. In past, many people avoided our activities because of their mistaken idea that we were a church group."

INTEGRITY/Houston was founded in 1970 as a service/fellowship organization. The group became chartered as I/H Incorporated, educational corporation, in 1980, but retained the name INTEGRITY as the operational name until the recent change to INTERACT/Houston. I/H Inc. was granted 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service in 1981.

INTERACT/Houston meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of each month at 3401 Mulberry and begin at 7:30 p.m. Membership is open to all.

CONGRATULATIONS BYRON!

Congratulations are due to Byron Bozeman, who was elected the new educational chair of I/H Incorporated at the last membership meeting. Byron's duties will include producing educational forums to be held on

the third Thursday of each month and administrative duties as a member of the board of directors. Byron replaces Roy Cunningham who resigned his position on the board in June.

RELEVATION!

HAMMOND, IN--A Baptist preacher has decided that sweating will help boys avoid homosexual tendencies. Rev. Jack Hyles, in a book titled "Jesus Had Short Hair," also warns against physical contact between boys and kissing of boys excessively by parents, according to Arkansas "Gay Writes." So much for science. (Gay Community News)

Would you like to be a Because We Care sponsor? Call 694-1732 for information on low sponsorship space rates. Ask for Richard.

INTER/NATIONAL DATELINE ☆☆☆

MOSCOW--The Russians think that the Moral Majority's Jerry Falwell is in the business of religion for the money. An article in "Sovets-kaya Rossiya" claimed that Falwell is "a religious businessman who transforms disappointment with the present and fear of the future, as well as the unsettled and perplexed state of many Americans, into clinking coins. Falwell has grown portly and acquired a potbelly, a squad of bodyguard armed to the teeth, an airplane, and a luxurious villa," the paper said. (GayLife)

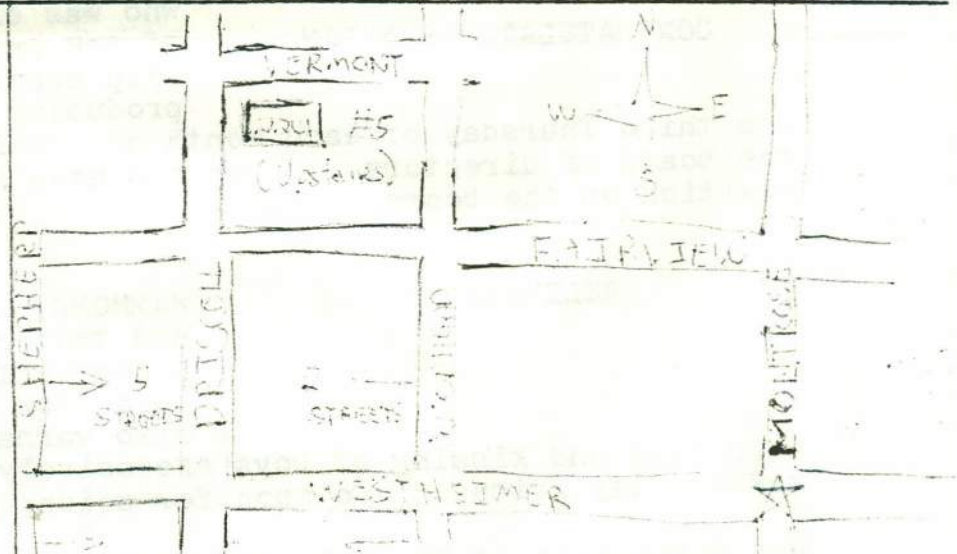
PARIS--Michel Serrault, who played Zaza, the drag queen in "La Cage Aux Folles", has admitted to having gay sex. Serrault is married and a father, and considers himself "primarily interested in his wife," but states, "who knows what will happen in the future?" (Mom, Guess What!)

HAWAII--The Rev. Falwell is unhappy with the Moral Majority of Hawaii. You see, it supports gay rights, abortion, family planning, equal rights, freedom of speech, and the separation of church and state, according to the Associated Press. Actually, the Moral Majority of Hawaii isn't connected with Falwell's group. "The Moral Majority of Hawaii is using the name to demonstrate that the words 'moral' and 'majority' cannot be monopolized by any one group," said William E. Woods, secretary of the group. Falwell is planning on challenging the use of the name by the group, which signed up 800 members in its first week. (UPDATE)

**NEWS
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- The Gay Archives of Texas will sponsor a special showing of the film "Gertrude Stein: When This You See, Remember Me" at the Community Coffeehouse on Friday, July 24.

The film tells the life story of the famous lesbian writer and her relationship with Alice B. Toklas. As with all coffeehouse programs, the film is free and open to the public. All films begin at 9pm. Also to be shown is "War of the Worlds" on July 10.



Bill Levitt's and Sam Obernick's
Covered Dish Supper on
July 11, 1981 at 8:00

TWEAKING THE LION'S TAIL

(This story was told by Barbra Gittings, guest speaker at the 1st Texas Gay Conference in 1974. It is one of her favorites and is an illustration of Dr. Kameny's distinctive flair in dealing with public officials).

In 1962, the Washington, D.C. Mattachine Society published a newsletter called the Mattachine Gazette. Kameny felt that the contents of the Gazette were too important to restrict to Mattachine or Gay readership. Accordingly he added several public officials to the Gazette's mailing list free of charge. Among them were the President of the United States, the nine Justices of the Supreme Court, the US Attorney General, and the Director of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover.

Kameny soon received a phone call from one Agent O'Brien who wished to come to Kameny's apartment and discuss the matter. Kameny replied that it was against his principles to allow agents in his home, but agreed to visit with O'Brien at FBI headquarters.

At the meeting, the agent brandished Hoover's copy of the Gazette and was adamant that Hoover be removed from the mailing list. Kameny non-chalantly replied that Mattachine could mail the newsletter to whomever it wished, and, in any case, the name could only be deleted by action of the society's executive committee which would not meet for another month.

Reflecting later, Kameny was puzzled by several questions. Why was Hoover so upset by the mailing? (The Gazette issue in question was rather bland, with no reference to the FBI). If Hoover didn't want to read it, why didn't he simply have a secretary intercept and discard it? Since the Gazette had no by-lines and did not print the names of staffers or members, how did the FBI know to contact Kameny?

With amusement, bemusement, and alacrity, the truth dawned: the Mattachine Society must be listed by the FBI as a subversive organization, and its mailings were being monitored to compile lists of possibly subversive persons. Hoover was being hoisted on his own petard! As each issue of the Gazette went into the mail system, Hoover's name was being routinely entered into the FBI's own apparatus for blacklisting citizens.

This realization in mind, Kameny made the following proposal to the FBI: Mattachine will drop Hoover from its mailing list if the FBI will drop Mattachine and its members from its lists. Kameny never received a reply to his proposal, and up until Hoover's death ten years, J. Edgar continued to receive his regular copy of the Mattachine Gazette.

SPORTS TALK

For those of you who are unaware, I/H, Inc., bowls! I/H entered the immensely popular MCA bowling league with 3 teams this year instead of 2 like last season. Currently, the standings are as follows: Team #1: Undetermined/ Team #2: 8-4/ and Team #3: 6-6. We're sure to do even

better this year and your support can help tremendously. So if you're free on Monday night come display your cheerleading abilities for us at the Stadium Bowl on 8200 Braesmain (near the Astrodome off South Main) at 9:00 pm. See you there!

JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 GPC 4600 Main 7:30 pm MCC-7:30pm 1919 Decatur	2 I/H, Inc Business Meeting 7pm (Open) W/S	3 Comm. Coffee- house 7:30-12pm	4
5 MCC Service 11am Bering 11am	6 MSA Bowling- Stadium Lanes 9 pm	7	8 MCC	9 Poker Activity Group 7:30/Ned 524-5463 W/S	10 Comm. Coff. Movie- "War of the Worlds" 9pm	11 I/H* Covered Dish 8pm 2201 Driscoll# 5
12 MCC Bering	13 MSA	14	15 GPC MCC	16 I/H Business Meeting 7pm W/S	17 Comm. Coff.	18
19 MCC Bering	20 MSA	21	22 GPC MCC	23 W/S	24 Comm. Coff. Movie- "Gertrude Stein" 9pm	25
26 MCC Bering	27 MSA	28	29 GPC MCC	30 Wilde N Stein Radio/90. Thur 10pm (See W/S)	31	

All activities are held at 3401 Mulberry unless otherwise indicated. I/H welcomes volunteers for hosting the Community Coffeehouse or sharing their residences as a covered dish locale. For more info, call Dennis Conning at 528-1311. *See directions elsewhere in this issue.

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ARCHIVES TO SHOW "WORD IS OUT"

The Gay Archives of Texas will present "Word Is Out - stories of some of our lives," as the free Community Coffeehouse movie this month.

"Word Is Out" is a documentary featuring interviews with 26 gay men and lesbians. Those interviewed include Harry Hay, who helped to found the Mattachine Society, and Pat Bond, star of the one-woman production "Gerty, Gerty, Gerty Stein is Back, Back, Back."

The people interviewed are from a variety of age groups, cultures, lifestyles and geographic locations. The most important single item of interest in the film is that these people are being themselves in front of the camera: strong, vulnerable, often funny, but always real.

The film will begin at 9 p.m. on Friday, August 14, at the Community Coffeehouse, 3405 Mulberry. It is open to the public.

The Gay Archives of Texas is a sub-group of I/H Incorporated, an educational corporation. The Archives are available for use by appointment only. Call 694-1732 for more information.

The Archives welcomes contributions of any and all gay-related materials, including books, magazines, newspapers, tapes, film, etc. All contributions are tax-deductible. Checks should be made out to I/H Incorporated.

FOOD ORGY ON AUGUST 8

No, we're not going to take our clothes off and roll around in mashed potatoes (sorry Ron), we just thought that "food orgy" would catch your attention quicker than the tired old "covered dish social."

This month's social will be at Ken's place, 1909 Brun #11 (third floor). It will begin at 7:30 p.m. (Gay Standard Time). For directions or other information call Ken at 524-8028.

Reprinted from COMMUNITY NEWS

Gays in History

"DO IT!" Puzzle by Arlo

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Also, don't forget our business meeting on August 6, and our educational forum on August 20. Both will be at 3405 Mulberry and will begin at 7:30 p.m. (when else?). Why not invite some friends. Let's show them what I/H is about.

The hidden words listed below appear forward, backward, up, down or diagonally in the puzzle. Find each of the hidden words and box it in as shown.

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| Alexander | Lawrence (of Arabia) |
| Aristotle | Napoleon |
| Beethoven | Peter (the Great, Russia) |
| Caesar (Julius) | Plato |
| da Vinci | Sappho |
| Hammar skjold | Virgil |
| Hercules | Wild Bill Hickok |
| Homer | Winckelmann |

Please forgive the brevity of this issue of Because We Care. The summer tends to be a slow time for all gay activities in Houston, and I/H is no exception. Our contributions have been down recently, and since contributions and membership dues are our only means of financial support, this newsletter and some of our other activities have had to be trimmed. If you would like to make a contribution, please use the form on the next page. If you have access to a copier or printer, please let us know. We will gladly purchase all paper and supplies for the newsletter.

August 1981

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Bering MCC 11 a.m.	3 MSA Bowling Stadium Bowl 9 p.m.	4	5 GPC 4600 Main St. 7:30 p.m.	6 Interact Board and Membership meeting 7:30 p.m.	7 Coffeehouse 7:30 p.m. to midnight	8 I/H Covered- dish social 1109 Brun #11 7:30 p.m.
9 Bering MCC	10 MSA	11	12	13	14 Coffeehouse *movie- "Word is Out" 9 p.m.	15
16 Bering MCC	17 MSA	18	19 GPC 7:30 p.m.	20 I/H, Inc. Educational Forum 7:30 p.m.	21 Coffeehouse	22
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TEXAS GAY CONFERENCE VIII

The Gay Archives of Texas will sponsor a video room at the Texas Gay Conference 8 to be held Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4-6, at the First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin.

As of this printing, the video room will be in operation Saturday with continuous showings of videotapes of interest to the gay community. Among the programs to be shown are "Gay Power, Gay Politics," "Gerty, Gerty, Gerty Stein is Back, Back, Back," "Word Is Out," "La Cage aux Folles," and Houston gay news such as coverage of Gay Pride Week '80 and '81 and the Fred Paez killing. A complete schedule and list of programs will be available at the conference.

There will also be materials on I/H Incorporated and the archives available at the conference. Registration at the door is \$20 and will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday, September 4. Make your plans and join us!

I/H EDUCATIONAL FORUM

The September I/H Educational Forum will welcome Renee Rabb, administrative assistant to State Representative Debra Danburg, who will speak on the subject "Tales of the State Legislature."

Ms. Rabb will bring us up to date on the recently completed special session of the legislature and how it concerns our community and the community at large. She will also have some fascinating "tales" to tell about what really goes on in our legislative system. Join us on Thursday, Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m. at 3405 Mulberry.

SECOND ANNIVERSARY

The Community Coffeehouse celebrates its 2nd anniversary this month. What began as an experiment has become a regular weekly activity for many of us, and a much-needed service for the community.

The coffeehouse averages about 25 people every week, including several tables of bridge, and lots of people who come just to socialize and hear the latest news.

Dennis Coning is to be congratulated for his fine work as the social committee chair. His duties include finding volunteers to open the coffeehouse each week and for the monthly covered dish orgy, oops, dinner. He could still use some volunteers though, so give him a call at 528-1311 if you are interested.

Also the free movies that are shown are usually provided by Richard Burckhardt and Mark Gwin, who need a break. If you have access to films, tape or otherwise, and the equipment to show it (we can provide a 16mm projector if needed), how about volunteering to show a movie once a month. Call Richard at 694-1732 if you are interested.

DONATIONS?

Donations for an October 17th garage sale are being solicited. Call Mark or Byron at 869-3296. All of your unwanted items (no lovers) are wanted for this I/H fundraiser. Give us a call!

Join us on Thursday, Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m. at 3405 Mulberry.



****RENO** - If Lt. Gov. Myron Leavitt was trying to stop the gay rodeo here by denouncing use of the state fairgrounds by "queers," he was a resounding failure. "We love what he's doing. He's wonderful," chimed Jonathan Susskind and Bob Kunst who are campaigning for gay rights.

Leavitt's remarks, they said, drew stronger backing than ever for the gay rodeo "not just from gays, but straights. We can't tell you how much support we have."

The pair was among a handful of activists drawn to the rodeo last weekend. Some 10,000 participants and spectators -- including a large Las Vegas contingent -- flocked to the fairgrounds for the sixth annual event.

A sign posted conspicuously at the entrance warned the fainter of heart to stay away if they are offended by men dancing and hugging men and women showing emotion toward women.

Inside, the opening night barbecue and dance had a festive atmosphere, as if the gay men and women entered a sanctuary from a hostile world.

Despite the party atmosphere, gay rights were very much a part of the program. No one questioned bore any animosity toward Leavitt who had said that anyone who is gay "must have a screw loose." "Even if his (Leavitt's) lifestyle doesn't go along with the gays, he shouldn't turn away the money." (Reprinted from the Las Vegas Sun)

****HOLLYWOOD** - Twentieth Century Fox has signed Arthur Hiller to direct a "gay" motion picture titled "Making Love." Hiller previously directed the box office smash "Love Story".

"Making Love" tells the story of a Los Angeles doctor who leaves his wife after 8 years to share the love of a homosexual writer. Michael Ontkean will play the physician and Harry Hamlin will star as the writer.

The role of the wife who loses her husband to "the other man" is played by Kate Jackson of TV's "The Rookies" and "Charlie's Angels" fame. The production is slated for release in late 1981 or early 1982. (From MOHR).

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COFFEEHOUSE UPDATE

This month's free Community Coffeehouse movie will be Mel Brook's "High Anxiety," with the notorious Nurse Diesel (Cloris Leachman). The film will be shown on Friday, Sept. 18, 9 p.m. in the meeting room of 3405 Mulberry.

Movies for the future include "Young Frankenstein," "Rocky Horror Picture Show," "Star Trek-The Motion Picture," and a few other surprises. Also look for: "Leonard Matlovich vs the U.S. Air Force," and Phil Donahue on Gay Cops.



From The Rice Thresher Rice University 9/25/75

CLOSETS ARE DANGEROUS

Closeted Gays are more likely to be victims of crime than Gays who are open about their homosexuality concludes a recent study. The study was conducted by Dr. Land Humphries, a professor of criminal justice at Claremont Graduate School and Brian Miller, a Los Angeles psychotherapist. They examined case histories of 161 murder victims, all of whom were Gay men, between 1973 and 1977.

"Almost two-thirds of the victims were highly secretive about their homosexuality," said Humphries, "in fact 36 percent of the Gay men were heterosexuality married at the time of their death."

Male prostitutes killed 64 percent of the Gay victims and the remainder were murdered by "Gay bashing" gangs. "These killers of Gays are usually heterosexuals - at least outwardly - who hate Gays or may themselves be fighting homosexual tendencies," says Miller. "Society's attitude towards Gays causes some people to feel that they have the right to beat up homosexuals and people who fear that they may be Gay are sometimes so self-hating that they steer themselves into situations where they are likely to become either victims or offenders."

The investigation dispels myths about Gay victims of murder. "Lover's quarrels were not responsible for the deaths" Miller states, "nor was sadomasochistic sex play involved in the fatalities."

As a way to prevent crimes against homosexuals, the researchers suggest that people become more accepting of homosexuality and that Gays be more open about their sexuality. (Reprinted from MOHR).

FASHION FADS ***

After generations of living with fashion conformity, gays now find themselves calling the tune fashionwise, and the straight world, in confusion, is trying to understand and keep up with the latest gay-led switches in male fashion. A few years back, gays taking their cues from another minority led men's fashion down new paths: men could wear jewelry, patterns, bright colors, open shirts, tight pants. But just when straights started accepting gay fashion trends enough to emulate them, gays pulled another switch and surfaced with the "butch-is-best" look...It has long been a theory of this writer that most trends in men's fashions once started with another minority---the blacks...Now gays have taken over the trendsetting role. Gay is beautiful, and our fads and fashions are what're likely to be picked up by the straight world...We enjoy running ahead of the pack, using fashion to emphasize our unique fraternity. But if you spot a trend coming, grab hold fast. In no time at all, it will become old hat.

(From the Gay Source, William Francis).

SPORTSCENE

As the summer bowling season draws to a close one item becomes more apparent, the winter league! Now's the time to sign up before it's too late. Call 694-1732 for more info. Don't miss the chance to see "Lola and the Lofterettes!"

~~~~~ HOTLINE ~~~~~

If you feel that you may have contracted venereal disease, or just desire further information please call the National VD hotline - toll free at 1-800-227-8922.

CONGRATULATIONS

Are in order for Ken Iserloth and Gary Thibodeau for hosting the covered dish for August, for Dennis Coning and William Levitt on their birthdays this month, and for Bill Howard who will be moving to Louisiana this month.

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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This month's I/H Educational Forum will present "Getting That Job," a very special workshop of interest to the community at large, but with emphasis on the gay and lesbian community of Houston.

EDUCATIONAL FORUM

The forum will be led by a panel of employment counselors and other professionals, including Ron Demerin, secretary and board member of I/H Incorporated. The forum will take place on Thursday, October 15, 7:30 p.m. at 3405 Mulberry. All are invited to what promises to be an informative program.

I/H Incorporated and the Gay Archives of Texas had what was probably the most impressive display at the Texas Gay Conference 8 which was held last month at the First Unitarian Church here. Included in the display were posters and buttons from past conferences and events.

ARCHIVES

The Archives also went public with the new Friends of the Archives support group which will help to provide materials, funding, and warm bodies in the effort to make our Archives the best that it can be. This effort includes a publicity effort (i.e., buttons, leaflets, etc.) to make other Texans aware of our collection. (By the way, Archives buttons are available at Wilde'n'Stein for any contribution).

---Richard Burckhardt, Archives Director

Don't forget the garage sale to be held on Saturday, October 17 at Mark and Byron's residence in the Heights. Contributions to this I/H fundraiser are welcomed, as is any participation by members and friends.

GARAGE SALE

Call Mark or Byron at 869-3296 to make arrangements to drop off your garage sale items. Let's all hope that this sale is successful. I/H's depleted bank account could use a little help.

Would you like to be a Because We Care sponsor? Call 694-1732 for information on low sponsorship space rates. Ask for Richard.

Covered-dish social on Saturday, Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m. at Carl & Richard's, 744 Dorchester.

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a support group for

The **Gay Archives**
of **Texas**

The Gay Archives of Texas is a resource and information center sponsored by I/H, Inc., a non-profit, tax-exempt educational organization. Funding and materials come entirely from your donations. Join us today and help to provide the materials needed to preserve our history. If we don't, no one will. The Archives are available for use by appointment.

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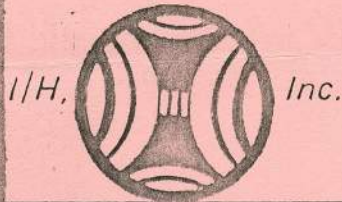
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Fireside

...FROM THE BOARD



In order to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and news, your board of directors has agreed to initiate this column each month. Comments from different board members will appear in this space each issue. As president of I/H Incorporated, I will start off by voicing some of my own thoughts.

There appears to be consistent agreement throughout the Gay community that there is a need for better coordination of the organizations and services available to our community. Several members of Interact have begun exploring possible ways that our corporation might facilitate this need.

It seems to me that I/H Incorporated is in a perfect position to serve as a coordinating body for various agencies within our community. Our character and by-laws were specifically constructed to encourage membership and promote participation from all segments of our community.

I want to emphasize, however, that what I am proposing is not a take-over of other organizations, nor is it a duplication of already existing services. What we would like is to become an "umbrella" under which already established (and some new) interest groups could function (ie, parents of gays, senior gays, gay parents, etc.). This would enable all of the unique interests of gays to come together to share, to be more readily available, and better able to serve those in need.

Such an endeavor would require a restructuring to the manner in which I/H Incorporated has operated in the past. Now is the time for each of us to reconsider the organization's role in this community and make a commitment for further growth. I welcome any feedback that the membership of I/H may have.

-----Ned Parker, President

MOVIES

Tony Randall's controversial TV-movie "Love Sidney" is scheduled to premiere on October 5. This is the pilot for a new NBC series of the same name that got the Moral Majority up in arms because Sidney is gay. As a result, his sexual persuasion won't be mentioned in the series. We feel it still might be worth checking out.

Be involved! Help volunteer to open the weekly coffeehouse and take the strain off of our board members. Call Dennis at 528-1311.

Richard and Amy Ashworth, two long-time members of the original Parents and Friends of Gays chapter in New York City, are delivering a message that may surprise many gays and lesbians - it is up to the children to bring their parents to groups such as PFOG, not other parents.

"It takes the children to bring the parents to the Parents and Friends of Gays," said Richard. "There is no way for us to bring in parents without the gay and lesbian community."

In other words, PFOG cannot be an effective organization without the aid of the nation's gay and lesbian organizations. Recruiting is the biggest problem that PFOG has, he said, and there is no way to reach the parents without the help of the children.

The Ashworths were in Houston recently to attend the Texas Gay Conference 8 and presented what turned out to be one of the more popular of the workshops to be presented. Richard is a successful attorney and has spoken in support of his two gay sons on several occasions, including at the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights in 1979, and more recently on William F. Buckley's "Firing Line" program on PBS. Amy has worked full-time in support of the gay movement for the last few years. Both have appeared on the "Donahue" program.

The middle-aged couple in no way fits the stereotype of what many Americans would expect for social activists. Both are conservative in appearance and Richard always appears in public in a business suit.

In fact, the Ashworths want to dispel the fear that many parents have about becoming involved with PFOG.

"Parents are not expected to be activists and march," said Richard. "Our central purpose is to help parents accept their (gay and lesbian) children and not to go farther."

Contrary to the propaganda put out by such groups as the Moral Majority, Ashworth said that PFOG is committed to "reuniting the family."

Amy agrees, but feels that the Moral Majority is the least of their worries.

"Don't be afraid of the Moral Majority," she said. "They are more like the 'amoral minority'. Be more concerned with the Family Protection Act."

The Family Protection Act would do away with most sex discrimination aspects of the federal education code, establish "traditional" sex roles as the only legitimate curricula, and threaten the withdrawal of over \$4 billion in federal education funds if schools did not adhere to these strict guidelines. Amy urges parents and children alike to write to Congress to voice their opposition to it.

Parents of gays and lesbians can be a significant and powerful ally their children, said Richard, because parents aren't subject to the same attacks that their gay and lesbian children are.

"That makes us a good bridge between groups such as the Moral Majority and the gay world," said Richard.

Both cited experiences where people that each knew to be anti-gay and conservative expressed support for what the parent's group was doing to support their children.

Participants in the workshop that was led by the Ashworths expressed a desire to see that the Ashworth's message be spread to the gay and lesbian community, and although the Ashworths travelled to Houston at their own expense to do the workshop, Richard stressed that the primary responsibility for spreading that word lies with the homophile community.

"When you have (told your parents), you have the best weapon possible," said Richard. "It's damned hard for people to say no to a parent."

But telling parents can be a traumatic experience for some. The Ashworths recommend thorough preparation for it and suggest that there are some very practical reasons for making homosexuality known to parents. Once you are "out," the Ashworths say there is no longer any reason to lie about yourself and your "roommate;" there is no more worry about being "found out" by others who might reveal it; and there is no more stress from leading a double life.

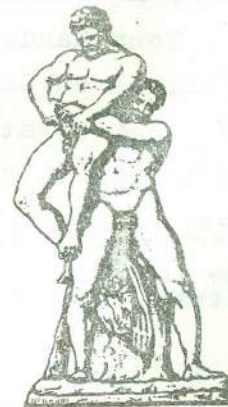
Many parents, they said, take the news very well, but others can be cruel or be hurt badly by the knowledge.

"Some people will never be able to take it, obviously," said Richard.

And, that's where Parents and Friends of Gays comes in.

—Richard Burckhardt—

reprinted from Community News



"I still think it would be more fun in bed."

(Note: This article originally appeared GAY ALASKA MAGAZINE, April 1980.)

In breaking away from their traditional objectives, it appears that the political action committee for the national Moral Majority organization has recently accepted a \$5000 contribution from the Adolph Coors family.

Moral Majority, Inc. is a Washington, D.C. based campaign effort to politicize Christians into electing leaders who are willing to stand up against abortion, taxing church properties, sex education in the schools, gambling, the Equal Rights Amendment and the general decline of the family unit.

Holly Coors, wife of the President of the Board of Directors of Adolph Coors Co., Joseph Coors, made a \$5000 contribution in December 1979 to the Moral Majority Political Action Committee. Records indicate that Jerry Falwell, pastor of the Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Virginia, is the chairman of that committee.

News of this contribution was made available to GAY ALASKA through a report provided by the Federal Election Commission which indicated those parties that made contributions to the political action committee during the past year.

The 1979 financial report indicated the Coors contribution represented approximately 25% of the total \$22,089.37 received by the political action committee from various donations throughout the United States.

Friends of Jack M. Fields, Jr. was among the PACs which received funds from the Moral Majority PAC. (Jack Fields, an ultra-right Republican from Humble, defeated incumbent U.S. Representative Bob Eckhardt for the north and east Houston seat in Congress.)

Eugene Haberman, editor of GAY ALASKA commented, "What makes this Coors contribution unusual is the well-known fact that Adolph Coors Co. has been undertaking a strong commitment toward improving their one-time deteriorated reputation toward gays and other minorities," Haberman said. "In the past several months, the company has placed a series of paid advertisements in a number of gay publications throughout the country trying to improve their public image and gain support for their product."

One of these efforts was noted in the Dec.79-Jan.80 issue of IN UNITY, a magazine published by the Metropolitan Community Church. It was noted that the UFMCC has received a gift of a large delivery truck by Golden Distributors of Coors Beer in Central Los Angeles. The truck was received by Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the MCC.

In IN UNITY, Rev. Perry had stated that "I am delighted to accept this truck on behalf of the gay community in Los Angeles, and I recognize it as a token of friendship and cooperation between our people and the Coors organization."

Perry added that, "The use of this fine truck will mark, in a real way, the end of the long boycott against Coors products. We have seen changes, in both policy and practice regarding gays within the Coors brewery and its distributors. They have made a great effort to understand our concerns and objectives, and have opened their arms to us. It is time we did the same toward them."

A spokesman for the Adolph Coors Co. said that the company does not discriminate against gays and that it was one of the first companies in the nation to include "sexual preference" as a part of their affirmative action policy of non-discrimination.

In the May 11, 1979 issue of the SEATTLE GAY NEWS, owners of Gay businesses expressed concern to John Seese, manager of civic affairs for Coors, that the Coors family was contributing to right-wing organizations that have a history of being anti-gay. Seese replied that "Joe Coors has never given money knowingly to any person or organization that was anti-gay."

Coors officials claim that the contribution is a personal one on behalf of the Coors family and not a corporate contribution.

Also among those making large contributions to the Moral Majority were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Perry of 18630 Barbuda Dr, Houston. The Perrys contributed between \$5000 and \$10,000 to the organization in late 1979.

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH . . .

"I believe in an America where separation of church and state is absolute - where no Catholic prelate would tell the president (should he be Catholic) how to act and no Protestant minister would tell his parishioners for whom to vote." JOHN F. KENNEDY

GAY SLANG

"DO IT!" Puzzle by Arlo

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AGING

"The stereotype of the lonely, old homosexual is one of the many anti-gay stereotypes we are constantly denying. We tend to say that this is a myth of straight society. We say that gay people can have long-lasting relationships, or perhaps we answer by saying, more to the point, that straight people get lonely and old, too. Yes, there is much too much truth to the idea that there are, in the gay community, many people who are lonely and old. The question of the aging homosexual is a complex one, involving such questions as sexuality, community, friendship, and money. I often wonder if the economic aspects of aging are overlooked when in fact they are the most important.

One thing is certain: the experience of aging changes from generation to generation. Awareness of the process of aging in the gay community is bound to become more acute as gay awareness itself intensifies...

Naturally, we need more women and men to come forth to offer suggestions and their talents in order to come up with workable solutions to the practical problems of older gays. But right now, we also need all gay people of whatever age to raise our consciousnesses about the plight of older

gays. Only then can we help older gays to help themselves and make all gay people, of whatever age, feel welcome, loved, and a valuable part of our community." (Reprinted from "After You're Out", 1975 by Riki).



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--educational.

Entries may be given to any officer of I/H, or can be mailed to the organization at P.O. Box 16041, Houston 77022. Deadline is November 1st.

October

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*****Former I/H President elected new TGTF moderator*****

Adrian Cyr, past-president of I/H, has been elected as the 1982 moderator of the Texas Gay Task Force.

Cyr returns to the highest office of TGTF after having been the founding moderator in 1974. With Cyr's election, TGTF has moved its state headquarters to Houston, the first time for it to be located here.

TGTF is the only statewide gay organization in Texas and is the sponsor of the annual Texas Gay Conference. The 1981 conference was held in Houston last September.

Cyr served as the president of I/H (then known as INTEGRITY/Houston) in 1977. Cyr also served as the director of the Awareness, Unity, Research Association (AURA), a Fort Worth gay organization which founded the Gay Archives of Texas.

TGTF can be contacted at (713) 529-7014 or 522-1659 for additional information.

OUR HUMBLE APOLOGIES, PLEASE

You may have noticed that you did not receive a newsletter last month. Well, we had every intention of sending you one, but the computer that has our mailing list refused to cooperate, so we have combined last month's newsletter with this month's. Please forgive us.

*****I/H absorbs local parents of gays group*****

In an unprecedented move, the board of directors of I/H Incorporated has voted to incorporate Families and Friends of Gays as a sub-group with the corporation.

As of the October business meeting, efforts aimed at the parents of gay men and lesbians in Houston became a part of the various programs which I/H offers.

This action also provides for the consolidation of resources of the two groups, including the newsletter, mailing lists, and personnel.

As a subsidiary of I/H Incorporated, FFOG will also fall under the tax status of the organization which makes contributions tax-deductible.

ATTENTION: The Community Coffeehouse will be open extra hours for Christmas. Refreshments, socializing, TV, etc. will be available from 3 p.m. to midnight.

*****Educational Forum*****

Don't forget the educational forum on Dec. 17th.

The integration of Families and Friends of Gays as a subsidiary of I/H Incorporated signals the beginning of a new era for our organization, and hopefully, for Houston's gay community also.

Discussions are currently in progress that could radically alter the structure of Interact/Houston. The functions that are now being carried out by the board of directors would be relegated to an administrative staff, while the board of directors, which would consist of leaders from the community, would handle policy matters.

If these changes are adopted, it would take the burden off of the board of directors, which almost totally runs the organization at this time.

Another proposed change would see us in our own space. In other words, our own facility. This would give us a place that we could call HOME, something that we have never had before.

The change to our own facility is not solely for the purpose of giving I/H a home. The underlying idea is that it will eventually give the entire community a home, a gay center.

The truth is that Houston's gay community had nothing that it can call its own. Sure, there are bar and gay churches, but these serve a function totally of their own and are directed toward certain classes of people. A gay center would encompass all people, as I see it.

So far, the discussion of this facility has centered around a gay information center (switchboard and archives), possible nightly coffeehouses, and meeting space. However, whatever we do, we will need funding. I hope that once these plans are put into a more concrete form that many in the community will stand behind the concept with their pledges of time and money.

At any rate, planning for this had begun, but we have a long way to go. In the meantime, the integration of FFOG offers us a positive sign of things to come.

Richard Burckhardt, Treasurer



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GAY MONEY

"Gay Money" stamps are available at the coffeehouse for \$1. (50¢ goes to I/H, Inc.) Get yours this Friday!

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I/H MEETING UPDATE

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Beginning with the December 3 meeting, I/H membership business meetings will be held separately from the board of directors meetings.

At a special board of directors meeting on November 12, the board decided that meetings of the board of directors would be primarily for the purpose of planning, while the first meeting of the month will consist of business to be presented to the membership of the organization for input and voting.

All members of the organization are urged to set aside the first Thursday of each month to attend these very important meetings. I/H Incorporated is going through a period of transition and it is important that each and every member be a part of the business of the corporation.

Board meetings will be held at a time to be designated later. The third Thursday of each month will continue to be primarily educational programs. The membership and educational meetings will both remain at 3405 Mulberry and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

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Carl Hays - production



Organization Notes...

ALL MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE ON JANUARY 1st! That's right. Your 1982 dues of \$12 are payable now. If you would like to be a part of a progressive and active movement toward a more positive gay community, then join Interact/Houston. A convenient membership form is enclosed.

FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

Families and Friends of Gays will meet on Sunday, December 13, at the First Presbyterian Church, 5300 Main St. at 2 p.m. Annella Harrison, who heads this sub-group, has issued an open invitation for all interested individuals to attend. For more information call 664-5339.

COVERED-DISH SOCIAL

This month's covered-dish will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12, at Dennis Coning's, 3257 Norfolk #C. You need not be a member of INTERACT to participate in this social event, nor do you need to be a great cook. Join us at 7:30 p.m. for an evening of good food and friends. Dennis can be reached at 528-1311.



Literary Gays

"DO IT!" Puzzle by Arlo

A	N	E	I	V	I	V	H	A	L	L
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T	R	U	G	C	T	P	D	V	N	A
C	A	A	R	S	U	U	H	I	H	M
O	B	C	E	A	A	D	E	D	G	T
C	Y	R	B	P	U	T	E	A	M	I
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L	T	T	G	M	I	C	I	A	W	P
A	S	E	N	E	G	V	A	V	H	A
H	P	B	A	R	N	E	Y	A	H	S

The hidden words listed below appear forward, backward, up, down or diagonally in the puzzle. Find each of the hidden words and box it in as shown.

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| Auden (W.H.) | Homer |
| Barney (Natalie) | LeDuc (Violette) |
| Cocteau (Jean) | Sappho |
| Dickinson (Emily) | Shakespeare (Wm.) |
| Forster (E.M.) | Stein (Gertrude) |
| Genet (Jean) | Vidal (Gore) |
| Gide (Andre) | Vivien (Renee) |
| Ginsberg (Allen) | Wilde (Oscar) |
| Hall (Radclyffe) | Whitman (Walt) |

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"Gays in History/Herstory" will be presented monthly. Sources are taken from biographical notes assembled by Jim Kepner, curator of the National Gay Archives.

*Eleanor Roosevelt, 1884-1962, greatest of U.S. "First Ladies," chose to attend a school advertised as being run "on Sapphic principles." She married her cousin (relatives had regarded both as unlikely to marry) and used her influence to bring the interests of common people to the White House. One son blamed FDR's need for a mistress on Eleanor's attentions to "two masculinely dressed women," and her intimacy with a secretary was much rumored in New York City in the 40's while she was serving with the UN and UNESCO, so the recent uncovering of her over 3000 love letters to a newswoman named Lorena Hickok came as no surprise.



PRESS RELEASE

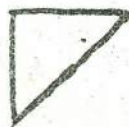


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The National Association of Gay Alcoholism Professionals (NAGAP) is pleased to announce the publication of two major contributions to the alcoholism field. One is the revised, up-dated edition of the NAGAP Bibliography: Resources on Alcoholism and Lesbians/Gay Men. This is the only comprehensive bibliography on this subject. It lists numerous unpublished papers and articles and tells the reader how to obtain them.

The other publication is the 1981 Directory of Facilities and Services for Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics. Expanded from 9 to 26 pages, this edition of the Directory lists gay/lesbian-sensitive facilities and services in over 30 states.

Copies of both publications are available for \$2.50 each prepaid from NAGAP, 204 West 20th Street, New York, NY 10011; (212) 807-0634. Special bulk rates are available upon request.



GAYS IN HERSTORY



Member's Notes...

Carl Owens has replaced Bill Swenson as the publicity chair of I/H and William Levitt has replaced Ron Demerin as the secretary.

Swenson and Demerin cited "overextension" as the reason for their resignations from the board of directors at the Nov. 5 business meeting.

Owens and Levitt were unanimously approved by the membership present to fill these vacancies until the regular elections in February.

Long-time I/H member Carl Hays recently participated in a workshop on the gay lifestyle which was presented to the Methodist Youth Fellowship of St. Luke's Methodist Church.

Carl was joined by Crisis Hotline volunteer Bob Fleisher for the October event which consisted of a brief presentation by each and a question and discussion period which followed.

Carl fielded most of the religious questions while Bob handled the more political ones.

The 25-30 young people who attended asked positive, sensible questions and appeared to be sensitive to the issues related to the gay lifestyle. Many had definite concerns about the subject.

Interact/Houston will provide speakers for organizations and institutions seeking them. Interested parties should call 694-1732.

Contributions from individuals who have joined the Friends of the Archive have enabled the Gay Archives of Texas to purchase a rare collection of the Mattachine Review, the publication of the Mattachine Society from January 1955 to July 1966. A bound volume of the Ladder, a lesbian magazine published from 1956 to 1972 has also been ordered.

Special thanks go to all of the individuals who have helped the archives through the purchase of archives buttons and through the contribution of gay materials. Keep it up!

For more information, or to make an appointment to use the archives, call Richard at 694-1732.

GAYS IN THE MEDIA: The Gay Archives of Texas will present another in its series of "Gays in the Media" nights at the Community Coffeehouse on Dec. 4. This month's video presentation will feature Phil Donahue interviewing a gay cop and members of the Senior Action in a Gay Environment (SAGE). The coffeehouse will also present "Star Trek: The Motion Picture" as the December movie on December 18. Both presentations will begin at 9 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

Short Notes...

SWITZERLAND - The International Football Federation has told soccer players to stop hugging and kissing each other after scoring goals. UPI reports that the Federation's bulletin recently warned, "The exultant outbursts of several players at once jumping on top of each other kissing and embracing is really excessive and inappropriate and should be banned from the football pitch." The Federation supports a call made by its technical committee for sanctions against players who become too demonstrative. The Federation believes simple congratulations from the team captain should be enough. (Momm...Guess What!)

WASHINGTON, DC - Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA) has become a new co-sponsor of the Senate bill that would prohibit employment discrimination based on sexual orientation. The bill, S. 1708, was introduced in Congress on Oct. 6 by Sen. Paul Tsongas (D-MA) and six other senators, including Kennedy.

The bill is identical to one introduced last year by Tsongas and all of last year's co-sponsors have rejoined.

DECEMBER

SEASON'S
GREETINGS!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 GPC 4600 Main 7:30pm	3 I/H Business Meeting 7:30pm	4 Coffee- House/7:30 "Gays in the Media 9 pm	5
6 MCC/ Bering 11am	7 MSA 9pm	8	9	10 Poker Activity Group Ned's/7:30 524-5463	11 Coffeehouse 7:30	12 Covered Dish 7:30 pm 528-1311
13 MCC/ Bering 11am FFOG - 2pm	14 MSA 9pm	15	16 GPC 7:30	17 I/H Educational Forum: Open Session 7:30pm	18 Coffeehouse 7:30 *Movie- "Star Trek 9 pm	19
20 MCC/ Bering 11am	21 MSA 9pm	22	23	24	25 Coffee house 3 pm - midnight Christmas	26
27 MCC/ Bering 11am	28 MSA 9pm	29	30	31	1 Coffeehouse New Year's	2

All activities are held at 3405 Mulberry unless otherwise indicated. I/H welcomes volunteers for hosting the Community Coffeehouse or the monthly covered dish social. For more information, call Dennis at 528-1311.

Beat the rush! Dues for 1982 will be payable on January 1, so why not beat the holiday rush and send yours in now. Dues are \$12 per year, or \$1 for each month remaining in the year. Your membership fee will be used to further develop educational projects for Houston's gay and lesbian community. You will also receive Because We Care each month.

- I am enclosing my membership dues for 1982. I understand the membership year ends December 31.
 I do not wish to join at this time, but would like to receive Because We Care on a trial basis.
 I do not wish to join, but here is my tax-deductible contribution.

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