

# Because We Care

FROM HOUSTON'S OLDEST GAY ORGANIZATION

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\*\*\*\*\* INTERACT UPDATE \*\*\*\*\*

Progress is being made towards a realization of the proposed board structure changes to occur in the February election. The December 3rd meeting outlined the basic goals of the organization; to help establish a community center for the gay community by means of a gay foundation. An additional meeting was scheduled on December 7th to finalize specific procedures and to present a letter to the community stating our objectives. A final meeting on December 17th was held as an opportunity for the community to participate in a discussion on the subject.

On January 7th all Interact members are encouraged to attend the meeting to vote on the extension of the board to nine members. The election of the board members will occur on February 18th at 7:30 p.m.

\*\*\*\*\* EDUCATIONAL FORUM \*\*\*\*\*

The forum for December was postponed due to priorities set by the proposed board structure changes. January 21 will be the date for a forum on "Plant Care". For those who lack a green thumb here's a chance to brush up on your knowledge of flora before spring. The class will begin at 7:30 p.m. Details on the rescheduling of the Dec. forum, "Legal Rights for Gays" will be announced in the upcoming newsletter.

\*\*\*\*\* COVERED DISH SOCIAL EVENT \*\*\*\*\*

This month's covered dish social will be held at our president's home on Saturday, January 9. As with all of I/H's social events, the covered dish is open to everyone. So, join us at 7:30 p.m. at Ned's place, 2411 Eagle. For directions or more info call Ned at 524-5463.

\*\*\*\*\* ARCHIVES FACE CRISIS - SPECIAL REPORT - ARCHIVES FACE CRISIS - SPECIAL \*\*\*\*\*

ARCHIVES FACE CRISIS - SPECIAL REPORT - ARCHIVES FACE CRISIS - SPECIAL  
I/H has announced that unless space to house the Gay Archives of Texas is located by March 1, 1982, the Archives will be put in storage and will not be accessible to the community.

The Archives, which consist of tapes, news clippings, over 800 books and hundreds of publications, has been located in private facilities which were donated to the organization. Unfortunately, after March 1 these facilities will no longer be available. It is hoped that space that can be donated for tax purposes can be found, otherwise the Archives will be put into a mini-warehouse. For more information, call 694-1732.

# Fireside

...FROM THE BOARD

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Houston is currently one of the top cities to live in in terms of jobs and access to a gay lifestyle. The Chamber of Commerce crows about the low unemployment rate and the politicians look to the gay community for votes. Access to gay business and pleasure is apparent if you read the gay news media. TWT lists 56 gay organizations/helplines (TWT Dec. 4-10, 1981), most with different telephone numbers and locations. Thirty-four bars are listed in the same issue of TWT. Seven churches have requested listings. Eleven restaurants cater to the community's eating needs. The New York Times (Nov. 2, 1981) stated that Houston has a gay population in excess of 250,000. Many feel this is a low figure. Connect this with the Chamber of Commerce figure of an annual median income in Harris County of approximately \$9000, you will find that the gay community is responsible for about \$187 million per month. That is a lot of money.

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

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

Carl R. Owens, publicity

## I/H INCORPORATED FINANCIAL REPORT

DEC. 1, 1981

Revenue		Beginning (11/1)
\$433.00	- donations	\$326.01
52.00	- memberships	
29.00	- Archives	
\$514.00	- Total	+514.00
		\$840.01
<b>Expenses</b>		
\$375.00	- Advertising	
18.23	- Newsletter	
50.00	- Postage/fees	
116.16	- Archives	
\$559.39	- Total	-559.39
		balance 280.62

Breakdown: General Fund - 241.18  
Archives 39.44

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HOUSTON - "Improving Love Relationships for Gays" will be offered again this winter by Leisure Learning unlimited. Neill Scott, MSW, will again be lead- the course. Among the topics covered will be 1) how not to be a victim in a relationship, 2) how not to depend on gay bars, 3) and how to manage money in a relationship. The class will be held on three consecutive Mondays, Jan.25-Feb.8 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. The fee for the course is \$33. Call LLU at

721-7299 for information or to make reservations for this worthwhile course.

TAMPA- The Seventh Annual Southeastern Conference of Lesbians and Gay Men will be held March 19-21 at the University of South Florida. For registration information write Conference'82, Box CTR 2466, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL 33620.

### Calendar of Events

#### January

- 1 - New Year's, Coffee House open regular hours.
- 5 - I/H Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 7 - I/H Membership business meeting. 7:30 p.m.
- 8 - Coffeehouse, 7:30 pm 'til midnight.
- 9 - I/H covered-dish social, 7:30 pm at Ned's 2411 Eagle, 524-5463
- 10 - Families and Friends of Gays meeting at 2:30 pm. Call 664-5339 for location.
- 15 - Coffeehouse, "1981 in Review" video presentation. 9 pm
- 21 - I/H Educational Forum, 7:30 pm, plant Care workshop
- 22 - Coffeehouse
- 29 - Coffeehouse

Note: All I/H functions are held at 3405 Mulberry unless otherwise indicated.

### ARCHIVES TO PRESENT 1981 VIDEO REVIEW

The Gay Archives of Texas will present a video review of 1981 at the Community Coffeehouse on Friday, January 15.

The presentation will include taped highlights of the 1981 Gay Pride Week celebration, the city elections, the Fred Paez trial, plus "Being Gay," a look at the city's gay community as seen by Channel 2, KPRC.

The presentation will begin at 9 p.m. at the Coffeehouse, 3405

Mulberry, and is free and open to the general public.

The videotapes are taken from the Archives permanent collection of audio/video presentations.

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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On January 7, 1982 a motion was made by the President to amend the by-laws of I/H, Inc. It reads as follows: "The Board of Directors will consist of a total of nine members elected for staggered three year terms. Four members of the organization will be elected to the Board of Directors for the first board year and will be responsible for developing the membership of the continuing board. Members elected to the Board of Directors must be approved by a majority of I/H members participating in the election. All members of I/H, Inc. will be notified at least 30 days prior to the upcoming election." The motion was seconded, and all approved. The letter paraphrasing the motion was soon sent out.

## COVERED DISH

This month's covered dish social will be held at the home of long-time I/H member David Moskowitz, 719 Peden, on Saturday, February 20, beginning at 7:30 p.m. David's phone number is 523-1005 for directions or other information. The social committee of I/H hosts a covered dish social usually on the second Saturday of each month, and needs volunteers. Call 528-1311

## TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY

I/H will celebrate its 12th anniversary on Thursday, February 18 with the annual election of officers. Four members of I/H will be elected to the new nine member Board of Directors at this meeting. Also, a social hour will follow the elections with anniversary cake and other refreshments. Because of the importance of these elections, there will be no educational forum for February.

## GAY ARCHIVES

A reminder...The Gay Archives of Texas are still without a home. As of March 1, the archives will be put in storage unless other space can be donated to the organization, or financing for office space is located. If the archives are put into storage, access to them will be severely restricted. Call Richard at 694-1732 with any suggestions.

TEXAS  
GAY  
CONFERENCE  
IX

Once again the Texas Gay Conference will be held in Houston September 4-6. A committee is deciding the selection of coordinators for the event. If you would like to help call 522-1659 (nights)

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A BECAUSE WE CARE SPONSOR? CALL 694-1732 FOR RATE INFO.

**Editorial...** FROM THE BOARD \*\*\*\*\*

As I near the end of my term for hospitality chair, I wanted to relate my thoughts about the coffeehouse. The I/H coffeehouse was started almost 2½ years ago as an experiment to see if it would work. And it has worked. I see a chain of events to explain why. The Houston gay community had a need for non-bar oriented activity. From this need, the idea for a coffeehouse was created (plus other organizations and groups) The coffeehouse continues to work because it creates space where humans can interact informally and provides a supportive atmosphere.

The attendance the past six months has ranged 30-45 people compared to 15-20 last spring. And even during the summer and holiday lull periods, more people came than I anticipated. But the coffeehouse can work at a higher level. I see two interrelated things to make this possible: more volunteers to open and run the coffeehouse and more diverse activities..

What is true is 8-10 people are continually opening. One reason is that many who attend the coffeehouse are not regulars and asking them to open seems imposing. Still other regulars have continued to decline opening, asking the same loyal souls repeatedly has caused a guilt reaction in me at times. Wouldn't it be nice to have a pool of 50 people to ask instead of ten?

As for activities, little seems to go on besides bridge and a table for small talk. Seldom are other table games, card games, ping pong, movies, and billiards actively used. During the board meetings the idea for live entertainment has surfaced and I see this as very valuable.

I do not have specific steps to generate these results. What I hope is that the next person who takes my place this month is creative and willing to experiment. And the more people who make input, the better the chances to get the results. Whether this happens or not will be seen later. But what will still be true is that the coffeehouse will continue because, for whatever reasons, it works.

DENNIS CONING, HOSPITALITY

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Our humblest apologies...Due to a last minute cancellation on January 21, our guest speaker for "Plant Care" was unable to host the scheduled educational forum. The December forum, "Legal Aspects for Gays" is also being indefinitely postponed. Don't forget to attend the elections on February 18 in place of the educational forum!

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This month's movie will be "Somewhere in Time" at 9 pm on Feb. 12. Be there!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 MSA at Stadium Bowl 9pm	2	3 Gay Political Caucus, 7:30pm 4600 Main St.	4 I/H Inc Mem- bership Mtg. 7:30pm	5 Community Coffee House 7:30pm - midnite	6
7 11am Bering UMC MCCR 1919 De- catur Church of Christian Faith/Montrose	8 MSA	9 7:30pm Episcopal Integrity mtg. at Autrey House 6265 Main C.H.E. Board 609 Fannin#1301	10	11	12 Community Coffee House - Movie: "Somewhere in Time" 9pm <small>LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY</small>	13
14 Bering UMC MCCR COCF Families/Friends of Gays Mtg. - 664-5339 location	15 MSA <small>WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY</small>	16	17 GPC	18 I/H Inc Elec- tions, 7:30pm	19 Community Coffee House	20 I/H Covered Dish Social 7:30 pm at 719 Peden 523-1005
21 Bering MCCR COCF Unitarian Gay Caucus Mtg. at 5210 Fannin	22 MSA	23 7:30pm Neartown mtg. at Bering UMC, 3405 Mulberry	24 <small>ASH WEDNESDAY</small>	25 Don't forget "Wilde-n-Stein" gay radio each Thursday, 10pm 90.1 FM, KPFT	26 Community Coffee House	27
28 Bering MCCR COCF						

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### I/H Hotlines

President  
524-5463  
Gay Archives of Texas  
694-1732  
Social Activities  
528-1311  
Coffeehouse Director  
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Newsletter  
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or  
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General Information  
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Families and friends  
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to open on  
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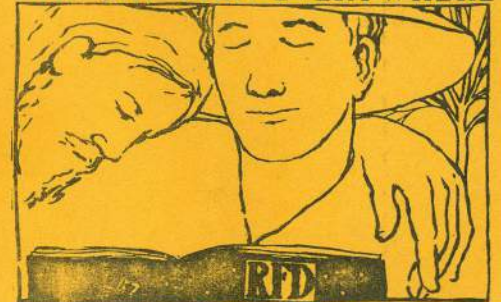
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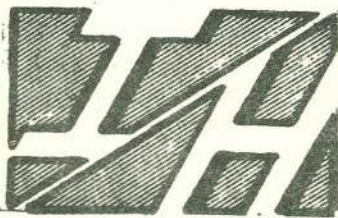
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<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>BEGINNING BALANCE (12/1/81)</u>	
\$274.00 Donations	\$ 280.62	
10.00 Archives		
85.00 Memberships		
<u>\$369.00 TOTAL</u>	<u>+369.00</u>	
	<u>\$ 649.62</u>	
 <u>EXPENSES</u>		<u>Breakdown</u>
\$ 10.00 Rent for meeting space		General Fund Balance \$294.13
280.00 Advertising expenses		Archives Balance \$ 49.44
16.00 Postage		<u>Total (1/1/82) 343.57</u>
<u>\$ 306.05 TOTAL</u>	<u>-306.05</u>	
	<u>\$ 343.57</u>	



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NEWSLETTER OF I/H Inc.

ISSUE

## NEW BOARD TAKES OFFICE

There are some old faces, and some new faces on the I/H Incorporated board of directors as a result of the February 18 corporate elections.

Ned Parker, 1981 president of I/H was re-elected to that position to 1982. Also re-elected to the board was Carl Owens, the new vice-president. New members to the board are Bill Buie and Carl Hays, who were elected to the respective positions of secretary and treasurer.

Of special interest in this election is the fact that Bill Buie, founder of I/H, has stepped back into a position of authority in the organization. Buie started the organization in 1970.

One of the first priorities for the new board will be the recruitment of five additional board members from the community at-large, a result of the restructuring of the organization in the past year. It is hoped that the inclusion of non-I/H members on the board will result in increased community input to the corporation.

Special commendations go to out-going board members Dennis Coning and William Levitt for their hard work during the past year.



## A GAY/LESBIAN CENTER???

A very special forum for our community is scheduled this month by the I/H educational program committee.

*A Gay/Lesbian Community Service Center: Does Houston Really Need One?* is the title of the program to be held at 3405 Mulberry on March 18.

Included in this community forum will be discussions of attempts at service centers by our community in the past and reasons for their failure. Also to be discussed will be services that are offered by centers in other parts of the USA and how they would relate to Houston's community.

"Many of the services offered by community centers elsewhere are already available in our city," said Carl Owens, publicity chair for I/H. "Even so, many people still think that we need these services under one roof. The purpose of this forum is to provide the community with an opportunity to explore this issue from all sides so that it can reach its own conclusions."

Leaders from other gay and lesbian groups are especially invited to attend, he added.

This program will begin at 7:30 pm, is free and open to the general public. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

### INTRODUCING THE NEW, IMPROVED I/H, Inc.!

That's right. Things are changing at I/H and we hope you like what we are trying to do. It's all an effort to revitalize the group and make it more responsive to community needs. We could use your help, though. Why not make it a point to include the next I/H meeting on your calendar. Your presence can make a difference! Hope to see you all on March 4 & 18.

# From the Board

It has been my privilege to serve I/H, its membership and our community for the past year. I would like to convey my most sincere and deepest appreciation to those who have joined with us in our efforts to strengthen the organization.

I/H members agreed in February 1981 that the organizational structure needed to be redone. The efforts of the membership in participating in discussion and offering well thought suggestions have brought us to an exciting new beginning. Next month we will begin the expansion of the board of directors to nine members, including five community representatives. This board will assume the task of embarking I/H on a course that includes establishing a Foundation and developing a Gay/Lesbian Community Service Center. The board will hire a coordinator to provide management services to I/H subgroups. These subgroups include the Gay Archives of Texas, the Community Coffeehouse, the I/H Educational Forum, Families and Friends of Gays, and others to be announced in the near future.

I/H Incorporated has a firm foundation and a strong structure from which to grow. Its history in the Houston Gay community is an additional source of strength. I invite all of you to join us, pledge your efforts in establishing I/H's place of educational leadership in our community, and help us to reach out to our constituents.

*Ned Parker*  
Ned Parker, president

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear friends of Interact,  
The Gay Organization of Dallas encloses membership dues for the 1982 membership year.

*Because We Care* recently reported that a friend given you a complete set of the *Mattachine Review*.

When I was young - a long time ago, I joined the gay movement when I first learned that there was a movement in 1952. At that time, there was only one gay organization in all America - One, Inc. *Mattachine* had existed prior to One in Los Angeles, but had disbanded, later to reorganize in San Francisco,

at which time I, of course, joined.

Through the years I kept all the issues of *Mattachine Review*, until, like you, I had a storage problem and threw them out, along with the early issues of *One*.

Had I only known!

*Signal*  
Phil Johnson  
(For the Gay Organization of Dallas)

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## Gays in History<sup>2</sup>

"DO IT!" Puzzle by Arlo

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Farhart (Amelia)	Lincoln (Abraham)
Roosevelt (Eleanor)	Hero
Emerson (Ralph Waldo)	Richard (Lion-hearted)
Ganymede	Socrates
Alexander Hamilton	Ulrichs (Karl)
Randall	Zeus

# SPECIAL

I/H INCORPORATED

MARCH 1982

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Archives will present a video-taped interview of Billy Jean King discussing her recent palimony suit on the *Donahue* TV show.

The tape will be shown at the coffee house, 3405 Mulberry on March 12, beginning at 9 pm.

As will all I/H functions, it is free and open to the public.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
EVERY SUNDAY Bering UMC MCLR Church of Christ Faith Montrose Church of Christ	1 Montrose Sports Association Bowling at the Stadium Bowl 9 pm	2	3 Gay Political Caucus Mtg 4600 Main St. 7:30 pm	4 I/H Inc. Mem- bership mtg. 7:30 pm	5 Community Coffee House 3405 Mulberry 7:30pm-midnight	6
7	8 MSA	9 Episcopal Integrity mtg. at Autrey House, 6255 Main H.E. Board 602 Fanning 110	10 TGC IX Planning meeting, 7:30 pm Houston Guest House, 106 Avon- dale	11	12 Coffeehouse Movie: "Gays in Media Night" with Billie Jean King in- terview 9pm	13 Covered Dish Social 7:30 pm at Bill Buie's, 694- 1883
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21 Unitarian Gay Caucus meeting at 1st Unitarian Church	22	23 Heartown Assoc. mtg. at Bering UMC, 3405 Mul- berry, 7:30 pm	24	25	26 Coffeehouse	27
28	29	30	31	Wilde'n'Stein Gay/Lesbian radio for Houston 10pm Thursdays	FEBRUARY 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	MARCH 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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## From the Gay Archives...

After an unsuccessful campaign aimed at locating new space for the Gay Archives of Texas, the archives will be moved to a mini-warehouse on Saturday, March 6. Volunteers to help with the move are needed. Please call Richard at 694-1732 if you can help.

In other archives news, special thanks go out to Charles Gillis, who donated the following books: *The Light from the Second Story Window* by David Allen, *The Intermediate Sex* by Edward Carpenter, *Female Sex Perversions* by Maurice Chideckel, M.D., and *Aphrodisiac Fiction* from Christopher Street.

Thanks also go to Mike Miesch, who contributed these books: *Choices* by Nancy Toder, *Hotel Chelsea and the Sound* by Larry Hamilton, *Lavender Culture* by Karla Jay and Allen Young, *A Fairy Tale* by S. Steinberg, *Different* by Stephen Wright, *The Other Persuasion* by Seymour Kleinberg, *The Mouth of the Dragon 6*, *In Praise of the Night: In Search of the Storm* by G.P. Stojcevic, and *Mouth of the Dragon: Volume 2, number 2*.

In addition, books and other items have been contributed by James Baker, Tony Vega, Gary Van Ooteghem, Small, and several others. Our special thanks go to everyone who has helped the archives. Although access will be limited because of the move to a mini-warehouse, we will contin-

ue to accept contributions of materials. We will also need money to help us to pay the monthly rent on the warehouse space. As a subgroup of I/H, all contributions are tax-deductible. Checks should be made out to I/H Incorporated.

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REVENUE

\$ 31.00 - Advertising in newsletter  
 84.00 - Memberships  
 280.00 - Donations  
 \$395.00 - Total

Beginning balance (1/1/82)  
 \$343.57  
 +395.00  
 \$738.57  
 -351.15  
 \$387.42 - Balance 1/31/82

EXPENSES

\$ 26.15 - Newsletter/PR expenses  
 280.00 - Advertising expenses  
 20.00 - Rent for meeting space  
 25.00 - Postage  
 \$351.15 - Total

Breakdown	
General Fund	\$337.98
Restricted	\$ 49.44
	<u>387.42</u>

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FROM HOUSTON'S OLDEST GAY ORGANIZATION

NEWSLETTER OF I/H Inc. April 1982 ISSUE 37

## Gay/lesbian center gets 'sensible' rating

The concept of a gay/lesbian community center was given support at the March 18 educational forum sponsored by I/H. Thirty people representing a number of gay and lesbian groups agreed that a center is needed, wanted, and makes financial sense.

### Phone tree help sought

After having articles announcing the community center forum in *Because We Care*, *the Montrose Voice*, *TWT*, *the Unitarian Blast*, and *Inner-View*, and sending out letters of invitation to 40 organizations, the response to the forum was less than hoped, yet larger than some previous forums.

The startling aspect was the lack of participation by those people who now attend the Friday night coffee house, and the general membership of I/H. It would appear that a phone tree needs to be organized. Would three to five people please volunteer? Please contact any board member.

Panel members at the forum included Andy Mills, Pokey Anderson, Gary Van Ooteghem, and Marion E. Coleman. Each spoke on how a center would have been valuable in previous efforts to organize the community. Coleman described with some emotion the efforts of the women's community to get financial support for the Sue Bennett Fund. Bennett was unjustly arrested in 1979. Two and one half years and \$12,500 later, a jury acquitted her after deliberating for 15 minutes.

Mills pointed out some of the economic advantages of shared space and pooled resources. Anderson and Van Ooteghem discussed previous work that has been done to create a

community center, including the Montrose Activity Center.

Carl Owens, panel moderator, responded to an audience question about the current status of MAC, saying that he had "been in contact with the MAC board president, and should INTERACT decide to work on this (center), we will be working together."

The primary question discussed around the coffeepot following the forum was "what next?" Owens stated that the I/H board will review the information presented and possibly conduct a survey of service groups to determine how much is now being spent by gay men and lesbians for services that might be offered by a community center. This survey could take up to 60 days and could be the topic for another forum, Owens said.

I/H board members are available every Friday night at the Community Coffeehouse. Individuals wishing to take part in the formation and development of a center can express their interest there, he said.

## Coffeehouse needs hosts, badly

The Community Coffeehouse is in desperate need of hosts to open each Friday night. In the two and one half years that it has been in operation, only a handful of people have taken the initiative to keep it open by working with the Coffeehouse coordinator.

Unfortunately, there is no longer a Coffeehouse coordinator position on the board of directors, so it is entirely up to volunteers. Please stop by one Friday and sign up. Without volunteers, it can't operate.

# Editorial

The recent forum on a possible gay center for Houston brought out some unexpected results, the most notable of which was the apparent apathy of the city's gay/lesbian community.

For years a major topic of conversation among many gay circles has been the lack of a gay center in Houston. The obvious benefits of having a central location for planning and action goes without saying, but if the attendance at the forum to discuss this possibility is any indication of the community's real interest, perhaps the power of Houston's gay community has been overrated.

Thirty people attended the forum. Considering that Houston's gay/lesbian population numbers around 300,000, this makes for a sad statement about where the community's interests appear to be. Rather than concern ourselves about the community's collective future, we seem to be more concerned with "which bar should I make tonight. Or should I go to the baths?"

It is ironic that the theme of Houston's oldest gay rights organization is BECAUSE WE CARE, because even its own members didn't bother to show up for the forum. Maybe we should change it to WHO GIVES A DAMN?

Actually, this problem is not insurmountable. Mel Boozer, director of Civil Rights Advocacy for the National Gay Task Force, addressed this problem at the recent Seventh Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men in Tampa. In his address to the conference, Boozer said, "The strongest moral imperative (for our community) is coming out, not only as an individual, but also as a collective community."

"Exorcising our demons and taking responsibility for our actions is what we must do. My concern is not with the Jerry Fells of the world, but with those who don't want to be involved. Looking for someone else to save you is not the answer," he said.

The solution to the apathy problem lies within us. Houston's community has the power, and the determination. The next time you wonder why this city doesn't have a gay center, or some other service, ask yourself why YOU haven't done something about it.

## Archives Placed in storage

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Well, we tried to avoid it, but we couldn't. The Gay Archives of Texas are currently residing in a mini-warehouse on the city's near north side.

Although access will be severely restricted while the Archives are in storage, we will continue to accept contributions of materials.

More important than materials right now, however, is the need for \$\$\$\$\$, since we are now paying rent on storage space.

## GAY SLANG

"DO IT!" Puzzle by Arlo

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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 in the example.

Basket	Fluff
Bent	French
Bitch	Fruit
Buns	Greek
Deatie	Hung
Dish	Mae
Dizzy	Nellie
Dorothy	Rough trade

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4 EVERY SUNDAY: Bering UMC MCCR Church of Chris- tian Faith Montrose Church of Christ	5	6	7 Gay Political Cau- cus, 7:30 pm, 4600 Main St.	8	9 Coffee House	10
11 Families and Friends of Gays Mtg. Call 664-5339 for location.	12	13 Episcopal Integrity meeting at Autrey House, 6265 Main C.H.E. Board Mtg. 609 Fannin #1301	14 Texas Gay Con- ference Planning meeting at 106 Avondale, 7:30	15 I/H Educational Forum: Topic to be announced in TWT/Voice 7:30 pm	16 Coffee house	17
18 Unitarian Gay Cau- sus meeting at 1st Unitarian Church	19	20	21 GPC	22	23 Coffee House	24
25	26	27 Nearatown Assoc. 7:30 pm at 3405 Mulberry	28	29	30 Coffee House Movie: Boys in the Band, 9 pm	
All I/H activities take place at 3405 Mulberry unless otherwise indicated.						

Our Humble Apologies: Due to circumstances beyond our control, there will not be a covered-dish social this month. However, hosts are needed for upcoming months. If you would like to offer your home as a covered-dish location, please call the newsletter editor at 694-1732. - editor

## From the Board

Organizations are a shared responsibility between members. I/H has historically coped with the problem that the responsibility of the operation of activities has fallen on too few shoulders, leaving those few too little energy to creatively expand the organization, or even to always provide a quality program.

The basic activities of I/H need coordinators. The coffeehouse, educational forum, membership building, covered dish socials, and Gay Archives of Texas are all facets of I/H Incorporated. Your help and participation are needed. If each of us takes a part of the job, together we can make it work. Only then can we proudly say that we are A PART OF, NOT APART FROM the gay community.

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This month's free coffeehouse film will be *The Boys in the Band* on Friday, April 30 and will begin at 9 p.m. The coffeehouse is located at 3405 Mulberry in Montrose. All welcome!



"Just a general description will do, Mr. Martin."

I/H INCORPORATED FINANCIAL REPORT  
February 1982

REVENUE  
\$ 262.00 - Donations  
27.00 - Archives  
84.00 - Memberships  
\$ 373.00 - Total

Beginning balance  
\$ 407.42  
  
+373.00  
\$780.42

EXPENSES  
\$ 200.00 - Advertising  
20.00 - Meeting space rent  
16.50 - Anniversary refreshments  
\$ 236.50 - Total

-236.50  
\$ 543.92 balance 2/28

**BREAKDOWN:**  
General Fund \$467.48  
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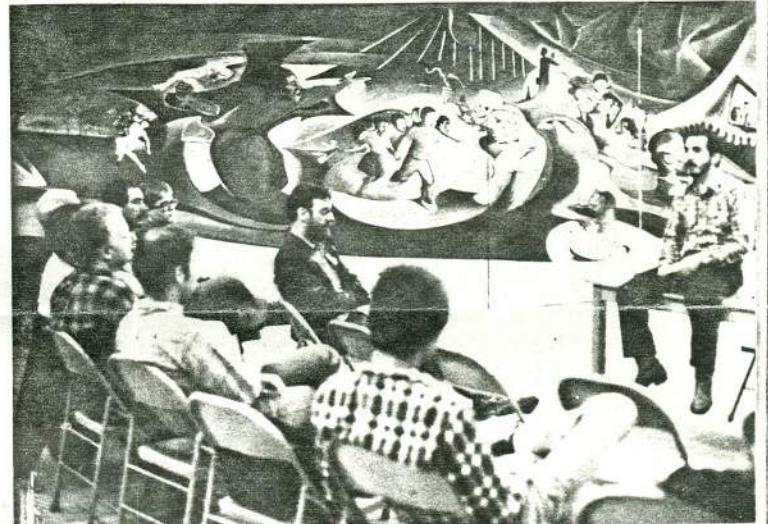
## Schedule Changes

The board of directors of I/H Incorporated has announced changes in the organization's meeting schedule.

Beginning in May, the board of directors will meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The board meetings will be held at different locations each month, but remain open to the membership of the organization and other interested individuals. The locations for these meetings can be obtained through Wilde'n' Stein Books at 529-7014.

Membership meetings will be held as semi-annual "Congresses" at which time incorporated changes and other membership business will be considered. Membership meetings can be called at other times through special requests by the membership to the board of directors.

The monthly I/H Educational Forums will continue to be held on the third Thursday of each month at 3405 Mulberry beginning at 7:30 p.m. These remain free and open to the general public. The Community Coffee House will also continue to operate on Friday nights, 7:30 p.m. to midnight, at the same location.



The April I/H Forum featured a presentation on *Gay Life in Mexico* by Dennis Medina of the Gay Hispanic Caucus. (Photo by Arlo)

## A New Service Provided

The Gay Archives of Texas and the Community Coffee House have joined forces to provide a new service to the gay and lesbian community of Houston.

On the first Friday of each month, the Archives will provide materials for a Coffeehouse "reading room." These materials, which will consist of publications and books received by the Archives during the previous month, will be made available for the community's use. Some of the publications that will be available include: *Gay Community News* (Boston) *The Gay Paper* (Baltimore), *Chicago Gay Life*, *The Empty Closet* (New York), *Mom, Guess What!* (Sacramento), *Kater Street* (Philadelphia), and *Capital Forum News* (Salem).

It is hoped that this new "service" will provide needed access to some of the Archives' materials while they are in storage, as well as provide a new Coffee House activity.



from the board...

## I/H meets Live Oak Representative

The meeting had gone well. Carl Owens and I had spent slightly more than two hours with Ms. Aguirre, a representative of the LIVE OAK FUND from which I/H Incorporated had applied for a community organizing grant.

Although she made no commitments, she was very helpful and informative, pointing out some of the weaknesses in our proposal. Even so, she was very positive about the possibility of I/H receiving a grant in some future time if, in fact, we did not receive one during this funding cycle. The only real question that she had concerned the obvious lack of women in the organization, something we assured her we are working to correct.

We had gone to the meeting well prepared. The folder that we had prepared for Ms. Aguirre's information bulged with documents, articles, computer lists, and brochures that gave as complete a picture as possible of I/H's activities and future plans, and she was obviously impressed. She offered to send us additional information that would help us with future proposals and insisted that we continue applying regardless of the outcome. . . now or later.

We are now one step closer to the time when we will receive our first grant to help us on our way in our efforts toward a center for the gay and lesbian community, a foundation to support our service organizations, and a more solid I/H Incorporated.

We left the interview with high hopes and very positive attitudes. Ms. Aguirre left wearing an Interact/Houston button, pink triangle and all, on her way to the airport.

*Carl Hays*  
Treasurer

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## May Social...

This month's I/H covered dish social will be held on Saturday, May 8, at the home of Carl and Richard.

For the benefit of newcomers to I/H, the socials are open to all. You needn't be a member of I/H to join us. Just bring a dish and come on!

The dinner will begin at 7:30 p.m. at 744 Dorchester. Call 694-1732 for directions

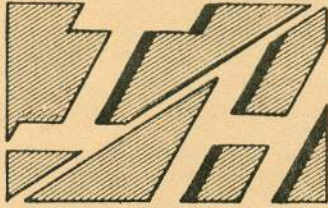
## Literary Gays

"DO IT!" Puzzle by Arlo

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James Barr
Rita Mae Brown
Capote (Truman)
Carpenter (Edward)
Colette
Isherwood (Christopher)
Lawrence (D.H.)
Marlowe (Christopher)
Maugham (W. Somerset)
Melville (Herman)
Miller (Merle)
Millett (Kate)
Milton
Roem (Ned)
Warren (Patricia Nell)
Woolf (Virginia)



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Dear friends,

During this past month, I have asked that some of my friends be included on the I/H Incorporated mailing list. I have done this because I believe I/H is doing something important for us as a community and I want to be sure that you hear the news.

If, after looking over our mailings, you should decide that you do not want to be on the I/H mailing list, please give me a call at 524-7254 and I will see that your name is removed. On the other hand, if you agree, and I am sure that you will, that I/H is a good resource which provides needed services, why not send in a check for your own membership? This will help I/H Incorporated to continue to be a service to the gay and lesbian community of Houston. This is your chance to help make a difference!

Thanks for your support!

In pride, I remain,

Your friend,

Carl Owens,  
Vice President, I/H

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<p>2 11 am</p> <p>EVERY SUNDAY:</p> <p>Bering UMC</p> <p>MCCR</p> <p>Church of Christian Faith</p>	<p>3</p> <p>MAY DAY HOLIDAY (U.K.)</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Gay Political Caucus</p> <p>7:30 pm</p> <p>4600 Main St.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>I/H Board Mtg. Call 524-7254 for location</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Community Coffee House, 7:30 pm til midnight. 3405 Mulberry</p>	<p>8</p> <p>I/H Covered-dish Social, 7:30 pm at Carl &amp; Richard's. Call 694-1732 for directions.</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Families and Friends of Gays</p> <p>Call 664-5339 for location</p> <p>MOTHERS DAY</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Episcopal Integrity meeting at Autrey House, 6265 Main</p> <p>CHE board mtg, 609 Fannin #1301</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Texas Gay Conference planning meeting at 106 Avondale, 7:30 pm</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Coffee House</p>	<p>15</p> <p>ARMED FORCES DAY</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Unitarian Gay Caucus mtg at 1st Unitarian Church, 12:30 pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>GPC</p> <p>4600 Main</p> <p>7:30 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>I/H Educational Forum - see TWT/Voice for details 7:30 pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Coffee House</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>VICTORIA DAY (Canada)</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p> <p>SPRING HOLIDAY (U.K. not Scotland)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Neartown Assoc. 7:30 pm, 3405 Mulberry</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Coffeehouse</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>ALL I/H FUNCTIONS TAKE PLACE AT 3405 MULBERRY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED</p>				

## Sub Groups News

**FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF GAYS** - Congratulations are in order. FAFOG raised over \$500 at a cake sale held at Mary's in April. The money will go toward their entry in this year's Gay Pride Parade. A big warm thanks is also in order to the folks at Mary's for their help with this dedicated group of parents.

**COMMUNITY COFFEE HOUSE** - It's still growing with between 20 and 40 in attendance each week. Volunteer hosts are still desperately needed to open it, though. For those of you who missed it last month, the Montrose Country Cloggers performed at the Coffee House one evening and were a big hit! The Cloggers are gay men and lesbians who perform what is best called a combination of tap and square dancing. Other Coffee House activities planned for the future include live entertainment, an encounter group aimed at better understanding between gay men and lesbians, and more. Again, more help is needed to insure the success of these and other Coffee House activities.



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70.00 - Campaign Fund  
34.00 - Memberships  
1.44 - Archives  
\$ 456.65 - Total

BALANCE (3/1)  
\$ 543.92

+ 456.65  
\$1000.57

EXPENSES

\$ 132.50 - Retire Bill Howard Loan  
88.70 - Move-in and rent for Archives  
90.00 - Advertising  
20.00 - Meeting space rent  
100.00 - Campaign expenses (forum)  
33.45 - Postage and paper  
\$ 464.65 - Total

**BREAKDOWN:**

General 534.48  
Archives 1.44  
Campaign(30.00)

Balance - - 464.65  
\$ 535.92 (3/31)



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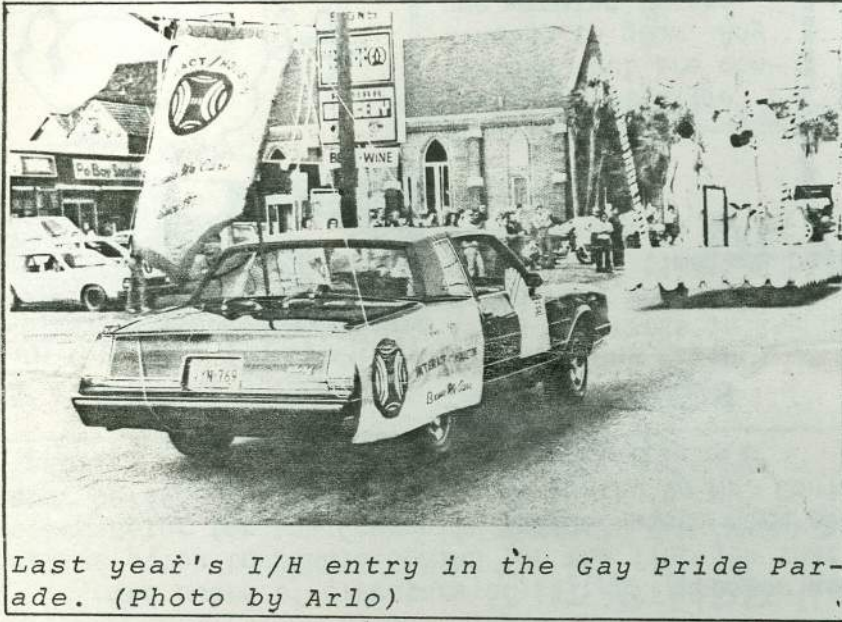
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Last year's I/H entry in the Gay Pride Parade. (Photo by Arlo)

## Coffee House screens "Norman"

The Community Coffee House will kick-off Houston's 1982 Gay Pride Week celebration with a special showing of the film "Norman, Is That You?" on Friday, June 18, beginning at 9 p.m.

The film stars Redd Foxx as a contemporary father trying to come to terms with his gay son. It is by far one of the funniest gay-related films ever made.

The film will be screened in the meeting room of the Coffee House. It is free and open to the public.

The Coffee House also offers a variety of regular activities such as pool, ping pong, bridge, and games. In addition, the Gay Archives of Texas sponsors a reading room every first Friday.

## It's that time again

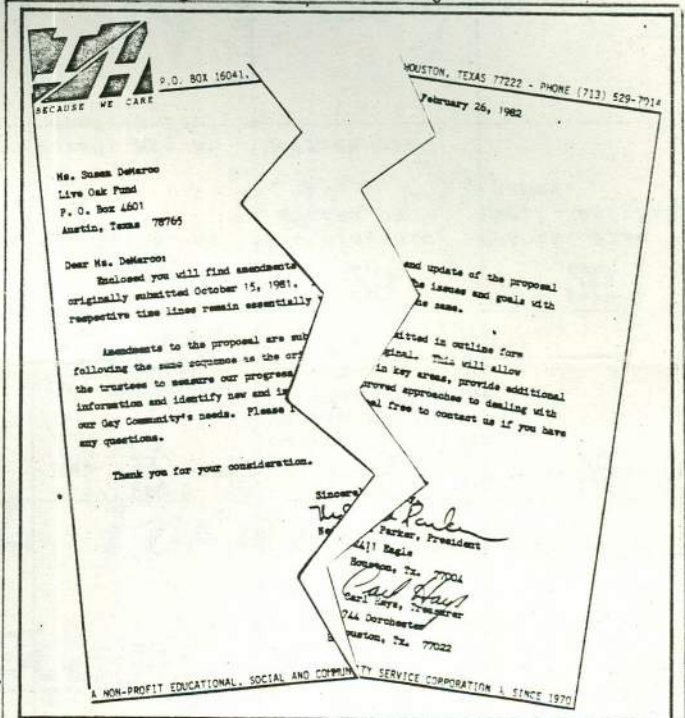
Houston's annual Gay Pride Week celebration will begin this year on Thursday, June 17 and will run through Sunday, June 27.

The highlights of this year's celebration include the annual softball game between the Montrose Sports Association All-Stars and the Houston Fire Department, along with a full week of special nightly events. (see calendar)

Honorary grand marshall for this year's parade will be Congressman Mikey Leland. Grand marshalls will be Andy Mills and Marion Coleman.

At this writing, I/H is making plans to bring "Greetings from Washington, D.C.," a documentary on the 1979 March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, to Houston. In addition, a new film entitled "Pink Triangles" is being sought for a screening. "Pink Triangles" is a documentary on the persecution of gays in Nazi Germany. Neither film has been shown in the Houston area.

The highlight of every Gay Pride Week in Houston is the parade and this year's promises to be the biggest and best ever. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 27 at the intersection of Shepherd and Westheimer and end at the corner of Westheimer and Bagby and will consist of over fifty units.



BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME . . . . .  
The grant proposal submitted to the Live Oak Fund by I/H has been turned down for this funding cycle. The proposal would have provided seed money for a gay center and rent for an organizing office. I/H will re-submit for the fall cycle.

# I've got a dream. . .

I'm one of those people who is constantly dreaming. I dream about what it would be like to live in a world where sexual orientation didn't make any difference, where there was no such thing as war, and where Jerry Falwell was nothing more than something that could be cured with a shot of penicillin.

Certainly, these are idealistic dreams. I don't necessarily expect them to happen in the near future. I do, however have dreams that I can and do expect, or at least hope, to see become realities. No combination of words that have ever been spoken have influenced my outlook on life as the statement "I have a dream. . ." which Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke almost 20 years ago. His dream was a world of human respect and love. Mine follow along the same lines, but reflect a more immediate and utilitarian view. Here are some of my more immediate dreams:

- 1) That the corporate umbrella which I/H is forming will result in a real sense of community among the gay men and lesbians of Houston. The concept of a "community" among our people is something that hasn't really taken root here. Sure, we've got political clout, but where are our services? The few service groups in Houston are all in danger of folding due to financial problems and apathy.
- 2) Along these same lines, I would like to see Houston have the most sophisticated and complete community center in the country.
- 3) I would like to see Families and Friends of Gays become a strong and active voice for our community. What better allies can we have? These are our parents, cousins, and friends. A strong parent's group such as this could have a powerful impact on the non-gay community. Face it folks, this could be THE most important organization that our community has working for us.
- 4) I would like to see a group for gay teens, perhaps working in conjunction with the parents, become organized as a permanent part of our community. The groups that have attempted to become organized in the past have failed, partly because they tried too much at once. The primary need of gay youth is simply to have somewhere to go where they can interact with other gay folk.
- 5) Most of all, I would like to see an end to the apathy in our community. So many of my brothers and sisters just don't care about anything but going to the bars, baths, truck-stops, or wherever it is that they can pick up a trick. Not only would I like to see this attitude cease, but I would like to see our horizons broadened.

Most of the gay movement activities in Houston are political. These are important, but it's time that our political activists recognize that our communities have other needs as well, whether they actually work towards fulfilling those needs or not. Too many of us consider politics as the only worthwhile object of endeavor.

These are a few of my dreams, or goals, or whatever you wish to label them. Dreams are the seed from which reality is planted. Don't let anyone convince you otherwise. "I have a dream . . ." is my reality. What's yours?

*Richard Buckhardt*

## IDOLS

Past & Present  
"DO IT!" Puzzle by Arlo

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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 in the example.

(Last names only)

- Tallulah Bankhead
- Montgomery Clift
- Bette Davis
- James Dean
- Marlene Dietrich
- Judy Garland
- Bette Midler
- Carmen Miranda
- Marilyn Monroe
- Miss Piggy
- Steve Reeves
- Diana Ross
- Donna Summer
- Tina Turner

Unlisted clue: Mae ?

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<p>20</p> <p>Dallas Gay Pride Parade Unitarian Gay Caucus, 12:30 1st Unitarian</p>	<p>Gay 21 Pride Forum</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Bringing Men &amp; Women Together Day</p>	<p>23</p> <p>National Day of Remembrance</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Gay Youth Day Parade Mtg at Numbers II, 7:30</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Gay Hispanic Caucus Day Coffeeshouse</p>	<p>26</p> <p>MSA vs. Fire Dept. softball games.</p>
<p>27</p> <p>PARADE!</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>			

Most I/H Functions are held at 3405 Mulberry.

**THANKS!**

The board of directors of INTERACT/Houston would like to express its sincere thanks and appreciation to DENNIS CONING for the fine job that he has done during the past year as the coordinator for the Community Coffee House. More people are now visiting the Coffee House than ever before, and this can be attributed to Mr. Coning's steady, dependable work. Thank you, Dennis!

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Families and Friends of Gays will be restructuring and reorganizing among its ranks in the days to come. Annella is taking a much-deserved rest while Freda, Joyce, and others will be arranging for a new meeting time and place. In addition, FFOG's entry in the Gay Pride parade is being planned.

The Gay Archives of Texas are still in storage, but are continuing to grow. Any one wishing to contribute materials can do so by calling Richard at 694-1732.

The Community Coffee House needs help if it is to continue. Contact the host any Friday if you can host every so often.



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\$ 35.00 - Archives donations  
 21.00 - Ads in newsletter  
 22.00 - Donations  
 12.00 - Membership  
 50.00 - Campaign Fund donation  
\$ 140.00

BALANCE

\$535.92 (3/31/82)

+140.00

\$675.92

EXPENSES

\$ 158.50 - Retire Carl Hays GPW loan  
 40.00 - Rent (meeting space/2 mo.)  
 35.00 - Rent -mini-warehouse/Archives  
 22.78 - Postage  
 17.79 - Newsletter expenses  
\$ 274.07

BREAKDOWN:	
Campaign	\$ 20.00
Archives	1.44
General	380.41
	<u>\$401.85</u>

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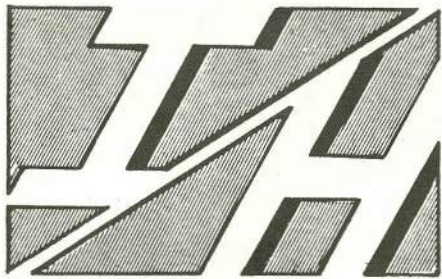
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## Home at last!

The Gay Archives of Texas have finally found a new home.

Wilde'n'Stein Books has offered space at its new 802 Westheimer location to house the Archives, which have been stored in a mini-warehouse since March. The new space means that the Archives will be more accessible to the community, possibly even open regular hours sometime in the future, said Richard Burckhardt, current coordinator of the Archives.

"We are grateful to Charles and Small for this opportunity to show the community just how important the Archives are to our movement," said Burckhardt. "We hope that the Archives will now be put to the use that they were intended."

The Archives will be moved from the mini-warehouse on Saturday, July 31, he said. Volunteers should call for further information.

A special organizing meeting to establish the Archives as a full-fledged organization will be held on Friday, August 6 at the Community Coffee House beginning at 8 p.m. All gay men and lesbians who are interested in preserving gay/lesbian history are urged to attend.

The Archives have been operating as a committee of I/H Incorporated for the past three years. Under the guidance of a handful of people they have grown to include videotapes, audio-visual productions, over 800 books, thousands of news clippings and files, and gay and lesbian publications from around the world.

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## Special meeting slated for July 8

The regular monthly board of directors meeting and educational forum will be replaced this month by a very special planning meeting which will include the I/H Incorporated board of directors and leaders from various gay and lesbian organizations in the Houston area.

The purpose of the July 8 meeting will be to discuss the possible affiliation of these groups as committees (sub-groups) of I/H Incorporated. I/H, in other words, would become a community-wide umbrella for these organizations and no longer a separate organization. Members of the I/H board would, at least in part, be chosen from these committees. Other board seats would be filled from the community at-large.

The meeting will be held at 3405 Mulberry beginning at 7:30 p.m. I/H members and members of the prospective committees are welcome to attend.

INSIDE . . . . .

*Will the Coffee House close?*

*Small Talks*

*Latest sub - group news*

The Coffee House video presentation for July will be another in the series of "Gays in Media" presentations of the Gay Archives of Texas. This July 16 event will include a segment of the ABC "20/20" on the new popularity of the gay theme in films. It's free and begins at 9 p.m. in the Coffee House meeting room.

# Can the Coffee House survive?

For the past few months, an ominous shadow has hung over the Community Coffee House and unless supporters of this fine endeavor take some action immediately to bring some light into this dark spot, the ceiling tiles won't be the only thing that Coffee House patrons will see falling.

The Coffee House simply cannot continue to operate with the same three people opening and closing it week after week. Despite our urgent pleas for help in this newsletter, no new volunteers have stepped forward and offered to lend a hand. It's a shame too, because all that opening the Coffee House takes is someone to set up the card tables and chairs and to put the coffee pot on. Although some 25-30 people attend it each week, none has taken enough interest to help out. Dennis Coning has been doing a magnificent job, but he can't continue to do it alone. Sooner or later he is bound to burn out.

The Coffee House is a vital and necessary part of our community. Unfortunately, it really hasn't lived up to its full potential. Card games and ping pong are only the tip of the iceberg. The Coffee House offers space each Friday night that could be used for films, poetry reading, entertainment, lectures, workshops, etc. All it takes is for someone to take an interest and get things started. The fact remains, though, that unless we can provide someone to at least open the doors each Friday, the Coffee House will undoubtedly close.

So, how about using some of *your* potential to help the Coffee House fulfill its potential? It's a terrible thing to have shadows hanging over you at all times. Let's bring in some sunlight and keep the Coffee House from making like loose ceiling tiles. Let's keep it firm and secure.

(Volunteers can sign up for the night of their choice at the Coffee House.)

## Small Talks

### REVIEW OF THE #1 BEST SELLERS IN GAY/LESBIAN FICTION:

Based on the weekly score sheet kept by Wilde'n'Stein Books, the following were the most widely read books by Houston gays and lesbians over the past six months. *Tomcat* first hit the #1 slot for the week ending 21 Nov 81 and rode into the New Year to top the best seller list for that first week in January.

The second week of January saw an old favorite, *Catch Trap*, take the first position only to have *Tomcat* retake the top spot the third week. *Faultline* grabbed the #1 spot during the fourth week. *A Brother's Touch* immediately shot to the top during the fifth week of January after its late-January release and rode through February in the #1 position. It relinquished its spot after the week ending March 6.

A lack of new books and a lack of interest in Rita Mae Brown's *Southern Discomfort* swept Brown's old favorite *Six of One* into the #1 spot with her *Rubyfruit Jungle* taking the second spot during the second week of March. *Dancer from the Dance*, another old favorite, made it to the top that third week of March only to have *Tomcat* inch its way back to the top spot the last week of the month. *Making Love* was the top seller the first week of April, while *A Sand Fortress* took the second week. Upon release of *A History of Shadows* the third week, all stops were pulled and it stayed in the top spot through the first week of June. Gordon Merrick's *Perfect Freedom* sleezed into the #1 slot and remains there as of this writing.

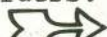
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\*My byline, "Small Talks," was suggested by Carl Hays, who seems to know what I do the most of. When I'm not talking on these pages, you can find me at Wilde'n'Stein Book's new location, 802 Westheimer. We also do mail orders. A handy order blank is included on the next page. 



INCOME

467.00 - Families and Friends  
 50.00 - Archives  
 24.00 - Memberships  
 10.00 - Donations  
 551.00 - TOTAL

I/H INCORPORATED  
 Treasury Report  
 May 1982

BALANCE  
 \$ 401.85 (5/1)  
 + 551.00  
 \$ 952.85

EXPENSES

\$ 40.00 - Postage  
 35.00 - Rent for Archives storage  
 75.00 - The Pride Parade entry fee  
 \$150.00 - TOTAL

BREAKDOWN:

Campaign Fund	\$ 20.00	- 150.00
Families & Friends	467.00	\$ 802.85 (5/31)
The Archives of Texas	16.44	
General Fund	299.41	
	\$802.85 - TOTAL	



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## The umbrella opens

Ten organizations have joined with I/H Incorporated as committees of the corporation as a result of the July 8 meeting of the I/H board of directors.

Under the proposed alterations in the I/H structure, these organizations would become the equivalent of committees under a common board of directors. Each committee would operate under its own procedures and guidelines as long as they do not conflict with the corporate purpose of I/H Incorporated - education.

This means that INTERACT/Houston and I/H Incorporated are no longer one and the same. INTERACT is now one of the committees under the I/H umbrella. This also means that once all of the legal technicalities are taken care of, each of these committees will fall under the tax-exempt status that I/H Incorporated has been granted.

The new committees include the Montrose Cloggers, the Montrose Symphonic Band, two new vocal groups under Andy Mills, the Gay Swithcboard, and Families and Friends of Gays, which has been operating under I/H for several months. These groups join INTERACT, the Gay Archives of Texas, and the Community Coffee House. CHE has also voiced interest in working with I/H in the future.

I/H Incorporated Treasury Report June 1982		Balance
<b>INCOME</b>		
\$ 5.00 - Families & Friends		\$802.85 (6/1)
48.00 - Memberships		
165.00 - Donations (General)		
50.00 - Coffeehouse		
\$268.00 - Total		+268.00 1070.85
<b>Expenses</b>		
\$ 63.17 - Newsletter/copy expenses		
120.00 - Film rental for GPW forum		
20.00 - Annual P.O. Box rent		
100.00 - Expenses for parade entry		
35.00 - Rent for Archives in mini-warehouse		
\$338.17 - Total		-338.17 \$732.68 (6/31)
<b>Breakdown:</b>		
Campaign Fund	\$ 20.00	
FFOG	472.00	
Coffee House	50.00	
Archives	(18.56)	
General Fund	190.68	
	\$732.68	

## Forum off until fall, try 'love' instead...

Because of the usual summer drop in forum attendance, the INTERACT forums will not be held for the rest of the summer. They will resume in the fall.

If, however, you are simply dying for some enlightenment about the gay lifestyle, we have a marvelous course for you to consider. Neill Scott is once again offering his "Improving Love Relationships for Gays," parts I and II, through Leisure Learning Unlimited. Although it is too late for you to catch part I until the fall, Neill will be teaching part II for three Mondays, 7:30 til 9:15 p.m., beginning on August 8. You are not required to take part I in order to take part II.

This is an excellent course for those who are either in a love relationship, or who plan on one eventually. Call Neill at 527-8596 or Leisure Learning at 721-7299. The fee for the course is only \$33.

For those of you receiving this newsletter before July 31, the Gay Archives need help moving its materials to the new location that day. The move will begin at around 11 a.m. and, if we have enough help, it should only take a couple of hours.

If you can help, please call Richard at 694-1732. Also, do not forget the Archives organizing meeting on Friday, August 6, 8 p.m. at the Community Coffee House. All are invited!

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## Interact dinner scheduled

The semi-annual membership "Congress" for the second half of 1982 will include a dinner for all Interact members and friends.

The meeting, to be held on Thursday, September 23, will feature a spaghetti dinner to be held prior to the business portion of the meeting. As an incentive to bring members to the meeting, members will be asked for only a \$1 donation to help to cover the cost of the dinner. Non-members and guests will be asked for a \$3 donation. The meal will be prepared by volunteers. (This is not a fund raiser. Contributions are requested only to help cover the costs of the dinner.)



Following dinner, Ned Parker, president of Interact, will give his version of the "State of the Union" address. Several proposed structure changes will be brought before the membership at that time, also.

Interact members will receive invitations to the meeting. The dinner is RSVP, so please call 694-1732 by September 21 to reserve your place. You need not be a member to attend. However, only paid members will be allowed to vote.

The dinner will include spaghetti, meat sauce, garlic bread, tea or coffee, and dessert. It will be served at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room at 3405 Mulberry. Dress is casual.

## Have we got a weekend in store for you!

Labor Day weekend will be a busy time for the gay community of Houston. Not only will Wilde & Stein Books and the Gay Archives of Texas hold their grand openings, but gay men and lesbians will be flocking to Houston for the annual Texas Gay Conference.

The Archives and Wilde & Stein will hold a joint grand opening "open house" on Friday evening, September 3 at their new location, 802 Westheimer. Special guest will be Aaron Fricke, who gained notoriety first by attempting to take a male date to his high school prom, and more recently, through his book, "Reflections of a Rock Lobster."

The next day, Aaron will join San Francisco Supervisor Harry Britt and National Gay Task Force executive director Lucia Valeska at the Texas Gay/Lesbian Conference to be held at Agnes Arnold Hall on the University of Houston Central Campus. The conference will include workshops, entertainment, and exhibits. Registration is \$20 at the door for the three-day event. (Friday through Sunday.)

Forget the beach this Labor Day. We've got plenty for you to do here! Bring a friend, or two, or three, . . .

GAY

CLOUT



## The long road to legality

We finally did it! As of Tuesday, August 17, sexual acts between two consenting adults, regardless of the sex of the individuals, are legal in the state of Texas.

It wasn't easy. The Texas Human Rights Foundation, which sponsored the 1979 appeal which led to U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer's ruling, has worked tirelessly toward this goal. It is to be commended for its efforts.

But efforts to repeal the "sodomy" statute, section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, have been going on for years. Our predecessor organization attempted in 1973 to persuade sufficient members of the Texas legislature to decriminalize homosexual acts during the revision of the code which was then taking place. Our efforts were met with astonished laughter, giggles, and outright hostility on the part of our elected officials. Few bothered to respond to our questionnaire. Rather than decriminalized, homosexuality was demoted to a class "C" misdemeanor rather than the felony that it was previously considered.

Other efforts directed at our "good old boy" legislature met with similar responses. Whenever one of our friends brought the subject up on the floor of the House or the Senate, snickers and giggles met the attempt. It seemed a hopeless cause.

But along comes some individuals knowledgeable in law who, fortunately, decide to try a different route. They say, "Forget the red-necks in government. Let's try for our rights through the Constitution. That's where the clout really matters." And they were right.

Let's face it, folks. Political clout may help us in areas such as Montrose or Oak Lawn, but when you get outside of the cities, we need to look to other avenues. We are fortunate to have the Texas Human Rights Foundation and similar organizations on our side. Support them. If you don't, you are hurting yourself, and your community.



## Coffee House screens "Stein" film

This month's special event at the Community Coffee House will be a special videotaped presentation of "Gertrude Stein, Gertrude Stein, Gertrude Stein" on Friday, September 10.

This one-woman show features Pat Carrol in the starring role. Ms. Carrol played in Houston about a year ago during her road-show tour of the production.

This show should not be confused with another one-woman show, "Gerty, Gerty, Gerty Stein is Back, Back, Back", which has also been screened at the Coffee House. "Gerty . . ." featured Pat Bond of "Word is Out" fame.

The show will begin at 9 p.m. in the meeting room at 3405 Mulberry. As with all Coffee House events, it is free and open to the general public. The videotape is brought to you by Interact and the Gay Archives of Texas.

In other movie news, "Taxi Zum Klo," the German-made autobiography of a homosexual, will be playing at the Greenway 3 Theater. Several gay publications have given it a very high rating, so you might want to check it out.



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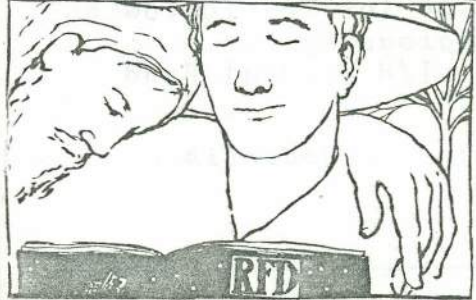
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### SUB-GROUP NEWS

*Families and Friends of Gays* - This group is really on the move. The *Houston Post* ran an excellent article on the group on August 13. As a result, attendance at the August 15 meeting was close to 30 people. Most of those in attendance were new to the group. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, September 19, 2 p.m., at 3405 Mulberry.

*Gay Archives of Texas* - Hopefully, the grand opening of the Archives will bring forth individuals interested in gay/lesbian history. Plans are being made to have the Archives staffed during certain days of the week so that the collection can be used by the public. Individuals wishing to work with the Archives are asked to attend a "get acquainted" meeting at the Archives on Sunday, September 12, at 2 p.m. Call Richard at 694-1732 for further info.

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### IDOLS

Past & Present  
 "DO IT!" Puzzle by Arlo

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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 in the example.

(Last names only)

- Tallulah Bankhead
- Montgomery Clift
- Bette Davis
- James Dean
- Marlene Dietrich
- Judy Garland
- Bette Midler
- Carmen Miranda
- Marilyn Monroe
- Miss Piggy
- Steve Reeves
- Diana Ross
- Donna Summer
- Tina Turner

Unlisted clue: Mae ?

I/H INCORPORATED

Treasury Report  
July 1982

INCOME

\$ 169.65 - FFOG Wine Sale  
120.00 - Donations to Archives  
12.00 - Interact membership  
\$ 301.65 - Total Income

BREAKDOWN:

Coffee House \$ 50.00  
Campaign Fund 20.00  
FFOG 301.86  
Archives 7.28  
General Fund 131.00  
\$510.14

BALANCE

\$ 732.68 (7/1)

+ 301.65  
\$1034.33

EXPENSES

\$ 41.17 - Postage (accum.)  
335.59 - FFOG GPW expenses  
4.20 - FFOG office supplies  
20.00 - Meeting space rent  
94.16 - Archives (Lumber for shelves)  
29.07 - Copy expenses/mailling labels  
\$ 524.19 - Total Expenses

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## CLINIC DIRECTOR TO ADDRESS INTERACT

Montrose Clinic director Robert M. O'Brien will discuss the role of the clinic in our community and the research that it provides at the October INTERACT forum to be held on Thursday, October 28.

The presentation, to be held at Bering Church, will provide an overview of the services that the clinic provides in the area of sexually transmitted diseases, including what it does and does not offer in those services. Research into related areas will also be discussed.



Karposi's Sarcoma, which seems to be very much on the minds of gay men these days, will be addressed. However, a spokesman for the clinic said that the so-called "gay cancer" is a late stage disease and the clinic is geared more toward detection of early stages of sexually transmitted diseases.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to join us for this informative presentation.

## ARCHIVES TO HOLD VOLUNTEER MEETING

The Gay Archives of Texas will hold a volunteer meeting on Wednesday, October 13, at the Archives at 802 Westheimer (Wilde & Stein Books).

The meeting, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. will consist of discussion and preliminary organizing of the volunteer staff for the purpose of setting up a schedule for the operation of the Archives.

"There has been a very good response to the opening of the Archives in the Montrose area," said Richard Burckhardt, a representative of the Archives. "We hope that some of the people who have voiced interest in the collection will continue their support by attending this important meeting."

All men and women, he said, who are interested in gay and lesbian history and culture are invited to attend.

The Archives were moved into their first operational facility in August. The collection was started in 1974 as the library of the Awareness, Unity, and Research Association of Fort Worth and was moved to Houston in 1976. They came under the wing of I/H in 1979. The collection currently includes around 900 books, hundreds of magazines from around the country and the world, several hundred news clippings, and audio and videotapes.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS HOST COFFEE HOUSE

The Community Coffee House is now being hosted by not only INTERACT, but also by several other organizations from time to time.

Organizations who hosted in September included the Montrose Cloggers, Families and friends of Gays and the Gay Archives. The Gay Switchboard will host on October 1. See related story on page 2.

## A THREE-YEAR-OLD EXPERIMENT

The Community Coffee House saw its third anniversary the last Friday in September. It's been an interesting three years, too. We started out three weeks before the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights in October 1979. It was a time of tremendous enthusiasm and pride. It seemed the perfect time to begin such a project.

The Coffee House began as an experiment aimed at providing some of the services that are normally provided by a gay and lesbian community center. It seemed obvious that all of the attempts at centers prior to that time were enormous (!) flops, so we decided to try our hand at a drop-in type of social facility that also offered occasional educational programs and films. We secured space through the generosity and cooperation of Bering Methodist Church and opened the doors in late September.

The first couple of years went very well. We are quite proud of some of the accomplishments that the Coffee House permitted. We had several educational forums and evenings of live entertainment that attracted good crowds. The number of regulars grew every week, as did the number of Bridge players. It seemed that the experiment was a success.

Unfortunately, the formula for the experiment was incomplete. The originators of the Coffee House began to drift away, either burned-out or moving on to other interests. It seemed that our formula lacked a way to renew itself. We couldn't seem to get new people involved in the Coffee House, thus the hosting duties began to fall upon the shoulders of fewer and fewer, all the way down to about three people, who soon began to feel the pressure.

But, alas, formulas can be corrected, so we have gone directly to the community. Our missing equation seemed to involve community action, so we have approached some of the other community groups about taking on the Coffee House once every two or three months. This, we hope, will provide a variety of activities for the Coffee House, as well as add a new meaning to the Community Coffee House.

This burst of fresh energy and new blood should be just the catalyst that the Coffee House needs to get off of the ground again. What we need is a new supply of that enthusiasm generated prior to the March on Washington three years ago. The Coffee House has tremendous potential. Our experiment has shown that. In order to carry it out further, though, we must rely on a new batch of scientists.

## BITS 'N' PIECES

*The Montrose Country Cloggers will be performing at a Shrimp Gumbo Supper to benefit Bering Church on Saturday, October 2 in the Activities Building at the Church. The dinner is being prepared by Joyce of Families and Friends of Gays. She is also office manager at Bering. Cost of the meal is \$5 and includes other live entertainment. The meal will begin at 6 p.m.*

*Carl, Richard and Walter invite you to a backyard get-together on Saturday, October 16. All members and friends of I/H and its sub-groups are welcome. Call 694-1732 for details and directions.*

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Arlo - features/puzzles

*INTERACT will be hosting the Coffee House on Friday, October 8. The special event for that night will be a videotape presentation of "La Cage aux Folles II" at 9 p.m. The film is free and open to the public.*

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## SUB-GROUP NEWS

**Families and friends of Gays** - The October program will feature a speaker from Aytz Chayim, the local gay Jewish organization. President Freda Jerrell and Treasurer Ann Moser led a very well received workshop at the Texas Gay Conference held at the University of Houston over the Labor Day weekend. Almost 100 interested persons from all over the state attended and there is talk of the FFOG helping to organize similar parent's groups around the state. Houston is the only city in Texas with an organization for parents and families of gay men and lesbians.

**Community Coffee House** - It looks like the Coffee House will be moving to a new location, though still at Bering Church. At this printing, the new space would appear to be in the Adult Education Building on Harold Street. It may be a little harder to find, but we hope to make it worth the effort with the help of some other local gay and lesbian groups. The reason for the move is that the Activities Building is the only place at the church that can withstand the tremendous workout that the Montrose Country Cloggers put out on Friday nights. This necessitates a move by the Cloggers into the Activities Building.

**Gay Archives of Texas** - The "Grand Opening" of the Archives last month was a great success. Attendance was excellent. We want to thank everyone who attended.

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 \$ 510.14 (7/31)  
 + 410.00  
 \$ 920.14

EXPENSES

\$ 35.00 - Archives expenses  
 3.82 - FFOG office supplies  
 10.00 - Postage  
 = \$ 48.82 Expenses

- 48.82  
 \$ 871.31 (8/31)

BREAKDOWN:

Coffee House \$ 50.00  
 Campaign Fund 20.00  
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## MONTROSE ART ALLIANCE FORMS

Around 30 people attended the first meeting of the newly organized Montrose Artists Alliance at the Fred Paez Community Service Center last month.

The organization grew out of the Gay and Lesbian Art Alliance (GALA), which sponsored yearly Gay Pride Week events. Roz Veccio, co-chair of MAA, said that she felt it was time that a permanent group for gay and lesbian artists be established. She stressed, however, that the group is open to all visual artists, regardless of sexual orientation.

MAA got off to a rapid start by organizing an art show at the Westheimer Colony Art Festival, just a little over a week after their first meeting. The exhibit was hung at the Paez Center, 401 Avondale.

Plans are being made to affiliate MAA with I/H Incorporated. As an affiliate of the corporation, contributions to the artists' group would become tax-deductible. Regular meetings have been set for the second Thursday of each month at the Paez Center.

*I/H affiliates are encouraged to submit items to this newsletter for publication. Copy deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication. Not only will over 300 people on the I/H mailing list receive your group's news, but so will around thirty publications around the country.*

*Remember, this is YOUR newsletter. Only YOU can make it work! Send your news to our P.O. box, or call it in at 694-1732.*

- editor

## INTRODUCING THE NEW COFFEE HOUSE

The "new concept" Community Coffee House has been a tremendous success. So far six organizations have sponsored this social alternative to the bar scene. These groups include the Montrose Cloggers, Families and Friends of Gays, the Gay Switchboard, the Montrose Symphonic Band, INTERACT, and the Gay Archives of Texas.

Although all of the community groups who have participated so far have been I/H affiliates, all gay and lesbian community organizations are welcomed as sponsors. Those who are interested should attend the monthly I/H Incorporated board meeting.



The Community Coffee House was started three years ago by INTERACT as a social alternative to bars. It was opened to other organizations earlier this year in an attempt to put meaning into the "Community" part of the name, as well as to try to provide more variety in the activities. So far, groups have shown films, held rap sessions, and thrown a Halloween party.

The Coffee House is held in the "choir" room over the office of Bering Church. The new accommodations include a lounge area and a greatly improved atmosphere.





## GETTING IT RIGHT

BY RICHARD BURCKHARDT

*This article is dedicated to those of you who cannot, no matter how hard you try, get the names associated with our organizations correct. (Media, pay particular attention please!)*

1. I/H Incorporated: This is the correct name for the umbrella corporation under which several of our community organizations operate. The name is *I/H Incorporated*, not *Interact/Houston Incorporated*, nor *Integrity/Houston Incorporated*, nor anything else Incorporated. There has never been, nor will there ever be an *Integrity/Houston Incorporated* nor an *Interact/Houston Incorporated* associated with our group.

2. INTERACT: This is the correct name for the educational sub-group of I/H Incorporated. It is *not INTERACT/Houston Incorporated*, nor is INTERACT a corporation. I/H Incorporated and INTERACT are only related in that INTERACT is an affiliate of I/H Incorporated, just as the Montrose Symphonic Band and Families and Friends of Gays are I/H affiliates.

3. Gay and Lesbian Archives of Texas: (Formerly the Gay Archives of Texas) This is the correct title for this collection. The Archives collective recently changed the name to include our lesbian sisters. Many people, however, tend to call them the Texas Gay Archives, which is not correct.

*I think that that will about do it for now, I hope that this will clear up any confusion that members of our community might have about these names. If there are other questions, I would be more than happy to hear from you. Even better, however, would be your actual attendance of some of the corporate and affiliate meetings and events. See the calendar or call the Gay Switchboard (another affiliate) at 529-3211 for meeting times and places.*

## AFFILIATE NEWS

● THE MONTROSE CLOGGERS are now meeting in the Activities Building every Friday night. They are also giving lessons every Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. for a minimal fee.

● THE MONTROSE SYMPHONIC BAND is meeting at the Activities Building on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Christmas will see their next major concert. See the community media for time and place.

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● THE GAY SWITCHBOARD is the place to call if you want information about community activities. Call them at 529-3211. They are also always looking for volunteers to train.

● THE GAY AND LESBIAN ARCHIVES OF TEXAS held their first organizing meeting on October 13 with 10 people in attendance.

## IN MEMORIAM

**HARVEY MILK, 1930-1978**, gay San Francisco Supervisor assassinated along with Mayor Moscone by homophobic ex-

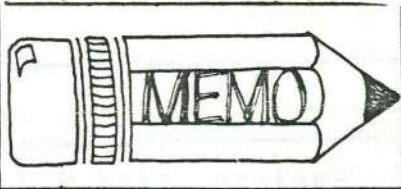


Supervisor Dan White. Milk, a maverick, had built a neighborhood coalition of minorities and was elected over opposition by the "gay establishment." He issued the call for the March on Washington shortly before his death, and the jury's virtual exoneration of the assassin led to the largest outpouring of gay rage in history.

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● **FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF GAYS** are continuing to meet on the third Sunday of each month at Bering Church. Past programs have included topics such as "Gay Jews" and a presentation on the Montrose Counseling Center. For more information, call 464-6663.



● The Fred Paez Community Service Center has called a community "strategy" meeting for Sunday, November 7, at the center beginning at 7:30 p.m.

George Barnhart, general manager of the center, said in a letter sent to community organizations that the session will be for the purpose of organizing a "think tank" for "planning strategies for the future."

Organizations planning on sending representatives are asked to call the center at 521-0196.

The Fred Paez Community Service Center at 401 Avondale was opened earlier this year by the Houston Human Rights League.



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INCOME

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 15.00 - Archives mini-warehouse refund  
 122.00 - Archives Tax-deductible donations  
 20.00 - Misc. Archives donations  
 24.00 - INTERACT memberships  
 53.00 - INTERACT dinner donations  
 124.77 - FFOG Fund raiser  
 20.00 - Coffee House donations to general fund  
 18.60 - Affiliate contributions to general (5%)  
\$ 647.37 - Total

Balance = 871.32 (8/31) + 647.37 = 1518.69

1518.69 - 479.08 = 1039.61 (9/31)

EXPENSES

\$ 27.05 - I/H Office supplies  
 20.00 - Meeting space rent  
 53.60 - FFOG Postage  
 40.00 - I/H Postage  
 52.43 - INTERACT dinner  
 18.60 - Affiliation fees (5%)  
 267.40 - FFOG printing  
\$ 479.08 - Total

Breakdown: Coffee House \$ 50.00  
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 Archives 193.18  
 General Fund 137.12



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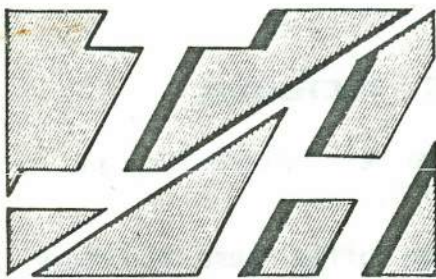
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## TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

The Montrose Symphonic Band, the Montrose Singers and the Bayou Blues Singers will be the featured performing groups in this year's gay community Christmas concert on Saturday, December 11 at Cullen Auditorium on the University of Houston Central Campus.

"Twas the Night Before Christmas" will be the theme of the concert. Tickets are on sale at Mary's, Kindred Spirits, Wilde & Stein Books and Union Jack for \$5. Tickets can also be purchased from members of the performing groups and at the door of Cullen Auditorium before the 8 p.m. concert.

The following evening, December 12, the Montrose Christmas Tree will be lighted in the 1000 block of Westheimer at 5:30 p.m. The tree lighting has become a tradition in our community. You won't want to miss it. There will be caroling, music and other entertainment and festivities.



## SWITCHBOARD CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

The Gay Switchboard of Houston will celebrate its first anniversary on December 22, 1982. The Switchboard has logged over 4000 calls during its first year of operation, providing counselling, referrals and information for and about Houston's gay and lesbian community.



The Switchboard is a totally volunteer effort. Operational hours are 6 p.m. to midnight Monday through Friday, 3 p.m. to midnight of Saturdays, and 3 p.m. to midnight on Sundays. (The Sunday hours will be expanded as more volunteers are added.) The next volunteer training session will be held in February, but interested persons are invited to contact the Switchboard at 529-3211 to reserve a spot in the program. Volunteers are required to go through several hours of intense training before they are scheduled to operate the phones.

A spokesperson for the organization said that the anniversary is especially important in that it proves that the Switchboard is a stable and permanent part of Houston's gay and lesbian community.

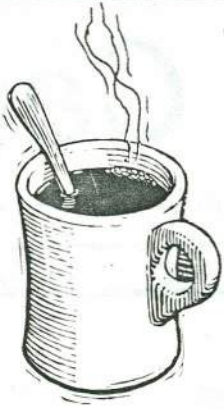
The Switchboard is an affiliate of I/H Incorporated and holds a seat on the corporation's Board of Directors. As an affiliate, all contributions to the Switchboard are tax-deductible. (Checks should be made to I/H Inc.) The Switchboard recently received a \$1000 contribution from the Colt 45s, a local gay male charity.

*The December INTERACT event will be the annual Christmas dinner for members of the organization. This year's dinner will consist of a buffet to be held in the meeting room at 3405 Mulberry on Thursday, December 16, at 7:30 p.m.*

*INTERACT members are invited to enjoy this special holiday festivity. Special guests will include leaders from other I/H affiliates.*

## CLOGGERS, INTERACT

### HOST COFFEE HOUSE



The Community Coffee House will present two very interesting and diverse evenings of entertainment and culture this month.

The Montrose Country Cloggers will host the Coffee House on Friday, December 3, in the Activities Building at 3405 Mulberry. Besides the regular bridge and conversation, the Cloggers will demonstrate the precise and fascinating art of clogging. If you haven't experienced the Cloggers in action, this is your big chance. The Cloggers are sure to bring the house down!

The following Friday, December 10, INTERACT will host the Coffee House in its regular location in the choir area above the Bering Church offices. The special event will be a showing of the film "Nijinsky," a biographical drama about the life of the famous ballet artist. The movie will begin at 9 p.m. and is free.

The Coffee House will be open regular hours on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. It will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.

The Community Coffee House is offered as a non-alcoholic social and educational activity aimed primarily at the gay and lesbian community. It is run totally by volunteers. All gay and lesbian - related organizations are invited to take part in the operation and development of the Coffee House and its programs. If you or your organization would like to host the Coffee House from time to time, please call Dennis at 528-1311 to schedule your date(s).

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## ARCHIVES TO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Gay and Lesbian Archives of Texas will begin limited public operations beginning the first Sunday in December. The collection will be available for public use each Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A spokesperson for the collection explained that these limited hours will be expanded as more volunteers become familiar with the contents of the Archives, which currently holds around 800 books, numerous periodicals from the U.S. and abroad, audio and video tapes, files on various organizations and subjects, a gay and lesbian button collection, and a number of other items of historical interest.

The Archives are housed in the Wilde & Stein Books building, 802 Westheimer. With the exception of the videotape collection, items may not be taken from the Archives. Videotapes can be loaned out with an appropriate security deposit and a minimal service charge.

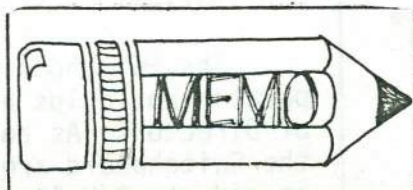


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The Archives were founded in 1972 by Adrian Cyr and Charles Gillis (Owner of Wilde & Stein) and the Awareness, Unity, Resource Association of Fort Worth. The Archives came under the I/H umbrella in 1978.



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*Singer/Songwriter Holly Near will be in concert at Rice University on Friday, December 10, at 8 p.m.*

*You won't want to miss this great performer, so be sure to be at Hammond Hall for the concert.*

# DECEMBER 1982

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## AFFILIATE NEWS

● Families and Friends of Gays have moved to the Presbyterian Center, 41 Oakdale, for their regular third Sunday of the month meeting. The meetings will continue to begin at 2 p.m.

● The Gay and Lesbian Archives of Texas will not have another group meeting until after the holiday season. However, individuals interested in using the Archives or volunteering to work in the Archives may stop by during regular hours, 1-5 p.m., on Sundays (except December 26 and January 2) and talk to Bob or Richard. If you prefer to phone, call 694-1732.

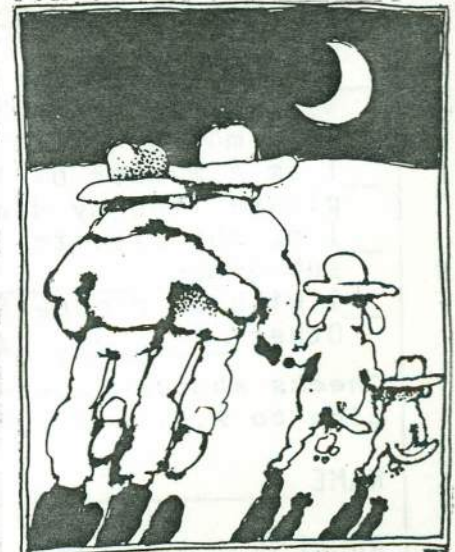
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 100.00 - FFOG Bake sale (partial)  
 13.00 - Affiliation fees to general fund  
 \$ 504.00 - Total Income

Balance 9/31/82  
 \$ 1139.61

+ 504.00  
 \$ 1543.61

EXPENSES

\$ 20.00 - Rent  
 184.50 - Copier for Archives  
 247.00 - Band expenses  
 10.00 - Postage  
 239.58 - FFOG Printing/postage  
 13.00 - Band affiliation fees  
 \$ 714.08 - Total expenses

Breakdown;

Band	\$ 00.00
Coffee House	50.00
Campaign Fund	20.00
Chorale	120.00
FFOG	499.73
Archives	13.68
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