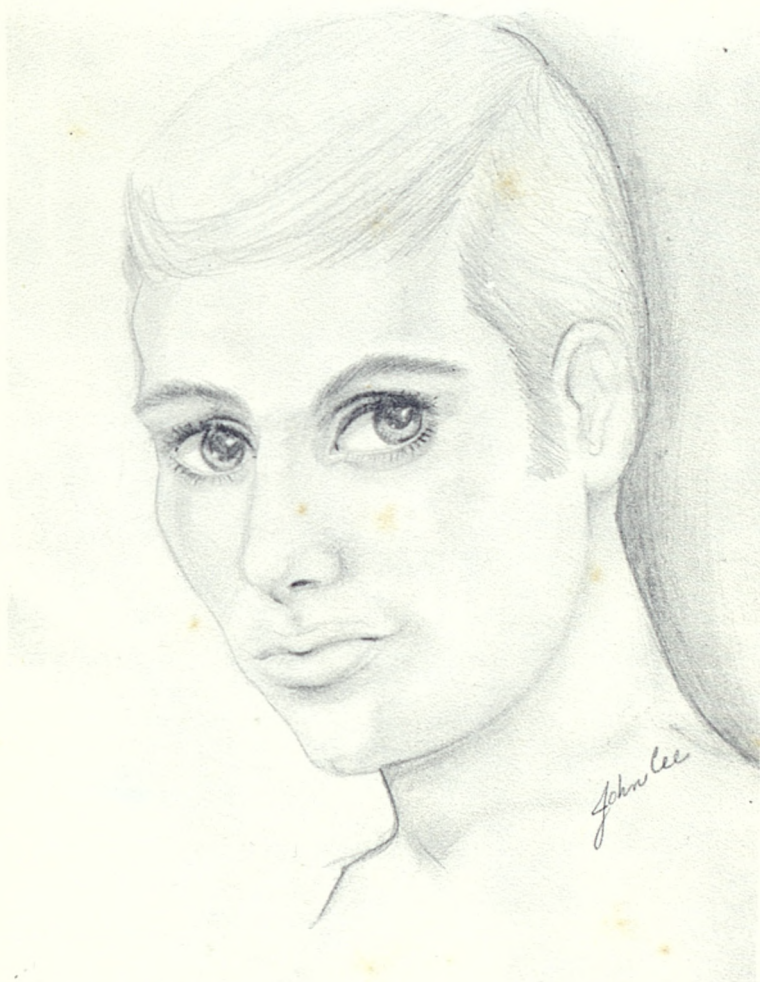


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President's Corner

MARC JEFFERS

Millions of words have been written in the past year about the importance of the electoral process for the continuing vigor of a democratic society. The Phoenix Society is no exception to the need for this manifestation of democracy in action.

This year, for the first time, some of the offices to be filled in the March 30 election are being contested by more than one candidate. Some individuals may be tempted to view this as an indication of divisiveness and dissention within the Society. I, on the contrary, believe this shows that within the membership are people who take the Society's work very seriously and have definite ideas about how this work should proceed. On the other hand, a shoo-in slate of hand-picked candidates is indicative of an apathetic membership.

The important matter this year

is that there are two slates of candidates. All members should make sure that their membership dues are paid up so they may vote for the candidates of their choice.

It is important that this campaign should not degenerate into a popularity contest. A candidate should be considered for an office on the basis of his qualifications, his past record, and his willingness to perform the duties of the office properly.

The future of Phoenix depends on you, the members, and the people you elect to lead the Society.



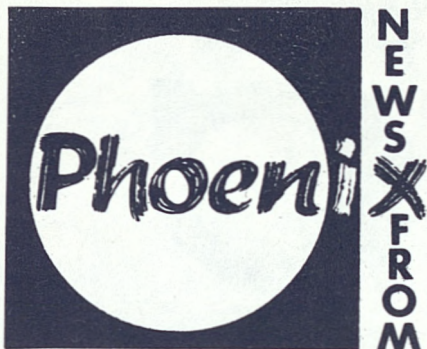
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Referral Service

Homosexual Advisory and Referral Counselling is the name chosen by the Board of Directors for Phoenix Society's referral service.

The telephone answering device has not been working properly, so volunteers have been manning the telephone evenings.

Anyone who needs information or referrals may call 561-9146 between 7 and 10 pm, Monday through Thursday, or Saturday.

Urban Plunge

Approximately 75 students came to Kansas City the weekend of February 14-16 to become involved with (rather than just to look at) "the urban, erotic, and racial aspects" of life. The "Urban Plunge" was sponsored by the University Christian Movement at the University of Kansas.

Homosexuality was chosen as one example of the erotic, perhaps because most people know so little about it. After visiting night spots catering to heterosexuals and then visiting several gay establishments, "Plungers" commented on the friendlier atmosphere of the gay spots and on the fact that it seemed to be the people in the gay places who were really enjoying themselves.

Race, violence, and dissent were other subjects touched on during the Urban Plunge. Speakers were the Rev. Sethard Beverly, pastor of the Church of God, Kansas City, Ks.; the Rev. L. Vann Anderson, Methodist Metropolitan Planning Commission; and the Rev. Phil Lawson, United Methodist Inner City Parish, Kansas City, Mo.

A Sunday afternoon worship service at Country Club United Methodist Church was a highlight of the Plunge. The Rev. Jim Donaldson suggested in his sermon that the best part of the service might be for the people at the front of the church (mostly Plungers and other young people) and the people in back (mostly local people, many of them members of the church) to get together. Anyone who saw the WDAF-TV news broadcast showing worshippers dancing to the music of the Mystic Number National Bank knows that the people did get together.

However, those who saw only the broadcast should realize that the dancing was only one part of a meaningful, worshipful service. It was important because it did knit together, at least momentarily, the two groups in the afternoon congregation. The liturgy led by KU campus minister Morni Leoni, the anthems "He Was a Friend of Mine" and "Brother, Where are You?" sung by Jinny, and Jim Donaldson's sermon were important elements in the service.

"The Urban Plunge," commented Phoenix member Richard Barber, "gave me more incentive to be involved with all aspects of life, to help improve the understanding of the homophile world we live in (and) to point out to others their importance in life . . .

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Question, ?

DID YOU TELL YOUR PARENTS ● WHY ●

a No. There would be a lack of understanding and communication between us. Since I do not live or work near my home there has been no need (or I have not felt a need) to tell them.

a Yes. I got tired of lying to them. Then, too, I love them and had never kept anything from them before, let alone something as important as this decision. Needless to say, they didn't like it. Hell, they hated it! But they're learning, and fast!

a Yes. But it was hell for them. I just felt I had to be honest with them. They've always been honest with me. But don't tell them unless you're of age. Then the hell's on your side.

a No, I did not tell them. My parents are very understanding and let me live my life as I want. I am positive that they know about me. Not only my parents but all of my friends, working companions, and most of my relatives.

a Yes. I was too open with my feelings.

a No. Because I don't want them to know.

a No. Sometimes the most loving thing is to let the ones you love believe what is easiest for them. My parents have conventional hopes and expectations for me and would have trouble understanding something which I also have trouble understanding.

a Yes! So I wouldn't have to go on lying and living a double life.

a Yes. My mother and I were always fairly close, and I know she would accept it. One reason too, she could tell my dad while I was away at school, and have a chance of making him understand without me around. It worked without any scenes.

a No. I thought my mom would understand, but I knew my dad wouldn't. My mom knows now, and accepts me. She found me in an undeniable situation. I don't think I'll tell my dad because he just wouldn't understand, and it would create too many problems.

a No. They told me.

a No! Why should I tell them something they already knew?

a Yes. Because they asked me.



FASHIONS by Phil

Fashions are truly individual, more so today than ever before. The doublebreast and pin stripes are definitely in now and are reminiscent of the 20's and 30's. Also the very futuristic suit is coming to the world of couture.

Mens fashions have changed more in the past two years than ever before. The everyday jackets are leather and suede with roll, stand-up, turtleneck, standard, Edwardian and Nehru collars. They have belts, buttons, flaps, and tabs on collars, waists, pockets and hem lines.

They range from the rugged masculine, stalwart to the sophisticated soft, sumptuous supple antique look. Colors are gold, copper, azure, grey, olive, antique France, and brown chrome.

The mock turtleneck will be in fashion more so this year than last. Also the cosack shirts are getting a big play along with the matching shirts with ties and scarfs. Lots of french cuffs are being shown again. Colors are gold, blue, red, black, lemon, green, raspberry, pearl, chocolate, tan, topaz, avocado grey and the brighter the better. The collars are spread long and pointed with tapered body. They run from lace and organza to heavy hopsack and corduroy, solids and prints in the gayest of colors, and by all means wear lots of ties and neck scarfs.

Pants are plaids, solids, stripes, prints and should fit well but not tight. The cuff is being revived, so be prepared. The cuffs are narrow or very wide. Also bell-bottoms are just groovie and comfortable, so be a swinger and wear them.

Fur—wear fake or real, whichever you like, and wear it often—on collars, cuffs, buttons, pockets, belts on casual wear or formal—but wear it.

Shoes are even more in fashion and come in many styles and patterns. They are square toed, rounded, pointed, or boxed, and the influence is Italian, Spanish, English, French, Russian, and American. They are buckled, strapped, laced, or slip-on with the hand-made look. Also color coordinated for your wardrobe.

Sophisticated simplicity is the key phrase to describe the new look in suits—the doublebreast, Edwardian period, Nehru, Napoleonic and futuristic. So wear what looks good on you and enjoy your new look.



M. M. MARSHALL

the ARABIAN NIGHTS

Future

A Short Story by Michael Pfleger

Bob, a Future Child, has been prepared by his companion, Randy, for the day when he and another Future Child, a girl, will have intercourse for the preservation of the race, although heterosexual intercourse normally is forbidden. Now we meet Bob and Randy's female counterparts.

Part II

Gerri's beauty was unmistakable. She had poise, and her manner identified her as a lady of the Twenty-Third Century. She was graceful as well as quick to move. Yes, she was probably the most exotic student Billie had ever known.

She was sent to Billie when she was four years old. Now she was fourteen. Ten years ago, one would never have believed that such a silly, clumsy child would ever grow to be as lovely and exquisite as the young woman now standing before the full-length mirror.

Billie was a few years older than forty. Firmly and beautifully filling the tight suit she was wearing, she hid her age smartly but not extravagantly. She was an excellent teacher, as far as the Government was concerned, even though Gerri was only her second Future Child.

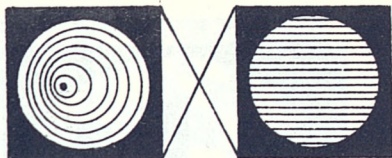
"Aren't you going to get dressed, Dear?" she asked the girl.

"Yes, in a minute."

The woman walked toward the child, stopped in back of her, and looked at their reflection in the

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Children



mirror.

"I've grown, haven't I, Billie?" the girl whispered, touching her small, firm breasts.

"Yes, Darling," the woman replied, joining the girl in her explorations.

"The young goddess smiled. "Am I pretty?"

"You know you are," Billie sighed, "but you must get dressed!" She slapped the youngster sharply, playfully, on her smooth, round behind.

"Ouch!" she cried, even though it really didn't hurt. "What's the hurry?"

"Have you forgotten, Child?" "Forgotten?"

"Today you're to...meet your man," Billie answered seriously. The girl's head jerked slightly upwards. "Today?"

"At four o'clock. You're supposed to be getting ready. I've got

to see that you get to the clinic on time."

Seeing the girl's disappointment, Billie went to her and kissed her forehead.

"Look, Honey," she coaxed, "it's only a one time thing. You'll go in, see the guy, have sex,... and nine months later you'll have a baby. You hand the kid over to the clinic, and that's that.... It'll be over before you know it."

Gerri was not convinced.

"Baby, I'll be right there waiting for you. It doesn't take long, believe me. You know I wouldn't lie! Not to you!"

"But I'm afraid!" Gerri cried. "It's stupid! The whole thing is idiotic! I don't want to have sex with a man. It's crude and unnecessary!"

"Wait a minute." Billie spoke quietly but firmly. "You know as well as I do why it's done. And it IS an honor to a Future Child."

Billie took the girl's hand in hers and continued, "The Government can't take a chance on another of science's blunders. If the test-tube children fail, then we'll have to resort to the old way of reproducing. Luckily, only ten people a month have to go through the ritual. We've progressed a great deal. Now, dry your tears and be a brave girl. I'll be right there waiting for you. Afterwards we'll go out to eat... somewhere special. Okay?"

The child nodded and sniffed, "Okay, but I still say it's stupid, and I'm not going to like it one bit. I'm not sure I'll be able to...well...to function!"

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Around Town

Eric Damon

The swingin' guitars of Dee and Terry and Aggie's boomin' drums add to the groovy fun atmosphere of **The Alternate** lately.

Skip Arnold is still holding forth regally at **The Colony**, along with singer Toni and organist Pat Bell.

THE SERGEANT: A Review

If Rod Steiger doesn't get an Oscar for his performance in "The Sergeant," it will amaze me.

John Philip Law's beautiful blue eyes and his simple "boy next door look" are no match for the forceful and dramatic acting of Mr. Steiger.

The "strictly by the book," loud mouthed, rough sergeant (Steiger) is transferred to a non-combatant unit and becomes deeply involved with a young soldier in his company (Law).

Using every means to separate the boy from his girl, Steiger, under a compulsion he cannot understand himself, eventually throws himself at the young man.

Though the naive innocence of

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STAR ☆
GAYZ ☆
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Pisces - Feb. 19 to Mar. 20

Pisces is the Emotional House of the Zodiac. You are sentimental, not very practical, and subject to moody periods during which you may be quite difficult to live with. Yet you are kind, sympathetic, benevolent, and a lover of peace.

Best Mates: Cancer, Taurus, or Capricorn. ☆

Aries - Mar. 21 to Apr. 20

You are impetuous, headstrong, and tend to be impulsive in love affairs as in everything else.

Being capable of sudden violence and great jealousy, Aries must always strive for leadership. Unless your partner is content to be led, trouble lies ahead.

Best mates: Libra, Leo, Sagittarius. ☆

Oklahoma City Revisited

After hearing several disquieting reports about the gay scene in Oklahoma City this past fall, we sent our favorite spy, Dean Triton, down there last month to check things out. Evidently everything's back to normal. Here's his very rosy (or lavender?) report:

Things are better than ever in the "Sooner Capitol." At present there are three groovy bars open to the gay crowd.

The Red Lion, at 4110 N. May Ave., is a 3.2 beer bar with a friendly, casual atmosphere. There is a pool table and a juke box, but the guys and gals (it's a mixed bar) aren't allowed to dance - even together!

The Jungle Pit, at 1217 N. May Ave., is primarily a girls' bar with 3.2 beer only. The bar has two rooms and three pool tables. This average "beer bar" can be a lot of fun.

It appears that the owners of The Jungle Pit are also going to open a private club soon on the corner of 12th and North May.

The Club, at 1724 N. W. 16th St., is THE bar in Oklahoma City. The interior is similar to that of an old English manor, complete with fireplace.

THE SERGEANT

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Law's character is hard to believe at times, it adds the suspense of wondering how long it will be until he realizes the reason for his sergeant's constant attention toward him.

"The Sergeant" is excellent, moving, and well worth seeing. Don't go in at the end. See this picture from the very beginning. You'll enjoy every shocking and suspenseful moment of it.



Out Of Town

Mixed drinks and beer are sold. Membership is \$2 a year, and admission is 50¢ for nonmembers.

All the young swingers go to The Club to dance on the patio - type floor or make with conversation on the sidelines.

We were over in **Topeka** last weekend and stopped in at the **Terrace Lounge**. We found it to have a very pleasant, friendly atmosphere. It's a large, dancing bar about the size of our Alternate. We met some interesting, groovy people there, and we highly recommend it for a fun change of scene. It is located on East 7th street just off Kansas Avenue. Don't forget, Kansas bars close at midnight.

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Current Events



Estelle Graham

Undefined Crime

Las Vegas: An "infamous crime against nature" is the crime of which Richard Powell was found guilty in Las Vegas in February, 1967. The elements of the crime were considered "so repugnant to the framers of the law," as a Tangents Newssheet puts it, "that they left the acts that constitute the crime undefined."

Powell is fighting the conviction on the grounds that "it is unconstitutional to try a person for a crime for which a criteria (sic) has not been set out in the statute."

The case is presently being appealed in the Ninth Circuit Court. Financial aid is needed, Tangents reports, and may be sent to Tangents, 3473 1/2 Cahuenga Blvd, Hollywood CA 90028, and should be earmarked "Legal Defense Fund."

— Tangents Newssheet #5,
Feb. 8, 1969

New Homosexual Group

New York: Homosexuals Intransigent (HI) is the name of a proposed new organization at City University of New York. Full members of the group will fore-swear anonymity; activities will include on-campus gay dances co-sponsored with other student organizations; and the group will

publish a lively gay publication, reports the New York Mattachine Newsletter.

Organizer of the group is Craig Schoonmaker, 127 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10024, telephone 799-5692.

THE PHOENIX joins the Mattachine Newsletter in commending HI for its approach to homosexuality "as a fact of life, a way of life, and not something to apologize for."

— New York Mattachine Newsletter, February, 1969

Dutch Urge Tolerance

Amsterdam: City of canals, bicycles, and narrow brick houses, but also city of priests in business suits, "provos," and acknowledged homosexuals.

The provos, the original flower people, were "killed" with understanding. Clashes between police and the "strangely dressed youths" accomplished nothing, according to an article by John L. Hess copyright by the New York Times Service, but authorities discovered that the provos disbanded and disappeared into society when they were confronted with tolerance and acceptance.

And now the acceptance is being directed toward the homosexuals. Church and social agencies are working to integrate homosexuals into Dutch society by attempting to get other people to accept them and by providing counselling for the homosexuals themselves, including "a sort of marriage counselling."

— Kansas City STAR, January 26, 1969



● **What is present military policy on homosexuals?** Anyone who is convicted of a homosexual act or who "exhibits, professes, or admits to homosexual tendencies, or associates with persons known to him to be homosexual" may be discharged from the services. Men or women confessing to homosexual relations while in the service are liable to undesirable discharges which put them at a serious disadvantage when looking for employment.

● **How do the services find out about homosexual activity?** From civilian police, through anonymous phone calls or letters, through official service investigations. The latter are often full-fledged witch hunts that incriminate large numbers of servicemen. The investigators obtain a few names to begin with and then persuade those questioned to name others. In one notable case a few years ago, about 300 seamen of different ranks were removed from an aircraft carrier with a complement of about 3000 men.

● **How are investigations carried out?** Agents of the Office of Special Investigations, the Office of Naval Intelligence, or the Criminal Investigations Division search personal possessions for incriminating letters, pictures, magazines, advertisements, etc. They may also check on names in address books. These professional investigators do an outstanding job of extracting information from accused men, ob-

taining their co-operation and placing them at a disadvantage. Though they may tell the accused of his right to remain silent or of his right to a lawyer, they do this in such a way as to make him feel guilty if he exercises these rights.

● **What specific techniques are used to obtain information?** The investigators suggest: "A lawyer isn't going to do you any good."

"This is a little matter you and I can straighten out between ourselves right here and now."

"Why don't you just tell us what happened and get it off your chest?"

"Telling us about yourself and what you have done will speed up the process of getting out; otherwise you will be around a long time."

SO . .

"Homosexuals are people too; they can't help being the way they are; there's nothing to be ashamed of; society's hostility isn't justified; you are a pretty nice guy; once you're out of the service everything will be O. K."

"We realize you are sick; come clean with us and we'll see that you get medical help."

"We have all the essential data; all we need to do is just fill in a couple of details."

"If you confess, everything will be nice and quiet; no one needs to know what has happened." (In fact, however, parents of a man under twenty-one are often notified that their son has been discharged for homosexuality.)

"We've got the goods on you and if you don't co-operate we'll throw

the book at you."

"If you don't confess, we'll go to your family, friends, and associates; then everyone will know you are a queer."

"After you get out you can have your discharge reviewed; and you'll stand a good chance of having it changed." (This is not true.)

The investigators also often employ the "good guy-bad guy" technique in which one man acts rough and tough and the other one sympathizes and tries to "help" the victim.

● **What can you do if an investigation begins on your base?** If you want to protect yourself or some other serviceman who is being investigated, get in touch with a homosexual civil rights group in

urged not to keep such names and addresses in their possession - Ed.)

● **What should you do if you are questioned?** REMAIN SILENT and ASK FOR A LAWYER. You have a legal right to refuse to answer any questions. You may ask for a military lawyer to defend you or for a civilian lawyer. However, not any civilian lawyer will do. He should be familiar with military law and be willing and able to handle your case effectively.

Probably over 90% of men convict themselves through confessions when the authorities do not have sufficient evidence for a case. There is no need for you to do the prosecutor's work for him. Remember that the investigators do not have your best interests at heart.

● YOU'RE IN THE SERVICE?

your area and they will try to get a lawyer to help you. There are about 40 homosexual organizations in the United States in cities like New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Cincinnati, Chicago, Dallas, Kansas City, Denver, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Seattle.

Four large groups are the Mattachine Society of New York, the Mattachine Society of Washington (D. C.), the Phoenix Society of Kansas City, and the Society for Individual Rights of San Francisco.

The long distance operator will give you the telephone number of these organizations. (There is a more complete list of homophile organizations elsewhere in this magazine, but individuals on active duty in the U. S. armed forces are

Beware their friendly advice.

After a confession is signed, there is little a lawyer can do to help you.

● **Why, then, do men confess and name others?** Because most people are used to answering questions when they are asked them.

Because a refusal to answer would seem to be an admission of guilt in itself.

Because men are ashamed of their sexual preferences instead of being self respecting.

Because they lack the moral courage and stamina to stand up under great pressure.

Because they believe false threats or false promises.

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INDIVIDUAL

Friend, dig within thyself a grave
And let it be
Wrapped in darkness, all alone
Where none may see.

There in eternal silence where
No eye may spy
Lay down the wrongs that you have borne
And let them lie!

And bury, too, the memory of
Your every sin;
Oh, bury them deep, and bring them not
To life again.

For not on things now past and gone
Does man exist
And joy comes not by weeping o'er
The things you missed.

— Anonymous

Why Do You Fear the Night?

Why do you fear the night?
Do you fear the darkness?
Or is it that you fear the chill that
seems to hint of death?

Or could it be the lust
covered by the darkness?
Or could it be the loneliness of
millions all alone?

— Scoop

EXPRESSIO

Scoop Phillips



Your eyes
twin lasers
burn into mine
the wall between us shatters
and you fill me with yourself.

— Anonymous

returning to the night the feast
was of your body. no other food,
i remember even then — feeling
with the length of it your short

duration. satisfying solitude,
laying the cornerstone with no plan,
a blue print only one white sheet,
the message of our entanglement,

the mess, as you would have said —
it is better that we had
no taste of real configurations,
no equator, or earth crossed love.

but tell me that my best attempt
was not good enough, was so far
only a geological experiment
not penetrating primal layers,

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will feed this ancient appetite
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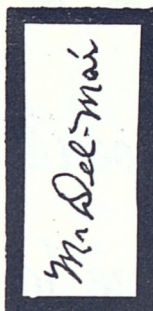
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1. We will uphold and defend the Constitution of the Phoenix Society for Individual Freedom, Inc. and abide by its purposes and objectives.
2. We will work for the advancement of the Homosexual in our own locality and in our nation in a responsible, orderly manner.
3. Realizing that the goals of the Phoenix Society cannot be reached in a day, we will work toward meaningful objectives with patience, sound judgment, and thorough understanding of the problems we face.
4. We will oppose any attempts to turn Phoenix Society into an avant-garde, new left, militant type organization.
5. We will at all times remember the great responsibility we have to our people, so that none of our actions or utterances will in any way be an embarrassment or a hindrance in their private lives.

MORE ACTION! ACTION! NOW!! ACTION!

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M. A. N.

The real issue in the forthcoming Phoenix Society elections is not the political orientation of the various candidates. (The M. A. N. Party has been characterized as "avant-garde, new left militant" by its opponents.) The real issue is who is willing to do the work necessary to make the Phoenix Society an effective organization.

A well-written constitution is meaningless unless dedicated, energetic and imaginative people are present to turn its tenets into reality. The M. A. N. candidates have shown they are willing to work to put Phoenix principles into practice.

M. A. N. recognizes its responsibility toward the members of Phoenix, but it also realizes that the responsibility consists of more than protecting the anonymity and integrity of the Society's individual members and exercising foresight and discretion in working toward Phoenix goals. These principles we have always adhered to and will continue to apply to all our official activities.

Just as important as these responsibilities, however, is the responsibility for improving the overall lot of the homosexual in our society through a dynamic series of educational activities aimed at the general public.

At the risk of being divisive, we must offer the opinion that our opponents' professed objectives of "advancement of the homosexual... in a responsible orderly manner" have too often — not always, but too often — been exhibited in their past performances in Phoenix activities as lethargy and indecisiveness. Virtually every night of the week M. A. N.'s candidates can be found at 1333 Linwood, working on THE PHOENIX, answering phone calls, conducting seminars, writing and typing letters.

Where have most of our opponents been? At home? Being "orderly"?

Toleration is not something that an ignorant public confers on an abused minority as a reward for being "orderly". Sympathy and understanding will come only when that minority is willing to engage the public in a continuing, meaningful dialogue directed at erasing fears and prejudice. We feel that this incessant dialogue is something that we owe our fellow members of Phoenix. This is what holding office in Phoenix Society for Individual Freedom, Inc. means to us.



O'CONNER'S CORNER

Leigh O'Conner

Lying here warm beside you, I am reminded not only of your beauty but of my life's past poverty. The way it used to be, the old way, the unbearable solitude. Long accustomed to loneliness, I was frightened by its absence. Brief moments of happiness fade quickly.

To me you are still a dream, and I am afraid of waking up... to have to face the world and life without you. I must touch you, even while you sleep, to remind me that you are real and not just a mirage of my love-starved mind and soul.

What are you dreamthinking? Where are you and what are you doing? Your eyes, smudged from last night's mascara, are moving under closed lids and I wonder what they see. Your hand lies limp and lifeless on my arm... lifeless except for the blood I can feel through your wrist telling me you're still alive. You continue to sleep and gently I kiss your forehead, your eyes, your mouth, and steal from you what you would take from me

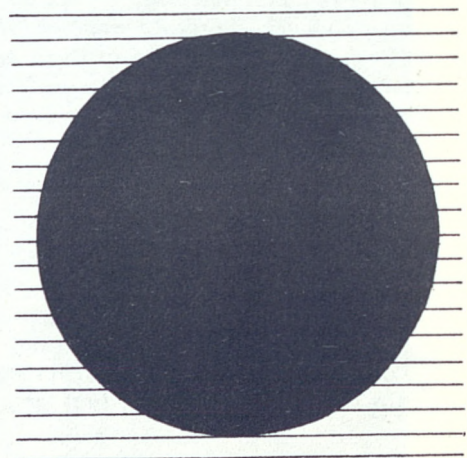
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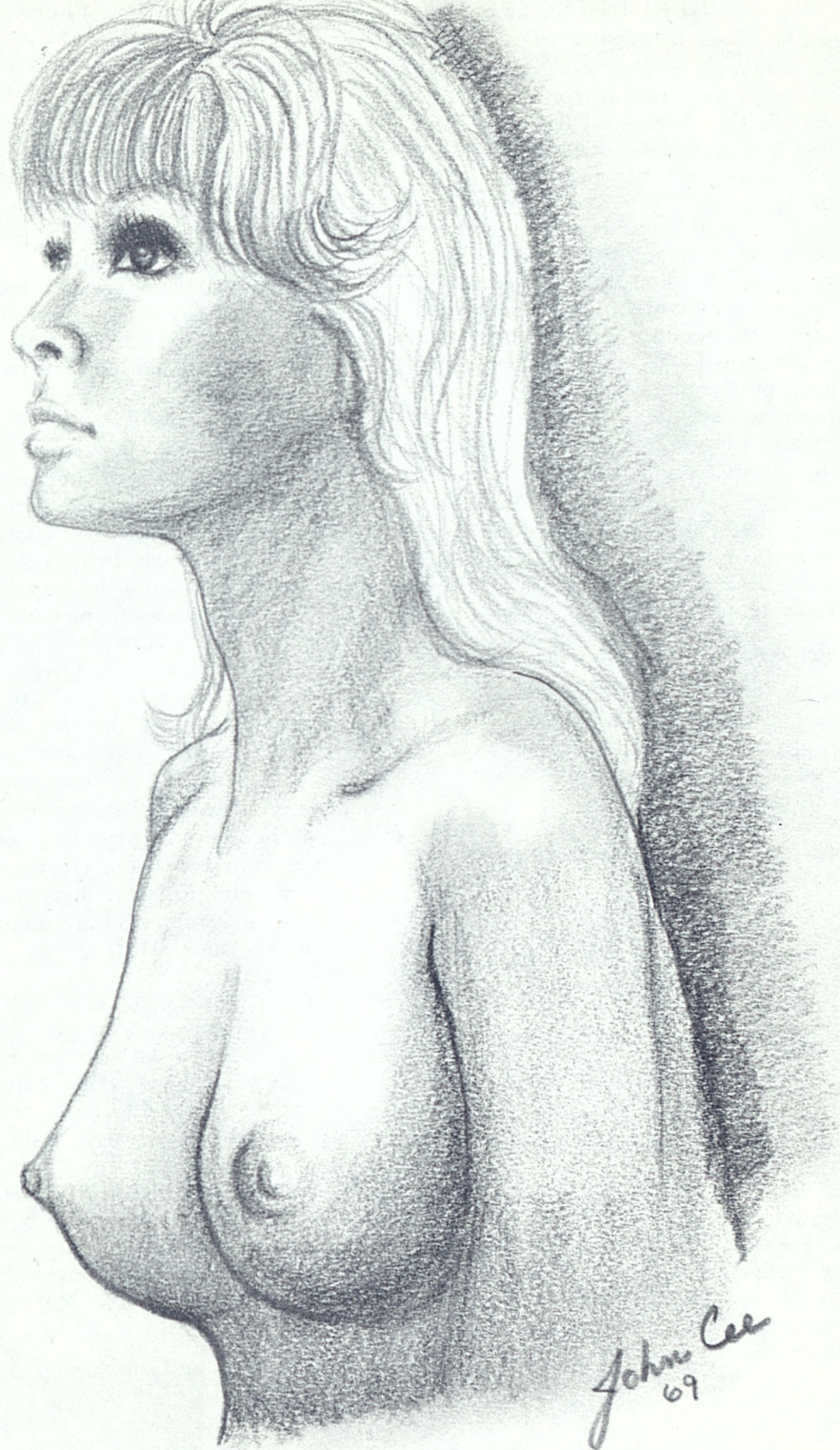
If you were awake I would try to tell you how I love you. My words would fail. Words — man's pitiful descriptions of undescribable emotions.

Would you believe my impoverished phrases? Lovewords repeated so often, by so many lovers, become pathetic jokes and lack credibility. How can I make you see I'm not joking... that I feel this morning the same as I did last night. The words came easier after drink, in the dark. Morning finds the old weight of shyness hanging heavily on my lips. But I still love you.

Can you feel my love when I look at you? When we cautiously hold hands between the seats at movies. When I say your name and touch your hair. When we kiss and make love. Do you then feel my unspoken love?

It is almost day now and soon you'll awaken and I'll have to let you go. We'll go back to our separate, individual cells. Back to "reality," the world, and other people. I don't want you to go. I'm so afraid. When you awaken will I be able to tell you how I feel, what I feel, or will my lips again be weighted down by silence? Will my aching throat be able to say it through love-choked tears? I love you.





SO . . . YOU'RE IN THE SERVICE

(from page 14)

When it comes to incriminating others, the chief difficulty is that America's homosexual community has not yet developed a sense of solidarity and of mutual responsibility.

But you should remember that about 40% of all servicemen have engaged in homosexual acts for which they might be discharged and that, according to the best statistics we have, about 10% of them are predominantly homosexual in their sexual orientation. For this reason alone, the policy of excluding homosexuals from the services is totally unenforceable. Moreover, if it could be effectively enforced, it would reduce the nation's military strength so drastically that it would have to be dropped.

● **What reasons do the services give for excluding homosexuals? It is frequently claimed that:**

(a) Homosexuals are security risks because they are subject to blackmail.

(b) Homosexuality is the manifestation of a severe personality defect.

(c) Homosexuals form cliques.

(d) Homosexuals are criminal and immoral persons who contaminate others and discredit the service.

(e) Homosexuals impair military morale and discipline.

However these arguments do not hold water, as a moment's reflection will show.

(a) First, it is the service regulations themselves which create the major blackmail problem. Without them, unmarried homosexuals would be less vulnerable to blackmail on sexual grounds than married heterosexuals.

(b) The preponderant opinion

among biologists, anthropologists, sociologists, and clinical psychologists is that homosexuality is not a sickness. Psychiatric opinion is divided on the subject, but the sickness theory is now strongly challenged as merely a modern rationalization of ancient moral and religious prejudices.

(c) Any minority group — Catholics, Masons, Jews, Negroes, Rotarians, etc. — may form cliques. The thing to do is to break up the clique, not to exclude the minority from service.

(d) The American Law Institute favors dropping the laws against homosexual relations between consenting adults in private. One state (Illinois) has already made this change. American religious groups are now beginning to support law reform and some are now seriously questioning the view that homosexual conduct is immoral.

(e) Undoubtedly there are a few men who are upset by the presence of homosexuals just as others are upset by Negroes or Jews. But it is at least arguable that homosexuality (like heterosexuality) may on balance contribute positively to military morale. Finally, homosexuality is an offense against discipline only because military regulations make it one.

America's ten million homosexuals form one of the nation's largest minorities. To condemn this group to prison, to harass it through questionable police tactics, and to exclude it from public employment is foolish and inequitable.

As far as military performance goes, statistics show that over 98% of homosexuals serve without difficulties on the score of their sexual preferences. Many have served with distinction.

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NEWS FROM PHOENIX

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I dug deep into my own way of living and realized I had never yet fully lived, I had never fully loved, I had never fully understood. Now I am beginning to live, to love, and to understand."

When asked what myth had been exploded for him over the weekend, one straight participant answered, "The myth that gay people are queer."

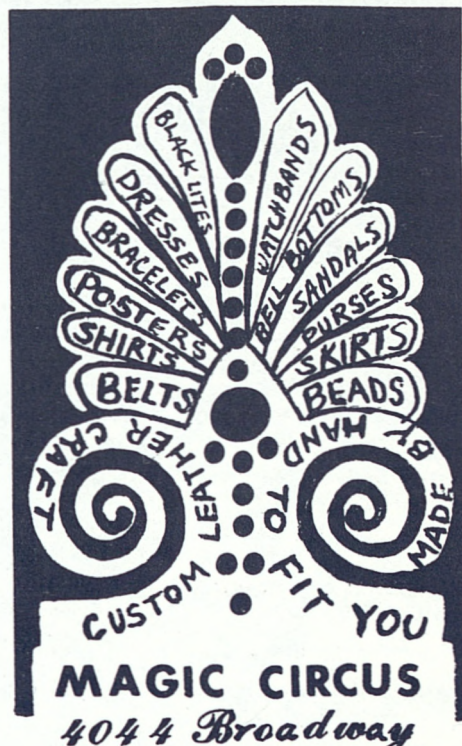
Leaders of the Plunge plan to meet with Phoenix participants to evaluate the weekend and to discuss ways to make any later Plunges more effective. Anyone who has suggestions or who is interested in participating in a later Urban Plunge should contact, Marc Jeffers, Richard Barber, or Chris Gordon at 561-9146.

Annual Meeting and Election

Declared candidates in Phoenix Society's election, to be held Sunday, March 30, are: Marc Jeffers, the only candidate for President; Eric Damon and Richard Barber, candidates for Vice-President; Bob Owens and Scoop Phillips, Secretary; Tim Novigradhe, Treasurer; and Dean (Chuck) Triton, Michael (Mickey Ray) Pflieger, and Chris Gordon, Director.

Political ads appear elsewhere in this magazine. According to the Society's By-Laws, all nominations shall be made from the floor, and previously undeclared candidates may be nominated on March 30.

The place of the meeting will be announced. Plans for a dinner to precede the meeting are incomplete. Members who wish to attend the meeting but not the dinner may do so.





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Daughters of Bilitis (L. A. Chapter), P. O. Box 727, Manhattan Beach, Calif.

Mattachine Society, Inc., 348 Ellis St., San Francisco, Calif.

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National League for Social Understanding, P. O. Box 14171, San Francisco, Calif. 94114

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One Incorporated (National Headquarters, ONE Institute of Homophile Studies, Los Angeles Area Council) 2256 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90006

PRIDE, P. O. Box 2067, Hollywood, Calif. 90028

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Tavern Guild of Southern California, 11012 Ventura Blvd., Studio City, Calif. 91604

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Institute of Social Ethics, 119 Ann St., Hartford, Conn. 06103

Student Homophile League of the University of Hartford, 119 Ann St., Hartford, Conn. 06103

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Washington Area Council on Religion and the Homosexual, P. O. Box 5618, Washington D. C. 20016

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Mattachine Midwest, Inc., P. O. Box 89, Chicago, Ill. 60690 Telephone (312) 334-2244

ONE of Chicago, 100 N. La Salle St., Rm. 1015 (mailing address P. O. Box 62, Chicago, Ill. 60690)

MICHIGAN

ONE in Detroit, P. O. Box 7926, Kercheval Station, Detroit, Mich. 48215

MISSOURI

Phoenix Society for Individual Freedom, Inc., 1333 E. Linwood Blvd., Kansas City, Mo. 64109 Telephone (816) 561-9146

MASSACHUSETTS

Mattachine of Boston, c/o 4 Champney Place, Boston, Mass.

NEW YORK

Council on Equality for Homosexuals, P. O. Box 179, New Hyde Park, N. Y. 11040

Daughters of Bilitis, P.O. Box 3629, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10017 telephone (212) 565-8865

Homophile Youth Movement, c/o Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookshop, 291 Mercer St., New York, N.Y. 10003

Mattachine Society, Inc. of New York, 1133 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10010

Mattachine Society of New York (Syracuse Chapter), P. O. Box 16, Syracuse, N. Y. 13210

ONE in New York, 41 Fifth Ave., Suite 4-E, c/o Erickson Educational Foundation, New York, N.Y. 10003

Student Homophile League, 202 Earl Hall, Columbia University, New York, N. Y. 10027

Student Homophile League of Cornell University, Anabel Taylor Hall, c/o Daniel Berrigan, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850

West Side Discussion Group, P.O. Box 502, Cathedral Station, New York, N.Y. 10025

OHIO

Cincinnati Homophile Organization, P. O. Box 1493, Cincinnati, Ohio 45201

Cincinnati Mattachine Society, P. O. Box 625, Cincinnati, Ohio 45201

Dayton Mattachine Society, P. O. Box 104, Riverdale Station, Dayton, Ohio 45405
Telephone (513) 275-2009

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Council on Religion and the Homosexual of Delaware Valley, 1230 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19107 Telephone (215) LO 3-5100

Homophile Action League, 34 S. 17th St., Room 2-B, Philadelphia, Pa. 19103

Homosexual Law Reform Society, 1230 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19107 Telephone LO 3-5100

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Circle of Friends, P. O. Box 9737, Dallas, Texas 75214

Dallas Council on Religion and the Homosexual, 3133 Inwood Rd., Dallas, Texas 75214

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Tidewater Homophile League, P. O. Box 623, Norfolk, Va. 23501

WASHINGTON

Dorian Society of Seattle, P. O. Box 799 Seattle, Wash. 98101

Female Education Movement—The Third Thing, 4037 Dayton Ave. North, Seattle, Wash. 98103

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The above list includes all known active North American homophile organizations.

FUTURE CHILDREN

(from page 8)

Against the gray sky, the clinic rose like a giant sugar cube. Perfectly square and crystal white, the building looked like nothing but what it was, a clinic.

As the sleek aircar carried them closer to the clinic, Bob spoke. "I'm sorry about before," he said to the older man at the controls.

"Don't start that again!" the driver yelled. "Just sit there and keep quiet. I've got to think."

After a while, the older man continued, "So you really think you're going to like this?"

"I don't know, Randy. I'm not sure," the boy answered. "But I want to do it. I think it's just as natural as having sex with...you, for instance."

"Look, I'm going to give you a piece of advice!" Randy spoke severely, turning slightly pink.

He paused to pull into the parking zone of the clinic. When they stopped, he turned to the boy.

"Bob, if you want to stay safe and away from the Straights' Mental Institution, get these ideas of sex with women out of your head. They're ridiculous and insane. You just HAPPENED to be a Future Child. For you, this is a DUTY, not a PLEASURE! If you can't get these crazy thoughts out of that small brain of yours, don't involve me in them. The least you can do is wait until your stay with me is over. I don't want to be near you any more than I have to. Not now anyway.

"What you'll do with the Future Child they'll give you today is beyond me," Randy continued. "I just don't care. But when you go in that room with that girl," he said bitterly, "you'd better remember

what I've told you. . . . Act, if you must, but show those doctors you hate this whole thing. Let them know that this is the last thing you'd ever want to do. And remember, I meant what I said. I won't be responsible if something goes wrong. All right, let's go!"

He opened the door, then turned to the young man again. "I don't know, you must be SICK!"

(to be concluded next issue)

SO . . . YOU'RE IN THE SERVICE

(from page 24)

Present military policy is ill-advised, unenforceable, unjust, and discriminatory, and should be changed. Witch hunts should be stopped immediately, and anonymous or malicious accusations against servicemen or women ignored.

As in civilian life, laws against homosexual relations between consenting adults in private should be regarded as dead letters until they are repealed. Only in those rare instances where force or coercion is used should homosexual conduct be a matter of concern for military authorities.





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