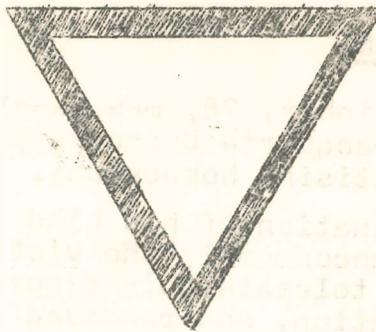


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NEWSLETTER



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FOOTBALL MATCH GAY LIBERATION v SOCIALIST WORKERS ACTION GROUP (S.W.A.G.)

Organized by the people from Monash-it won't be a traditional game. Our team of dykes (and a few valiant queens) will play football like its never been played before. All you bastards who promised to play had better turn up-bring your own uniforms. The Reds are waering Red tee-shirts (no less) so obviously we can wear anything outragious or Ockerish we can dredge up. All those not playin really should turn up to root for their team -so to speak. A well pø prepared Cheer Squad is desperately needed, although we do already have a trainer to run oranges at half time. Since this is our first non-Friday night social event, we are hoping for a good attendance, as it'll be a real hoot. (we beg your indulgence on our starting to sound like Society 5.)

Basic Information: Sunday, July 1st. 2.00p.m. at Crawford Oval, Princes park (behind Melbourne Uni on Royal Parade.)

FOOTBALL PARTY

Wind down after the match, at a party at Di Minnis's place, and maybe meet th Reds you bashed at the match during the day. They're Trots after all so they can't be all bad.

Basic Information: Sunday, July 1st. 8.00pm. onwards at 63B Wattle tree Rd. Armadale 50 cents admission, food supplied, grog for sale,

SOCIALIST YOUTH ALLIANCE ON GAY LIBERATION

This Thursday S.Y.A. is having a discussion on GAY LIBERATION, its aims, relevance to them etc. etc. Lots of Gay liberation people are going, as it could be very worthwhile for us and them.

Basic Information: Thursday, June 28th. 8.00pm at 240 Queensberry st. Carlton.

SEXUAL LIBERATION DAY AT MELBOURNE UNI.

This will include a homosexual/womens supplement in Farrago, a Forum, with Gay Liberation/Womens Liberation speakers, rap sessions etc.

Wednesday, July 25th all day at Melbourne uni.

REPEAL ALL ABORTION LAWS!!!

Demonstrate for the repeal of all Anti-Abortion laws.

This Saturday morning, June 30th, 11am. at the City Square.

GAY LIBERATION DANCE.

We're not sure of the Venue at present. It will be in three weeks approx.

Watch for leaflets, ads in Melbourne Times and Nation Review D-notices.

DANCE GROUP. DANCE GROUP

Meeting to be held at John Langworthy's to discuss the running of the dance, format, venues etc, and possibly other social events.

Wednesday, July 4th 8.00pm. at 587 King ST. West Melbourne.

CONTACT GROUP

Discussing Gay Liberation activities, business, finance etc. Every Monday night at 8.00pm. in the Union coffee lounge 1st floor. You can't complain that Gay Liberation is dying if you're not personally involved yourself.

FRIDAY NIGHT MEETINGS

The Friday night meetings from now on will be held in the Barry Humphries Room, Arts South, Melbourne University. Grog will be available at the pub across the road, and there Q will be a stereo too. Call it a Gay liberation party if you like. They should be much more relaxed and enjoyable than the meetings we have had recently in the Graduate Lounge. A map to the Barry Humphries Room is included in the news-letter.

GAY LIBERATION CENTRE.

We're still looking.....

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DISCRIMINATION

Jeremy Fisher, 28, was expelled from the Anglican residential college Menzies, at Macquarie University after he told the master, Dr. Alan Cole, he was a practising homosexual.

Discrimination of his kind (i.e. job discrimination) is not uncommon, but what is uncommon is the victims unwillingness to accept the institutions decision and tolerate this discrimination. Jeremy notified the press of Dr. Cole's action, and received a lot of publicity and support - not that he wanted to go back, but because he wanted to publicise another act of oppression against a homosexual. To come out publicly on T.V., radio and the papers is quite a brave and courageous act. It has given increased awareness to straight society of homosexual oppression, and importantly shown a homosexual who refuses to tolerate that oppression. It's nice to know the papers can report news which is relevant to homosexuals!

The college was demanded to recind it's decision and change its attitude to homosexuality (more on that) by the students council at Macquarie which, coincidentally, has a gay liberationist member - Jeff Hayles. This demand was backed up by the Builder's Laborer's Federation with a black ban on all construction work at Macquarie University until the student council's demand has been fulfilled. Jack Munday, N.S.W. state secretary of the union, must be applauded for this action, which, given the lack of support homosexuals can seek from the law, is unprecedented in regard to support of homosexuals.

Back to our oppressor - Dr. Cole. He regards homosexuality as "unnatural and to that extent a sickness". "A person could have homosexual tendencies and I would be perfectly prepared to accept that, provided he agreed to accept help and live a chaste life." Dr. Cole believed that "the dreadful perversion" would rub off on other people at the college. Dr. Cole is doing a service to Universities by hurrying up the secularisation of colleges. At least, unlike most of our oppressors he is honest - which easier to combat.

SCHOOLS

1. Brinsley Rd, Free school, Camberwell. A group of people went out to Brinsley Rd school last week, invited by one of the kids. We each took a group of kids and it worked really well - both for us and them. The small group idea is a very successful way to talk with school - kids on homosexuality - we had really free discussion.
2. University High - Two people talked to matric kids on Gay Liberation at a 'liberated Afternoon', We had planned to do a similar thing to what happened at Brinsley Rd - a group of us, talking to small groups. But the headmaster got paranoid - imagine if a group of queens and dykes dec ended on the school - forcing the students into homosexuality! and what about the parents! So we just sent along a queen and a dyke. The kids again were really interested.

Any teachers wishing homosexuals to talk at their schools? Anybody interested in talking on Gay Liberation at schools? Tell us on Friday night.

MISS TEENAGE VICTORIA

The gay women and a few gay men spent a very boring evening at the Miss. Teenage Victoria Quest in the Melbourne Town Hall. At the crucial moment, when the Governor was to announce the winner, a group of women stood up and screamed "THIS DISCRACES WOMEN" the chant was heard throughout the hall, even heard clearly on the live broadcast on T.V. and Radio.

INTERSTATE MOVEMENTS

*Adelaide Gay Liberation: is growing steadily, since the May National Conference there. They are now having regular Friday night meetings, a monthly dance and have formed C.R. groups.

*Brisbane: Twenty-four gays marched as a contingent in the Brisbane Labour Day Parade. This is the first time a group has marched as such in Brisy.

*Perth: The West Australian C.A.M.P. group held a demo in Perth recentl Thats all we know.

*Sydney: Sydney Gay Liberation was meeting at N.S.W. C.A.M.P. rooms in David St, Glebe, but C.A.M.P. has been kicked out because of legal /2

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hassles and the neighbours. Sydney Gay Liberation is holding its regular Friday night meetings at Sydney Uni and other places, until C.A.M.P. finds another home.

Sydney Gay Lib Newsletter: \$2 per year P.O. Box A76 Sydney South N.S.W.

DATES

Thursday 28th - S.Y.A. 240 Queensbury St, 8.p.m.

Friday 29th - Gay Liberation Meeting 8 p.m., Barry Humphries Room (see map).

Saturday 30th June - Pro-Abortion Demo, City Square, 11.00a.m.

Sunday 1st July - Football Match - 2.00 Crawford Oval, Princes Park. party 8.00, 63B Wattletree Rd, Armadale.

Monday (every Mon) - Contact Group 8.00 p.m., Coffee Lounge Union House, Melb. Uni.

Tuesday - Gay Women's Group 8.00 p.m. Women's Centre, 16 Lt. LaTrobe St, (every Tues.)

Wednesday - Dance Group, 8.00 p.m., 587 King St, West Melbourne.

25th July - Sexual Liberation Day - Melb. Uni all day.

6-8th July - Radicalesbian Conference, Sorrento.

Dance - approx 3 weeks - look for ads.

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RADICALESBIAN CONFERENCE

The first national radicalesbian conference, which has been organised by the Melbourne Gay Women's Group, will be held in Sorrento on the weekend 6th-8th July.

The venue is the Whitehall Guest House, 231 Ocean Beach Road, Sorrento. All interested gay women are welcome to turn up there on Friday night. The weekend will cost \$14.50 - including bed and food. However we have some money to help out needy sisters and we would ask anyone who can afford it to contribute some money - \$14 is too much for many of the people who want to come.

We would appreciate it if people interested in coming would let us know definately in the next week so that we can give the guest house an estimation of numbers.

Some interstate sisters may arrive early or want to stay for a couple of days after the conference. We don't know how many but if you can offer to billet some of them can you let us know. It is possible to catch a train to Frankston and from there a connecting bus to Sorrento. However we are meeting at the Women's Centre at 4p.m. and 8 p.m. to try to fit people in cars. If you have a car or need a lift turn up.

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The conference is fairly unstructured. It will depend on who turns up and if they want to give papers (or just sing feminist songs). Some papers have been promised and in general these will be concerned with establishing a radical lesbian consciousness. There will be other activities besides discussion - probably a party/dance on Saturday night, and anything else anyone wants to do.

Quite a number of people are coming from interstate and the conference will be important to the growth of radical feminism in Australia. It will be a good opportunity to find out what is going on in other states and to plan for future activity.

We can contact through the Women's Centre, 16 Little Latrobe St, city, ph. 3471564 or contact Jenny or Sue at 145 Argyle St, Fitzroy. ph. 4191092.

Handwritten notes:
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GAY WOMEN'S GROUP

The Gay Women's Group operates independently of Gay Liberation, though most members of the group are still very active in Gay Lib. as well as Women's Liberation.

We have meetings at the Women's Centre (16 Little Latrobe Street, City. ph. 3471564) regularly every Tuesday at 8 p.m. The group is growing in size.

The main concern of the group, as such, is radical feminism and working towards a feminist revolution. Since we became a distinctly feminist gay women's group we have been very active and cohesive. The group has a strong sense of rapport in discussion. This tends to intimidate some new people who, at first, may feel excluded. This is just because of the nature of the group. We do want to encourage women to join and we make an effort to make them feel welcome.

The Tuesday night meetings consist of planning for action, discussion of ideas and theory and writing necessary articles and leaflets.

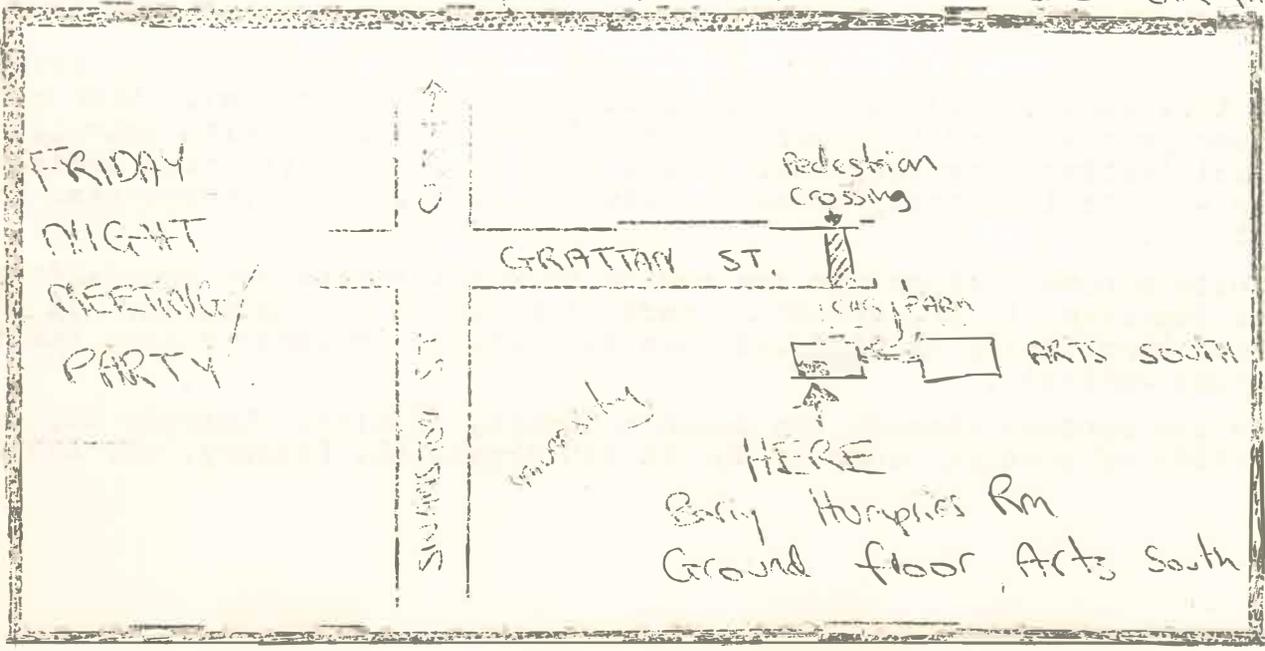
There is a consciousness raising group on Sunday nights. This is not a closed group at the moment and will probably split into two to accommodate new people soon.

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It seems that the radical lesbians from this group are always in the forefront of feminist action lately. At recent demonstrations gay women have been quite a large proportion of the demonstrators. A lot of the more radical feminist action has originated from the gay women's group. Attacks on sexist advertising and disruption of the beauty quest which have got a lot of media publicity lately were either organised or peopled by us.

The group is producing a collection of radical feminist writings (written largely by members of the group) and is putting out an edition of Robin Morgan's Monster - a collection of feminist poetry. Both will be out before the conference. We are writing a section for Jan Mercer's book on Australian Women, a sociology text book which will hopefully have a chapter on gay women (written by her) and a section on the gay women's group. In conjunction with this we will be writing and bringing out a Radicalesbians Manifesto. Recently the group has mainly been involved with organising the R/C conference, a report of which is included in this newsletter to raise money for the conference we took over most of the organising for the last Gay Liberation Dance and took some of the profits.

Consequently we had the idea of running a Women's Dance to be held after the conference. Women's Dances are quite common in the states, are an important aspect of a feminist revolution - they are part of the feminist culture we must establish to create that revolution. Any sister who wants to contribute to this dance/concert should get in touch with us. We feel this will be an important



③ GAY WOMENS GROUP (continued)

The ordinary Gay Liberation Dances, like every thing else in this sexist society, are run by men. If women are ever to become liberated we must control and run our own lives - including our own entertainments.

The group is also putting together a collection of leaflets and various articles from different journals to help inform people about radical lesbianism. We will probably be publishing a collection of papers delivered at the conference too.

Anyone interested in copies of any of our publications can contact the group.

Another activity we are involved in is speaking to different groups (high schools, unis, women's C.R. groups etc, about lesbianism and feminism! We have often found this to be a worthwhile experience.

Any gay women interested in any of our activities or who just wants to come along to a meeting is perfectly welcome

(apologies for this hand written section, but I can't type!)

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