

GAY LIBERATION NEWSLETTER.

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**SO LONG OPPRESSED
TOO LATE TO REMEDY
NOT EASILY FORGOTTEN
CAN YOU DENY ANY
GUILT ?**

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COPY of TELEGRAM sent to Mr DUNSTAN (in S.A.)
and Mr HAMER (in Vic).

REMEMBER Dr. DUNCAN!

MURDERED 10 / 5 / 72!

MEET for DR. DUNCAN DEMO (17/5/74)

at 7.00 p.m. at **CITY SQUARE !**

- SYMBOLIC LAYING of WREATHS

in the **YARRA & KISS-IN** to follow!

PLEASE bring some **FLOWERS !**

- THEN THE G.L.F. DANCE,

should be **'A REAL WAKE' !**

GAY LIBERATION!

-at 259 Brunswick St. Fitzroy.

-Telephone 41 4926!

GAY NEWS!

GENERAL MEETING

At the last general meeting it was decided to have regular general meetings. This was done for several reasons, mainly to make gay liberation more accessible to people and to provide a regular date and venue for discussions and meeting people. However emergency meetings can be held any time.

1st FRIDAY each month 8pm GAY CENTRE

Next general meeting FRIDAY JUNE 7th.

LAW REFORM

Special meeting to continue dialogue started between Gay Lib and Society 5
Discussion will probably focus on changing the law in Victoria, but is likely to broaden into the philosophies and activities of the two groups, and what we have in common.
8pm ; Centre Monday, May 13th.

GAY LIBERATION AT THE UNIVERSITIES

Gay Lib is starting up again at the universities. If you are interested in getting involved with Gay Lib at uni, joining a CR group etc. contact us at the Gay Centre or contact:

MONASH GAY LIB

c/- Neil Murphy - Farrer Hall

MELBOURNE GAY LIB

Box 85
UNION HOUSE

LA TROBE

there is some activity at La Trobe. If you know anything about it - let us know.

CENTRE CO-ORDINATOR

The idea of getting someone to co-ordinate the different activities and to do the shit work around the centre, was discussed at the last general meeting.

It would involve a couple of days a week - organising the roster, co - ordinating speakers at schools, answering correspondence etc.

The co - ordinator will be paid - we will decide how much at the next general meeting.
Anyone interested - leave your name at the centre.

MORE GAY NEWS!

NATIONAL U

A Gay Liberation issue of the student weekly NATIONAL U has been confirmed for JULY 15. The editor Franz Timmerman has given us full control of the content and layout of the issue. With a national circulation of 160,000 and the option of printing an over-run for our own use, the paper is a good medium for us to use.

Every one is welcomed to contribute articles, graphics, poems, photographs, anything and everything etc.

A balance of contributions from men and women would be highly desirable.

PLEASE CONTACT :

JOCELYN CLARKE 142 RAE ST' NTH' FITZROY

RAY BREARLEY 362 RAE ST. NTH. FITZROY

C. R. GROUPS

If you want to join a group - leave your name at the centre. There is a list on the notice board.

You will be contacted when there are enough people on the list to form another group. (yes, there is one, or two groups going already)

GAY COUNSELLING SERVICE

The Gay Counselling Service needs gays to help staff the centre and answer the phone. The centre is open every night from 8 - 11 pm and weekends. A fortnightly roster system is being worked out, ie. you would only have to staff the centre only once a fortnight.

The Gay Counselling Group meets every fortnight on Monday night at the centre. The next meeting is 20th of MAY at 8.00pm..

THE GAY LIB. PHONE NO. IS 41 4926

COUNSELLING GROUP OPEN CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING GROUPS

The Counselling Group is running two fortnightly CR groups. These groups are open to anyone who wants to drop in. The next meeting is Sunday 19th May at 8 pm

Men should contact John Holden on 347 5338

Women should contact Laurie Bebbington on 347 8596

GAY TEACHERS GROUP

Will be meeting early in June

CONTACT Barb Creed 489 7830

EVEN MORE GAY NEWS!

PUBLICATIONS

Anyone interested in working on the booklet on homosexuality for use in schools'

Contact: Barb Creed 489 7830

We are particularly interested in getting people to write about their school experience. This will probably be an unique publication for Australia and is meant as a serious effort to provide some very basic information on homosexuality and sexuality. Hopefully we would be able to have a reasonable quality printing and a large distribution.

A. B. C. FREE ACCESS PROGRAMMES

Gay Liberation can have TV time on ABV 2 People and ideas are wanted.

CONTACT Barb 489 7830

CONTACT Jocelyn 479 2695 (work sometimes)

BLACKWOOD WEEKEND

We have hired the two Melb. Uni. houses at Blackwood for the weekend MAY 24-26th.

Blackwood is an old goldmining town, about 50 miles from Melbourne - past Bacchus March.

The houses are in the bush and will hold up to 60 people. Bring a little food, records etc. it will probably cost \$1.50

If you want just come up for a night or a day.

Leave your name on the list at the centre or phone any night we will send out a map and a few details.

FILM GROUP

The film group is still going strong. Apologies for muck up with Duck SOUP, it will be shown at a later date as part of a double feature. Contact the centre for information.

Don't forget the special season OPPRESSION & LIBERATION see the last newsletter or phone or come to the centre, people should be there every night.

WOMEN & POLARIS INN!

Anight out with the boys

----- Polaris Inn, Sat.

8 p.m. -----a couple of chicks hanging outside the Polaris Inn. -----good news? Other chicks flittered around them in a breezy conspiring way. Good screws all night----- inside the pub 30 of them----- the strongest, toughest women i, ever saw. God, if my girl saw things like this she would freak! These bitches, but for a better rhyme to the phrase let me say witches, started joining up and chuckling and laughing, and singing- - - - and dancing and laying into some of my mates buying beer..
GODWhat Next ?

Next the cops. The boys quickly got into action. The first pair they caught just danced right into their arms Meat was flying everywhere. No mucking around here; they pulled the little ladie out by the hair like lusty primitives. GOOD ON YOU BOYS! Thank God for nature.

Lock up the sluts!!!! (where we can get at them---snigger, heh!) I reccomend the prize pig award to the proprietor for acting above and beyond the call of duty for really showing his balls ----- but he was intoxicated with something a little peculiar: He wretched a glass out of a girls hand just like an invisible snatch from a footballer who knows his game real sharp (and also knows the right umpires) Here is to you Bob !

Friday night a week later----- the public bar is now admitting women. So ladies and gentlemen come along and enjoy yourselves.

See you there,

Helen -----

FEMINIST NEWS/PAGE!

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON WOMEN IN TERTIARY EDUCATION.
MAY 18, 19 Saturday, Sunday
9 am - 5 pm
Melbourne University Union Buff.

The conference will focus on the questions -
WHY ARE WE HERE ?
WHAT DID WE FIND HERE ?
WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT ?

Any woman involved in a tertiary institution is welcome to come and / or give a paper on her own experiences and ideas for action .

(Papers should be approx. 10 - 15 mins. in length .)

About 90 women are coming from interstate and will need billeting so if you have some space (even if you can't come to the conference yourself) please let us know.

CONTACT : Penny at AUS (347 7433)
or Laila at SRC (347 3811)

P.S. The conference is free and there will be free food and CHILD MINDING FACILITIES .

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SATURDAY MAY 18th

8.00p.m.

FITZROY ECUMENICAL Centre

124 Napier St. Fitzroy.

featuring-

The SCREAMING HEAP.

WOMEN ONLY !!

\$1.00!

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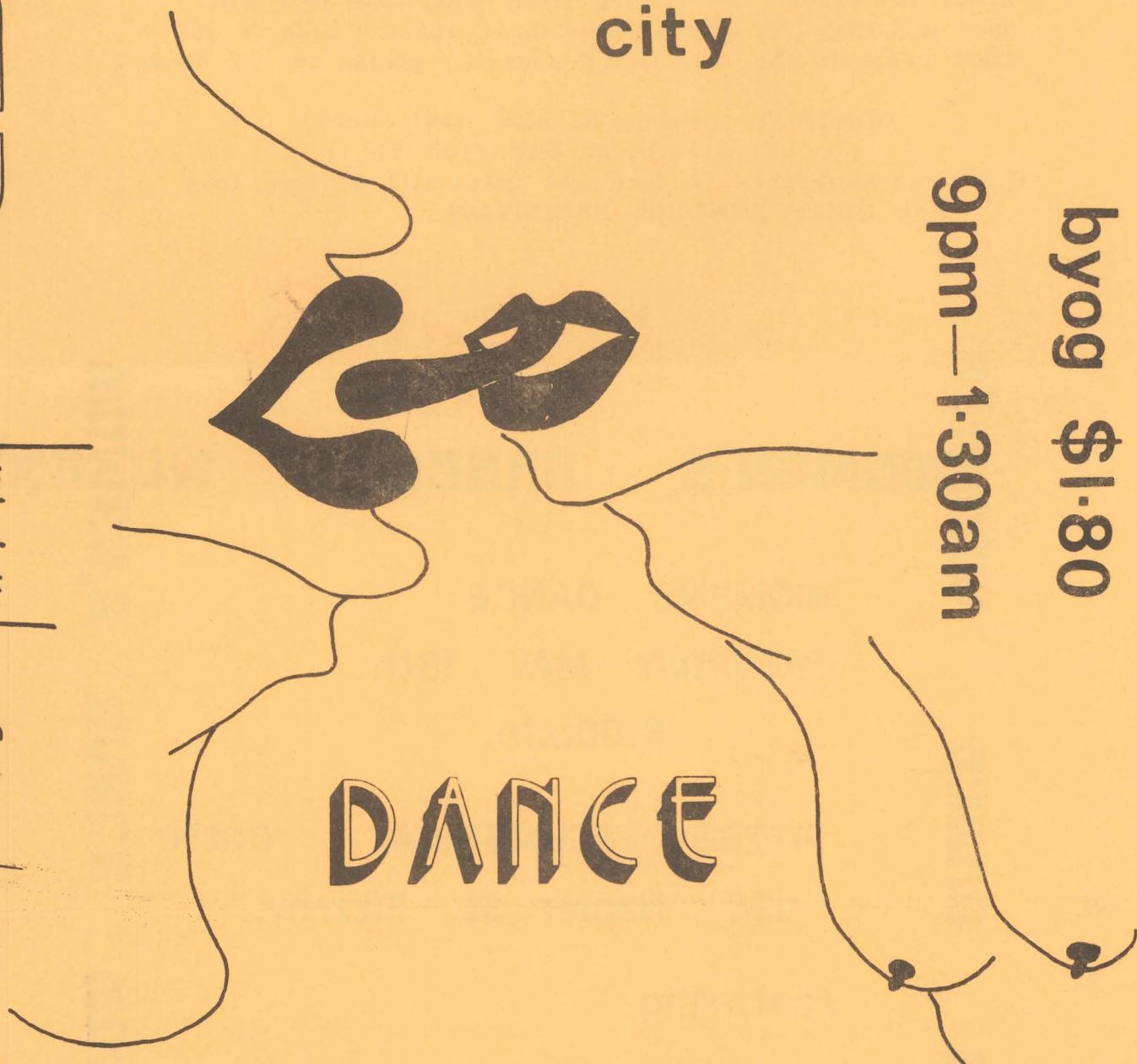
melbournian receptions
block arcade
city

byog \$1.80

9pm—1.30am

friday 17th May

DANCE



That implies many things:

"Queen's are their own worse enemies".

One of which is that women don't rate in the 'camp' scene.

True of False?

TWO. That 'camp' men are just as sexist as their straight counterparts

True or False?

THREE. It also suggests the presence of self-hatred (because we don't measure-up to straight 'ideals' of manliness & other destructive, perverted characteristics!)

True or False?

FOUR. A³transferral of that self-hatred onto other 'camp' people so that one doesn't feel quite so inferior. A pecking-order of 'who-is-more

-normal' is established & guess who is not on the bottom of the list?

LITTLE OLD ME SAYS YOU OR I OR WE'.

True or False?

FIVE. It suggests too that maybe we have other enemies.....

-who are they? THEY are the straights who complacently continue to oppress us by asserting their 'normalcy' in comparison to our 'sickness', exclude us as unorthodox from their / our families, distort us image-wise in books, films, newspapers, the Law, education, & HIS-story. This is an undeniable FACT & because the above 'Quote' still stands true in most 'camp' circles, I would say that we are falling into the trap of 'The MAN'.

We are being divided & conquered'.

N.B. We have to be open to change in ourselves before we can begin to notice it around us. Then & only then will we be able to appreciate it's revolutionary potential & the efforts that our society is making to detonate that potential. Revolutionary Sexuality whether it is Radicalesbian, Pan-sexuality, Gender-Confusion, etc. is one thing, it is not the rip-off of the new Glitter (Faggot-Ripp-Off) Consumerism !

SIX Things seem to have changed & straights seem to tolerate us more than they have in the past but how much of that is merely appearance?

The Homosexual Rights Movement was so strong in pre-Nazi Germany that the euphemism 'The Third Sex' was a household word. That did not stop Hitler & his crew from exterminating tens, maybe hundreds, of thousands of homosexuals.' (MEN! - Lesbians didn't rate with sexist, racist etc., Nazis!)

To change this we must ACT & we must be informed of OUR story not their version of it. That means BOOKS Or Magazines if you're without that sort of stamina.

We are getting together a library for that purpose, please use it! Suggest titles of relevant new books, magazines, etc. Donate new titles or extra copies of especially pertinent books. Return them to the library after use so that others can continue to circulate them. Books are sharings of experience & information, they are for EVERBODY, they do not belong to any one person, they are to be read, to be used, by one person then another & then another..... ad infinitum; they are wasted if they remain on the shelf !

A general book list of Gay & (ef)Feminist literature, fiction & Polemics & the literature itself, is available from the Dr. Duncan Revolution Bookshop as it is advertised in the Newsletter & the Nation Review. Contact them as they have so much that isn't available in the shops.

Some bookshops do stock some Gay & (ef)Feminist literature not necessarily the most exciting & hardly ever on display prominently ! But you can always make enquiries at the counter & get the BUZZ of making the shop-assistants realize that we do exist ! Try The Source in the Dandy Arcade, off Collins St; Spaceage in Swanston St.; Readings in Lygon St.; The Paperback & Whole Earth in Bourke St., the Parliament House end; & Hall's in the city & Chapel St., Prahran. Also pester your local newsagent for magazines such as Ms. & Body Politic, from the USA & Canada respectively.

READ ANY GAY BOOKS LATELY ?

After having enumerated the above 6 points I will suggest the following reading matter with reference to those 6 points:

1. Sappho was a Right-On Women ! by Sidney Abbott & Barbara Love. Read this one & don't limit yourself to the restricted view of Homosexuality

as a Male life-style. It isn't !

Then read the complementary book on the male scene....

The Gay Mystique by Peter Fisher.

- both are in Stein & Day paperback.

2. This is often openly stated or more often implied in most books on Homosexuality & the books on Lesbianism just coming into existence are a direct result of such sexism by men in earlier 'Gay' books. It has also prompted the more recent male writers on Homosexuality to openly state that they are writing about male Homosexuality & not about Homosexuality per se.

The Effeminate Manifesto which is available from the Centre deals with 'camp' sexism at length & is an interesting jumping-off point for further discussion if nothing else. The ideas are worthwhile but not analysed enough & hardly ever attempted at in a living situation by even the most radical Gay people. The Language is obscure & sometimes misleading.....

Maybe we should be writing our own Manifestoes? Per Gay Liberation, Gay or mixed Households, (?) Groups of Friends, etc.

3. Society & the Healthy Homosexual by Dr. Goerge Weinberg.

(A Double Day Anchor Book - Paperback.)

A brilliant book about the all-pervading 'homo-hate' in our society & why it exists & how & why it must change....

Why we don't tell our families, why they react the way they do, how to tell them so you will see them react more beneficially to all concerned.

4. We probably don't have to read anything in particular on this point, we could all probably write our own book on the matter. Or could we ?

Literature by the Radical Street Transvestites & Ethnic (Racial-Group) Gays would be worth reading but is hard to get at the moment. If there is enough demand from YOU then maybe we can get some from abroad or even front-up to those situations here & produce our own manifestoes etc. mmmmmnnm...??

5. Read the articles:

A Malady Come Upon You : WILFRED JOHNSON Pg. 45/

A Boy Scout Whistles & Smiles : GRAHAM DAVIS Pg. 95.

from the book 'The Twisting Lane - Some Sex Offenders' by Tony Parker in Panther Modern Society Paperbacks.

It will show just how sex taboos are enforced by the propaganda of censorship & distortion & also just how inadequate Law Reform has been to date. They will also make the reader aware of just how defenceless we are in law.

As the saying goes: 'Why Fucking 16 ?'

6. Did you see Sunday Bloody Sunday? When were you last asked to a social 'event' accompanied by your 'lover' ? Ever been asked 'When is a good-looking woman/man like you going to settle down & get married?' That takes care of the here & now. Read the Canadian Gay Newspaper Body Politic No. 11 1974 for a description of the SWAZTICA versus the PINK TRIANGLE. It is available from the Dr. Duncan Bookshop & the Centre.

Another book that I've recently got a fantastic Buzz of optimism from is The First Sex by Elizabeth Gould Davis which is to be obtained in American Penguin Paperback at Readings Bookshop. It's got a little bit of a spook in it for any complacent male & some for the not so complacent but WOWIE ! it's HER - story as they never told it in school ! It's a must. Fantastic.

Ciao! & Happy Reading !William.