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FIFTH FREEDOM

NEWSLETTER OF THE NIAGARA FRONTIER GAY COMMUNITY
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CHRISTMAS BUFFET

AND

DANCE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 9PM-1AM

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GAY GROUP FORMED IN ALFRED N.Y.

With a small amount of help from Mattachine of Buffalo, A gay group has been formed in Alfred, N.Y. The nucleus of the group are Alfred State University and Alfred University students. The first meeting was held Nov. 12, some weeks after Don Michaels and Laurel Hodkin of Mattachine had spoken on Homosexuality there.

The group has plans to meet regularly and to publish a newsletter announcing the group's existence and future plans. Their major objective for the near future is to raise the level of gay con-

Through its many diverse and concerted efforts, the Mattachine Society has helped make Buffalo a better place for gay people to be. To express your support, join our efforts by becoming a member. Dues are \$10 per year - stop by at the Community Center, 45 Allen St., or see our new membership chairman, Conde. Call 881-5335 for more information. Everyone and anyone is welcome to join. It's a chance to meet new people and get involved.

sciousness in the group. One method they plan to use is to invite as many speakers as possible to the campus. The male and female group has invited Laurel Hodkin to return to Alfred to do another speaking engagement and to answer their questions. If you have friends at Alfred, please let them know that there is now a gay group at Alfred.

MATTACHINE IS PLANNING AN
*****AUCTION*****

The date is still not definite. Anyone with donations for this Auction, contact the Center or bring donations there. Help make this auction the best yet!

MSNF MEMBERS: Elections for member-at-large will be held on Sunday, December 16 at the Mattachine General meeting at the Gay Community Center, 8PM. Nominations end on Sunday, December 2nd. Do your part and make sure you vote. Are your membership dues paid??? The office of member-at-large is a very important part of the structure of Mattachine. Be sure to attend this meeting. There will also be a program presented by the Buffalo Women's Center.

FOOD FOR GAYS

Mattachine has recently heard of the economic plight of several older gay persons living in Allentown. They have very little food and no money to buy the food for a proper diet. This situation is compounded by medical problems for a few of these people.

These people barely have enough food to get them through December. The Gay Community has already helped by collecting canned goods and contributions which were distributed to these people before Thanksgiving. What we ask is that this effort be repeated on a larger scale for Christmas and for some months beyond until these people can find a permanent solution to their problems.

Please help these desti-

tute gay people by bringing canned goods such as- peas, beans, meats and other nutritious foods to the Gay Community Services Center at 45 Allen St. on or before the Dec. 20 deadline for Christmas. The Center will be open from 1 PM-10PM as usual on this day. Contributions are also needed to buy fresh vegetables meats and other perishables.

If you know of any other truly destitute gay people who are in the same predicament, call the Center at 881-5335 and leave their name. We are limiting this effort only to those few gay persons who have the greatest need.

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In answer to this need, the Gay Community Services Ctr. has just installed a bulletin board in the main room of the Center at 45 Allen St.. If you have an apartment for rent

and/or are looking for one, just put a notice on the board and you'll get almost instant results. Help yourself and other gays by using this service. There is no better place to advertise.

FIFTH FREEDOM STAFF MEETING
 Thurs., 12/6-8PM at the Gay
 Community Services Ctr., 45
 Allen St. If interested in
 joining, please attend this
 meeting

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FEMALE IMPERSONATORS WANTED

The entertainment committee of the Gay Community Center wishes to get our act together, and try to make a better social life for our Gay brothers and sisters. We're looking for people interested in show biz, and who would like to show their talents. If you like drag and like to act it out to records, NOW is your chance for entertainment. If interested, please call the Gay Community Center 881-5335. You must be able to supply your own

drag (costumes), make-up and wigs.

We will be open to any suggestions such as monthly drag ball shows. They will tentatively be held at the Unitarian Church, Elmwood at W. Ferry. Your time and talent will be donated for the cause of keeping Gays together socially. Thank you.

The Entertainment Committee
----get involved NOW----

T. Tish
chairman

881-5335
45 Allen St.

BUFFALO GAYS ATTEND

The weekly Coffee House held at the Gay Community Services Center has been changed from Wednesday to Friday nights. Chuck Nevins is hosting the Coffee House -so contact him at 881-5335 if interested in helping to organize. The first Friday night Coffee House proved to be a great success. Friday night has turned out to be a more convenient night and will remain the night for the Coffee House at the Center indefinitely. An effort is being made to have live entertainment at the Coffee House in the near future.

Functions at the Coffee House vary from rap groups

to card playing, hobby projects, to catching up on the latest literature and messages at the Center. Make it a place to meet your friends and to get acquainted with new ones...a great alternative to the bars. On Friday nights, the Center is relaxed and set in a candle light atmosphere. Come and make some new friends. Everyone is genuinely welcomed...SEE YOU THERE. Friday nights 7PM to ?

Bobbi, Greg, and Melanie,
Get well soon...We miss you!

The following article is reprinted by the
FIFTH FREEDOM as a public service.

FEELING CRABBY?

If you've ever done battle with those pesky little creatures commonly known as crabs, you know what a nuisance they are. Live crabs and/or eggs are picked up from contact with bedsheets, underwear, toilet seats, etc. that have recently come in contact with someone who was infested. The favorite haunts of crabs are regions of the body covered with dense, coarse hair, i.e., the crotch and occasionally infest almost the entire body except the head. Each female lays eggs which are glued to hairs. Seven to ten days later the young emerge as miniature replicas of the adults. Under favorable conditions they will reach maturity in about two weeks. Once matured, the female lives 20 to 30 days and lays approx. 30 eggs during that time. Therefore, it is obvious that an original infestation with one or two crabs and/or eggs will soon result in a severe infestation because of the rapidity with which they breed.

If you get the crabs, you'll be able to tell, because they cause a biting itch and on close inspection they can be seen clinging on to you for dear life! The best remedy on the market today is a product called A-200. It kills not only the live crabs, but also destroys the eggs. And in comparison to the other products available is not at all messy or troublesome to use. Remedies such as alcohol and campho-phenique won't kill the eggs, and alcohol is not particularly good for the skin. Apply the A-200 liberally and we mean liberally- and like all over where there's hair on your bod (except the head in most cases). Generally, you'll need a whole bottle, but if you're really hairy it's advisable to use 2 bottles-just for safety's sake. Leave it on for 10 minutes or so, then take a shower. If you've soaked yourself well, that should do it. Then, rush to your nearest washing machine and wash all the clothes, bedsheets and towels you've touched - in HOT water.

Most drugstores sell A-200 for about \$1.25. And here's a little tip: for those emergency situations, keep a spare bottle in your medicine cabinet. There's nothing worse than finding out you've got crabs late at night - when there are no drugstores open!

The following is the continuation of a series of questions and answers about homosexuality. This series is reprinted from a booklet distributed by GAA (Gay Activists Alliance) in New York called "20 Questions About Homosexuality."

QUESTION #16: IS THERE REASON TO BAR
HOMOSEXUALS FROM CERTAIN
KINDS OF EMPLOYMENT?
ARE HOMOSEXUALS SECURITY RISKS?

Few suggest that we are less suited to high responsibility in science or government, or that our sexual orientation makes us more likely to indulge in loose talk. Indeed, the necessity for keeping their private lives secret has made gay government employees more than ordinarily discreet. Rather, the major argument for barring homosexuals from sensitive employment is that we are more subject to blackmail. But we are subject to blackmail because we can be fired for being gay and the obvious solution is to change the regulations. A U.S. court has ruled, in fact, that open homosexuals may not be removed from employment on "security" grounds, since there are no secrets for a blackmailer to uncover.

Despite the efforts to bar us from maximum-security jobs, it is clear that many of us have been so employed. And of the hundreds of cases in recent years in which sexual matters have led to treasonable acts, only a handful have involved homosexuals, while the vast majority have involved male heterosexuals, often under the spell of later-day Mata Haris. The fact that homosexuality is often associated with "communism" by American fanatics, and with "decadent capitalism" by fanatics in Cuba is sufficient to prove that the "security risk" fear has nothing whatever to do with reality, or with national security, but derives solely from the pervasive and irrational prejudices common to Western culture.

Mattachine Society of The Niagara Frontier now has re-prints of the booklet available at the Gay Community Services Center, 45 Allen St.

QUESTION #17: SHOULD HOMOSEXUALS BE
ALLOWED TO WORK WITH CHILDREN
IN SCHOOLS AND CAMPS?

ARE HOMOSEXUALS CHILD MOLESTERS?

All researchers on the subject agree that child molestation is primarily the work of neither homosexuals nor heterosexuals but of a distinct category of men (child molestation by women, either of males or females, is either extremely rare or, for various reasons, unreported) who are known as "pedophiles." These men are exclusively attracted to children, often without regard to their sex, and it is noted in all these studies that the majority of those apprehended for molesting young boys also have a history of molesting young girls.

Though some cases of child molestation are not committed by pedophiles, the myth that homosexuals are more likely to have such lapses of judgment and control is disproved by the statistics. These indicate that a greater proportion of heterosexuals is likely to attempt child-molestation, and that the percentage of males among children molested is considerably lower than the percentage of predominantly homosexual males in the population. It is also noted that the use of force, while fairly common among the molesters of female children, is statistically insignificant among the molesters of males.

Most molestation, incidentally, takes place away from a school or camp setting, and no greater percentage of males is molested in these sensitive settings. In fact, in the entire history of the New York City school system, there have been many reported cases of molestation of females, but only one case of molestation of a male. Homosexuals join heterosexuals in agreeing that young people as well as adults must be protected from unwanted sexual advances, and the idea that a homosexual teacher or counselor is less trustworthy is just another example of society's refusal to see gay women and men as responsible human beings.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Nov. 17, 1973

Editor, FIFTH FREEDOM
c/o Gay Community Services Ctr.
45 Allen St., Room 14
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Friends,

This letter is forwarded as the medium of thanking the many individuals who helped me so much during a recent period of serious problems.

Many of us have heard about the unity within the Gay Community yet perhaps felt it was remote, undemonstrated, invisible. I have seen it and personally experienced the rewards of such support.

Often we feel alone when trying to face problems, suffering threats, feeling insecure and lonely, trying to sort out our personal identity. Life's experiences tend to condition us to feel that no one seems to care about us and our tribulations--they are too wrapped up in their own interests to be concerned. So in doubt and fear we strike out to meet and hopefully solve successfully these situations.

When my life, my property and my business were threatened, coping with these threats seemed almost without solution. I found that a large number of my friends from Mattachine responded voluntarily and willingly. At their own expense, with possible harm to themselves, with identification potential--they demonstratively helped me. For realistic reasons I cannot identify them herein, but express as sincerely as I know how, my deep, truly heartfelt "THANKS" for this help. It will not be forgotten and should I recognize the call from someone else, trust I shall not be found wanting in similar response.

May all of us continue to grow and to manifest to the entire community that as people we do care about each other and are not without the compassion and understanding and courage to help when the cry is heard.

Most sincerely,

Peggie Ames
Peggie Ames

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CHRISTMAS DANCE & BUFFET

Mattachine and the Gay Community Services Ctr. will sponsor a Christmas Dance & Buffet at the Unitarian Church, Elmwood at w. Ferry. The Buffet will consist of cold salads and hors d'oeuvres. A donation of \$2.00 covers admission to the Dance & Buffet. Beer and pop will be available at 20¢ each. It will be held on Saturday night, December 15 at the Church from 9PM-1AM.

The Dance & Buffet is the third in a series of dances held by Mattachine since the

summer. Soon Mattachine will have regular monthly dances. Keep a look out for the FIFTH FREEDOM and at the Center for the dates and activities planned for each dance. One of the activities forseen are regular drag shows acted out to music. At this dance and at all Mattachine dances costumes are always welcomed.

If interested in helping at the dances or in planning for them, please see Tish who is the new chairman of the Social Planning Committee.



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Deep heartbreaking vibrations My heart breaks
But I still hang on my day will come
I have so much love and understanding
Within my soul, Lover I'm waiting
Waiting and my love for you will be true
As only I know how desperately the need of you means
I'm waiting lover to join in love's embrace.
If it means to die alone
Kiss me until I draw my last breath
I love you my love through life and all eternity
Let me kiss you Hello Lover my love.

Anonymous

Why
when there exists so much love
such an uncontrollably intimate warmth
a silent sobering void,
eyes pleading for the suppressed tears
whose absence sustains the perfect love?

The 'isms' of philosophical bickering
tread upon by a prophet
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- SUN., 12/2-8PM: Mattachine General Meeting at the Gay Community Services Ctr., 45 Allen St., you need not be a member to attend.
- MON., 12/3-12MID-3AM: "Sisters of Sappho"-Lesbian Radio Program, WBFO FM 88.7
- WED., 12/5-8PM: GLF meeting at Norton Union, U.B.
9:30PM: "Stonewall Nation" Gay Radio Program on WBFO FM 88.7
- FRI., 12/7-7PM: Coffee House at Gay Community Services Ctr., 45 Allen St., Everyone welcome.
- MON., 12/10-12MID-3AM: "Sisters of Sappho"-Lesbian Radio Program, WBFO FM 88.7
- TUES., 12/11-8PM: Mattachine Board meeting at Gay Community Ctr.
- WED., 12/12-8PM: GLF meeting at Norton Union, U.B.
9:30PM: "Stonewall Nation" Gay Radio Program on WBFO FM 88.7
- FRI., 12/14-7PM-?: Coffee House at Gay Community Ctr. 45 Allen St., Everyone Welcomed.
- SAT., 12/15-9PM-1AM: Christmas Dance and Buffet at Unitarian Church, cor. of Elmwood & W. Ferry. Costumes welcomed. Cold Buffet served, dancing, music. Beer & pop served. Donation \$2.00
- SUN., 12/16-8PM: Mattachine General Meeting at the Gay Community Services Ctr., 45 Allen St., you need not be a member to attend.*
- MON., 12/17-12MID-3AM: "Sisters of Sappho"-Lesbian Radio Program, WBFO FM 88.7
- WED., 12/19-8PM: GLF meeting at Norton Union, U.B.
9:30PM: "Stonewall Nation" Gay Radio Program on WBFO FM 88.7
- THURS., 12/20-8PM: Deadline for food & contributions for destitute Gays. Bring what you can to the Gay Comm. Ctr., 45 Allen St.
- FRI., 12/21-7PM-?: Coffee House at Gay Community Ctr. 45 Allen St., Everyone Welcome.
- TUES., 12/25: Season's Greetings from the FIFTH FREEDOM & Mattachine Society.
- * 12/16 Mattachine Meeting program to be presented by representatives from the Buffalo Women's Center.
- NOTE: Membership #241, 295, & 298 are expired for Nov. Please see me
Conde
Membership