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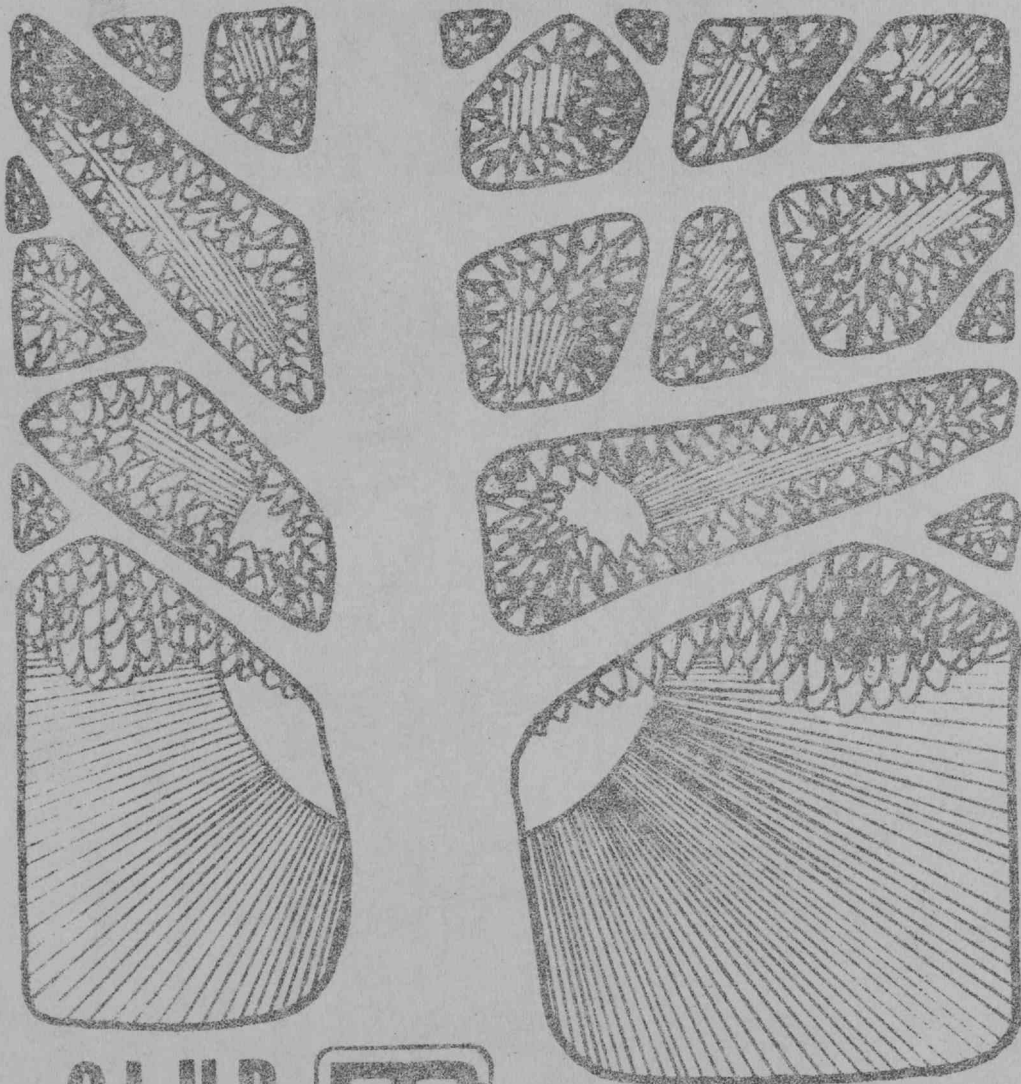
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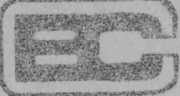
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ALL EVENTS EXCEPT THE PICNIC WILL BE HELD AT THE NEW GAY COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER, 1350 MAIN ST.

### MONDAY

June 17, 8PM: Transsexualism/Transvestism: Panel discussion on TS's, TV's, drags, female impersonators. Audience participation.



# Gay

## PRIDE WEEK

### TUESDAY

June 18, 8PM: "Gays as a Revolutionary Force:"  
The YAWF Gay Caucus will present a panel focusing on Gay people living under Capitalism and the role of gays in revolutionary struggle.

### WEDNESDAY

June 19, 8PM: GAYS AND THE MEDIA: symposium on the problems of gay access to media. Participation by representatives from major local media.

# Gay

## PRIDE WEEK

### THURSDAY

June 20, 8PM: LESBIAN/FEMINIST WORKSHOP. To present the relationship between Lesbianism and feminism on a personal and social plane. Also to be explored are the relationship of Lesbian/Feminist groups to men, going into the reasons for division and why the need of gay women to work in women's groups.

### FRIDAY

June 21, FOLK CONCERT: Gay Folk Singing Stars: Madeline Davis and Steven Grossman. Steven's new album--CARAVAN TONIGHT was just released by Mercury Records. Time: 8PM Admission \$2 Call or stop by the Center for details/tickets



# Gay

## PRIDE WEEK

### SATURDAY

June 22, 1PM: IMPROVISATION BY GAY POETS/SINGERS:  
workshop on gay poetry, gay singers and song-  
writers...participation by local talent.

9PM-3AM: GAY PRIDE WEEK DANCE, beer/pop  
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### SUNDAY

June 23, 12NOON: PICNIC at Ellicott Creek Park,  
Shelter #4, to last all day. Cars will leave  
the Center at 11:30AM.



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Come share your work with  
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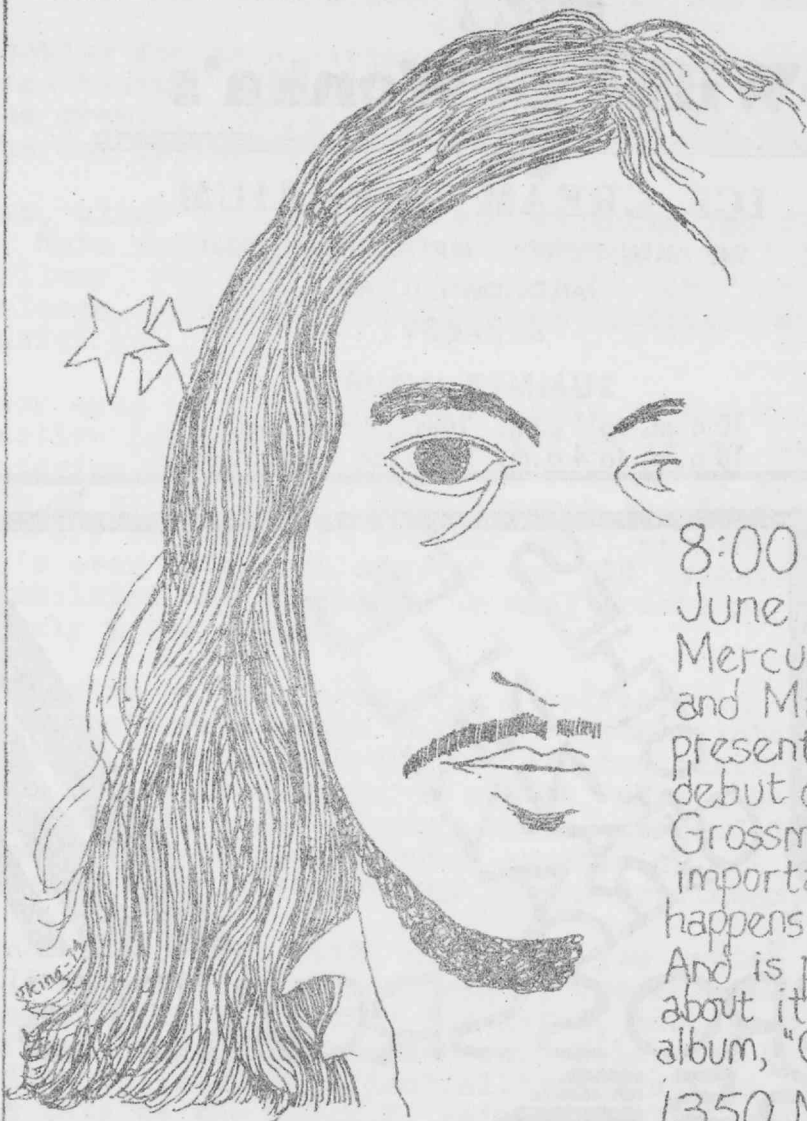
Saturday, June 22, 1974  
1:00 pm

Gay Community Services Center  
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for further information, call 881-5335 or 882-6898.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MON., 6/10, 8PM:** Gay Liberation Front Meeting, U.B. Norton Union, Room 232.  
**11PM:** "Sisters of Sappho" Lesbian Radio Program, WBFO FM 88.7
- WED., 6/12, 8PM:** Fifth Freedom Staff Meeting, G.C.S.C. 1350 Main St., 2nd floor.  
**9:30PM:** "Stonewall Nation" Radio Program, WBFO FM 88.7
- SAT., 6/15, 1-6PM:** GRAND OPENING NEW GAY COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER, 1350 Main Street, 2nd floor. FREE WINE & CHEESE. All welcome  
**9PM-3AM:** DANCE at the New Center featuring our new lighting and sound systems and a disc jockey!
- SUN., 6/16, 8PM:** Mattachine Program Meeting to launch Gay Pride Week. GUEST SPEAKER: Bert Hansen co-founder of the Gay Academic Union. Topic: Gay Male Chauvinism.
- FOR REST OF GAY PRIDE WEEK SEE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THIS ISSUE OF THE FIFTH FREEDOM**
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**11PM:** "Sisters of Sappho" Lesbian Radio Program.
- WED., 6/19, 9:30PM:** "Stonewall Nation" Radio Program.
- FRI., 6/21, 8PM:** GAY FOLK SINGING STARS IN CONCERT.....
- ...MADELINE DAVIS and STEVEN GROSSMAN:** Steven's new album CARAVAN TONIGHT was just released by Mercury Records. Tickets \$2. call 881-5335 or stop by 1350 Main St. for tickets.
- SAT., 6/22, 9PM-3AM:** GAY PRIDE WEEK DANCE at the NEW CENTER.
- SUN., 6/23, 12NOON:** PICNIC at Ellicott Creek Park, Shelter #4, to last all day. Cars will leave from Gay Center at 11:30AM.
- MON., 6/24, 8PM:** GLF Meeting U.B., Norton Union, Rm 232  
**11PM:** "Sisters of Sappho" Lesbian Radio Program
- WED., 6/26, 8PM:** Fifth Freedom Staff Meeting, G.C.S.C., 1350 Main St., 2nd Floor.  
**9:30PM:** "Stonewall Nation" Radio Program.
- SAT., 6/29, 9PM-3AM:** DANCE, G.C.S.C., 1350 Main St. 2nd Floor, admission \$1, Beer and Pop Available.
- MON., 7/1, 8PM:** GLF Meeting, U.B., Norton Union, Rm 232  
**11PM:** "Sisters of Sappho" Lesbian Radio Program.
- WED., 7/3, 8PM:** Fifth Freedom Staff Meeting, G.C.S.C.  
**9:30PM:** "Stonewall Nation" Radio Program.
- THURS., 7/4, Independence Day, Gay Center Closed.**
- SAT., 7/6, 9PM-3AM:** DANCE, G.C.S.C., 1350 Main St., 2nd Floor (over Motor Tire)



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Peggie Ames\*



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COMING OUT

In a dark and quiet stairway.....  
    two shadows reach  
Searching for inner strength,  
    or weakness,  
    in the other.....  
    two hearts reach.  
Impulsively a kiss says  
    "I understand.....  
    or wish to"  
Hopeless tears build in  
    christmas eyes  
Sliding without voice down  
    quivering cheeks  
Hands held tight  
Moisture mixes from  
    palm to palm  
Fingers tremble trying to find the  
    softest...smoothest...warmest  
    the most secure part of the other hand  
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