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McKuen To Aid Gay Rights



Rod McKuen

Singer-poet Rod McKuen joined the growing Dade County homosexual rights controversy, criticizing singer Anita Bryant as "a kind of Ginny Orangeseed spreading bigotry throughout the land" and announcing a series of benefit concerts around the state.

"I would ask those who may listen to Anita Bryant, "When are people going to stop taking it upon themselves to be policemen?" McKuen said. "I am not interested in Ms. Bryant's personal life and I am convinced that there are more constructive things for her to do than to infringe on the privacy of individual

ARKANSAS REINSTATES LAWS AGAINST SODOMY

The state of Arkansas has become the second state to reinstate its laws against private, consenting sexual behavior. Less than two years after it had repealed its sodomy laws as part of a general criminal code revision, Gov. David Pryor signed the reinstatement into law. Pryor signed the bill on March 17 after the State House of Representatives had approved sodomy law reinstatement by a 66-2 vote and the State Senate followed suite, 25-0.

The new law is the brain child of State Rep. W.H. Stancil (D-Fort Smith), a Fort Smith football coach. Stancil has made sodomy law reinstatement his personal crusade of the current legislative session after learning of the

American citizens."

Miss Bryant, spokeswoman for Florida's citrus industry, has formed a group called Save Our Children that gathered enough signatures in a petition campaign to force the Dade County Commission to call a special June 7 election on the homosexual rights law it passed earlier this year. The measure prohibits discrimination against homosexuals in housing and employment.

McKuen said at a news conference that he has cancelled several appearances outside Florida in order to campaign around the state.

"While the specter of Chairperson Bryant astride a galloping white horse as a kind of Ginny Orangeseed spreading bigotry throughout the land is certainly theatrical enough, the woman is dangerous," McKuen said.

McKuen asked if he was a homosexual, said, "I've been attracted to men and I've been attracted to woman. I have a 16-year old son. You put a label on."

Save Our Children spokesman Mike Thompson, called McKuen's comments "an hysterical outburst" and an "attack on Judaism And Christianity."

He called McKuen an "out-of-town carpetbagger."

McKuen denied he was a carpetbagger and said he had made frequent visits to the state over the last 15 years and provided college scholarships in state schools.

(Associated Press)

repeal this year. Stancil's original proposal would have made all oral and anal sex a felony, carrying a ten-year prison sentence. However, as revised the new law covers same-sex sexual activity and would make such activity a misdemeanor.

The main Senate sponsor of the bill, Sen. Milt Earnhard of Fort Smith, told the Senate, "This bill is aimed at weirdos and queers who live in a fairyland world and are trying to wreck family life."

The only other state which has reinstated penalties for sodomy is Idaho, which repealed its laws in 1972 only to reinstate them after a huge public outrage. An attempt in the Indiana legislature to reinstate that state's recently

"Out of the closets and into the workshops....could very well be the cry of this years' GAY PRIDE WEEK celebrations in Buffalo.

The Mattachine Society of the Niagara Frontier is presently organizing a wide array of conscienceness - raising workshops to be held during the week of June 11 thru the 18th. And in addition to developing your gay awareness, we'll be encouraging everyone to socialize with others...and there's no better place than the annual Gay Pride Dance, or picnic!

These are all important elements of GAY PRIDE WEEK '77. But let us not forget our theme carried over from past years: "Gay Visibility" This June's celebration should not go unseen by the homophobic majority in this

Gay on Human Rights Panel

New York Mayor Abraham Beame has appointed Robert Livingston as the first openly gay person to serve on the city's Human Rights Commission, which is charged with preventing discrimination based on race, sex, creed, and age in employment and housing. Although the city does not have a gay rights law at this time, the Commission would have jurisdiction in enforcing it should it be passed.

Livingston freely admits that his appointment is largely political, related to the upcoming election, in which Beame is expected to be opposed by Bella Abzug and Rep. Edward

city. We can think of a few ways to increase our visibility: Wear your Lambda patches/jewelry PROUDLY...pin those movement buttons on your shirts and wear them PROUDLY...let Buffalo know how important this week is to you.

Mattachine has planned the following events for GAY PRIDE WEEK '77: The 8th Annual Gay Pride Week dance; a Gay Identity workshop; a Couples workshop; a workshop dealing with Gays and alcohol; a "Chicken" workshop; a troupe of drag entertainers from Canada with a presentation; an outdoor picnic with softball and volleyball for all; and a free roast rib dinner!!

More events are planned. Times and locations will be printed in the June Fifth Freedom, and area bars.

Koch, both strong supporters of gay rights. "Of course my appointment is related to the election. It's about time the mayor figured out that there are gay votes out there. It doesn't bother me. My own feeling is that gay people have got to learn to play politics like anyone else. It's better to be on the inside than to be outside on the steps. My hope is that members of the city council will read the shift in the winds. I want to use the powers of my office to convert those who have been less than supportive towards us."

(Gay Community News)

in this issue

In this issue of 5th Freedom we conclude "Whip Me, Beat Me: Variations on a Theme", by A. Earl Hershberger. Since this issue is only eight pages, we are cramped for space and could only run a few of our monthly features. We will return to twelve pages with our next issue in early June: a special Gay Pride issue.

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repealed laws failed in committee by a 6-4 vote during this session of the legislature.

The primary reason for both the Arkansas and Idaho reinstatements is that sodomy repeal has often been carried out as part of general criminal code revisions. Many legislators have voted for the revisions without apparently realizing that the revisions left their states with no laws against homosexual sexual relations.

Only two states of the nineteen that have repealed their laws did so in an actual vote on the issue of private, consenting sexual activity. California did so last year in a close vote and Wyoming repealed its laws overwhelmingly during this year's legislative session. (Gay Community News)

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EDITORIAL

ON SUPPORT GROUPS

Unlearning to be "men"...learning to be human: this is what gay liberation and human liberation have to offer males. To be "men" is to be competitive, sexist, ungentle, insensitive, unemotional ("strong"), and never to cry. To be human, to be a person, is to be feeling, soft, honest, open, direct, unafraid to cry, and capable of love. We all know where we learned to be "men", but where do we learn to be human?

You learn to be human by getting together with other people who want to be human, and supporting each other in that common effort. Support in this sense means to encourage, assist, and nurture each other in growing; it means to be confrontative when games are being played and trips being layed; it means to deal with each other and yourself in feeling, rather than thinking ways; it means consciousness raising.

The gay support groups currently active in Buffalo (with the informal collective name of Metro Gay Men) consist of six to ten gay men who meet weekly in each other's homes for three or four hours. There are no group leaders or facilitators the quality and content of the group's interactions are the equal responsibility of each member of the group. No one member guides or oversees the meetings to assure that no one is left out: it is each member's responsibility to see that his own needs get met. It is not a place for politeness, social conventions, automatic conversations (How are you? Fine. And you? Fine.), games or trip-laying. It is a place to grow in self-knowledge: to understand who you are, what your needs are, why your needs aren't getting met and what you can do to

get them met.

What is talked about? Members talk about their feelings about themselves and their lives; they talk about how they feel about each other, about how they feel they are relating to each other, about how they feel they are being related to. Sometimes they don't talk...and then they they talk about their silence. Sometimes they just bullshit...and then they talk about that too. Sometimes they fight, sometimes they cry, sometimes they hug and kiss each other; lots of times it's intense, and lots of times it's fun. You come to feel better about who you are.

Being in a group is a serious commitment. The group can only exist and thrive as long as each member remains convinced of its importance in his life and nurtures it accordingly. Like any valued relationship, a group requires a willingness to be open to emotional threat and pain; it requires an attitude of caring love for the group as a whole and for each individual in the group, especially yourself. Lots of energy and lots of work are necessary to keep a group going, growing and meeting your needs; it gives in return in proportion as it is given to. What it gives is lots of good feelings about yourself and others, and a real opportunity to get in touch with your own needs and understand how to get them met.

To join a gay men's support group, call the Gay Hotline number (881-5335), and leave your name and how you can be reached. New Groups are constantly in formation, and when enough names have been collected for a new group to be formed, you will all be put in contact with each other, to arrange time, meeting place, etc.

COMMENT

ON FATHER McNEILL

When it comes to doing numbers on gay people's lives nothing does it more effectively, with more devastating results, than religion does. The battered psyche syndromes of disturbed homosexuals almost always include painful experiences related to some form of organized religious indoctrination. Probably the world's champion in this area of homophobic havoc is the Catholic Church. If every gay woman or man who has tasted the wrath of Rome was to stand up and be counted the total number would be staggering.

Oppression of gays by the Church has not been by just spiritual means. It has often been political as well. It's commonly known that Bishop Head of the Western New York Diocese actively supported lobbying efforts in Albany to defeat the Sodomy Repeal Bill. As one wag badly, but aptly, punned it: "Head opposed giving head."

Until fairly recently there were only two means of coping with the Roman Catholic Church if you were gay. You either lied or you denied. The former involved deceiving everyone, including yourself, to remain in what is termed (shudder) a state of grace. The latter meant simply cutting yourself off completely from Mother Church and her ministrations. What happened to create a compromise position for Catholic gays was the foundation of an organization known as Dignity which was formed by and for Catholic homosexuals, with the

help of some enlightened non-gay priests, to devise a way in which one could be comfortably gay and Catholic at the same time.

Several months ago a book was published called, "The Church and the Homosexual." Its author, Rev. John J. McNeill, is co-founder of the New York Chapter of Dignity. His book created a mild sensation among theologians and gays alike and resulted in a controversy that has yet to subside and may not for quite a long time. If it ever does.

On March 25, 1977, Father McNeill was a guest speaker at Daemen College. His appearance there was sponsored by the school's Department of Sociology and Social Work, the campus ministry, and Dignity/Buffalo. A surprisingly large and homogenous audience gathered to hear the too-brief talk and participate in the question and answer session.

What Father McNeill had to say was mostly a series of predictable and fairly logical personal observations about those passages from scripture which are the basis for the Church's discriminatory stand against homosexuals. Typical of his insights was one which postulates that the real sin of Sodom and Gomorrah was not homosexuality at all, but rather the evil of inhospitality. This premise, together with the others he set forth, was carefully rooted in biblical interpretation. But then, so are the positions of the Church that they supposedly refute.

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SHORT SHOTS

Nice Choice

The appointment of the "first gay activist" to serve on the New York City Human Rights Commission was announced last month by Mayor Beame. Robert L. Livingston, a former publisher of *More* magazine and on the finance committee for the National Gay Task Force was one of six new appointments which the mayor said "represent the city's unique diversity." Livingston said, "I don't want to be known as the gay member of the commission...I want to be known as the commissioner who happens to be gay." He described his appointment as "timely recognition of the large number of homosexuals in New York City," which he estimated at "at least half a million."
(New York Times)

Gay AA

"Living Sober '77" is the theme of the Second Annual Western Round-Up of the Gay Alcoholics Anonymous. The event will be held in San Francisco, July 1, 2, 3, & 4 at a location to be announced. Included on the agenda are speakers, panel discussions, workshops, mini-marathons and much more according to the groups' organizing committee. For registration mail \$7.50 to: Treasurer, Western Round-Up, P.O. Box 31474, San Francisco, CA 94131

No Touchee

The Bloomington Indiana Human Rights Commission has ruled gays and same-sex couples have no right to dance together. In a 5-1 decision the commission found that "gays are an invisible class" and said since same-sex couple dancing does not indicate sexual orientation, there is nothing they can do to force discos to lift a ban on same-sex couples dancing together. The commission also held that they had no jurisdiction over bans which forbid persons of the same sex from hugging or sharing an apartment. The city has an ordinance banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The commission stated that bans on same-sex couples dancing or sharing apartments are "neutral" rules and thus are not covered by the ordinance. Indiana gays have protested that the ruling effectively destroys the non-discrimination ordinance.
(GPU News)

For Women

A directory of Women's Media, including periodicals, small presses, courses, art resources, library collections, news services and more is now available. Interested people should write Women's Institute for Freedom of the Press, 3306 Ross Place NW, Washington D.C. 20008.

Mass March

The Gay Action Coalition is planning a massive demonstration at the Supreme Court on May 21 to mark the first anniversary of the Court's decision upholding the right of states to govern private, consenting sexual conduct. A spokesperson said, "We must not be quiet, we must be good faggots and dykes, in our profoundly human sense of outrage, we are proud and we are beautiful."
(News Release)

Anita Booster

Big Brothers of Minneapolis, already under legal orders because of their anti-gay discrimination policies, have now stepped into the Dade County ordinance struggle. The executive director of the Minneapolis group wrote a letter recently to Anita Bryant and described his battles with the Twin Cities gay ordinance. He also commended Bryant for her "efforts in behalf of the children of your area." Save Our Children promptly designed a full-page newspaper ad using the letter and the Minneapolis ordinance as part of her anti-gay campaign. "Would you want a homosexual 'Big Brother' for your fatherless boy?" said the headline of an ad placed in the April 3 edition of the *Miami Herald*. The ad notes that in Minneapolis the Big Brother organization was forced not to discriminate against a gay applicant and warns that the same thing could happen in Miami.
(Gay Community News)

Despair

Dr. Renee Richards, the transsexual tennis player who used to play under the name of Richard Raskind, announced in a press conference in New York City that she is broke and in debt as a result of her attempts to gain legitimacy as a women's tennis player. Dr. Richards announced that she has given up her practice as a \$100,000-a-year ophthalmologist and that she has withdrawn her lawsuit against the tennis establishment.
(Philadelphia Gay News)

Inroads

The U.S. Job Corps has recently distributed to all training centers a radically revised manual on sexuality which eliminates all the antihomosexual elements contained in the previous manual, entitled "Sexual Deviation". The new manual urges respect for differing sexual lifestyles and instructs Job Corps directors that "Rules concerning sexual behavior must be the same for heterosexual and homosexual activities." The new manual also states that "a man or woman may not be excluded from participating in the Job Corps solely on the basis of his/her choice of a sexual partner of the same gender. Therefore, homosexuality will be considered as one part of the total spectrum of sexuality, and should be of concern to center staff only when a particular behavior is not in keeping with the center's regulations."
(Seattle Gay News)

Classics Banned

The Canadian government has prohibited importation of *Loving Men* and *Men Loving Men*, two explicit but high-quality books concerning gay male sexuality. Copies of the books were seized by Canadian customs and were immediately sent to Ottawa for a decision. Officials here ruled the two books "immoral and indecent" and banned them from Canada. Harvey Mayes, author of *Loving Men* with the late Dr. Mark Friedman, called the ban itself "immoral and indecent." "This decision makes absolutely no sense," said Mayes. "It is a pure case of homophobia."
(Newswest)

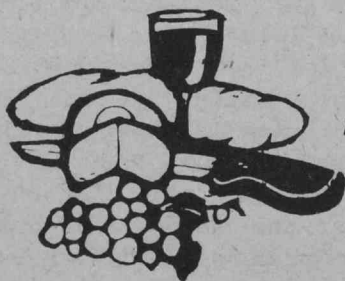
T V Envy

Ex-gay evangelist Guy Charles, who claims to have "saved" several young men from homosexuality, is now protesting a made-for-television movie about ex-Sgt. Leonard Matlovich. The organization he works for, *Liberation in Jesus Christ*, has sent a letter to NBC criticizing the project. The letter goes on: "Why doesn't your network present the other side of the homosexual picture, namely those who are able to change their sexual life-style, rather than attempting for forcing it upon others?" They also threaten to boycott all sponsors of shows with gay themes.
(GPU News)

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WHIP ME, BEAT ME: VARIATIONS ON A THEME

Part Two

BY A. EARL HERSHBERGER

So, on to another scene.

There you are all tied up, out or whatever when the phone rings and your master is forced to answer it as the constant noise interrupts his train of concentration, or something. It's his mother wondering why he hasn't called and you both realize that he is in for a long talk. This does give you some time to think, however, and examine your situation. (Not the immediate one- you are there for the duration.) Of course your arms may get tired but that's part of the scene. Just what is "the scene"?

Let me make clear, at this juncture, that I am not advocating S&M, leathersex, pain or whatever you wish to label this variation of human sexuality. For those who are interested it is fun and can be a great turn-on (yeah!) but for others it would be a waste. I have found, at times, this form of experience to be quite exciting and have repeated my experiences when I had the urge to do so. As with all sexual activities it is up to the individuals involved as to "who has the right to do what and with which and to whom."

There are various levels and/or activities that can all fit into the larger category of activities loosely referred to as S&M. Before going much further we must examine some of the jargon used by the participants.

Everyone should be familiar with the terms Master and Slave. These are used in their traditional sense.

In theory the Master is controlling the Slave. In practice the reverse is usually true. The gratification of both participants is dependent on the slave fulfilling certain role expectations while "in service" to his master. There are limitations, however which the Master can not exceed. To do so would turn the Slave off. This in turn would turn off the Master and the successful completion of the scene. For his own safety the Slave must control the action and the Master must be aware of this control. Once these parameters are set, and observed, the scene can run its logical course to the satisfaction of all concerned.

(n.b. - it might be interesting to remark here about duality in the scene. "S" and "M" technically stand for sadist and masochist, yet the roles portrayed by the participants are the reverse of their technical indicators; they become Slave and Master. It is strange that this reversal takes the terminology out of the clinical areas and place it in real-life situations.)

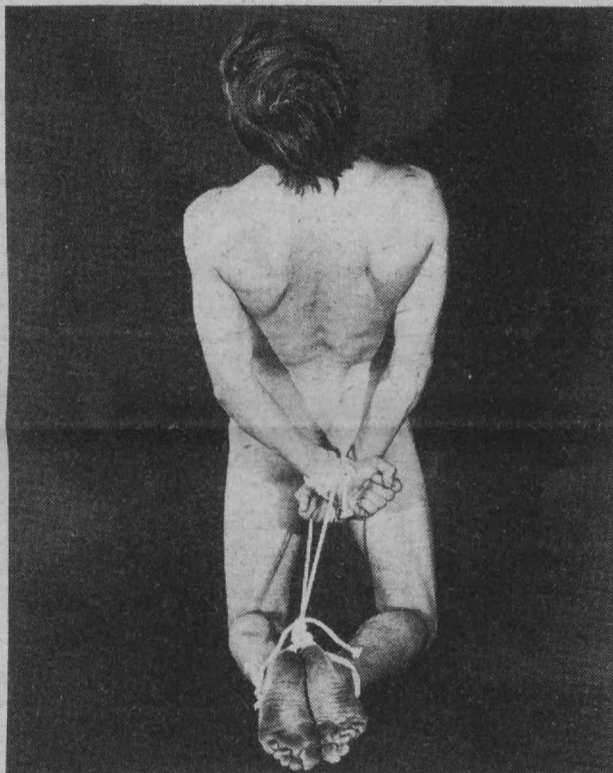
Now we proceed to the ultimate in brevity, and usually confusion; the ad in your favorite under-the-counter- (or wherever) newspaper, to wit:

Tl, gdlking, yng w/m seeks friend; MUST b into hvy b/d, s/m ff, w/s, genitorture, steel rest., isolation, No fats, fems dopers or freaks need apply Box 14217 Be my Master, wknds-? you call it; object; Love

Of course this ad doesn't really exist (I hope) but it serves as an excellent example of the type of communication some people use to attract others for various reasons. The terminology is pretty much standard no matter which publication(?) you read.

B/d is bondage and discipline. This is fairly self-explanatory. The dis-

cipline can range from mild spanking to heavier scenes with whips, belts, paddles, etc. Of course bondage is considered to be necessary and an integral part of the scene. S/m usually indicates a desire for a heavy (hvy) scene; ff is fistfucking (a very dangerous practice that seems to be growing in popularity and can lead to all sorts of intestinal and rectal problems. It can even cause death.); w/s is water sports a desire to take a golden shower or even drink urine (scat deal with excrement); steel rest, is steel restraint, handcuffs, shackles and even orthopedic braces; isolation is just what it implies- being left alone for long periods of time, usually in some form of semi-painful and restrictive bondage; genitorture is the pleasure derived from the application of pain to the genitals, a particularly strange form of torture that if done right can be excruciatingly fascinating (so I've been told).



A comment here on the last line of ad- the highly structured scene of leathersex makes the seeking of the perfect partner more desirable for the participants but also cuts off the possibility of other, possibly more fulfilling relationships. In this way the scene is somewhat exclusory.

Of course the ad described above is apocryphal. It is also very under-descriptive in that it does not deal with the mental state of the writer or the person he seeks. This is something that can only be described, and then only generally, by the participants. Why does one person want to submit to another? Why does any one of us choose the particular form of gratification that we like? Neither question is really answerable by any individual, and can definitely NOT be answered by an outsider, no matter how many degrees he holds.

Meanwhile, back at the scene....

You are presently hanging around waiting for your lover/Master to get through talking (or listening) to his mother. Over the past few months you and he have put together quite a nice collection of "toys" to aid in the scene that you are both so fond of referring to as "our thing". The fun of

gathering this little collection of esoteric devices and trying them out (usually on you) has been one of the prime reasons for acquiring the "toys" Another is, of course, that they do produce such nice, and painful, results when used properly (or otherwise).

As you look around the apartment you are amazed at how much you have been able to squeeze into the small living space (and conversely out of your mutual wallets). Over in the corner is a small rack (it collapses and fits in the back of a closet when not in use; for only \$300, plus shipping Charges!) In another corner is a set of stocks (\$125) and behind them, on the wall usual concealed by a curtain hangs an assortment of 15 to 20 whips, paddles, etc. (ranging in price from \$15 to \$45) Your lover while still listening to Mommy, is flicking a studded belt across your delightfully exposed and vulnerable butt (belt- \$35; butt- negotiable). Your suspension harness (\$85) is pinching a little and getting you excited. You can't respond because the ball stretcher/cock harness (\$25) has drawn your genitals back between your legs and a chain (\$.79/foot) is attached to the dog collar (studded \$12.50, plain-\$7.50) you wear. Your hands are held in place by wrist restraints (\$12.95) attached to the chain. Your legs are held firmly apart by ankle restraints (\$15.95) that are attached to hooks in the door frame.

By now you should be getting the idea that the scene is very EXPENSIVE!!

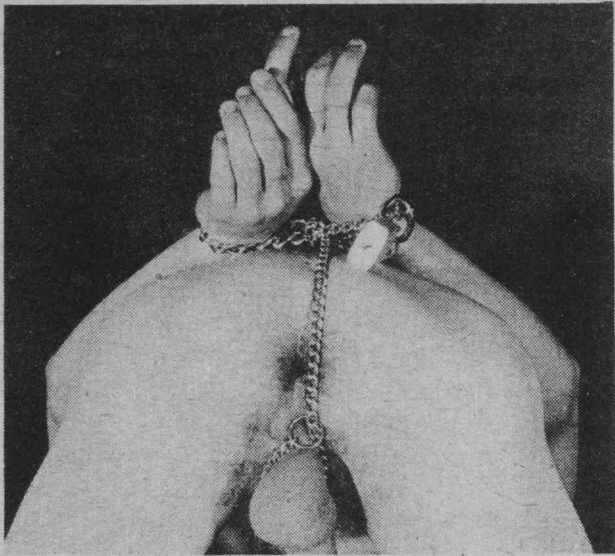
The manly smell/feel (or whatever) of leather is costing you a small fortune and it isn't necessary. The specialty shops that deal in these goods have got you where they want you. The items listed above cost over \$1000 a sum that few of us can afford.

And there is little or no need to be taken for an economic joy ride by these shops. Quite a few of the toys and/or devices can be made cheaply or can have other materials substituted for them. A prime example is the wrist- ankle-dog collar restraints so popular with the whip set. Why pay up to \$35 for a set of these restraints when a 1 1/2" dog collar, is available at your local pet supply house will so just as well. The leash rings are excellent for attaching thing to you and you to things. And the cost for a set of five collars is between \$10 and \$15, depending on where you shop.

A good leather punch (single size) only costs \$1.50 and is all you need to make adjustments for size in the leather straps. Steel choke collars make excellent wrist and ankle restraints that can be kept fastened with inexpensive spring clamps or miniature locks (Master Locks- how appropriate- makes an excellent one, Model 10KA- meaning keyed alike so that several locks all have the same key, a convenience when you are in a hurry!) Don't use a free running choke collar on the throat- it can cause real problems, like unintentional strangulation.

Everybody has a variety of belts. I own at least six (some of which no longer fit) all in various widths. Of course you may want a studded belt- so do it yourself. Studding materials, and kits, are available at most leather

hobby shops. Imagine the fun you and your slave (Master?) can have studding a belt or two as you sit before the fire on a rainy evening. And you can create your own patterns. Whips with a little more sting for those hard to excite places can be made from rawhide laces woven around, or just nailed to,



a one inch dowel several inches long.

Stockes can be made from scrap lumber. A rack (if you really need one) can be made with a little ingenuity. Weights can be made from scrap lead melted down on the kitchen stove and poured into suitable molds. Why be ripped-off? Sure you may want a special piece of equipment every once in awhile and only the specialty shops can furnish it. In the meantime use your own skills (and even if they are limited as mine)- you will be \$\$\$\$ ahead of the game.

A rare device, an internally pin-prick studded jock (if you are into genitorture) costs over \$30.00. Why not use small tacks in a double sewn bathing suit. You can even add eyelets and draw-strings. One size fits all!

With the exceptions of gifts and two special pieces of gear my entire collection of S&M materials cost me less than \$30.00 and All of it fits into an attache case. Have fun, will travel!!

Now that the economics have been dealt with let's get back to you and your Master. Let's assume that you and your lover/Master have been together for two or three years. You have both stayed pretty well in the defined roles. It is Saturday afternoon and you are about to be disciplined. You may not have done anything wrong at all this week but you are being disciplined so that you will remember that you are the slave and he is the Master. You would not have it any other way. You have been used, abused and given to other people as part of the scene that you and he have worked out and refined over the period of your relationship.

As he approaches you you start to tremble. He kisses you lightly and rolls your nipples between his finger and thumb increasing the pressure with each light kiss. You are breathing a little heavier. Weights are attached to a chain that hangs from your balls. He whips you. He "rapes" you. You finally reach your own orgasm and both of you collapse, yet something seems to be wrong. Some of the old zing is missing. You still love him and you know that you still want to be his willing slave. But, still.....

As you talk you both start to realize that your relationship is changing. You have set higher limits on the action and he is lowering his limits because he does not want to hurt you. Your training as a slave is over and you are now a junior master. He finds you a new slave to train while he still controls the scene, as far as the new parameters

will let him. This works for a time as does your going out on your own with other Masters. He even switches roles with you and acts as the slave on some occasions.

Your love for each other continues but now your roles are more flexible, your actions less constrained. You are both independant individuals and recognize this in each other.

To those not familiar with the S&M scene this reshaping of roles and activities may seem strange if not impossible. They are not allowing for human growth and change. They have preconceived notions of what goes in the "whips and chains" set and can not, or will, not allow themselves to think that alternative scene are possible between the participants.

Most of the people I have talked to who are into S&M agree that change in roles status is possible, and even preferred because it does indicate growth. Stagnation is a deplorable trait in any human endeavor.

Speaking from a purely personal out look I have reservations about some of the things I see in the leather set. The strict descipline of the leather code, the constants use of leather to set one apart from others, (the expense is really too much); the keys worn on one side or the other that are not truly indicative of the wearers intentions for that evening; the extreme scene of macho that has to be maintained at all times in the bars for fear of exclusion by the rest of the gang for some small flip of the wrist. All of these things can be a stultifying as the harness that straight society would have us wear. Conform or be pariah seems to be the

COMMENT cont.

Of decidedly more interest than his biblical analyses were Father McNeill's comments about the sociological effects of the Church's treatmken of homosexuality. He pointed out very convincingly how the sacraments of confession, absolution and communion actually encourage homosexual promiscuity by their prohibition of sustained gay relationships.

The good Father, who looks rather like a supporting character in an old Pat O'Brien or Spencer Tracy movie, has doubtlessly done his homework and is quite earnest and dedicated to his subject matter. For this reason one cannot help but admire and appreciate him. It's not a putdown then to say that his work, thus far anyway, seems to fall more within the realm of revolution than revelation. And it recalls an old adage about "those who believe it don't need

message that so many of the leather boys are trying to convey. I can play either role depending on my mood and the person I am with. I can enjoy rough and tumble action or quiet seductive love making. But each of us must chose the type of action that suits us best.

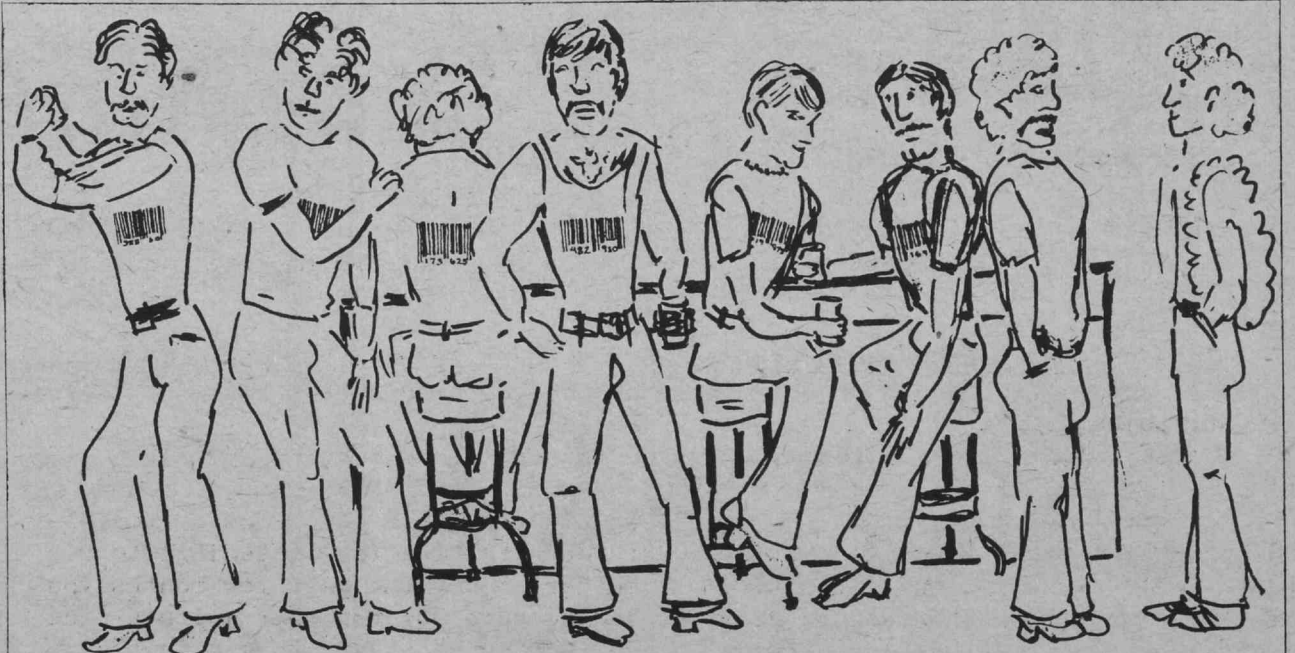


Hopefully some of you may by now have a better idea about what S&M is, what kind of actions can take place in such a relationship and if you want to try some form, mild or heavy, of this kind sexual activity. Choose yuur partner carefully and be sure you and he knows exactly what each other expects.

it" and vice versa.

The questions that Father McNeill fielded following his talk did little to add to the evening's excitement and half of the timk he seemed left completely out of the proceedings as opponents in the audience assaulted each other. This seemed at the time to be really poor taste, but in retrospect it appears to be something of a comentary on the friendly friar's efficacy.

A wine and cheese reception followed in one of Daemen's student lounges. The feeling of disappointment was reflected in one overheard remark. Recalling that Father McNeill had said he felt homosexuality would be the Church's major moral issue of the seventies, as was birth control in the fifties and abortion in the sixties, the wistful comment made was, "Gosh, I hope we make out better than they did."



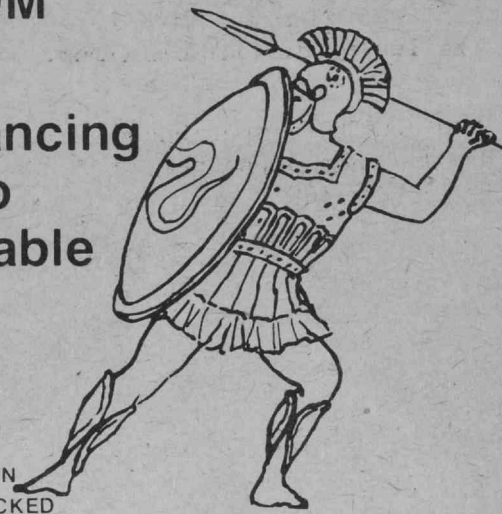
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Mattachine Society is planning a gala dance on June 11 at 9 PM at the Unitarian Church to kick off Gay Pride Week activities. Beer, pop and food will be on hand. There will be the 50/50 Split Club drawing. Costumes are welcomed,

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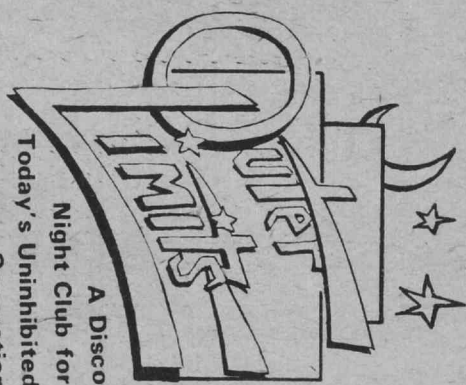
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