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CONSENSUAL SODOMY BEATEN DOWN

On January 24, 1980, the Appellate Division on the Supreme Court in Rochester -- one of four courts at the second highest tier of the New York court system -- issued an important decision striking down the New York consensual sodomy statute. The Rochester court has jurisdiction over western New York and, therefore, the immediate impact of the decision is to benefit residents in the western New York area who might otherwise have been subject to arrest for violation of the statute. The case involved Ronald Onofre from the Syracuse area.

Ronald Onofre was convicted in Syracuse for consensual sodomy involving sex activity in his home. The case is extraordinary in that it is virtually impossible to find consensual sodomy cases in the courts where the acts occurred in private. As a result, the appeal of the case presented a unique opportunity to test whether the relatively new constitutional doctrine of the "right to privacy" protects gays in their sexual expression -- just as it had previously been held to protect access to birth control information, the right to have abortions and the right to privately possess obscene materials in one's own home. The court's decision was a ringing affirmation of the principle so many across the country have been working for -- that one's private, adult and consensual sex activity is just that, private and no business of the government.

The Appellate Division ruled that the law is unconstitutional and, in doing so, published an opinion adopting the key legal arguments pressed on behalf of the defendant. The court found the rights to be based on a "concept of personal freedom" including the right of an

individual to "develop his personal existence" as he or she sees fit. "Personal sexual conduct is a fundamental right, protected by the right to privacy because of the transcendental importance of sex to the human condition, the intimacy of the conduct and its relationship to a person's right to control his or her own body.... The right is broad enough to include sexual acts between non-married persons...and intimate homosexual conduct...."

The public press has been confusing regarding the effect of the decision. Any judge may declare a statute unconstitutional if that is his/her conclusion. That judgement has state-wide application if the issue is taken to the Court of Appeals in Albany, the state's highest court, and that court agrees with the judgement below. It is not known whether the District Attorney in Syracuse will appeal the Onofre ruling. Whether or not he does so, however, the issue will go to Albany. Two cases involving the same legal arguments are being taken from Buffalo City Court convictions to the Court of Appeals. Briefs will be

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BOYCOTT TOWNE HOTS

The boycott on Towne Hots Restaurant is in its fourth month. The boycott was called by the Buffalo Area Lesbian and Gay Coalition (BALGC), in response to the restaurant owner's consistent practice of removing posters publicizing the gay rights march on Washington from the community bulletin board.

In a new effort to settle this dispute in a manner acceptable to both the restaurant owner and gay people and their supporters, the BALGC entered into negotiations with the owners of Towne on January 12. Coalition representatives explained to the owners that by removing the posters they were actively discriminating against gay people by refusing us access to the community bulletin board...a right freely given to any other individual or group.

The solution the BALGC proposed was that the owner place a disclaimer on the bulletin board stating that the management did not necessarily support the activities or events advertised. BALGC (con't pg 3)

REFLECTIONS: MATTACHINE IN AN ELECTION YEAR BY G. ROGER DENSON

1980: An election year, but the local news for Gays isn't good. The Gay political movement has slowed to a virtual standstill. Yes, there has been a quasi-successful boycott of the Towne Red Hots restaurant organized by the Buffalo Area Lesbian & Gay Coalition (BALGC) and honored by Gays throughout Buffalo. Organizationally speaking, however, it looks bad. Mattachine, the once leading Gay organization on the Niagara Frontier has, after eleven years of impetus, languished away to a mere ten or fifteen members.

Meanwhile, the Gay bars are thriving, fueled by a disco-thrilled, sexually aroused crowd which consists, in the majority, of Gay men. There are three Gay bars to speak of. The Villa Capri, Dominique's, and Mean Alice's and one explicitly gay restaurant, The Allen Street Restaurant. Meetings of Gay Professionals, a social organization

designed to be supportive to Gay men and Lesbians, is by all accounts, well liked and well attended. The Student Alliance for Gay Equality (SAGE) and the Gay Liberation Front are the local campus organizations. Gay Rights for Older Women (GROW), lesbian caucuses within the Buffalo Women's Liberation Union, the Emma Bookstore, and various area campus centers for women's resources are all enjoying the support of small numbers of lesbians.

But why has Mattachine been abandoned by almost everyone? No one group of Gays or Lesbians have been more persistent in its fight against sexual oppression on a regional level. Neither has any other organization consistently served the Gay community in lobbying, educational outreach, personal counseling, legal referral, and the betterment of social opportunities, the present Gay bars included.

So where is the woman and man power to staff the Gay Hotline? To facilitate the counselor training sessions? Or to staff and distribute the 5th Freedom?

Is this apathy indicative of the national gay movement? Surely we have all paid heed to the media's announcement of the re-emergence of the patriotic American right and the pavement set for them by the "inept" liberal administrations. But have these reports been accurate in reporting a general American mood? If so, how has this "new conservatism"

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NATIONAL MARCH ON WASHINGTON FOR LESBIAN & GAY RIGHTS

Approximately 200 Buffalo lesbians, gay men, and supporters went to Washington on Oct. 14 for the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. The Buffalo participants filled two busses, as well as a number of car pools.

Drawing at least 100,000 people from all types of organizations and from all areas of the country, the March was an important milestone in the battle for gay rights. In the words of march organizer Steve Ault, it marked "the first time that the Gay constituency has pulled together on a national level." The March indicated to Washington politicians that gays are a sizable minority in this country, and that they are strong enough to overcome their oppression, on a national political level.



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EDITORIAL

In the past two years, you have seen the 5th Freedom suffer from many illnesses...

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felt this was a fair and responsible way to resolve the dispute.

Towne's owners rejected BALGC's settlement offer and negotiations have broken down. They feel time will heal the dispute.

In order to demon-

strate to the owners of Towne that the passage of time has not and will not destroy our ability to fight for our rights, the BALGC is calling another picket. The picket will be held in front of Towne on Friday, February 1, 6 through 7 p.m. Join us in the struggle.

Mattachine will be holding its annual election meeting at 7:30 pm Sunday February 17th, at 45 Allen Street. Pot Luck Supper will be at 6:30. Please plan to attend.



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Reflections, cont. from p.1. effected Gay rights legislation?

In October, The Blade, a Washington, D.C. gay periodical, speculated that the 1980's would be a kicking-off decade for Gay rights. Gay organizers are speculating that 1980 will be a watershed year for significant political processes. The Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) announced that it has launched "The National Convention Project", the name given to the national effort to include a Gay Rights plank in both the Democratic and Republican presidential party platforms.

The Gay national scene looks better than ever. At least on the participatory level. However, where does this leave the Buffalo region? With Mattachine's uncertain predicament, the Sisters of Sappho now defunct, and BALGC without an organizational structure, history or permanent center, there doesn't appear to be any organized representation for Buffalo.

Nationally, two Washington D.C. activists, Tom Bastow and Mary Spottswood, have been hired by GRNL as behind-the-scenes consultants and educators. Their plans are to travel throughout the country and meet with local organizations and gay representatives to help them better prepare for the delegate and platform selection process. But, whom could they meet with in Buffalo, and where?

Mattachine would be the most logical and, perhaps, the most historically viable organization to greet these activists. However, due to the lack of enthusiastic support in both membership and funds, it hardly seems likely that Mattachine can. Rent for the current Allen Street Center, in addition to the precarious future of the 5th Freedom already take up the concerns of the present membership. There simply aren't enough resources available for Mattachine to involve itself in the delegate process.

Upon strategically committing endorsement by one of the major parties, the gay platform might become solid enough for putting a Gay Civil Rights Bill through Congress.

The key to this whole electoral process will be local. Says Don Leavitt, a writer for The Blade, "significant gay participation in the local electoral process is seen as the key to achieving the national goal, and the main thrust of the project is aimed at increasing the that participation". GRNL executive Steve Endean feels that "That's where we're going to have our greatest impact and make our political power felt. If we're going to do it succes-

fully, we're going to do it in partnership with strong and effective local organizations. It can't be done from the top down."

Human resource in Buffalo is not scarce. But, it has settled; and at the very bottom. The vehicle for an organized gay voice does exist. Mattachine has the history, the recognition of name and the contacts to move. But what Mattachine lacks is drive -human drive; and a drive with direction. While the rest of the country's gays fuel and lubricate their political engines, Buffalo gay activism has slowed down to a halt.

This article is not meant to belittle the achievements of BALGC. BALGC vigorously represented Buffalo in the National Lesbian and Gay March on Washington along with other Buffalo organizations. However, the selection of a delegate and platform committee is an exceedingly complex and costly procedure.

What is needed is a headquarters which is staffed daily with volunteers to answer phones; concentrated efforts made to affiliate with groups and politicians who can effectively represent lesbians and gays regionally; the establishment of speakers' bureaus to constantly notify the media as to the most recent developments in the delegate platform. Media coverage is strategic, but the media won't ever accurately mirror our image unless we show it, and keep it shown.

Naturally, this kind of effort will require large scale funding, without which the platform will go nowhere. The National Convention Project has proposed to meet a budget of \$120,000. This calls for strategic measures by which to procure funds; a strategy which must be enacted within the system.

Large numbers of gays are used to protest tactics. However, the election and legislation processes will demand a more concentrated and sustained enterprise piloted by people familiar with the appropriate political procedures. This again means organization and mobility.

Can Buffalo lesbians and gays rise to meet these requirements once again? Can we transcend the myopic contentment with area gay bars (is anyone really content with just-a-bar?) and social clubs, alleviating the rigor mortis of our political muscle? The legislative process is going to take a good decade of hard work and widespread initiative. But Buffalo lesbians and gays have done it before. Let's flash back:

1969-70:

For approximately three years there had been no gay

bars. The last one had been raided and denied a license by the State Liquor Authority. Jim Garrow, the former owner of the Tiki was refused a license because he was gay. A group of lesbians and gays came together out of anger and frustration over the oppressive circumstances. But, no one knew exactly what to do.

At that time an issue of Time Magazine had hit the stands with a cover feature on the emergence of the homosexual movement in public. The whole Stonewall incident had just erupted in New York's West Village and everywhere homosexuals were incited to choose between their integrity and fear.

This issue of Time provoked the incentive of the outraged gay men and women in the area to invite Frank Kameny, then president of Mattachine in Washington D.C., to Buffalo. Kameny was sought because he had the organizational ability and political prowess needed to inseminate Buffalo's own Mattachine. By late 1970, it looked as if Mattachine was to be a gay and lesbian fixture in Buffalo.

Structurally, the 1st year of Mattachine may have been shaky; there were numerous controversies and confrontations. But the vitality needed to raise and nurture the self-esteem of lesbians and gay men abounded. With the increase in rapport among its members, Mattachine served as a vanguard model to the rest of the country.

However, while the Gay Community was strengthening, the police were loathe of any organizational activity. A series of raids upon the Mattachine headquarters took place during this formative year. Continual confrontations were provoked by the fact that the Mattachine center had been located around the corner from the Sheriff's Department, Police Headquarters and City Hall. Re-location was a necessity.

Mattachine chose to meet and hold its social functions at the Unitarian Church on Elmwood Ave. and West Ferry. For those first few years political activity escalated. A constitution was written and attempts were made to incorporate. In April 1971, Buffalo's Madeline Davis represented radical lesbians by speaking at the Gay March on Albany. In 1972, Mattachine concentrated its efforts on sending a delegate to the Democratic National Convention endorsing George McGovern. The emergence of women and lesbian groups such as Lesbians Rising paralleled the growth of Mattachine. These groups were not anti-Mattachine, nor were they anti-male, as some later groups reportedly were. Speakers from all groups spoke together at

colleges, mothers' clubs and at meetings of the Kiwanis.

Soon Mattachine would move to its first Gay Community Services Center, only to have it destroyed by a fire. After a temporary stay at the Unitarian Church, Mattachine relocated on Allen St. But the years 1973-74 saw an expansion in membership that could not be accommodated by the Allen St. location. In June 1974, an old pool hall on Main St. and West Utica had been converted, and by Gay Pride Week, the largest Gay Services Center on the East Coast opened its doors for dances, meetings, counseling sessions, theatrical performances, coffeehouses, readings and the publication of the 5th Freedom.

Throughout all this time, the gay community was continually seeing the emergence and withdrawal of new lesbian and gay bars. The Crescendo, The Red Spot, Big Daddy's (thought of by many veterans as the renaissance bar), the Stage, the Shadows, Granny's, the Hibachi Room and the Downtown Manor all were established sometime between 1970 and 1976. Only the Villa Capri and Dominique's remain from this era.

These were the years in which Buffalonians also saw an exponential growth in the number of lesbians and gays who had come out. The bars were packed. The Gay Community Center's Saturday night dances approached capacity. Mattachine's phones were vigorously staffed and the Counselor Training sessions enjoyed numerous dedicated participants.

The Center was totally self-sufficient. Former Mattachine executive member, Bobbi Prebis estimates the total yearly income and expense of the Center as exceeding \$64,000. Generally, things looked good for two years. Unfortunately, circumstances began to turn.

Political infighting within Mattachine began to erupt. There was a great deal of stress, especially between the men and the women as radical lesbianism and feminism became increasingly separatist in attitude. The Lesbian group, Sisters of Sappho, was initiated out of a Center workshop. More and more women's dances became exclusive.

With the increasing popularity of the bars, the Center's Saturday night dances gradually decreased in attendance, jeopardizing the Center's main source of income. Disturbances and robberies added to the general discontent. Finally, all income trickled down to such an inadequate flow that the Main St. Center had to be closed. From late 1977 to the present, gay activism in Buffalo steadily lost its lustre.

The center was temporarily forsaken and Mattachine's equipment and archives were stored at a member's home. The 5th Freedom continued to be published and about 20 to 30 Mattachine members continued to meet, eventually moving back to the Unitarian Church.

The stay was short. Mattachine again moved its headquarters back to 45 Allen Street, where it presently meets and publishes the 5th Freedom. But Mattachine has never re-vitalized the support it once had. Dances gradually ceased. Educational discussions have been minimal. Trained counsellors have dramatically declined in number.

Naturally, everyone has a diagnosis for everything. Some people feel that the decline in Gay activism can be attributed to the buildup in feelings of general contentment among professionals and students alike. Social saturation at bars may be a fact, but clearly only for the men. Women's bars are totally invisible, almost non-existent, although the women do share Mean Alice's with the men.* Since more of the gay population than ever before is under thirty, perhaps the lack of explicit sexual oppression and confrontation explains why so many young gays are more socially inclined, rather than politically. One of the lamest excuses that I have ever heard concerning Buffalo's current apathy is that "the sixties are over."

No matter how obtuse it may seem, political apathy is not as widespread as the media or the apathetic sector of the public may have assumed.

Politics have not only multiplied in participational quantities but there has been a diversifying effect within countless interest groups as well. Our surveillant pendulum may swing from the most conventional congressional assembly to the most grass-roots dissident group. Interest groups of all sizes are pursuing issues as fast as they can be realized.

Future planning, escalation of arms, de-escalation of arms, "no-nukes", international amnesty, the Iranian crisis, Soviet hegemony, the Southeast Asian boatpeople, U.S. imperialism, environmental cleanup, corporate responsibility and enforcement, the abuses of government, the abuses of the CIA, FBI and regional police forces, prison refinement, the abuses of the press, feminism, anti-feminism, the campaign trails of the Democratic and Republican hopefuls, consumer issues, right to life, right to abortion, porno censorship, neighborhood citizen protection groups. How many issues need I name? Politics

and activism have not died within the legislative mainstream. They have not died on the campuses. They are not even languishing. There is no singular sign or issue such as Vietnam, but then, the plurality of a free-speech nation shows where true unity lies: within diversity.

So why have lesbian and gay politics become so uncertain in Buffalo? The demonstrations against Towne Red Hots and its subsequent support by many gay consumers has illustrated that dissent may still be activated.

But demonstrations alone cannot be our only hope for achieving the gay pride of endorsed legislation. We are an adult body working in and around the system every day and we have the power to clout the electoral system.

But, how will the gay bars help provide this clout? Or the baths? And, how will the gay bars prevent the events that have plagued Toronto and Montreal the past two years from happening in Buffalo? How many Buffalonians even know about the Canadian Supreme Court battle which waged over the censorship of the gay journal The Body Politic, and particularly the issue containing a lead article entitled "Men Loving Boys Loving Men"?

How many Buffalonians know that their neighboring Canadian metropolis has recently seen the rallying of the feminist and artistic communities, Gay Youth, the Pink Triangle and even Toronto mayor John Sewell in support of The Body Politic? How many Buffalonians knew about the inaccuracies and explicit bias of the Canadian mainstream media coverage throughout the trial? Pink Triangle Defense Fund raised \$35,000 from the international gay community to pay for the defense.

Just recently, men's saunas in Toronto, Montreal and Quebec had been threatened by raids. Well, one might say, this is Canada and not the U.S. Still, how many of us travel the Canadian mileage just to enjoy the luxury of such a treat? Besides, where are Buffalo's equations to the Toronto baths?

Contrary to some opinion, the State Liquor Authority is neither friendly nor lax toward Buffalo gay establishments. It is still quite difficult to open a gay bar or restaurant. A few may exist but numbers remain regulated.

Mattachine has been the only organization in Buffalo to consistently pursue these civic dilemmas with any efficacy, as has been emphasized before. Yet, in 1980, Mattachine cannot even properly staff a phone or distribute an 8-page paper after a decade of the staunchest

support for the Gay community. Well, everyone forgets. I know that I forgot.

Should old acquaintance be forgot?

AUTHOR'S NOTE: Since this article was written it has come to my attention that a new women's bar, The Betsy, has opened.

Cosmic Consciousness.

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Thaddeus Jude and John the Baptist - Aquarius
Joseph - Pisces

Christianity does employ Astrology even though its presence has not yet been acknowledged. With regard to Biblical Astrology, many Astrologers believe that the Apocalypse, the Book of Revelation, is an Astrological textbook in itself.

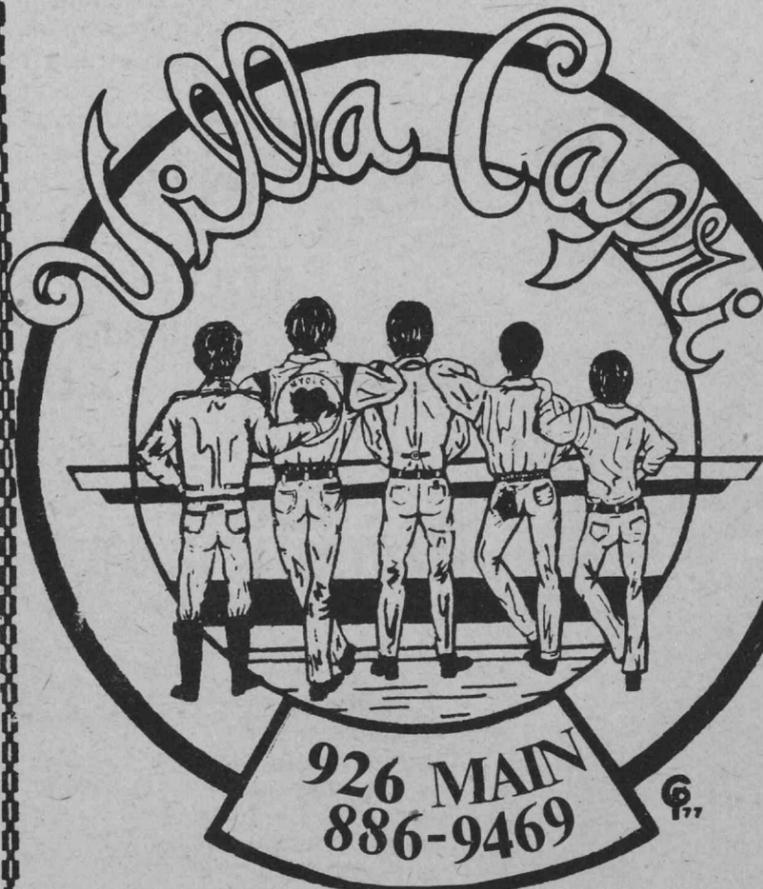
The Metaphysical Realm also makes use of Astrology, and these uses can be of a

white or a black nature. The Occult or Metaphysical Realm is made up of PSI Phenomena; any occurrence that cannot be explained by orthodox scientific means. Myself being a serious student of this field for many years, I can truthfully say that Astrology is, in most cases, at least 50% of the knowledge contained within a number of the areas that are classified as Occult. The word Occult means simply that which is beyond the range of ordinary knowledge, pertaining to the supernatural, magik, or the mysterious.

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filed within the next few months and argument will be held thereafter. We will then get the final word on the fate of the consensual sodomy statute in New York. Meanwhile, the Rochester decision is binding in Western New York (approx. Syracuse west).

Moreover, the Rochester court's decision may have national influence. Although there have been similar court decisions in othe states (New Jersey, Iowa), I believe this is the first decision which has unequivocally announced that the constitutional right of privacy covers "personal sexual conduct" (rather than using euphemisms like the right to decide whether or not to have a child) and, specifi-

cally, "intimate homosexual conduct". As such, it is a forthright and consistent application of the constitutional doctrine of the right of privacy to all consenting adult sexual relationships which should have persuasive effect across the country as other states' courts deal with the same issues. * * * Bill Gardner is a Buffalo attorney who represents the Nat. Comm. for Sexual Civil Liberties. He filed a Friend of the Court (amicus curiae) brief with the Rochester court for the Comm. on the Onofre case and will be arguing the consensual sodomy issue before the Court of Appeals later this year in connection with two Buffalo cases.

SELECTIONS by sam

Let's Kill and Bury
the Mattachine Society

Up until the appearance of this column there has never been a printed plan to kill off the Mattachine Society of the Niagara Frontier. Over the years Mattachine has had its ups and downs, and once again individual area residents and members are predicting its imminent demise. With concerted action and minimal effort on everyone's part we can get rid of this Gay rights organization once and for all. The task will be simple if the following suggestions are followed:

(1) Don't come to Mattachine's pot luck supper meetings which are held twice a month. This suggestion applies to members as well as to persons who are considering "just dropping by one evening."

(2) Don't make any monetary contributions. Any money MSNF receives merely pays the rent on Allen St. and Covers the phone bill. These are two services that many persons have used over the years, but they're unimportant now that Gay Liberation has hit Buffalo.

(3) If you decide to show up at a meeting, be sure to ask yourself, "What am I going to get out of this?" Ignore the service and educational functions of Mattachine and how other men and women have staffed office space over the years as unpaid volunteers.

(4) As a member, refuse to hold office, chair a committee, or help plan a Mattachine-sponsored event. Complain that MSNF is run by a clique. It is better to stay away from such "inner circles" because you can more easily remain critical.

(5) Do not give any kind of encouragement to those dummies who are involved. If you appreciate what they do, or that they do a good job at it, don't say so to them or anyone else. Many a good officer has been utterly ruined by flattery.

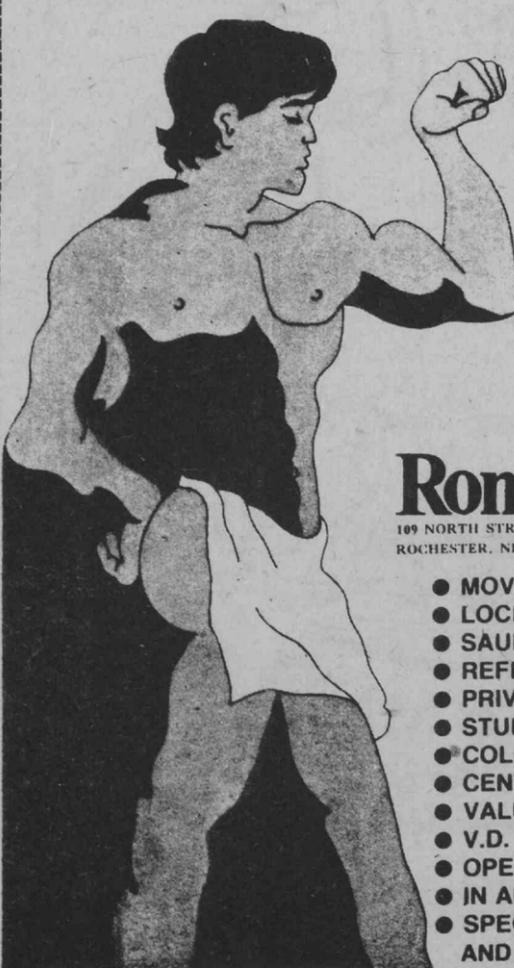
(6) If you were involved in Mattachine's pledge system, or if your membership is not paid up "for

life", do not make any payments in advance. Wait until you have gotten your money's worth, and then wait a little longer.

(7) Loudly proclaim the weaknesses you have come to know in the organization. Talk disparagingly about how the Allen Street operation is run, and (perhaps more importantly) bad mouth those persons who are involved. Make these sorts of remarks whenever and where ever you can. There may be persons who don't know these truths yet, and they might be a long time finding them out.

So there you have them, seven techniques which have weakened and destroyed stronger associations than the Mattachine Society. Let's start the '80's without an albatross which has outlived its usefulness.

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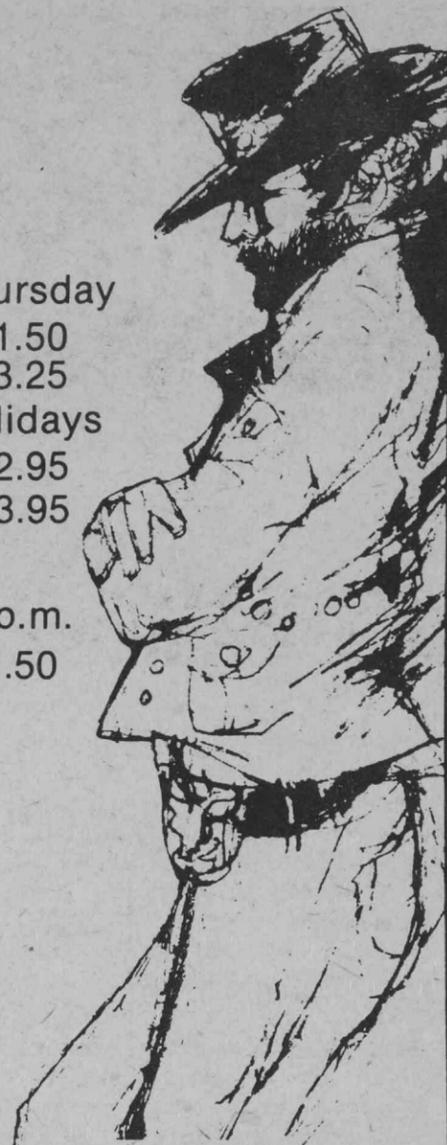
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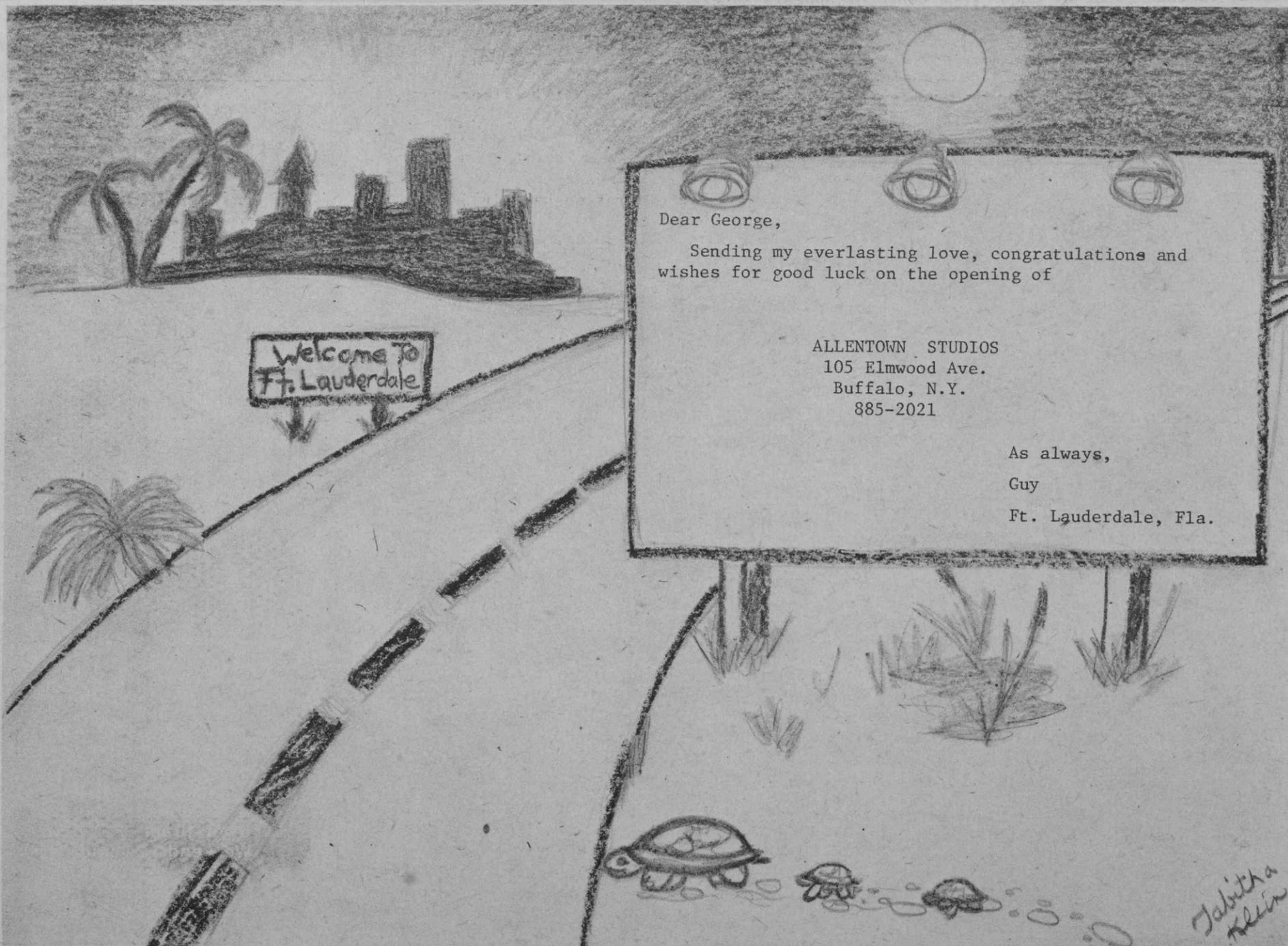


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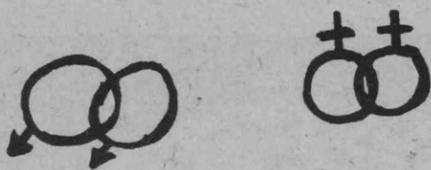
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MATTACHINE SOCIETY OF THE NIAGARA FRONTIER

Business office at 45 Allen St. 2nd floor. Mailing address is; P.O.Box 155, Ellicott Sta., Buff., NY. 14203. Meetings held the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Pot Luck Supper at 6:00 followed by Meeting at 7:00. All are welcome.

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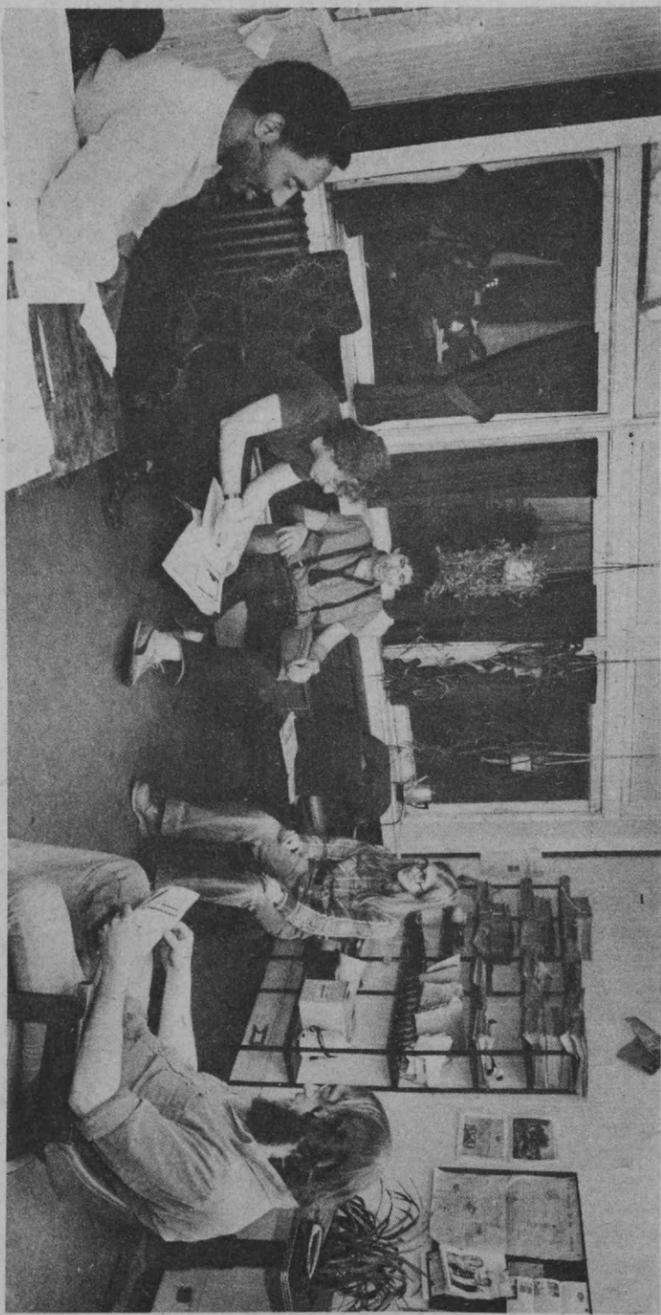
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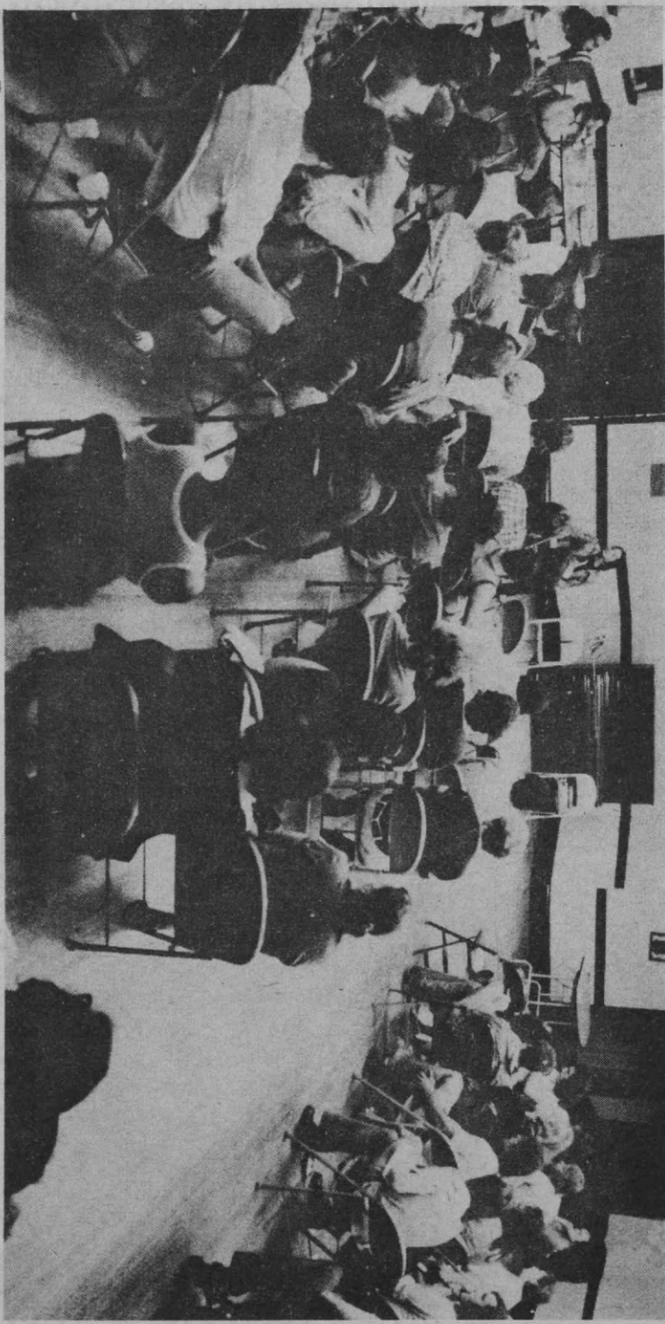
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