NEWS AT A GLANCE

ROCHESTER NY: County court judge David Boehm has placed an admitted homosexual on probation rather than send him to Attica because he felt the man would be "dehumanized if not killed". The defendant pleaded guilty to first degree assault in a case involving a lovers quarrel. Conditions of the probation state that the defendant will get psychiatric treatment if recommended.

ROCHESTER, NY: A man reported to GLF that he was arrested for parking in Durand Eastman late at night, and was threatened with being charged with "loitering for purposes of committing deviate sexual intercourse" before agreeing to plead guilty to a less serious, but false charge of public intoxication. He was fined $50.

ROCHESTER, NY: Plainclothes policemen are patrolling the testrooms of several large department stores to ensure that Yuletide season will not be gay in the "T" rooms. GLF has received reports that a number of people have been "moved on" for loitering too long. No arrests have been reported, although some customers were detained and questioned by police. (Presumably they were warned that loitering too long on a toilet causes hemorrhoids—ed.)

ROCHESTER, NY: A 29 year old man was arrested for prostitution after approaching an undercover officer in a North Clinton Bar and offering to "commit an unnatural act" for $10. (DE 11/14/72)

ROCHESTER, NY: The Democrat & Chronicle is planning a four-part series on Gay life beginning in Sunday's newspaper. It is being written by Randi Harris.

ROCHESTER, NY: As part of our public relations program, the Gay Liberation Front is purchasing advertising in theater programs and other media. Our first ad will appear in a program for a show sponsored by the Monroe County Police and Sheriff's departments at the Masonic Temple on 8 December.

ROCHESTER: The GLF now has a public relations director. He is charged with establishing relations with the press, radio, and television stations.

ROCHESTER, NY: This past Sunday, several members of the women's committee met at the Riverview for a "paint-in" and general spruce-up of the bar. Afterwards, the women's committee held a meeting in the newly re-decorated bar.

ROCHESTER, NY: Several members of the men's committee held a "paint-in" and general spruce-up of the bar.

THINKING ABOUT JOINING GLF, BUT WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT IT BEFORE YOU DO? COME TO:

New Member Orientation

SUNDAY 10 DEC 7:30PM, 201 TODD UNION 
RIVER CAMPUS, UNIVERSITY OF ROCHELSTE

The University of Rochester Gay Liberation Front is dedicated to the ongoing struggle for gay equality and freedom. We seek liberation from our own fears, and the bigotry and discrimination of straight society. Meetings are held every Sunday at 6:30pm, Todd Union Music Lounge, University of Rochester River Campus. G.L.F. meetings are open to everyone who believes in basic civil rights and human dignity for all.

THE WORLD IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT. LET'S MAKE IT TOGETHER. COME OUT!

HAPPENINGS

SUN 3 DEC: "THE GENDER GAP!" A discussion of alienation questions and role limitations for gay women and gay men. Todd Union, 7:30pm.

POLITICAL-LEGAL ACTION COMMITTEE: meets at 6:30, room 201 Todd Union.


NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION: 7:30 pm, room 201 Todd Union.

SUN 17 DEC: "HOW CAN THE CHURCH ADVANCE GAY RIGHTS?" working with ministers, priests, rabbis and canons to further gay rights. Todd Union Music Lounge, 7:30pm.

POLITICAL-LEGAL ACTION COMMITTEE: meets at 6:30, room 201 Todd Union.

SUN 24 DEC: HOLIDAY GREETINGS!

(BUT NO MEETINGS)

SUN 31 DEC: HAVE A GAY NEW YEAR'S DAY OUT FOR MEETING, STAY AWAY!

DEADLINE FOR JANUARY EMPTY CLOSET

SUN 7 JAN: "LIVING TOGETHER" Gay communes, housemates, etc. Living together, not as lovers, but as brothers or sisters.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION: 7:30 pm, room 201 Todd Union.

SUN 14 JAN: COFFEE HOUSE NIGHT. Games, checkers, chess, entertainment, photo and art exhibit, tarot readings etc. Plans tentative—check GLF office for time and location.

POLITICAL-LEGAL ACTION COMMITTEE: meets at 6:30pm, room 201 Todd Union.

• STARRED MEETINGS WILL HAVE INTERPRETER FOR DEAF

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• The GLF office is staffed daily from 12:30-11pm. Sunday evening meetings are held in the Todd Union Music Lounge 7:30-9:30 pm on the University of Rochester Campus (Alumni Road, off River Road)

• FOR WOMEN ONLY, an informal get-together sponsored by the GLF women's Committee meets Sundays 5:30-7:30 pm. Check with GLF office for exact time.

• The POLITICAL-LEGAL ACTION COMMITTEE meets alternate Sundays at 6:30 in the GLF office, 201 Todd Union. See "Happenings" calendar for exact date.

*ANNOUNCEMENTS* CONTINUED ON BACK PAGE
For further information call 275-6101.

The New York State Coalition of Gay Rights was formed by the nine major gay organizations in New York State in order to coordinate efforts and to bring more effective pressure to bear on state legislators. The state legislature is the key to a new agenda in New York State. Gay rights leaders have only begun to make the case for gay rights in the legislative arena. Today, the major gay organizations are working together to build a majority for gay rights in the state legislature.

GAY RIGHTS LEADERSHIP

Gay rights leaders are working on a number of fronts to gain support for gay rights legislation. They are working to build a majority coalition in the state legislature, to educate the public about the importance of gay rights, and to develop strategies for implementing gay rights legislation.

STATEWIDE GAY MEETING

The New York State Coalition of Gay Rights is sponsoring its first statewide gay meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 24th, at the New York State Convention Center in Syracuse.

The meeting will feature speakers from the gay community and representatives from other liberal organizations. There will be discussions on a variety of issues, including gay rights legislation, civil rights, and cultural diversity.

Letters

To the editor:

Dear Editor:

Our group and other grass-roots organizations are being threatened by the recent rise of the visibility of the hate movement. We feel that it is important to confront this threat and to mobilize the community to counter it.

We are writing to urge all of our readers to join us in this effort. We are planning a statewide day of action to be held on Sunday, October 1st, at 11:00 AM. The day of action will feature a rally in New York City, followed by a march to Washington Square Park. From there, we will hold a series of teach-ins and rallies in various cities throughout the state.

If you are interested in participating in this day of action, please contact your local chapter of the New York State Coalition of Gay Rights for more information.

Sincerely,

[Signatures]

Letter writer

Dear [Editor],

I am writing on behalf of the [Organizational Name], a group of [Number] members from [Location]. We are writing to express our concern about recent developments in the city's political climate.

We have noticed a growing trend of anti-gay sentiment among city officials and some members of the public. This trend is particularly concerning given the recent developments in the city's criminal justice system, including the passage of a new anti-gay law.

As a member of the [Organizational Name], I urge you to take action to address this issue. We believe that the city's political leaders should be held accountable for their actions, and that they should be encouraged to support policies that protect the rights of all members of the city's community.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Organizational Name]
NEWS AT A GLANCE (cont. from page 1)

VILLAGE VOICE: commenting on ABC-TV's movie
"That Certain Summer" says "for most television watchers, a view of two homosexuals who don't conform to the stereotypes people carry around in their heads, who aren't limp-wristed screaming faggots of popular mythology, but fairly well-adjusted individuals reasonably content with their lives, and not much different from people you know, may have the impact of a shocking revelation. Small as it is in its ambitions, 'That Certain Summer' succeeds admirably on its own terms, and I salute ABC for showing it."

PINFOLK, NY: A 53-year old minister and father of three has pleaded innocent to charges of engaging in deviant sexual relations with a 16-year old boy three years ago. He was one of six adults so charged by the Nassau County DA. (D&C 11/24/84 from AP)

HATAVIA, NY: Genessee Community College has engaged a part-time counselor to advise in gay and draft problems. 

BUFFALO, NY: A Gay Law conference to be held here has been rescheduled for early January.

VILLAGE VOICE: In a letter, US Rep. Ed Koch protested the arrest of a homosexual by two drunken NY police. Rep. Koch has asked Mayor Lindsay and the Police Commissioner for a meeting to bring the details of the incident to their attention. (10/12 & 10/20)

THE FABULOUS NEW
RED CARPET LOUNGE
430 EAST MAIN
FEATURING PATII & BOYFRIEND THURS-SUN 9:30-2
FREE BUFFET AT 8:30 ON THURSDAYS
HAPPY HOUR 'TIL EIGHT PM

YOUR HOSTS: STEVE AND AMIE B13 SURPRISE 9 DECEMBER

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CAME FROM THE GNV. ADVOCATES

LOS ANGELES CA: Richard Alatorre, who sought Gay backin; in his election campaign, won. Sympathetic to Gay rights, CA candidate Vincent Bui losi, lost by a narrow mar-in.

NEW YORK CITY: The Lesbian Liberation Committee staged a dance-in at three of New York's "sin les" bars.

STOCKTON CA: A judge acquitted an 18 year old youth of heterosexual rape after the defense proved that he is a homosexual.

NEW YORK CITY: 100 people demonstrated outside police headquarters Nov. 11 as a protest over treatment of a Gay man who was assaulted.

CALIFORNIA: The U. of Southern California has prepared a film on the Gay Liberation Movement, it is intended for heterosexual audiences.

ROCKVILLE MD: Gay schoolteacher, Joe Acanfora, has filed suit in federal court to get back his classroom teaching job after being transferred to a desk job.

MINNEAPOLIS MN: Gay People and Mental Health a monthly bulletin is available to Psychologists and Sociologists, for $6.00/year. Write Gay People and K.H. Box 3592, Minneapolis, Mn. 55403.

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- The GAY FREEDOM CO-ALITION, recently formed at Genessee meets every Wednesday at 7:00 in the College Union Ballroom lounge. Address: Box 16, Suffolk Hall, LUC Genesee, Genesee, NY 14454

- The Brockport University Gay Freedom League meets every Tuesday evening, 7:30pm in room 202 of the Student Union.

- GAYS FOR HUMAN LIBERATION meets at 7:30 Monday nights in the Hault Union Building, Oswego State, Oswego, New York.

- Blood is still needed for a brother of a gay sister who is recovering from open heart surgery. There was a nice response to our appeal last month, but 60 pints are still needed, any type. For details, phone 275-6181.

- The GLF Legal Assistance Fund will pay for initial consultation with our lawyer for gay-related problems when approved by our committee. Additional legal expenses will also be underwritten if funds permit. No details of the case will be made public without your permission. You do not have to be a member of GLF to take advantage of this service, nor is it practical to pay a consideration.

- Let us mail the EMPTY CLOSET to you regularly. Phone 275-6181, or write to box 6913, Rochester 14627. The newsletter will be sent in a plain sealed envelope by first class mail at no charge.

- The deadline for the next EMPTY CLOSET is 1 Jan; distribution will be on the weekend of January 19. Mail or phone items to: COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE P.O. Box 6913, River Station, Rochester NY 14627; telephone 275-6181. It is requested that area groups (Oswego, Genessee, Brockport, Syracuse, Buffalo) appoint a correspondent. We can exchange phone nos. and addresses for quicker exchange of news.

- ROOM FOR RENT: Large furnished private room with shared bath, Ridge Road near Kodak. Rent $15-18 per week. For additional info, call 275-6181.

- HOUSEMATES: Two men seek third gay of either sex to share large country home 5 minutes from HU. $100 includes utilities and private bedroom. For more info, phone 275-6181.

- Artists, tarot readers, and other volunteers are needed for the GLF coffee house scheduled for Sunday, 14 January.

- A volunteer professional librarian is organizing our library. Contributions of gay-related books you no longer read would be welcomed.

- The following books are available at approximately 35% off list through the GLF office: Society with the Healthy Heterosexual (24) Lesbian Women (under 25). I have more info from you that anybody else ($4). They make good reading, and excellent seasonal gifts.

- ICE SKATING, Xerox square Sat 1 Dec at 6:00pm; tickets from U/R GLF office at 5:30. 75c to Skate. Bring your own gay blades, or rent skates at rink. Beginners welcome! no chocolate afterwards.

- Gay dance, Friday Dec. 1, 7-11PM, Unitarian Church, corner Elmwood & W. Ferry, Buffalo, $1.00.

DETOIT MICH: Voters turned down a new city charter which contained the words "sexual orientation" in the anti discrimination clauses.