SUMMARY OF NEWS HEADLINES

LAURENCE, KAN: Gays sue University of Kansas to force recognition of their group as student organization; GLF attorney Kunsler barred from trial for saying unkind things about US judicial system.

ROCHESTER, NY: Trial of three men arrested in December raid for "loitering" in allegedly gay bar scheduled for judgement 2 February; American Civil Liberties Union and defendants actively consider damage suit for false arrest and harassment.

LIFE MAGAZINE: Jan 28 issue (p27) contains letters in response to the Dec 31 eleven page feature on homosexuals, GLF, GMA and other aspects of gay life. Read the comments of some of our straight "friends" if you wonder why Gay Lib is necessary.

NEW YORK CITY: Gay civil rights bill introduced to NYC Council in danger of defeat despite strong public support from Lindsay. Backers blame disruptive tactics of militant gay demos and strong opposition by 3 council members.

TALLAHASSEE, FLA: State Supreme Court invalidates law against "the Abominable and Detestable crime against Nature" because it is not sufficiently specific; Fla. Legislature rushes to describe gay love in more lurid details.

NEW YORK CITY: Presidential candidate McCloskey (R, Calif.) supports federal legislation guaranteeing civil rights for gays; balks at acceptance by military.

FEVERARY DATES

5 The second "Dance-In"

6 GLF Meeting "After the Ball Is Over"

12 Valentine's Day Dance 9-12 PM
   U of R Frederick Douglass Bldg.

13 Coordination meeting of committee chairmen 5 PM
   54 Boardman St.

13 GLF Meeting "Ink Think"

20 GLF Meeting "AC-DC Bisexuality Fact or Fiction"

27 Coordination meeting of committee chairmen 5 PM

27 GLF Meeting "Volley Ball"

GLF Meetings (shown above-boxed in) are held each Sunday at the Frederick Douglass Building on the Univ. of Rochester River Campus. Time: 7:30 PM. These meetings are open to the gay public.

SPEAKERS BUREAU

During January the GLF Speakers Bureau appeared before groups at Temple Emmanuel, R.I.T., U. of R., Colgate Rochester Divinity Sch. and Genesee Hospital.

They are now looking forward to scheduled engagements at Third Presbyterian Church and the State College at Genesee.

Requests for the Speaker's Bureau may be made by calling (715) 275 6131. (call evenings)

GLF PRESENTS:
Valentine's Day Dance
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12
9 PM to 2 AM
FREDERICK DOUGLASS BUILDING
U of R River Campus
DONATION $1.50----$.75 with U.R. ID
NEW GLF OFFICE HOURS

The GLF office is located in room 201, Todd Union on the U of R campus. The office is open Monday through Saturday from 5pm-11pm, and on Sundays from 5pm until meeting time at 7:30 pm. Phone (716) 275-6181.

Several interested members have committed themselves to staffing the office for a four-month period ending in late May. The gay community owes these people a vote of thanks for their contribution to the cause. Volunteers have undergone a training period in office procedures and counselling techniques.

Office staff are prepared to take messages for speakers bureau, the newsletter, or other GLF functions; give out information about the organization; and give out travel information (our "Ask Miss Foster" service).

The staff controls our book, magazine, and newspaper collection, and provides a sympathetic counselling service to those with gay-related problems.

WAYS YOU CAN SERVE

Any movement that expects to go beyond dreams and talk must have people working together toward specific objectives. (In GLF, the objectives are defined by the gay community—not by an elite set of officers.)

A quick look at the committees listed below shows the six areas in which GLF has organized itself to respond to the gay community's needs.

PROGRAM: Conferences, Social Events, Sunday evening discussions.

POLITICAL & LEGAL ACTION: Legal defense referrals, demonstrations, ZAPS, legislative lobbying

COMMUNITY CENTER: Study feasibility and develop plan for founding gay community center and sponsoring social and sports outings

COMMUNICATIONS: Newsletters, writing and printing publications, speaker's bureau

ADMINISTRATIVE: Provide office services for GLF

FINANCE: Budget, raise and disburse funds.

Anyone wishing to help the gay community need only show up at one of our Sunday evening meetings, or telephone to discuss it with us.

JOIN US while we work for each other (no one else will do it for us)

JOIN US and you will grow inside where it counts.

STATEWIDE CONFERENCE OF GAY GROUPS ATTENDED BY ROCHESTER GLF REPS

Approximately 35 representatives of gay activist groups, including two from Rochester, met in Albany Dec 3-4 to discuss legislation and means of getting it passed. Ten NY cities and towns were represented.

The major effort will be to ban discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodations, licensing and bonding. Efforts will also be made to repeal consensual sodomy laws and other laws concerning "crimes without victims." Elimination of "age of consent laws" was also discussed.

Gay groups agreed to send representatives to Albany each Tuesday to lobby for passage. Our LEGAL AND POLITICAL ACTION committee hopes to send a lobbyist to aid in the effort.

GLF NEEDS

A typewriter, mimeograph or offset press as tools to communicate with the gay community.

An AM-FM radio, clock and desk lamp for use in the GLF office.

If you know where we can get (or obtain the free use of) any of these items, please call the GLF office 275-6181 any evening, and you will become an instant hero!

SUBMIT NEWS ITEMS

News items, articles, advertising or letters may be mailed to "The Empty Closet", GLF, Room 201 Todd Union, River Station Rochester, NY 14627.

For short announcements, telephone 275-6181 evenings after 5.

Material can also be delivered at Sunday evening GLF meetings.

Advertising will resume in the next issue of the CLOSET. Those wishing to advertise should phone or write for details.