

Gayly forward

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the battle of memorial union

The ISU Christian Fellowship, Inc., was the target of a zap (demonstration) Thursday, February 7, by Gay people, people from Women's Coalition, people from Phoenix Party, and other interested unaffiliated persons. The Fellowship was provided with a table in the Memorial Union where they were passing out a variety of offensive literature; the "tract" which was most obnoxious to the Gay people was a little pamphlet entitled "The Gay Blade." (Other people were upset with bigoted literature on the occult, mysticism, psychism, evolution, and even one on Ouija Boards.)

Protests had been lodged Wednesday against the distribution of this hate literature in GSB offices, the Dean of Students Office, and at the Union Board, though no action seemed to be happening through these channels. A zap was in order.

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OPEN LETTER to a paranoid

-----Stephen H.B. Duhr

Maybe this conversation will sound familiar to you:

Paranoid: "Want to go to second floor again?"

Me: "So that's you. I really don't like messing around in the johns."

Par: "I do--and really want to get you off. Will you come up with me?"

Me: "I'd rather get to know you first. John tricks are so impersonal."

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area politicians talk with GPLA

State Senator John Murray and State Representative Reid Crawford were guest speakers at the Gay Peoples Liberation Alliance meeting Sunday, February 10, in Frisbie House. The topics of discussion ranged from the sodomy laws to harassment of Gays to discrimination in housing on the basis of lifestyle.

The new proposed legal code of Iowa, if passed, will repeal the existing sodomy laws. It has already passed in the house and Mr. Murray came out in favor of it. When Mr. Crawford was asked if he favored removal of the sodomy laws he replied, "I am on record as having voted for the proposed code."

Later the possibility was discussed of getting "sexual orientation" added to the human rights code of Iowa so that it would be unlawful to discriminate against people on the basis of sexual orientation. (POLITICIANS, TO PAGE 2)

GPLA gets recognition, funding

Recognition was granted to Gay Peoples Liberation Alliance by the Organization Recognition and Control Commission (ORCC) January 23, 1974. This made GPLA an official part of Iowa State University, allowing use of university facilities, and making the organization officially affiliated with ISU. Later the next week, the Executive Budgetary Commission (EBC) and the Government of the Student Body passed a funding request of \$787.35 for GPLA for spring and summer quarters. Originally \$1325 had been requested, but rent for a community center and other incidentals were cut on criteria (phone payment allocation could not be made unless office space was available already). Details of the budget are below:

Educational Publishing - - - - -	\$141.10
Educational Library (periodicals, books) - - - - -	\$150.00
Office supplies - - - - -	\$ 50.00
Newsletter - - - - -	\$145.00
Publicity - - - - -	\$123.75
All-Iowa Gay Conference - - - - -	\$150.00
Miscellaneous - - - - -	\$ 25.00
	<u>\$344.85</u>
Income (dues, donations, etc.) - - - - -	\$ 57.00
Allocation - - - - -	\$787.35

Now is as good a time as ever to get involved with GPLA; your voice will count and there are more facilities available to implement policy than ever before. Come out to a meeting!

U.S. army doesn't oust gay soldier

A U.S. Army administrative board in Frankfurt, Germany, has ruled that an unidentified Gay soldier may complete the six months of his remaining active duty time. The decision was made on the grounds that the military might be able to "rehabilitate him."

(NOTE: Any armed forces personnel wishing to be rehabilitated, please contact G.P.L.A.)

(politicians)

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is of their sexual preference in hiring, housing, etc. Senator Murray said he would consider sponsoring a bill in the Senate to add the phrase "sexual orientation" to the code. This would be a landmark in human rights as presently only a few cities in the United States (Seattle Ann Arbor, Mich.) have this type of legislation.

the atrocious gay bla

--Dennis B

("THE GAY BLADE, J.T. CHICK
PUBLICATIONS, PO BOX 662
CHINO, CALIF. 91710, 5¢)

If you want to read a humorous, typical comic strip I don't recommend "The Gay Blade." Upon first glance it does seem quite funny, but a deeper analysis reveals that it doesn't have the wit of, say, a "Peanuts," or the colloquial appeal of "Blondie." Fortunately "The Gay Blade" is not syndicated as it is damaging enough in its small "tract" form.

"The Gay Blade" is atrociously insulting. At the same time it is ridiculous in its ignorance towards homosexuality. If Gays had civil rights, if society were aware of Gay people as having minority status, if Gays had dignity as individual human beings in America, "The Gay Blade" would not be threatening. As much of society now has just a refined reflection of the bigotry of Mr. J.T. Chick (the author/publisher), this pamphlet is dangerous from the Gay perspective as people may not be aware of the ignorance in "The Gay Blade" and can use it as a rationale for their own prejudice. Also the tract could be damaging to Gay sisters and brothers in the closet struggling to Come Out.

This offensive little pamphlet begins by plagiarizing photos from a relative

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whether or not he would be accepted if he allowed his true feelings out. So Joe is now quite frustrated, and he has to deal with lots of guilt and self-hatred. Joe has not yet learned to accept himself.

It's important to remember that Joe C. may go to bed with women, perhaps even lots of women. He may function quite well in hetero sex---however, something still seems to be missing for Joe. In his mind he is sexually attracted more to males than females, even after all these years of "wishing" it would go away! Joe has a "crush" on the guy that he crams around with who lives down the hall. It's an emotional attraction combined with physical desires but because of society's trap there are no words to express these emotions. More frustration. Feeling good about someone of the same sex is a taboo. But hating someone of the same sex is OK. Americans say that this is the "natural" order of things. Other societies might say that it is irrational.

Joeseeph C. Cool is the first one to get upset about "queers" and "faggots" and "fairies." His revulsion is two-fold: 1) obviously no one could consider him a "queer" as long as he's having fun of "them," and 2) he is expressing his dislike for himself that he has internalized from guilt over his feelings.

Every "queer's" joke that Joe C. makes or laughs at causes him to die just a little bit more inside. And makes him withdraw a little bit more to the corners of his closet from a little bit more fear.

Joe C. did have some sexual experiences with other guys in high school. One of the guys pretended to be the "woman" and the other pretended to be the "man." This, to Joe, was obviously hetero sex in the absence of the opposite sex. Also he dismisses it as "childish experimentation." It couldn't be "queer" because Joeseeph C. takes special pains not to act like a "queer." And we all know how disgusting a real "queer" acts!

Nowadays Joe C. frequents the public washrooms on campus and occasionally "accidentally" gets a hand job or perhaps a blow job under the stall. This is the only Gay sex that Joe can cope with, and he conveniently pretends that it never happens at all. After all, he never sees the other person---there's no need to worry about being "discovered," no one could ever recognize him. It's not even like having sex with a real person when you can't see them; it's so much easier to deal with.

Class, in spite of all of Joe's precautions, his hiding is making him restless and unhappy inside.

Being schizoid is no joke! Remember, too, that all of us know many people who are Joe C. Cools. Perhaps Joe C. here on the board could be much happier if he would just take time to sit down and think about himself and really get to know himself. Perhaps whoever it is that's inside of him that he's so afraid of isn't such a bad person after all....

Gay Dance

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1015 N. Hyland

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beginning 9 P.M.

Everyone welcome!