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a liberation forum for the gay community



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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I really dug your issue no. 7 - best one I've seen! Could you send 15 copies to this store and bill us. No one in this dopey community sells *Come Out!* or anything really radical except *Ain't I a Woman* (of course). So this little miniscule head shop is trying to get it on with political papers. Couldn't find out if you have bulk rates, but send us the 10 copies at whatever price - we'll sell them (or I'll give them away and apy you!)

Hello to any of the sisters who I met when I was in NY in September - Judy, Ann Sanchez, Lois, Ellen, Pat Maxwell, and at least 10 others whose names I don't remember - love and power! to you all. I yope to be in NY sometime in the next 3 months. Does *Come Out!* address change with every issue? Hope I can find you then.

More on coming out in Iowa City: Gay Liberation got started here in September; it's not real together, extremely male dominated, like there are 2 or 3 women in it. Most gay sisters relate to Women's

Liberation and not to local GLF though we dig what GLF is up to in other places. The only thing GLF here has done is hand out free lunches at a church (and wrote Gay Power slogans on construction site fences). Mostly they are a roving beer party. There is no gay bar in Iowa City and most of the GLF gays are middle class-student-white-and unserious. So GLF is like a substitute for a bar -- Yuck-o. But, I hope distributing *Come Out!* will bring out some more good people.

I guess I'm pretty critical because the scene in NY impressed me a lot and I wish it could get together here. Being around you people really was an "up" and important to me when I was just starting to come out and be glad I was gay and be glad I was alive.

Love to the people &

Power to the Sisters

In struggle,

Jeannie ("Jd") Taylor

Dear sisters and brothers,

We're sending you a couple of issues of our paper *Come Together*. You've probably read lots of the material as we filched it from a few of you GLF journals, but as we are getting ourselves together into a much tighter organisation we should be getting more original stuff dealing with our own specifics, and as consciousness rises, with our own sexism. We're growing in numbers continuously, groups are appearing in places as far away as Scotland which gives gay people a particularly rough time. Sisters are joining us from Womens Liberation, brothers are finding out about us in prisons and we are going to attempt to get a foothold in the Merchant Navy.

Anyways we would like an exchange with your paper.

with love to you in struggle,

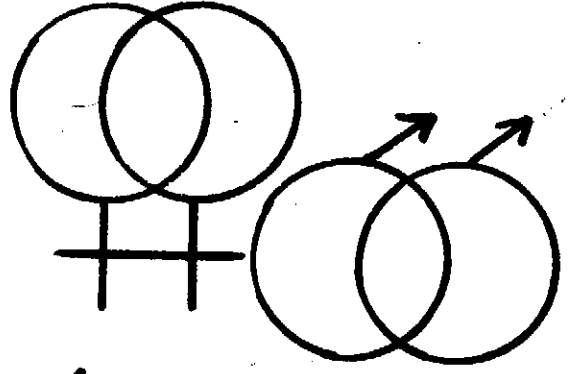
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our letters



Dear brothers and sisters at *Come Out!*,

Thank you very much for sending down the copies of *Come Out!*, we really appreciate them. Things down here are really a hassle but a little live between our brothers and sisters helps smooth the way. There is a lot of interest in starting a gay group here so that we can provide a place for people to rap and maybe a legal support too. I've contacted GLF in Washington to see if a few people could come down from there to rap to a bunch of us but have received no answer yet. A lot of the gay people down here are in the service so there is a lot of paranoia running around and not without good reason.

Now for a problem that has come up. I am an active duty G.I. here at Ft. Bragg, and I'm tired of the shit. I have been active in an anti-war G.I. group since I got here a year and a half ago and am known as a trouble maker. Now I'm trying to force the army to release me or exempt me from prosecution for being gay. I think there's going to be a lot of trouble as the Army will probably really try to hang me. I might need a lawyer but I have very little bread so if you can suggest anyone who might like to handle the case either for free or for a very low charge, I would appreciate it. Oh, one more thing, I'm insisting that I be given an Honorable Discharge. If they either give me the Honorable Discharge or the guarantee of freedom from prosecution it might go a long way in helping gay brothers and sisters now in the service. Keep up the good work that you are doing to try and free all of us.

Thank you,
Arnold P. Charles

Dear Friends:

At present there is a small group of gay people here in Boston who are working on activities for Gay Pride Week and Christopher Street Liberation Day. One of our projects is a multi-media presentation on the gay mind - who we are, our relationships to each other and to the straight world. It is also possible that we could utilize this presentation, hopefully during Gay Pride Week, on one of the television stations here in Boston.

We are searching for as many source materials as possible including newspaper articles, tapes, pictures, film, etc. Could you suggest materials that are easily and quickly accessible for us to review and possibly include in our workshops and our multi-media presentation.

Our work load is seemingly tremendous and we would appreciate any suggestions you might offer.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Martha Akey

Dear sisters and brothers,

The following women AND MEN helped to make this issue A REALITY. Love AND POWER TO US ALL:

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- Gay Prisoners
- AND Gay People
- All over the world.

Come Out! is finally out! We're back again and we've really missed you. Thank you very much for your interest, your letters, your faith, and your patience. We're sorry if we've missed anything that you should have known about; we've had some very untogther times and things like letters, even poetry and articles have gotten lost in the scrambles since the Gay Community Center closed. We would like to get *Come Out!* more often. There is still so much that we have to understand and express about ourselves and the process we call Gay Liberation. However, it is very hard putting out a paper without your help. So please don't ask us when the paper will come out again. Ask us what you can do to help *Come Out!* grow and be relevant to you. If you would like to contribute to *Come Out!* or be a part of the paper in any of the ways that make papers -- writing, layout, distribution, (and lot's of just plain work that only a few people have been groaning over now for a long time), please write to us at our box number of call 212-581-2639. love *Come Out!*

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