

# GY GAY YOUTH

Gay Youth is a new group consisting of both male and female gays under the age of twenty-one. Our aim is both political and social (with an accent on social). We wish to bring together young Gay people who have so far been out of touch with the gay community and gay life in general, as well as all young gays.

Our recruiting policy will be executed within the gay community, in the press, in the high schools and wherever young people congregate. In conjunction with this policy, for purposes of education, we will speak at any gathering to which we are invited.

Our meetings are held every Sunday night at 7:00 P.M. at Alternate University, 530 6th Avenue, New York City. Phone: 982-9874.

An important part of our general meetings is a consciousness-raising session, in which we discuss our life styles and views on gay life. (Our first session, for example, dealt with our problems in handling our parents, and the question of how frank we ought to be with them.)

Most important of all, our group gives a chance for young gay people to make gay friends their own age, and to meet people in similar situations.

Our first achievements were our dances, held for the entire gay community. We now plan a national Gay Youth newspaper to keep the different chapters of Gay Youth in touch with one another. Chapters of Gay Youth are being formed in:

Detroit - contact Tony Russomanno thru GLF Detroit

Philadelphia - contact Basil O'Brien thru GLF Philadelphia

Tampa - contact Danny Weeks thru GLF Tampa

Ann Arbor - contact Tony Russomanno thru GLF Detroit

If your city is not on this list and you would like more information on GY or would like to start a GY in your city, call (212) 982-9874, or write:

GAY YOUTH  
c/o Alternate U.  
530 Sixth Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10011



# RED BUTTERFLY

The Red Butterfly recognizes that the United States is fit for many purposes, but it is not fit to live in.

The Red Butterfly is part of the Gay Liberation movement. We are an organization of men and women working towards an end to oppression of homosexuals.

We Stand opposed to imperialism, capitalism, racism, sexism - We advocate a free and democratic socialist society striving for communism.

The Red Butterfly supports the peoples of Southeast Asia, Africa, Latin America - all oppressed people everywhere in their battles against imperialism and for socialism.

We support the Black Panthers, Women's Liberation, the liberation movements of Chicanos, Latins, and native Americans, and all oppressed peoples.

We stand prepared to work for and with everyone fighting oppression - everyone engaged in the struggle.

We insist upon an end to the oppression of homosexuals. We demand to be treated as equals, as indeed we ARE equal.

The Red Butterfly is also engaged in research and writing projects. We welcome your interest and participation. For further information, pamphlets, etc. write:

The Red Butterfly  
Box 3445  
Grand Central Station  
New York, N.Y. 10017

We are setting up chapters across the country; if you would like to join or start a chapter in your area, write to us for further information.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NEW MEN'S CAUCUS IN NYGLF

After much discussion and debate, thirty-nine male members of GLF New York formed a new men's caucus. Each man in the caucus belongs to one of five men's consciousness-raising groups, and each group will be represented at general Sunday night meetings by one of its members, who will speak for the other men of his group.

At the November 22 Sunday night meeting, one of the five representatives read the following statement:

*There will be no more Wednesday night men's meetings. It has been the consensus of the last three men's meetings that the basis of men's politics in GLF should evolve from the men getting together in consciousness-raising groups to understand our common oppression as Gay men and to determine how best to deal with it.*

*Therefore, we have established a men's caucus made up of representatives from consciousness-raising groups, with each group sending one representative to express the consensus of his group. We suggest that any men not now in a consciousness-raising group attend the orientation meeting on Wednesday at 8:00 P.M. at 336 W. 95th Street, Apt. 23.*

Men in the caucus feel that a tighter structure based on consciousness-raising groups will alter the balance of power in GLF so that it will become more difficult for the men of GLF to dominate the women and transvestites. From its early beginnings, GLF has been plagued by the mere presence of so many males, especially at Sunday meetings. The caucus, by reducing the number of men who may actively participate in general meetings, should serve to equalize the different constituencies in GLF.

Another chronic GLF problem is ego-tripping by individuals who have a tendency to monopolize general meetings, often in a very disruptive manner. Most of our NYGLF superstars are men. The caucus, by confronting these men and by allowing the group representatives only a short term of office, should be helpful in eliminating this counter-revolutionary form of individualism.

In its attempts at the solution of some of these more obvious practical difficulties of GLF, the new men's caucus can also bring about something much more important and much more beautiful; namely, brotherhood.

Many GLF men believe that we can, through consciousness-raising, grow closer to one another in a new shared understanding of our common oppression as Gay people. By opening ourselves up, letting it all hang out, bleeding inside each other's wounds, by laughing and crying and talking and fucking, we of the men's caucus will GROW into a united front actively working toward the liberation of all oppressed peoples.

## WHAT TO DO ABOUT NYU

For those interested in furthering the struggle for the NYU Gay Community demands presented during the height of the Weinstein battle last September, the issue is dormant but far from dead. Gay Lib has been subverting the NYU Liberation Front (the major campus activist organization) ever since their consciousness deficiency proved them incapable of effectively backing us at Weinstein. So far we've assisted in bringing out a few members, incited the women into operating autonomously from the men until they get it together about their male chauvinism, and started men's meetings to help the men find an identity that is more than "straight, white, male oppressor." NYULF meetings are every Tuesday night at 8:00 P.M.

GSL has been getting together in political consciousness-raising groups in order to study the Gay students' special situation, and they have been following that up with bi-weekly meetings to decide how best to deal with the conclusions reached in the different groups. If interested, you can ask for Tom Mohan at the "Brittany," 55 E. 10th Street, Apt. 1108, (473-2583).

Also, two short announcements:

1. On Sunday, December 6, at 1:00 P.M. there will be a meeting at the above address to decide on the curriculum for Gay Studies which Hester has shown some interest in co-opting for the good name of "academic impartiality." Following this at 3:00 P.M., we will hold our regular NYU Gay Community meeting.

2. Some Gay people may be interested in a Monday, December 7, action against Union Carbide at the Washington Square campus. This demonstration will offer positive alternatives to imperialist corporate recruiters. If interested, attend the regular NYULF meetings or stop by Bob and Ken's at 180 Avenue B, Apt. 4R.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COME OUT

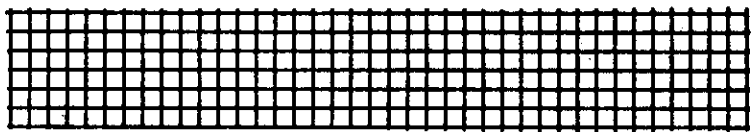
Gay Night at Alternate University marches on!! Alternate University is at 69 W. 14th Street on the northeast corner of 14th and Sixth Ave. Gay Night is our night to use and structure as we want, to relate ourselves to the whole thing of being gay. We will have every Friday night from 6 o'clock until about 11:30 until the present Fall term ends. The last official Gay Night will be Friday Dec. 13, but it may be possible to have between-term Gay Nights for three weeks after that and then it will be up to us and AU to continue. Monetarily speaking, Gay Night is totally free!!

COME OUT! finally has a new post office box. If your service from us has been difficult, please bear with us and remember we are living in hard times. We've had

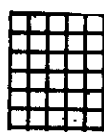
about three changes of address in the past few months but finally the U.S. Males have allowed us to have a box of our own. It is Box 233, Times Square Station, 340 West 42nd Street, New York N.Y. 10036. Please send all contributions, letters, subscription info, kevetches and gripes to COME OUT! at that address.

At this point there is some difference as to who and what is GLF and who and what is COME OUT! COMEOUT! is, as our cover has said for the past several issues, a liberation forum for the gay community. The radical gay community. It is published by a growing, open collective of gay women and men, and we hope it represents the growth of the gay liberation movement which is no longer exclusively represented by the name GLF. COME OUT! originated as an autonomous cell of GLF and some members of the collective will continue to relate to the Gay Liberation Front, so that we are not completely breaking our ties with GLF but are opening ourselves to the whole gay liberation movement in New York and, we hope, throughout the country. COME-OUT! desperately needs people to work on the work collective, to submit articles, to relate to the whole job of putting out a paper with the highest consciousness we can possibly have. We also DESPARATELY need a PLACE OF OUR OWN in which to meet regularly. If you have a good-sized empty room, a basement, a part of a store or any meeting place, please call 581-2639 and let us know. Any information about COME OUT! can be gotten by calling the 95th Street Men's Collective at 864-6487 or Perry Brass at 581-2639. So please come and help us get a paper out.

Our most sincere apology to Steve Rose, a very fine photographer, who was kind enough to allow us the use of pictures in the last issue of COME OUT! (pp. 3,4,5) and whom we editorialized without giving him a chance to be confronted. The collective felt his pictures were male chauvinistic because of an exclusion of women in them. Women did significantly take part in both the 42nd Street March on August 29th and the action in the Village that took place afterwards. For several reasons (some of them purely design and graphic) Steve did not submit photos with women to us, and we were simply not together enough to confront him on this. Then we put an editorial comment in the paper without giving him a chance to speak. We apologize deeply for doing this and hope that we have raised consciousness on many levels (our own certainly, too) about this. The first level being that COME OUT! is a forum and we must not exclude a male photographer from this forum; the second is that women must not be excluded from the experience of our politics any more than we will allow any homosexuals of either sex to be. We hope that this was another incidence of our growing as a collective and in growing there will always be some mistakes made.



## COMMUNITY CENTER



"Paranoia is a state of heightened awareness. Most people are persecuted beyond their wildest delusions. Those who feel at ease are blind. Depression is the result of intolerable alienation and deprivation. Violent anger is a healthy reaction to oppression. Drug abuse is taught to children by their alcoholic, nicotinic, aspirinic, caffeinic elders. Schizophrenia is an experience saner than normality - in this mad world. . . . Power to the people!"

from RADICAL PSYCHIATRY-MANIFESTO  
by claude steiner  
as quoted in The Radical Therapist  
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### FREE MEDICAL CLINIC

St. Mark's Clinic  
44 St. Mark's Place  
Mon. - Fri., 6 P.M. - 10 P.M. Evenings call: 533 - 9500  
Blood tests, treatment of social and other diseases, also emergency care after gay demonstrations.  
Anonymity guaranteed.

### FREE DENTAL CLINIC

70 St. Mark's Place  
(The Green Door at Street Level)  
Mon., Weds., Thurs., 6 P.M. - 10 P.M.

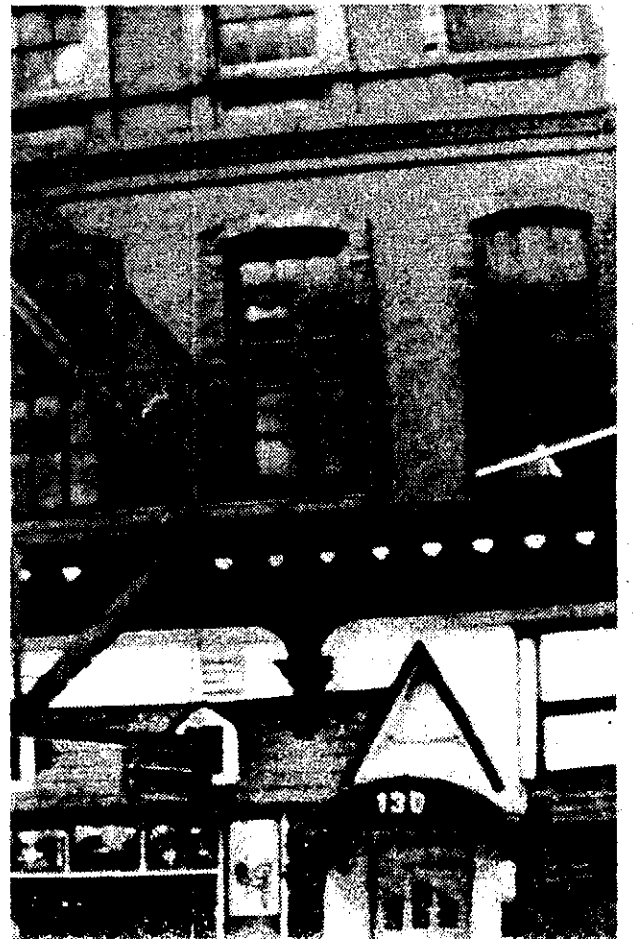
## DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS,

For over a year gay women and men have been working towards getting a gay community center; free space where gay people could come together in a human atmosphere. Having previously been forced to meet each other only on the streets or in exploitative Mafia bars has colored all our relationships. We need a place where we can meet each other as people, not as sex objects. A place to dance in. A place to hold classes in things we'll need to survive and grow: karate, theatre, crafts, discussion groups, history of gay oppression. We need a place to provide services for the gay community: legal, medical, housing, jobs, a gay switchboard. A free food program, day care for children. We need to have space in which to start to understand the things which keep us apart: sexism, racism, loneliness, fear. We need to discover what we can become as fully actualized gay people. We've never had a place to try it before.

**BUT THE POSSIBILITY IS HERE!!** We've found a large loft in the heart of the Gay ghetto, the West Village. We need money now to help make our dreams come true. Your help will be fantastically appreciated! The future begins in the present.

Please make checks and money orders payable to:  
Gay Community Center  
P.O. Box 40  
Village Station  
New York, N.Y. 10014

(Also in the next few weeks we'll be needing donations of paint, furniture, tools and WORKERS!!)



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