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Houston's GAY News

The NUNTUIS, prounced as it is spelled is Latin meaning "messenger." The editor and supporters of this paper wish to be the messenger for its readers.

Houston is at the point of needing a publication of this type. You as readers are aware of the many-many new faces, vacationers, conventioners etc., that are arriving daily with no way of knowing of the activities and spots of interest to their particular taste.

The back page of each issue will contain a list of the Gay Clubs and Bars wishing to be listed. If any are left out it will be because the owner or operators were unable to be located for information.

Any of our readers finding or having something of interest are requested to leave it at any one of the bars or clubs handling our paper. If there is anything offensive, we also welcome this criticism as an aid to better supply you with interesting copy.

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We are new and inexperienced and need the help of you the readers to let us know what you want.

Mattachine Lovers File Joint Returns

Two male lovers who head the Mattachine Society of New York have filed a joint income tax return, a tax break that the Internal Revenue Service reserves for married couples.

Bob Amsel, MSNY president, and Dick Leitsch, executive director, have been lovers for three years. They are irked by the fact that they pay higher income taxes than married hetrosexual couples and yet are not allowed to marry legally.

Several other couples in MSNY and New York's Daughters of Bilitis were considering filing joint returns, but it isn't yet known whether they did so. If the IRS objects, as expected, DOB and MSNY says they will defend those members who filed the joint returns.

The Advocate 5-13-26, 1970



CRISWELL SEES GAY CITIES, ORGANIZED ORGIES

"I predict that perversion will flood the land beginning in 1970, I predict a series of homosexual cities, small, compact, carefully planned areas, will soon be blatantly advertised and exist from coast to coast. These compact communities will be complete with stores, churches, bars, and restaurants which will put the olden Greeks or Romans to shame with their organized orgies. You will be able to find them near Boston, Des Moines, Columbus, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., San Francisco, St. Louis, New Orleans, Dallas, and Miami."

The quotation is from a new book, *Criswell Predicts to the Year 2000* (Gossett and Dunlap). His publishers claim a record of 87% accuracy for this popular prognosticator.

The book goes on to say:

"Much thought and planning will be expended in setting up these communities where perversion will parade shamelessly. And all this will be within the law because the perverted will claim they have been discriminated against. The Supreme Court will rule that whatever these consenting adult males, or females, wish to do, they can! Greece and Rome, along with Carthage and Babylon, once permitted the same type of communities. I predict that history will repeat itself right here in America beginning in the year 1970, and increasingly after the Supreme Court upholds them in 1973."

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Stopped by the lumber store and Hic was there but that was about all, doing as little as possible which is usual for him? her? On back to the Nuntuis and work on it until Hic drags the rest of his eleven hours down the street home.

"Hic., come on, hurry up, we have to make several bars before the hour of closing." A couple of scotches later and a lot of Hic s mouth we arrive at Scene 1. Yes it was pleasantly crowded, and in the middle of the week and all new faces, is it a new bar or new people? There wasn't any of the usual crowd around town and if I hadn't been driving myself would have accused Hic of having the Dallas cut-off. Copy was ready as was the usual drink, the atmosphere there is wonderful and didn't want to leave but had to see what was doing on down the street.

Did I say down the street, the Roaring 60's was packed. There had been no forerunner of information about this paper there but upon presentation of what we had to Ricci, gee she is swell and all business. There is to be a baseball league here but you can read about it in detail in this issue. It seems that there was an anniversary party the 23rd, yes three years in the business and I might say successful but hard, credit to the two girls, Ricci and Rita, I just thought, where was Rita?

On down to Homo Heights dropped in the LaBoheme, surprise, the place has changed hands and under new managership of Dennis, you remember the fellow that gave such good service as bartender, now the owner. The service is even better now, and who is tending bar?, yes Dennis. I knew all except two and thought they had all left town but sure was nice seeing the stable group enjoying the service and the place, drop in, you'll go back as Dennis is great.

I must be getting old, which is an understatement, I'm older than water but just don't hear things that go on as I should. Did you know the Cabaret is now hosted by Ron Valentine? I didn't and the place has been completely done over. New stage, new location in the bar, tables where you can be seated and everyone see the beautiful

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Was asked to leave the last place because of the hour so went around the corner to the Numbers, again where does they come from, the bar was full and the substitute bartender with a nose matching mine was behind the bar, I'M jealous, but his mouth is bigger! The operator had called in help saying he was hungry, well, what I saw was his-self eating up the pool table and I didn't even know he knew how to eat pool. The "bad Pat" was in the game with him so I wonder if it is true what I hear, is she really bad?

The show at the Ron Valentines Cabaret or the scotches had got to Hick so all he could say was, take me home and feed me – – – just what do you think it meant? Well we called it a night and went home with Hic snoaring all the way and dreaming of his next days eleven hours.

Would you believe it is Sunday Morning and again we are at it? Just talked to M. C. and he said come on over and discuss the paper but be sure and not to forget his "orange blossom", now how did he know what we were drinking, shows what he thinks of us, or what he knows? Sent Hic across the street for some juice as I knew he never would find his way to Florida for oranges and had the store been anywhere but in sight night not have seen him for days, not that he gets lost that easily but he will follow anything in pants that is.

Hic followed the string back and we finally got to M. C.'s and Les's, have you seen the house since all the work these two have put in on it, something else grand . . . and their three poodles do enjoy the place, pool and all. M. C. answered the door, on asking about Les was told he was at the bar working. M. C. was in the dining area playing with money. There was a leak at the bar and Les went to see about it, what kind of "leak?" in the pipes I guess! Was told to pick the copy up Tuesday at the bar, and again, in the a.m., M. C. playing with the money and the sound of sawing in the background, sure enough, Les working. These two guys have a roaring business but sure work at it, closing at two in the a.m. and back the same a.m. early. You can't help but see the changes and the way the place is cared for, you feel that you get a great deal back of what you put into this bar, just great, we are on your side boys.

Went from M. C.'s to the Common Market for bargans, ran into many of the people we knew, Bob and Claude, you remember from Avondale, they have the nicest place out there. Just look for the trailer with all the plants and goodies, gaily painted in a multitude of happy colors. Prices are reasonable and the personel fun, besides all this they will take your money too, with a smile, theirs. Much luck you two – – –

Thought that Sunday at the Gold Room might give us a chance to talk with Joe and Roscoe about their space. Have you been there recently, you have to go, if not, I have been there on Sunday and Tuesday, and always the same thing. It is a fun place, and the people sure enjoy themselves, must be the excellent management and service, go see and join in the fun, that is if you can get in, crowded, yes it is and was. These fellows are doing a wonderful job of making everyone

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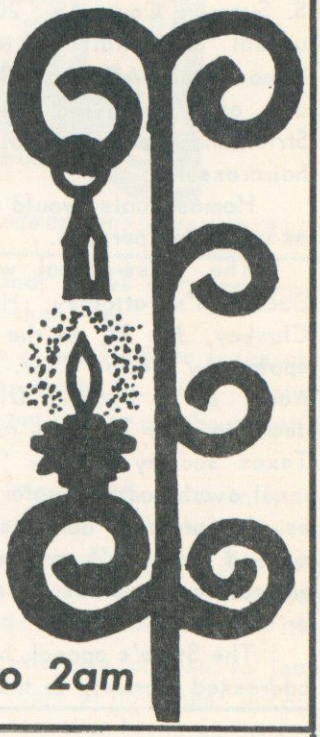
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DALLAS TRIAL TO SET PRESIDENT

by Roy Cole

The question of whether U. S. Constitution protects the private sex acts of consenting adults, married or unmarried, was put squarely to the U. S. Supreme Court Apr. 20 in a cross-appeal on behalf of jailed Dallas homosexual, Alvin L. Buchanan, 37 and an "interested party," Travis Strickland, a 25-year-old unmarried hairdresser.

Homosexuals would be included as unmarried persons.

The cross-appeal was filed by Buchanan's attorney, Henry J. Mc Cluskey, Jr., 27, on the heels of an appeal by Dallas Dist. Atty. Henry Wade, of a Federal District Court decision Jan. 21. This ruling voided Texas sodomy law for "unconstitutional overbreadth, insofar as it reaches the private, consensual acts of married persons" and enjoined its enforcement against anyone, married or single.

The State's appeal, however, was addressed narrowly to the question of the rights of married persons.

The reason for the cross-appeal, according to McCluskey, is to make sure that any decisions by the high court deals with the rights of unmarried as well as married persons.

"If the Supreme Court does not do anything further than deny the state's appeal, the issue of whether the states have the right to regulate the private acts of consenting married couples would be finally and conclusively determined insofar as all 50 states are concerned," said Mc cluskey. "As far as Texas is concerned, it would mean that any homosexual, any prisoner jailed on s odomy charges, could apply for a Writ of Habeas Corpus to gain his release.

"However, the Texas Legislature, could turn right around and enact a new law encluding married couples, and we would be right back where we started," McCluskey added.

Seeks to Broaden Appeal

"What we want to do," he said, "is to broaden the basis of the appeal so that with a favorable ruling, any homosexual, in any one of these states with anti-sodomy statutes would have a solid legal basis for challenging those statutes in Federal Court."

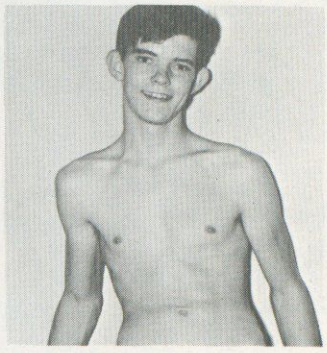
"But regardless of the outcome," he told the ADVOCATE, "there will be many suits filed in the future which will continue to demonstrate the reluctance of the homosexual to accept secondclass citizenship."

The complicated case started on its way to the high court last May 23rd, when McCluskey, anticipating Buchanan's conviction on two counts of sodomy with other males in public restrooms – Buchanan had just been arrested on the second of the two counts – asked for a Federal District Court hearing on the constitutionality of the Texas sodomy law.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gibson, saying they feared prosecution under the state statute for possible future private acts of sodomy entered the case as interested parties.

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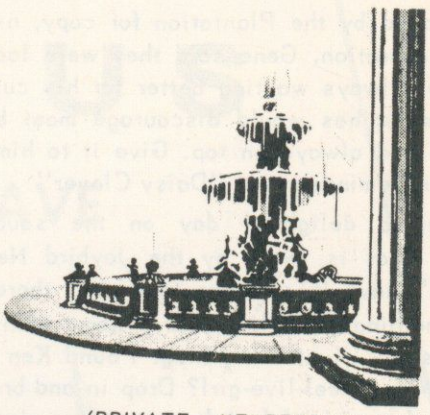
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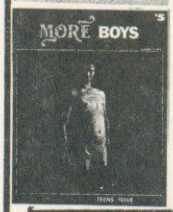
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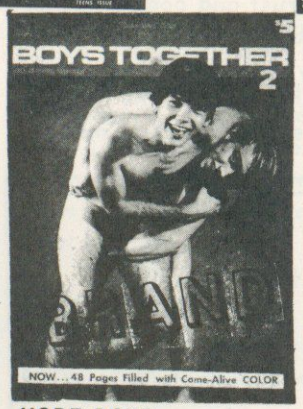
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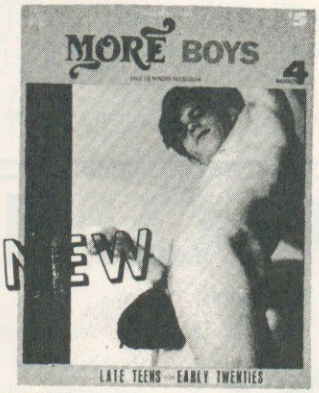
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What to know and where to find it are guide lines to living today. Imperative questions are: where are we/ where are we going? what is best to do under these circumstances? Everyday matters for study at the same time are: how to earn a living, how to get along with people, and how to make a contribution to life.

Our environment is very much what we choose to learn about. We may be low or high on the scale of happiness according to what we put inside our heads . . . that gives us comprehension of life. It is not easy to say as yet what will one day be envolved from this **chaotic** period in human history, but we are part of the "unfolding picture." We can make new conditions easier to live with if we detect and follow their development.

Outside one's chosen field of work, where one must be up to date in detail every day, there are many opportunities to broaden oneself. Only by getting to know more about many things does a person become aware of the full extent of his abilities and the opportunity open to him. Only then can he profess to think, debate and perform with satisfaction to himself.

Obtaining kn, wledge about things does not of itself produce a well-educated man. It is not wholesome to become intoxicated by a general desire to accumulate a mass of information. That is like women who are passionately found of clothes without having any clothes sense.

One's sense of values is the ultimate guide line. There can be no virtue in learning unless one has a scale of values. It is according to this scale and one's conception of what the good life should be that the search for knowledge is guided. The most satisfactory kind of learning is consciously directed, activated by interest, controlled by intelligence and sparked by pleasure.

Knowledge is of most worth which enables a person to do the best that he can, to be fulfilled, to achieve a sense of his identity.

Confucius advised: "Know what you know, and know that you don't know what you don't know . . . that is characteristic of one who knows."

Alàn Dumasèt

comfortable, it is unblievable, you must go and see for yourself, what fun.

Stopped by the Plantation for copy, nice but small for the operation. Gene said they were looking, admire that boy, always wanting better for his customers. The problems he has would discourage most but he keeps in there and always on top. Give it to him, can't keep him down, reminds me of "Daisy Clover".

What a delightful day on the square, "Market Square" that is, went by the Jaybird News, wow, if you don't have it, you can look at it there, and if you see something you like, take it home with you. What a business . . . just everything. Found Ken operating as usual? With a real-live-girl? Drop in and browse around, around, if my blood hadn't stopped running and having to drag Hic out sould still be blushing, as Hic says, "down with ZIPPERS."

Have you been? Have you been????, go to the show, yes the live motion picture show with everything in the altogether, boys, boys, boys, nothing but, live action on the screen, what builds and appendages on the models in the Mini-Park. Go see for yourself, no, I have seen and still don't believe, a must for all. It is cool, comfortable, and clean, but sure makes you hot and bothered, "Hic, come on and go home now, they don't rent rooms, just show movies."

Was in town this morning so thought would stop by the LaCaja and see just what Granny was up to. You guessed it, buying stock, making deposits and planning or is it plotting surprises for the customers. Big George was there and between the two of them you never know what is in store for you when visiting any one of the two bars, the Red Room or the LaCaja. If you don't believe me, just watch the next issue for the surprise, there will be something you have all waited for added to the Red Room, just wait. I had to leave as all the work was making me tired and wanted to come back later when people were at play, and they do play there. I do enjoy the patio and steak nights, also the Sunday feed, which is free. The TGIF party at the Red Room Fridays is a must, free food there too, and I hear they have drawings?, but can't find out for who.

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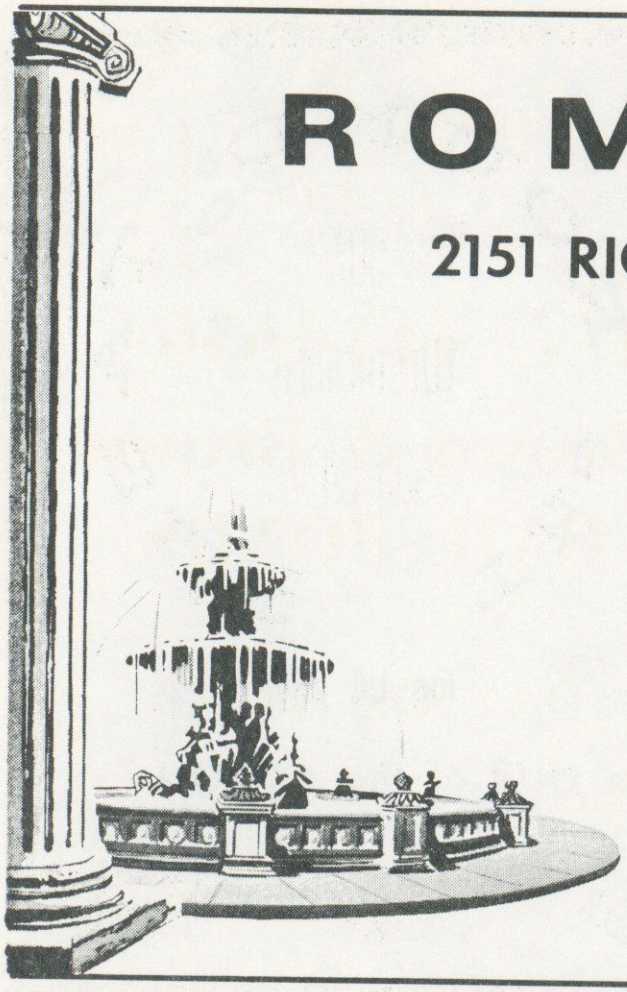
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Strickland subsequently joined in the Supreme Court appeal because he said he felt the lower court decision did not sufficiently protect him as an unmarried person from prosecution for private acts of sodomy with other unmarried persons.

Following the Federal ruling, Dallas, Houston, and several other Texas cities have rushed to stick their fingers in the dike to stem the flood feared by Judge Gossett by passing city ordinances outlawing sodomy or soliciting for sodomy in public places.

The ADVOCATE 5-13-26, 1970

Buchanan out on bail

Buchanan was released from the Dallas County Jail June 15 on posting of $5,000 bond by his attorney.

McCluskey acknowledged that he had used money contributed for the Supreme Court appeal in this case to pay the $750 bond fee, leaving the fund "danger,usly short."

He said publicity on Buchanan's case had resulted "in people harassing the sheriff's office," and a flood of mail and phone calls to the county jail.

Chief Jailer E. L. Holman "threatened Alvin by telling him he was going to beat him up, or put him in the hole, which is a sort of solitary jail within a jail. You go in there nude with just a little hole in the floor for sanitary purposes. You get bread and water for three days, and then you get a meal, and then three more days of bread and water."

Now that he's out of jail, Buchanan "needs help desperately," McCluskey said. "He doesn't have a job; his name is notorious here in Dallas, so it's going to be hard to get one.

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Sincerely,
Dish

Peep Show? I stand corrected, Mini Theaters, yes there are three of them at the A & A News on Alabama and one at the LaBranch Location. Reading and looking material you would never find the like. I had to go back home for my glasses. Mark was very gracious and was delighted to find that he is not a complete new comer to the Houston scene but has been away. Dates back to the "Tongs", remember him Caldwell and Warren? For entertainment you can take home with you drop in and visit soon.

Check the paper for Bob Eddy's ad, yes in insurance now. One of our ex bar owners, hosted many of us many times at the "Showboat". Luck in this new venture to you. If I had a wife that wasn't too lazy to go shopping or a dog that wasn't too cowed to bite would have to consult you. What do you suggest, replace both.

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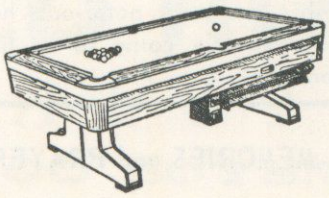
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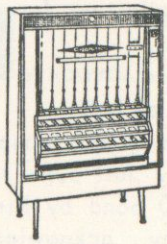
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What three more days this has been, Hic is back to his eleven hours daily at the lumber store, thank goodness. Now I can get something done although it was a job getting his eyes back in their sockets after all the oggling at the A & A News he was doing. Repacking the bags under his eyeholes for work was a job – pancake and erase – gobs –. Each week after his three d-a-y-s liquid diet to keep him in shape, and many of you have seen his condition, sorry I mean shape, a drying out for four days does no harm, but having to eat in order to work does.

by, we'll be seeing you – Nose & Hic, hic, hic – – –

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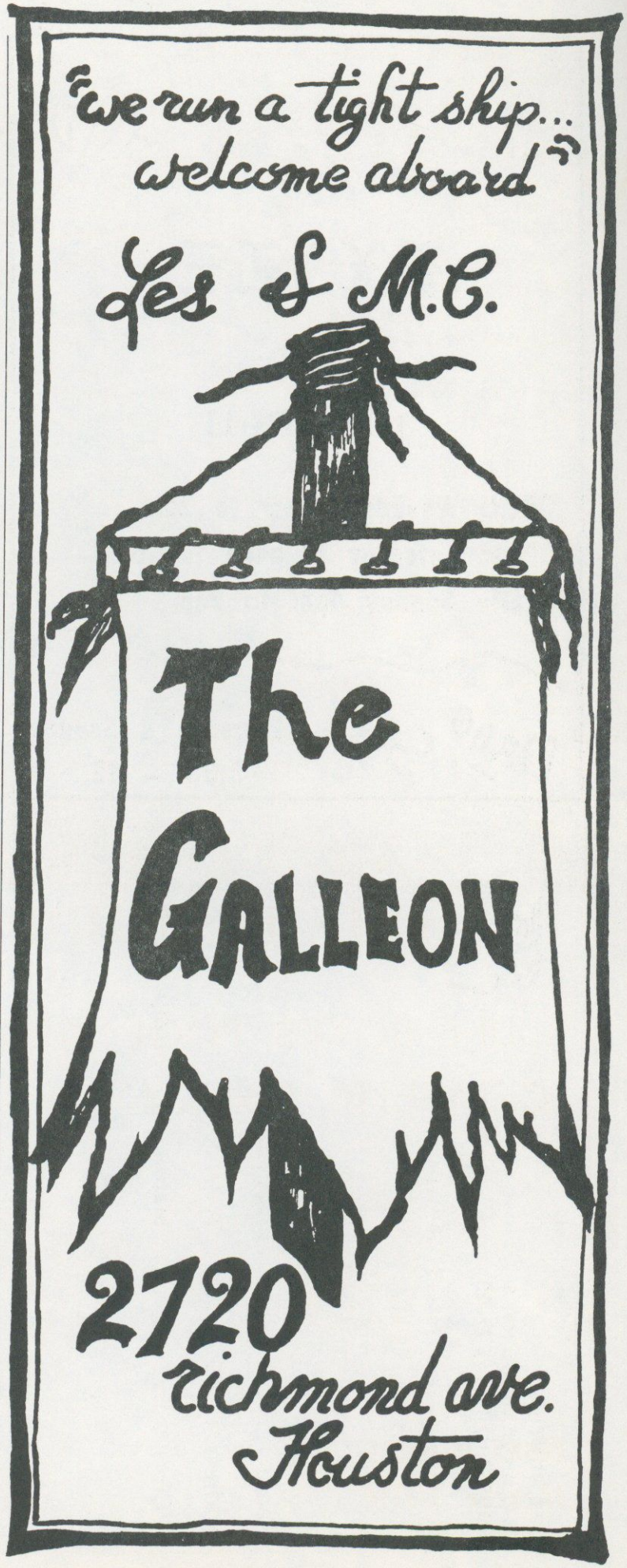
The following weekend, the 17th, 18th and 19th of July, the WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT will also be played at the Memorial Park Stadium. Teams from all over the United States, Canada and Mexico will be here for these events.

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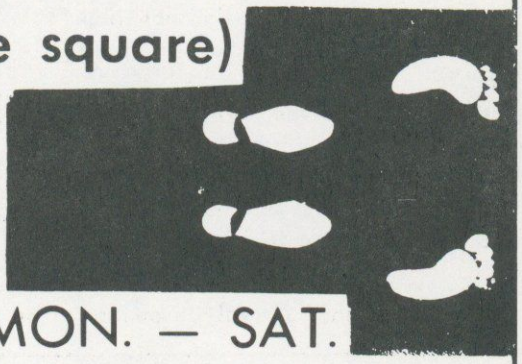
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WEEK-END IN GALVESTON

It was Friday afternoon at the Tradewinds just after office hours when I happened to run into some friends. Halfway through the second drink the conversation turned to Galveston. "Let's go right now," one of the group suggested waving an American Express credit card. All agreed! Each one haistly rushed to their quarters to supply themselves with fresh towels, underarm deodorant, a bottle of mouthwash, and in record time were on the freeway headed for Galveston.

In just a few minutes the sparkling lights of the city were reflected in the water under the causeway which is the entrance to Galveston Island. Having arrived the first thing at hand was a place to stay. After some discussion one of the lesser known motels was selected by the group as it would afford more freedom coming and going and "receiving guests." The accommodations will never rival the Warwick; but oh, those seawalls at 3AM. We arrived just in time for action. People (sailors, soldiers, marines, tourists, natives and assorted sex deviates) were roaming the beaches and seawalls in search of prurient escapades.

In the first block. "Hiya handsome – come over and do me sometime?"
Second block. "Would a sweet thing like you want some company later?"
Third block. "Please, I'm not that kind of boy – do you do anything else?"
Fourth block. "Haven't we met somewhere before? Oh . . . a couple of blocks back!"
Fifth block. "This walking is tiring me out . . . Or was it that number on beach."

On down the seawall I paused momentarily in front of a motel with head bowed in solemn memory of the wildest 3-way I was ever in. Here, last July 4th I fell in lust. Behind these battered walls, I experienced with two beautiful strangers, one of those no-holds-barred balls which happens only once in a lifetime.

In Galveston at least a part of one day has to be set aside for sunning ones-self at Stewarts. On this hot, humid day we arose early at noon, pulled ourselves together, and set out for this well known spot for some sun. If you are at all familiar with this area . . . the sun, sand, and heat does wonders for a scotch and etc., etc., hangover.

On leaving the beach we proceeded to Louise's, a picturesque but not so nice bar which is one of the tourist mecca. This place is known seafood (mostly the kind found on men-us) Behind the bar there are some drug sundries and I bought some (you never know what you're going to bring home these days!)

Having exhausted ourselves and the waitress at Louises we proceeded down the street to the Kon-Tike for some drinks and dancing. The Kon-Tike was closed for a short time, undergoing a whole new facelift, but it is now open for the season with bigger and better to offer the customers.

Closing time found one or two of the group unattached and near the point of collapse from the day and night proceeding. A nice steam bath was suggested and in our desperate condition nothing sounded more relaxing. Yes . . . we went and . . . . . you would never believe me if any attempt were made . . . . . just that at 7AM we were asked to drag ourselves out and away so that the place might be made clean for the "Sunday Matinee."

Arriving back at the motel, which by the way was not air conditioned, we fell exhausted across the bed and napped for some time.

Refreshed . . . time to go to Lafittes for their Sunday afternoon dancing. Hours later after drinking and dancing with intermissions in friends quarters we were compeled to to say goodbye. Kissing all our prince charmings (each promptly turning into a toad), we set out for home and Houston with just a tinge of reluctance, but rested secure in the knowledge that homosexuality is well in Galveston.

Phil Frank

"oh me"



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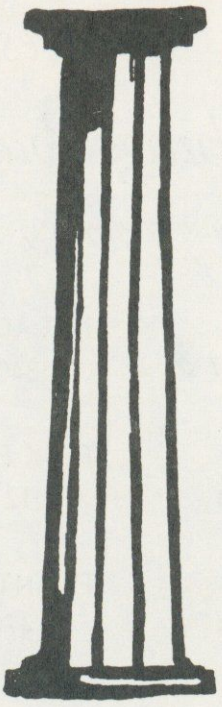
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