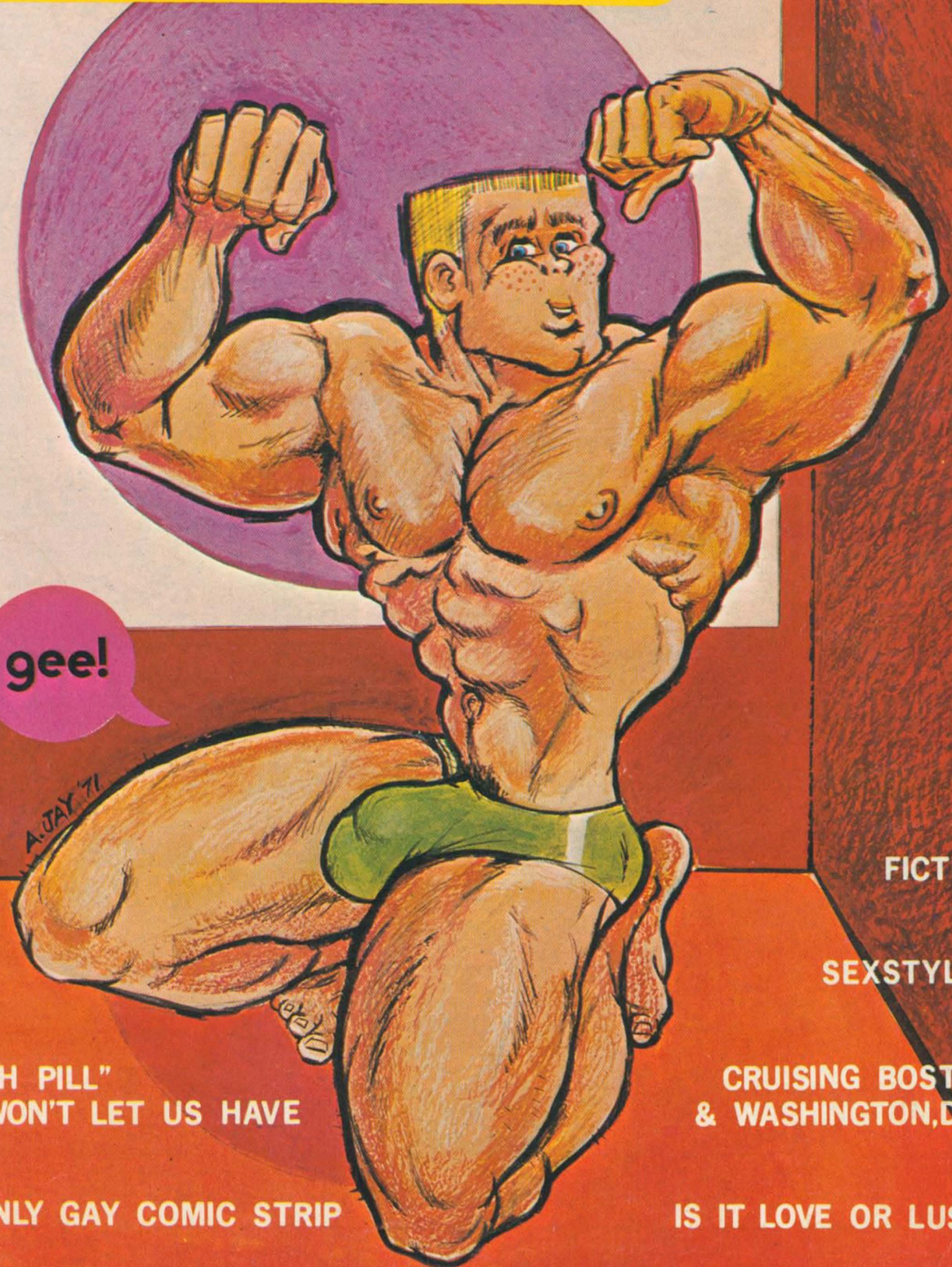
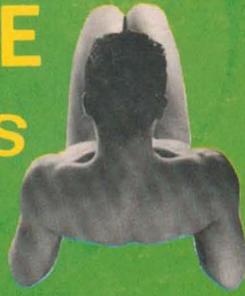


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Random Thoughts

By Craig Rodwell

MANY readers have phoned, written, or stopped in at my book shop to tell me how much they've enjoyed reading my articles in *QQ*. I'm greatly pleased.

This month I thought I'd discuss still other subjects which seem to interest the Gay people I've talked to.

WHAT IS SEXISM?

In discussing Gay Lib, or Women's Lib, the term "sexism" always comes up. Indeed, it is the very heart of sexual liberation.

"Sexism" is a new term which has been coined to describe the class structure set up by society concerning certain feelings, desires, actions, and stereotypes which have been applied to "masculinity" and "femininity." In other words, it is separation according to sex. For example:

- It is "feminine" to be passive, sensitive, artistic, etc., or "masculine" to be aggressive, insensitive, inartistic, etc.

- Gay men are considered "feminine" and the only vocations open to us are hairdressing, theatre, clerical, and other feminine-associated occupations.

- All close human relationships are "masculine-feminine." Hence, even among homosexuals it is assumed that partners must—or should—assume "butch-femme"

roles in order to attain even some degree of "normalcy."

- Men must relate sexually to women and women to men lest they be labeled "queer," according to the established dictates of society.

It is this imposed role-playing by society at large that is responsible for the oppression of Gay people. Gay people must reject the above "heterosexist" myths, and create a community in which people are classified solely as human beings rather than according to preconceived notions of "masculinity" and "femininity." Gay males especially must break away from these "heterosexist" molds in order to

achieve a conscious realization that such human feelings as crying, reacting sensitively, etc., are not "feminine," or that aggressiveness, insensitivity, etc., are not "masculine" norms. We must learn to express our true feelings without sexual regard.

WHY I WRITE FOR QQ

In connection with "sexism," some people involved in Gay Lib have reprimanded me for writing for *QQ*—which they consider a "sexist" magazine because it serves the Gay male only. I believe this notion is absurd. *QQ* does not in fact approve of "sexism" but simply chooses to serve a segment of society which has been divorced by society—Gay males. Some of my critics are involved in Women's Lib and support publications which cater to that particular aspect of sexual liberation. Should they be branded "sexists" for this? After all, aren't such publications in the same category as *QQ*? Should we brand *Ebony* magazine "racist" because it appeals to black people—even though racism is not a pervading quality of the magazine?

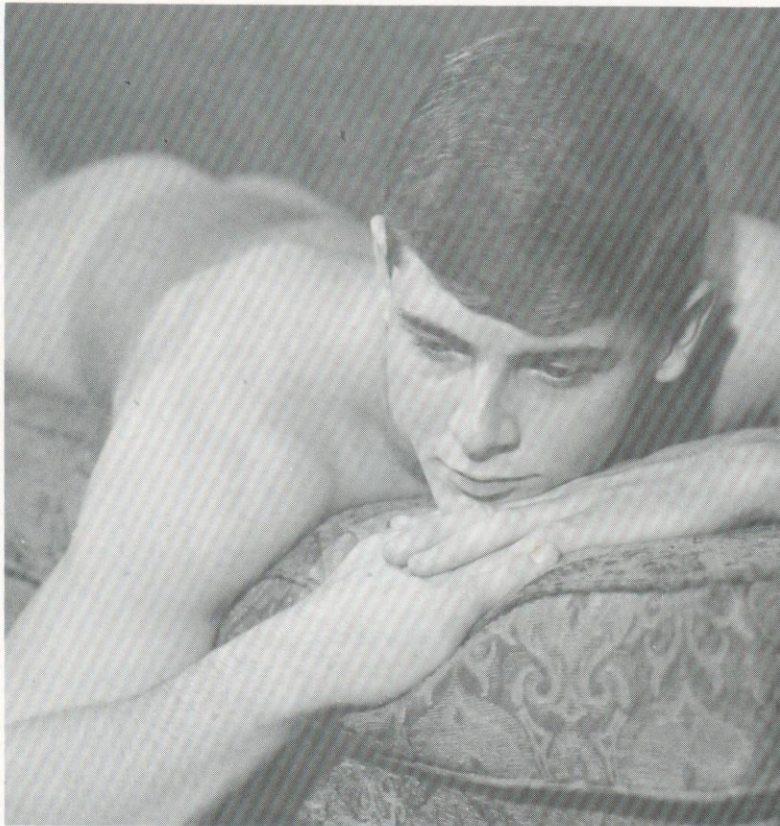
Occasionally there are statements in *QQ* that I don't agree with. Nor does the publisher always agree with what I have to say—but I am permitted to say it.

That's a healthy atti-

tude. I believe that those of us who are active in Gay Lib and really concerned about reaching the people must recognize that we do not have all the "answers," and that a rigid dogmatism on our part is contemptuous of the people, and, in the long run, self-defeating for Gay Lib.

QQ is reaching thousands of Gay males throughout the world. It has a greater circulation than all other Gay publications combined. It is leading its own kind of revolution—instilling pride in thousands of homosexuals who never had it. It will free them from the past and give them the courage to get

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guides at gay book shops, such as those that line 42nd St. in New York, or Polk St. in San Francisco. An example is the *San Francisco Bay Area Underground Scene*, a gay guide that lists bars, baths, shows, etc., in the Bay Area. Price is \$1.00.

The printed gay guides have given rise to still other related services. Skipper's Mates now offers a service called *Skipper's Guys Guide*. It is a directory containing personal ads placed by guys who would like to meet you when you're in town. The "guide" presently contains 36 pages but is growing rapidly. Revisions are made regularly. Price is \$3.00.

Jack Weber is now in the process of establishing gay guides—the human kind. He will have guides in cities throughout the U.S.—guys you may telephone when in town for good times with them. They will entertain you personally and escort you to all the places you want to visit.

Then there are the "model services." The "models" advertise in local underground newspapers. A telephone call will get you a companion for \$20 to \$35—regardless of the kind of "tools" you paint with.

The guides discussed above are sold in most gay book stores in cities across the U.S. They are sometimes advertised in gay publications. Several are advertised in *QQ* (check the ads in this issue—including the classifieds—for details). If you are planning to travel we urge you to secure a gay directory. It represents a small investment. And we also remind you to dig out your collection of *QQs* in order to get a more

comprehensive report on places you might be visiting (see the "QQ Articles Index" on page 2 of this issue). A little advance planning can reward you with hours of fun. •

THE YOUTH PILL (Continued from page 30)

believed that early administration will definitely prolong life, and that visible signs of aging will be substantially retarded throughout life.

The *New York Times* ran a story on *procaine* on Dec. 1, 1963, but nothing came of it. There are some experiments being conducted by two Chicago biochemists, Drs. Paul Gordon and Arnold Abrams, but it is doubtful that even if their findings are positive the drug will be made available to U.S. citizens for years. The Food and Drug Administration continues to resist the importation and sale of *KH3*, as well as any preparation of the formula in this country. Brown Pharmaceutical Co. of Los Angeles was permitted to manufacture a *procaine* solution years ago, under the brand name of *Pabacaine*, which was used for injections by a handful of doctors who "experimented" privately. It was forced off the market by the FDA. There are some drugs in use which have minute amounts of *procaine* in them; they are used in the treatment of heart disease. And, unfortunately, there are some sellers of "junk" who attach ". . . of Germany" to their names and word their underground newspaper advertising so as to imply they are offering *KH3*. One ad reads,

"... the pills that put youthful desire into aging bodies." You send \$3.00—and receive a handful of iron tonic tablets. Quality iron tablets sell for under a \$1.00 in most drugstores, for a considerably larger quantity.

In spite of the fact that *KH3* is not sold in this country, many people—particularly in California—are taking the drug regularly and claiming marvelous results. *Many gay guys past 30 swear the drug has improved their sexual vigor so greatly they are able to perform like teenagers, ejaculating up to four or five times nightly.* And, of course, the improvement of sexual vigor and general health—including improved skin and muscle tone—all claimed by users of the drug, have a tremendous effect on mental outlook.

Californians are particularly aware of *KH3* because of recent debates on the drug, held at UCLA. They also know that it can be smuggled in from Mexico. Several gay guys who cross the border periodically in order to secure *KH3* risk arrest at the border. One fellow claims he even buys some for his doctor's personal use.

Dr. Herbert S. Kupperman, an expert on the staff of the New York University Medical Center, believes that resistance to the use of new methods for combatting the process of aging—including *KH3*—is based upon an "archaic philosophy of medicine, rooted in the belief that growing old and feeble is nature's way of limiting the population and should not be interfered with." He is pro-*KH3*.

Penicillin was discovered in 1929. It was first tested in humans, with great success, in 1941, but did not come into widespread use until nearly a decade later. The medical profession is slow to grasp and slower to effect changes. Only in recent years has it begun to investigate the aging process.

The "youth pill" offers new hope for tired bodies young and old. For us homosexuals it represents everlasting sexual vigor. Gay guys place a premium on youth—and *KH3* appears to be the "magic ingredient" that will preserve it. However, the solution does not lie in obtaining supplies of *KH3* illegally—mainly because haphazard administration of any drug can be dangerous and even lethal. Our hope rests with the enlightenment of the medical profession in these changing times. Until then let us rely on paying greater attention to diet and exercise as a means of preserving and prolonging youth. •

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caught up in the Movement—and at that point they will be in a better position to determine the true meaning of "sexism" for themselves.

Right on!

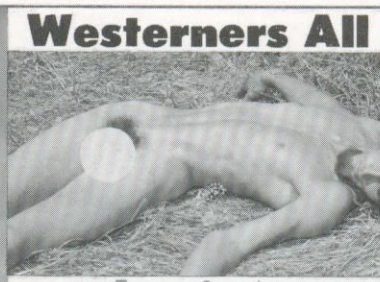
BROTHERS AND SISTERS

In all liberation movements a prerequisite for success is an instilling of solidarity, kinship, and brotherhood. This is no less true of Gay Lib.

This is not to say that we should all become alike. Gay people cover as broad a spectrum of human existence as any other



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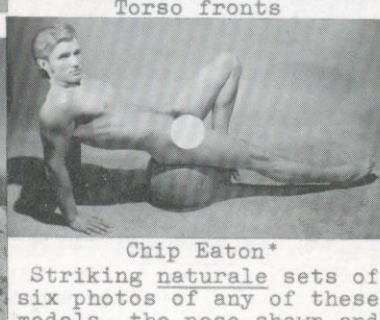
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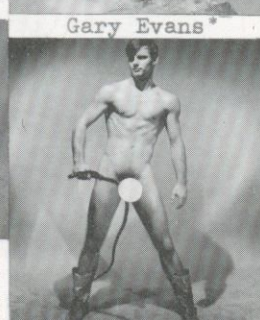
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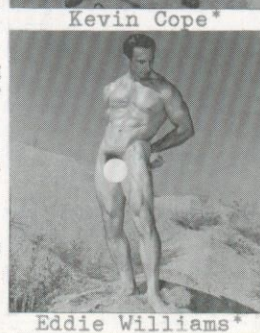
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group of people. We Gay people are aware of this but it is sometimes unclear as to whether Establishment institutions are. To the latter we are simply "faggots" and "dykes."

One way to achieve community cohesiveness is to refer to Gay males as "brothers" and Gay women as "sisters"—and believe it. This does not mean that we should overlook ordinary human traits which are undesirable in fellow Gays—but we should attempt to minimize resentment among ourselves, say, for Gay females, and think of them as being sisters in the same cause. You needn't greet fellow homosexuals by saying "Hi, Brother!" or "Hi, Sister!"—but some acknowledgment is desirable, even a friendly smile. Feeling liked is the first step to 'hanging in together'.

Equal rights are not going to be handed to us on a silver platter. Only by joining together—if only in spirit—will Gay people make a better tomorrow for themselves and brothers and sisters for generations to come.

A NEW MILITARY SNAG

It is a traumatic experience for any young male to face the fact that as a soldier he must prepare himself to kill and be killed. Gay males are especially tortured by the prospect.

Until recently the Gay male had an easy "out" when undergoing his first physical by the military. He simply had to answer in the affirmative to the question, "Do you have any homosexual tendencies?"

Because thousands of heterosexual males have resorted to checking The Box in the affirmative in recent years, in order to beat the draft, the question has been eliminated from the questionnaire, as a means of making it more difficult, or at least more embarrassing, for any male, but straight males in particular, to check this easy way out—as opposed to having to talk to a psychiatrist who is trained to "recognize" homosexuals.

If you wish to serve that is your business. The law says that if you are a homosexual you do not have to, however, and the elimination of the homosexual query (no pun intended) on the questionnaire should not discourage you from proclaiming your rights. Simply be aware that it is no longer there—and inform any friends who might be scheduled for an exam of the change. Being forewarned is being forearmed—with courage to speak up.

'Speaking up' is easier if you report with a letter from a psychiatrist stating that you are a homosexual. If this is not possible, secure such a letter from an established Gay Lib organization, or any responsible friend who would be willing to substantiate his statements in person if necessary.

Even if proclaiming yourself is painful—bear in mind that it is less unpleasant than receiving a dishonorable discharge after induction if you are caught performing a homosexual act. Of course, there are some positive aspects concerning the military. If you are draft age I suggest you read the article on this subject which appeared in the Summer 1970 *QQ*.

I would enjoy hearing from *QQ* readers concerning other subjects of interest which I might write about in future issues. Please send your questions and comments to me in care of *QQ*, or to: Craig Rodwell, Oscar

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LETTERS

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of receiving advertising—even if it were sent! But who am I to criticize? I'm pretty intelligent and I wasn't born yesterday. I guess it's the nature of the "gay beast" to trust everyone right up until the time you're clobbered.

What do you think?

Sincerely,
J. H.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Ed: Your letter provides some of the answers; it is silly to pay for the privilege of receiving advertising. The advertiser wants to sell . . . buying his merchandise should be enough. Unless such "clubs" offer something tangible for joining—a product you want—don't send money for a handful of promises. We've thought a great deal about publishing the names of bogus outfits—but unless we are certain a particular company deserves a "calling down" we won't be party to a possible injustice. You must realize that some buyers, especially those who have been clipped numerous times, have a low boiling point—and after only, say, two weeks will begin to complain. Even legitimate companies must sometimes wait three or four weeks for sizable checks to clear (after all, there is dishonesty among buyers, too). If merchandise is sent out at that time, via parcel post, it could take another three weeks to arrive—for a grand total of up to

seven weeks. (Sending money-orders, and pointing out in a note attached to your order that this form of payment was used for speedy service, should get results.) If after, say, two weeks, a reader were to write us about having been taken by a particular company, either misleading us by exaggerating or omitting the true facts, and if we were to publish the information without carefully checking into it (this takes a lot of time), we would be performing a disservice to seller and buyers alike. Incidentally, the reason we published your letter verbatim, including the name of the outfit that clipped you, is that we've had many complaints about this particular company, and have substantiated it by subscribing ourselves (under a private name). We, too, have received nothing, and have not gotten answers to our letters of complaint. One last thing: We do make an attempt to check on our own advertisers and will not knowingly accept ads from phoney companies. We can say with confidence that all the advertisers in *QQ* are and always have been reputable—with one exception. Fortunately, that exception couldn't have taken much money from any one buyer, because his product sold for \$1.00. We refer to Can-Am-Mex, a Canadian outfit selling porno from Denmark. We ran his ad two or three times before learning—through our own means and also from letters sent by readers—that nothing was being sent out. We immediately dropped his advertising and hereby serve notice in order to prevent potential buyers who might see back issues of *QQ* from sending any money. The advertiser apparently does answer irate letters. We were informed by one former



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