GLFS



Christopher Street Liberation Day, 1970

Liberation Day - 1970 is more than just the First Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. It celebrates a year in which a new spirit has entered the struggle for homosexual freedom - a new spirit both militant in tone and revolutionary in orientation. Homosexuals at last have realized that they will never be able to be liberated by politely asking the system. Freedom is never given - it must be taken. Also, many homosexuals have come to realize that it is the system itself which persecutes us. This is what Gay Liberation is all about.

During this past year the Gay Liberation Movement has grown from one small group rising out of the embers of the Stonewall Riots to many groups, some large some small, all over the country. There are now GLF's in New York City, Los Angeles, Boston, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Berkeley, Chicago, Seattle, New Brunswick (N.J.), San Jose (Calif.), Champaign (Ill.). Each arose spontaneously, driven by the needs and anger of the homosexual community in each area.

What it will all come to no one can tell. It is our hope that the day will come when homosexuals will be an integral part of society - being treated as human beings. But this will not come overnight. It can only be the result of a long hard struggle against bigotry, prejudice, persecution, exploitation - even genocide. The homosexual who wants to live a life of self-fulfillment in our current society has all the cards stacked against them. Gay Liberation is for the homosexual who refuses to accept such a condition. Gay Liberation is for the homosexual who stands up, and fights back. And, as in the words of Nietsche, "What doesn't destroy me makes me stronger."

WHAT'S ON

The big event is, of course, the March and Gay-In on Sunday, June 28th. The assembly will be at Sheridan Square from 12 Noon until 2:00 P.M. At 2 o'clock we will start off - along Christohper Street, then up Sixth Avenue to the Sheep Meadow in Central Park for the Gay-In . The Gay-In will last until sunset. Below are other GLF activities:

Saturday, June 27th

- GLF and GY Washington Sq. Methodist Church, 100 W. 4th St., speakers, booths, food, first aid, housing info., GLF men and women, consciousness-raising groups and GLF cells which are special interest groups, 10 AM-Midnight.
- GLF 6 PM-10 PM workshops at Alternate U. 500-6th Ave. Gay Parents Workshop, 6 PM. "Violence Non-Violence...how do they relate to liberation" workshop, 10 PM. 8 PM and 12 PM, social hours.
- Lesbian Center 9 AM-12 PM at 300-9th Ave. 7 PM, Communal supper. 9 PM, Dance. Discussions, workshops, music all day: bring food and drink to share. RESTRICTED TO WOMEN.

Sunday, June 28th

GLF and GY - Washington Sq. Methodist Church, 133 W. 4th St. food, booths, first aid, housing info., etc. from 4 PM-5 PM.

Lesbian Center - After Gay-In 'til midnight at 300-9th Ave. Music, food, discussions, dancing, workshops; bring food and drink to share. RESTRICTED TO WOMEN.

GLF - General Meeting at Washington Sq. Methodist Church, 133 W. 4th St. at 8 PM.

GLF - About 11 PM-3 AM at Alternate U., 530-6th Ave. The program is a surprise.

The Summer Term at Alternate U. starts on June 22nd, and will be 10 weeks long. One of the classes offered is a Gay Liberation Workshop - an analysis of the political and social oppression of the homosexual in a sexist-society. Members of GLF will lead a non-structured, open forum between homosexuals and heterosexuals for the purpose of honest dialogue. It will be held on Saturdays at 1:15 P.M.
For information on registration and the many other classes and workshops at A.U. call 989-0666.

The West Side Cell of GLF meets on Thursdays. For information, call 799-5513. It is for people who live on the west side who are interested in activities in their own neighborhood.

Except for June 28th, the GLF general meeting is on Sunday night at 8:00 P.M. The location is 300 Ninth Avenue (corner of 28th Street). If you think GLF may be your thing, come out and come on over.

For further information on any GLF activity, call 243-2437.

Homosexual News, a program of news, reviews, and commentary of interest to New York's gay community, will be heard at a new time during the summer. The program will be broadcast at 8:15 P.M. on Friday evenings, and rebroadcas at 11:30 A.M. on Monday mornings on WBAI-FM (99.5 mcs).

GLF now has another button. It is black on day-glow red. It is available at our meetings and dances. Show your solidarity with Gay Liberation - get one and wear it. Only 25c.



Philadelphia's GLF is temporarily meeting on Fridays at 8:00 P.M. at the Gazoo; 230 South Street. For info call (215) MA7-39

The 4th issue of <u>Come Out</u>, a liberation forum for the gay community is now on sale. Individuals interested in working on the 5th issue of <u>Come Out</u>, writing, artwork, etc. can get further details at the GLF general meeting. Material is always desperately needed.

