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Commission Asks Specific Ban on Homosexual Acts

By JEFF ELLIS
Managing Editor

Proposed revisions in the Tennessee Criminal Code would eliminate language regarding heterosexual "crimes against nature," but would specifically criminalize all sexual acts between two persons of the same sex.

The revision of language in the sodomy law was included in a report directed to the state legislature this week from a subcommittee of the Tennessee Sentencing Commission. That subcommittee, said chair David Raybin, was simply following the mandate of state lawmakers to "modernize rather archaic language" that now exists in the criminal code.

"What we were trying to do was to rid the criminal code of archaic language," Raybin said. "Currently the criminal code refers to 'crimes against nature,' which is somewhat confusing to many people. We were trying to get away from that archaic terminology and include more modern language in the code."

But Carole Cunningham, spokesperson for the Tennessee Gay and Lesbian Task Force (TGLTF), disagreed heatedly with Raybin's statements, calling the commission's proposals "brutal."

"I think they've done something significantly more brutal than just modernizing the language in the criminal code. They appear to be attempting to change state law," Cunning-

ham charged.

The subcommittee's proposal would change the current prohibition of "crimes against nature" to a ban on all homosexual acts. Since the crimes against nature statute has rarely been invoked against heterosexuals, the subcommittee members said the legislature should make the law more specific if they are attempting to enforce the ban on homosexual acts.

"If we're going to debate the issue we shouldn't be using words that don't meaning anything," Raybin, a Nashville attorney, said.

Raybin explained that the Sentencing Commission was told in "general, broad terms" the parameters of the revisions. The 14 members of the subcommittee, who for the past two years have been revising the criminal code, have no authority to make laws.

"Individual members of the committee felt strongly one way or another about the issue," Raybin said, but were unable to eliminate the statute. Instead, the state legislature will have to act in order to decriminalize homosexual acts.

TGLTF's Cunningham, whose organization was formed primarily to fight the state's sodomy law, called the proposed revisions "extraordinarily disappointing and a grave step backward."

"Rather than modernizing language, they

have simply kept the archaic notion that the state should dictate what people do in the privacy of their homes," she said.

If the revision is adopted by the legislature, Tennessee will join five other states which specifically classify homosexual acts as criminal.

Homosexual acts are considered misdemeanors in Texas, Arkansas and Kansas. Montana and Nevada statutes classify such acts as felonies.

More than half of the United States classify sodomy or crimes against nature as felonies.

Sue Hyde, spokesperson for the Washington-based National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), who was instrumental in the formation of the Tennessee group, said the commission's attempts to modernize the language was "surprising" in its "archaic views of homosexuality as a crime."

"Because I don't live in Tennessee, I wasn't following the process the commission was dealing in, but I'm still somewhat surprised Mr. Raybin puts their revisions in the context of modernizing the code's language," Hyde said.

"Where they get the notion that criminalizing homosexuality is modern is beyond me."

Both Cunningham and Hyde said the commission's proposal should spur lesbian and gay activists statewide into action to fight the revisions.

"This brings up an issue that all of our organization, whether statewide or local, must address," Cunningham said.

"The implications of this report are the biggest sign that the gay and lesbian community in Tennessee must organize and respond to this dangerous development," Hyde said.

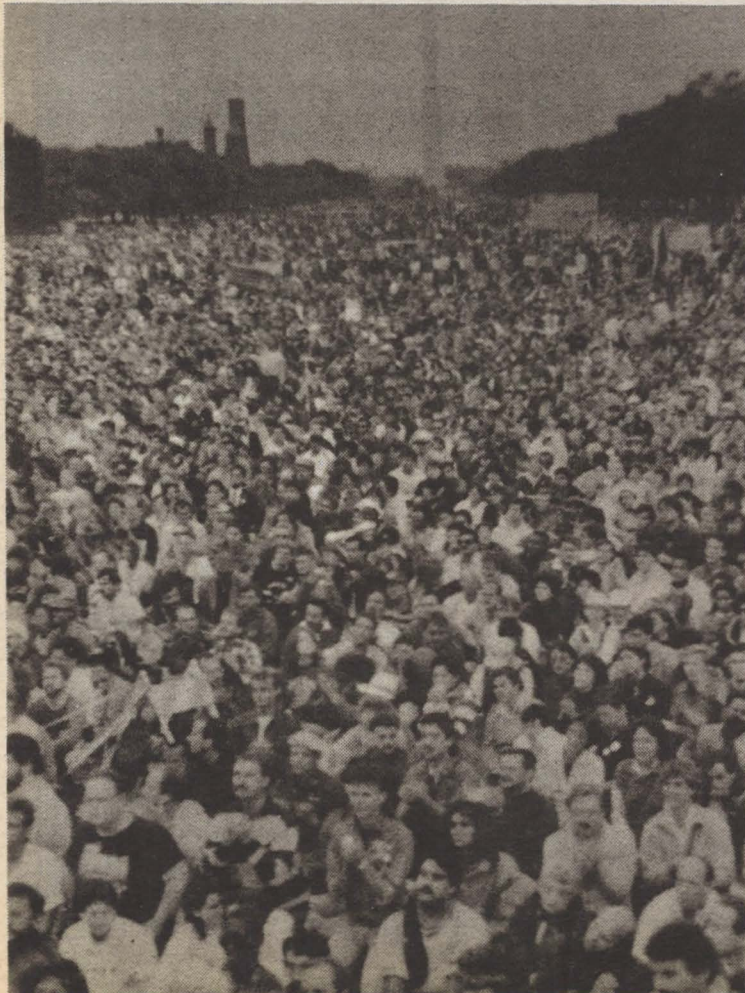
Further, Hyde said, current efforts to bring about changes in the crimes against nature law would be made even more difficult if the revisions are adopted by the legislature.

"Five other states have criminalized homosexual behavior and because repeal of those laws means grappling with the bigotry of the legislators who adopted them, it is a more difficult process than repealing laws that don't specify homosexual acts," Hyde said.

She warned that, if the revisions are adopted, "our sexuality will be debated and discussed. And we usually don't fare very well when that happens."

"The prospect of our sexuality being singled out is worse than the law staying on the books as it is now written," Hyde said. "We will become prime targets of law enforcement authorities if this happens."

Tennessee criminal code currently calls for a sentence of not less than five years and not more 15 years to be levied for committing a crime against nature. •



Demonstrators gather on the Mall in Washington, D.C., for the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights last October 11.

U.S. National Park Service officials last month revised their estimate of the number of participants from the original figure of 200,000 to over 750,000, recognizing the March as the largest civil rights demonstration in the history of the United States.

The event will be remembered this year with National Coming Out Day, a nationwide celebration of gay and lesbian pride.

For local information, see story on page 3. —STAFF PHOTO.

Armistead Waffles on "Queers"

By JEFF ELLIS
Managing Editor

Only hours after he vowed to halt the local broadcast of the Gay Cable Network (GCN), Metro Council at-large member George Armistead reversed his position and said he "didn't mean to offend anyone."

Saturday's premiere of GCN on Community Access Television (CAT) was an apparent success, according to Diane Easter, one of the local coordinators of the broadcast.

"George Armistead's comments brought us more publicity and advertising than we could have ever afforded," Easter said.

Last Thursday's *Tennessean* reported Armistead's outrage at the planned broadcast: "We're gonna have a problem with this movie about queers. If it promotes any kind of abnormal sexual activity, I'm against it. Anything other than heterosexual behavior is demented and sick."

Armistead's published remarks unleashed the anger of local lesbian and gay activists who called his remarks "homophobic" and "uneducated."

"Obviously the remarks are those of a homophobic and uneducated man," said Penny Campbell of the Tennessee Gay and

Lesbian Alliance (T-GALA). "The fact that he is a public official alarms me and this shows the necessity of this type of programming to better educate the public and show them who we really are."

Armistead, in the wake of adverse reaction to his statements, withdrew his call for a Metro Council investigation into the operation of
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Nashville CARES

AIDS/ARC Support Group. 6:30pm. HIV Education Support Group. 6pm. Family Support Group. 6:30pm. Info phone 385-1510.

Lambda Group

Closed Alcoholics Anonymous meeting for gay men and lesbians, Unitarian Church. 8pm.

Tuesdays

Vanderbilt Lambda Association

Meeting for gay and lesbian Vanderbilt students, faculty, staff and alumni. Divinity Room G 23. 5:30pm. Info phone 298-9931.

AI-Anon

Open meeting, MCC-Nashville. 6:30pm.

Nashville CARES

HIV Education Support Groups. 7pm. Info phone 385-1510.

Sober Sisters (Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous)

Closed meeting, MCC-Nashville. 8pm.

Wednesdays

Sex Addicts Anonymous Closed meeting for gay men and lesbians. MCC-Nashville. 5:30pm.

Nashville CARES

AIDS/ARC Support Group. 6:30pm. HIV Support Group. 7pm. Info phone 385-1510.

Thursdays

Nashville CARES

HIV Support Group. 6:30pm. Info phone 385-1510.

Alternatives (Alcoholics Anonymous) Closed meeting for lesbians and gay men, MCC-Nashville. 8pm.

Lesbian Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA) Meeting. 8pm. Info phone 385-4776 or 352-5823.

Fridays

Sexaholics Anonymous Closed meeting, MCC-Nashville. 5pm.

Alcoholics Anonymous Program Study Group Meeting, Belmont United Methodist. 7:30pm.

Saturdays

Nashville CARES

AIDS/ARC Support Group. 4pm.

Metropolitan Community Church-Nashville

Mortgage Meal, all you can eat. 7:30pm. \$5.

Gay Cable Network Cablecast, Viacom Channel 35 (Community Access Television). 8pm. Free.

Sundays

Manna New Life Church

Worship service, 11am. Info phone 833-8581 or 834-4491.

Metropolitan Community Church-Nashville

Worship services, 11am and 7pm. Info phone 320-0288.

SPECIAL Events

Saturday, October 1

Super Saturday

Voter registration push. Project Vote and Nashville Voters Coalition. Edgehill United Methodist Church, 1502 Edgehill Ave. 9:30am-3:30pm. Free. Info phone 244-4353.

Monday, October 3

Tennessee Gay & Lesbian Alliance

(T-GALA) Meeting, Towne House Tea Room. 7pm. Free.

Sunday, October 9

Feminist Book Circle

Meeting. Discussion of *Over the Hill: Reflections on Ageism Between Women*, by Baba Cooper. First Unitarian Universalist Church, 1808 Woodmont Blvd. 5-7pm. Free. Info phone 298-9931.

Tuesday, October 11

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

Family Celebration Music, food and dance. Sponsored by Nashville National Coming Out Day Committee. Gas Lite Lounge, 167 1/2 8th Ave North, Nashville. 7:30pm. \$2 donation requested. Info phone 885-2665 or 297-4293.

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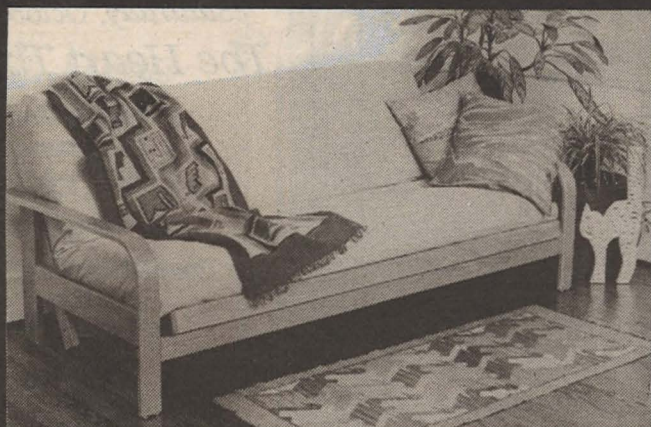
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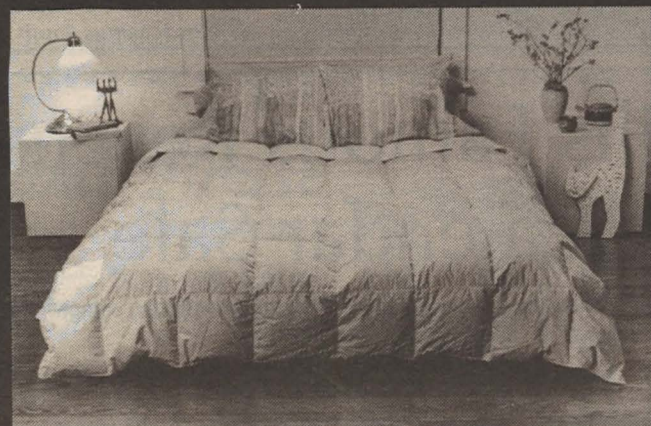
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CAT's channel 35 if GCN were broadcast. "I was just concerned because it involved public money. I realize the government is not in the business of censoring beliefs or speech or regulating private conduct of its citizens," Armistead told the *Tennessean* last Friday.

When word was passed by a friendly Council member to Easter that Armistead was seeking a meeting with leaders of the local lesbian and gay community, she called him to schedule a discussion.

"He told me he initially wanted a meeting, but because of his involvement in the landfill debate, he preferred to let this 'simmer' for a while," Easter said.

"Well, I just want to let this simmer," Easter quoted Armistead as saying. "The landfill has come up again and I want to concentrate on selling houses. I have already said I didn't mean to offend anyone."

Easter urged Armistead to make a formal apology to the lesbian and gay community — a suggestion he rejected.

"I'm just telling you where I stand, you can take it or leave it," Armistead said. "I'm not

being rude."

Efforts to interview Armistead have been unsuccessful.

Easter said local GCN backers will continue their efforts to call Armistead to task and to ensure other public officials refrain from following his lead of "homophobic" language.

"I think we're going to keep the ball rolling. We'll continue asking people to write council members and telling them what they think about Armistead's actions and we'll encourage them to call CAT and express support for the show," Easter said.

The hour-long program, which has a magazine-style format, will air Saturdays at 8 p.m. on channel 35.

Last Saturday's premiere party at Warehouse 28 drew more than 100 people for the show's first Nashville broadcast. Easter said the response of the audience was "extremely gratifying."

"It's amazing the response we've gotten. I've even been approached by people at the grocery store who were offering their support," Easter said. •

St. Clair Testifies in Teen Sex Sting

By JEFF ELLIS
Managing Editor

Sixteen-year-old Tony St. Clair, used by Metro Police as bait in a sex-for-pay sting last winter, finally had his day in court Tuesday and testified he was not paid for his involvement in the operation which resulted in 43 arrests.

Criminal Court Judge Tom Shriver also refused to dismiss charges which resulted from the sting, despite defense attorneys' arguments that the use of a minor was "outrageous."

"If the police can't conduct a sting like this one, then there's no kind of sting the police can conduct," Shriver said. "It seems to me that adult males soliciting minors for sexual activity is an especially pernicious practice that needs to be dealt with."

Last month, 11 men were given suspended sentences and placed on probation after pleading guilty to the charges levelled against them as a result of the undercover operation. The 11 were among the 43 men arrested as a result of the three-month long sting conducted last December, January and February.

St. Clair became involved in the sting operation after authorities received a call from Caroline St. Clair, the youth's mother, in September, 1987. She said her son had been paid by adult

men for performing sexual acts.

The youth said in court Tuesday he had been involved in prostitution for four months last year before his mother learned of his activities.

Due to be released from an alcohol abuse program at Vanderbilt's Child and Adolescent Psychiatry unit, St. Clair said he began drinking at age 12 and using drugs at 14.

St. Clair denied being paid for his involvement in the sting operation and said his mother did not receive any money for her role.

Police checked St. Clair out of Juvenile Detention "for four or five days" last January to serve as a decoy in the sting.

In preliminary hearings last May, defense attorney William Farmer had argued that the court "must decide whether we are going to permit the use of minors as decoys in undercover operations."

Defense attorneys argued that a state attorney general's opinion, which said law enforcement officials cannot use a minor to violate the law in criminal investigations, should also apply to the sex-for-pay sting.

"There are certain crimes involving minors that, if you can't use minors to investigate, there's no way to make a case," Shriver said. •

Coming Out Day Coming Soon

From STAFF REPORTS

The first anniversary of the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights will be commemorated with National Coming Out Day, a nationwide demonstration of the growing public identity of proud lesbians and gay men.

Locally, coordinators Penny Campbell and Gary Bellamy, are calling for volunteers to converge upon the Marriage Bureau that day.

"This is especially symbolic. We've planned to assemble a group of same sex couples at the Howard School Building to demand the issuance of marriage licenses," Bellamy said.

He said the action is not an attempt to mimic heterosexual relationships, but rather to demonstrate the denial of public recognition of lesbian or gay relationships.

"You don't have to be in a coupled relationship to take part. Pairs of friends can be just as effective in converging on the bureau and making that symbolic gesture for the struggle for equality," Bellamy said. "This is a demonstration for our entire community. We are demanding legal recognition of our past, present and future relationships."

That night, Campbell said, a party will be held at the Gas Lite Lounge, 167 1/2 Eighth Avenue North, in celebration of the day's events. The party is set for 7:30 p.m. and a \$2 donation is requested.

Further information on National Coming Out Day may be obtained by calling Bellamy at 885-2665 or Campbell at 297-4293. •

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Box 120372, Nashville 37212
298-9931

Metropolitan Community Church

131 15th Av North, Nashville 37203
320-0288

Nashville CARES

Sandee Potter, Director
Box 25107, Nashville 37202
385-1510
AIDS Crisis Line
385-AIDS

Nashville Women's Alliance

Box 120834, Nashville 37212
366-0555

National Organization for Women (Tennessee NOW)

Elizabeth Jamison, President
Box 120523, Nashville 37212

Tennessee Gay & Lesbian Alliance (T-GALA)

Box 24181, Nashville 37202

Tennessee Gay & Lesbian Task Force (TGLTF)

Box 24181, Nashville 37202

Tennesseans Keeping Abortion Legal and Safe (TKALS)

Box 120871, Nashville 37212
297-8540

Vanderbilt AIDS Project

Suite CCC5319 Medical Center North
Vanderbilt University, Nashville 37232
322-AIDS or 322-2252

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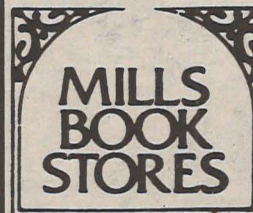
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Sociables

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By JAAN STURGIS
Staff Writer

Were you there? Well, maybe I didn't see you.

Where? The end-of-summer Tiki party at Michael and Michael's — you know, the chocolate and vanilla variety — right down from the Holly Street Fire Hall.

Yes, it's true. I walked nearly a whole block through historic Lockeland Springs wearing a beautiful creation, compliments of wardrobe mistresses Devie Levin and Tammy Willard. One elderly lady I passed asked if I was historic and if I should merely be locked up. I slapped her, then I responded that my Oil of Olay hadn't been working particularly well this summer.

Oh, the party! It was to die for! The Michaels truly outdid themselves. The backyard of their lovely almost-restored Craftsman Bungalow (No, it wasn't made from a kit from Sears!) was a panoply of color, filled with balloons and leis. The patio/garage area boomed disco music into the neighborhood as queens and men danced late into the night.

Who was there? The guest list was impressive, let me tell you — the Michaels' neighbors Leo Lindsay and Karl Zehner appeared for the festive occasion, along with Lockeland Springs socialite Michele Ponder, who helped host the soiree with her usual wit and aplomb. Of course, no Lockeland Springs affair (or party for that matter) would be complete without newcomers James Holl and Bud Blackwell. Dearhearts, isn't that a guest list to remember?

Only weeks ago I met a charming woman who was passing through Nashville: Carol Bend who hails from Long Beach, Calif. She was enthralled with Opryland (like most tourists are) and loved her cruise on the General Jackson. She adored the Cabaret, but was confused by Chez Colette. No, Carol, not every woman in Nashville is a lesbian. Pity!

Restaurant Rounds: One of my friends took me to 32nd Avenue recently. Such a wonderful treat, don't you know. Almost as good as the veal parmesan, was the waiter — a charming, youngish man with just a touch of silver in his hair, Greg Meyers. He was truly the consummate server.

Dare's daring duo Stuart Bivin and Jeff Ellis were seen enjoying the black and blue pasta at 12th and Porter last week.

Diane Easter told me she's headed to east Tennessee — Paintrock, to be exact — this weekend to visit Mommy and Daddy-dearest. We are both October children and Diane will be turning 27. Well, being good friends, she suggested we start looking into nursing homes. Diane, dearheart, I didn't quite hear when we are going? You know how it is, first the sex drive, then the hearing!

Alan Coates is headed for the Empire state to hunt some buffaloes. That's what he told me. He said he was looking for a big, hairy animal that he could snuggle up to. It must be a buffalo, don't you think? Actually, he's headed home to visit his Mommy and Daddy-dearest and to see the beautiful foliage as fall descends upon the Northeast. Makes you want to rush out and buy some maple syrup doesn't it?

Last Saturday night was the gala premiere party for the Gay Cable Network at Warehouse 28. Who should goose me as I entered the room? Greg Fisher, who else? He said I re-

sponded so slowly that he was sure that some things in my life were going along well. What did he mean?

Krys Krakowiak and Diane Easter were in charge of the gala and both were extremely pleased with the turnout — more than 100 newshounds attended — including some New Yorkers enjoying a Southern sojourn. The buffet was yummy and the flowers exquisite — obviously another example of Mark Weber's expertise. Of course, I kept losing my champagne glass but Mike Lane behind the bar was a dearheart and kept giving me new ones filled with bubbly.

Other Nashvillians in attendance were Nashville CARES' Sandee Potter, Jame Gidcomb, Gale Davis, Richard Harrod and Penny Campbell.

People were all over me. Imagine it — Matt Nelson, off to San Francisco for Halloween, was thrilled to see me as were those adorable country cut-ups Kenny Nutt and Alan Psota.

And even Evelyn Thompson and Jan Cooper sent their regards. Jim Holt and Richard Underwood were intrigued that I was with Dare. Let me tell you, I dared them, too!

You truly missed the social event of any recent Sunday afternoon if you weren't at the Woodland in Waverly/Waverly Place homes tour last week. Tammy Willard and I were barraged by James Holland, Bud Blackwell, Tim Quain, Bob Clark and Andy Tucker at our very first stop on the tour.

All the houses seemed to be owned by gay men — all so beautifully decorated and appointed. Kevin what's-his-name swished so much on the front porch of his Grantland Avenue home I thought he was giving better hip movement lessons. Tammy told me she'd never seen so many queers in one place. I told her to go to the Chute some Saturday night.

Well, dearhearts, another Sociables has come to a close. But where have you been? What have you done? Who have you met? Tell me! Call me at 226-4034 any evening and let's gossip! •



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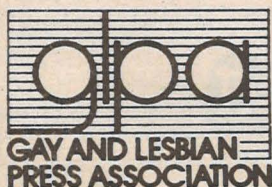
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Shut Up, George

When Metro Council member-at-large George Armistead was just another real estate salesman dreaming of a political career, he canvassed the county exhorting voters to cast their ballots for him.

Armistead, no doubt, promised brave, progressive leadership to help lead Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County into the 21st century.

Here was another good old Nashville boy, exhibiting his Belle Meade heritage of noble oblige, seeking to serve his hometown as his hometown served him in his upbringing.

But last week George Armistead displayed himself as he really is — a small-minded bigot who doesn't seem to know when to keep his mouth shut.

George seems to have tossed aside his good sense when he tossed aside his good breeding.

"We're gonna have a problem with this movie about queers," Armistead told fellow Council member Buck Dozier. "If it promotes any kind of abnormal sexual activity, I'm against it. Anything other than heterosexual behavior is demented and sick."

Not only were George's views on lesbians and gay men misguided, uneducated and just plain bigoted — they were also stupid.

We are amazed that a public official — fresh from a battle over the proposed Metro landfill — would make such homophobic remarks. Any politician should have better sense than to say such things to a newspaper reporter.

George feigned surprise that anyone would be upset by his antics.

"I'm sorry, I didn't mean to offend anyone," George said, sounding much like the aging, spoiled fraternity boy that he is.

What did he expect? Roses?

Come on, George! Give us a break. You knew exactly what you were saying when you said it. And you got caught. And, we must admit, we were caught a little off-guard as well.

But don't worry, we won't be caught off-guard by anything you say in the future.

Because, George, we're watching you. •

Circle KKK

Last week's announcement that Circle K corporation had decided to bow to pressure from AIDS and lesbian and gay activists and change its bigoted and cruel health-care policies was a major victory for human rights and those who advocate them.

Boycotts and business slowdowns across the country helped convince the nation's second-largest operator of convenience stores to bring its employee healthcare policy into the 20th century.

Circle K used the euphemism "life-style choices" to deny basic healthcare to some of its employees, when it really meant that, if they got sick, it was their own fault and they deserved to do without.

Forcing employees, many of whom work for minimum wage, to face a future without protection from the astronomical costs of medical care for AIDS and AIDS-related illness is not only frightening, it is an inhuman injustice.

Circle K was right to back down, and others who would try the same should learn from Circle K's experience: We will not tolerate bigotry. •

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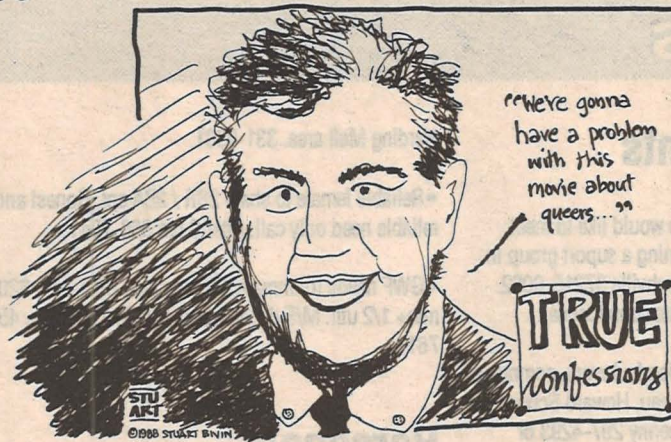
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AIDS Update

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About CARES

By **SANDEE POTTER**

Special to Dare

We occasionally receive phone calls at Nashville CARES inquiring about the services that we provide for our clients. Some people are pleased when they hear about our counseling and educational programs and others feel that we are not doing enough to confront the challenges presented by AIDS to Nashvillians and other Middle Tennessee residents.

I would like to take this opportunity to share information about Nashville CARES.

CLIENTS

Nashville CARES is a community-based AIDS service organization in the Nashville area which provides a full range of social services and education to persons who have tested HIV-positive, been diagnosed with ARC or AIDS, or are the significant others of the individuals in the three preceding categories. The general public is also eligible to receive educational services from Nashville CARES.

SERVICES

CARES provides services through two programs: direct client services and education. The primary objectives of the direct client services program are to provide the clients of CARES with individual and group counseling opportunities as well as access to the resources that they need to meet life's challenges and difficulties. Some of the direct client services provided by CARES include, but are not limited to, the following:

- helping the client secure appropriate medical care;
- insuring that medication can be purchased when prescribed;
- assisting with applications for social security disability (SSI) or Medicaid when necessary;
- working with the client to secure or maintain adequate housing within the client's available income;
- obtaining transportation services for the client to medical appointments;
- locating legal representation for personal matters; and
- helping the client secure services from other health and social service agencies, such as Metro Social Services, Second Harvest Food Bank, Alive Hospice, etc.

The CARES educational program is designed to offer education on the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

The three objectives of the educational program are:

- 1) to educate those individuals that may be engaging in high risk behaviors that would make it more likely that they would become infected with HIV;

- 2) to provide education to the families and friends of persons with ARC or AIDS in an effort to reduce their fear of AIDS and to improve the quality of home care for those already ill as a result of the virus; and

- 3) to provide factual information to the general public about AIDS and many of the psycho-social issues surrounding the total spectrum of the disease.

STAFF

Nashville CARES has a full time professional staff of four. They are: social worker Dan Ramey, social worker Julie Jones, education coordinator G. Scott Osten and me, executive director Sandee Potter. A staff of four cannot meet all the demands that AIDS has placed on our agency and we rely on the hard work of over 125 trained volunteers to assist us in providing the best possible services to our clients.

FUNDING

Nashville CARES became a United Way agency in 1988 and United Way has since provided approximately 18 cents of every dollar that is needed to operate CARES during the current year.

The remaining 72 cents must come from fund raisers, federal dollars, corporate grants and individual contributions. CARES receives some money from the Centers for Disease Control (federal dollars) and this money is specifically designated by the CDC for education and prevention.

Nashville CARES is a non-profit organization and any contributions to CARES are tax-deductible.

STATISTICS

Nationally, over 72,000 AIDS cases have been reported to the CDC since 1981. Tennessee has recorded 570 AIDS cases statewide and it is expected that this figure will reach 1,000 in 1989.

Tennessee closely mirrors the nation in the percentage of AIDS cases among gay or bisexual men; the state reports 76% of its cases among this population while the CDC notes 78% of all AIDS cases in the nation are among gay or bisexual males. The state's statistics indicate that 72% of all the individuals diagnosed with AIDS are between the ages of 20 and 39 and this compares to 64% nationally.

Nashville CARES has served nearly 300 clients since the organization started three years ago (October, 1985), and it is expected that we will have served 400 clients by the end of this year.

Our staff and volunteers are currently working with 165 clients and 80 of those individuals have been diagnosed with ARC or AIDS. •

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