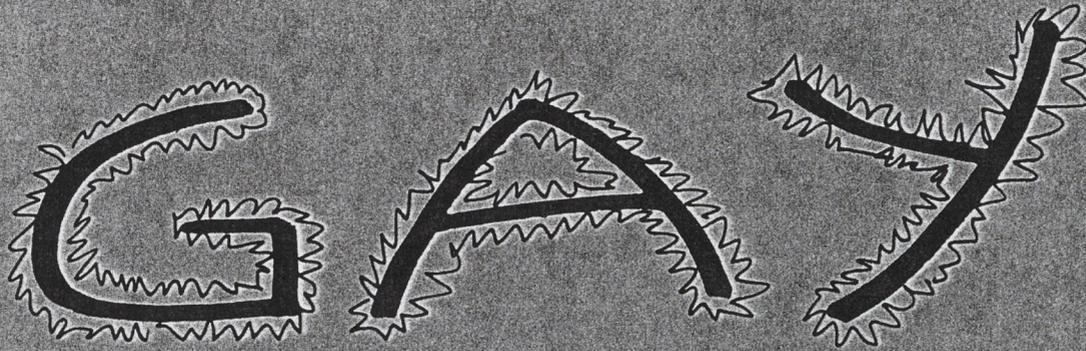


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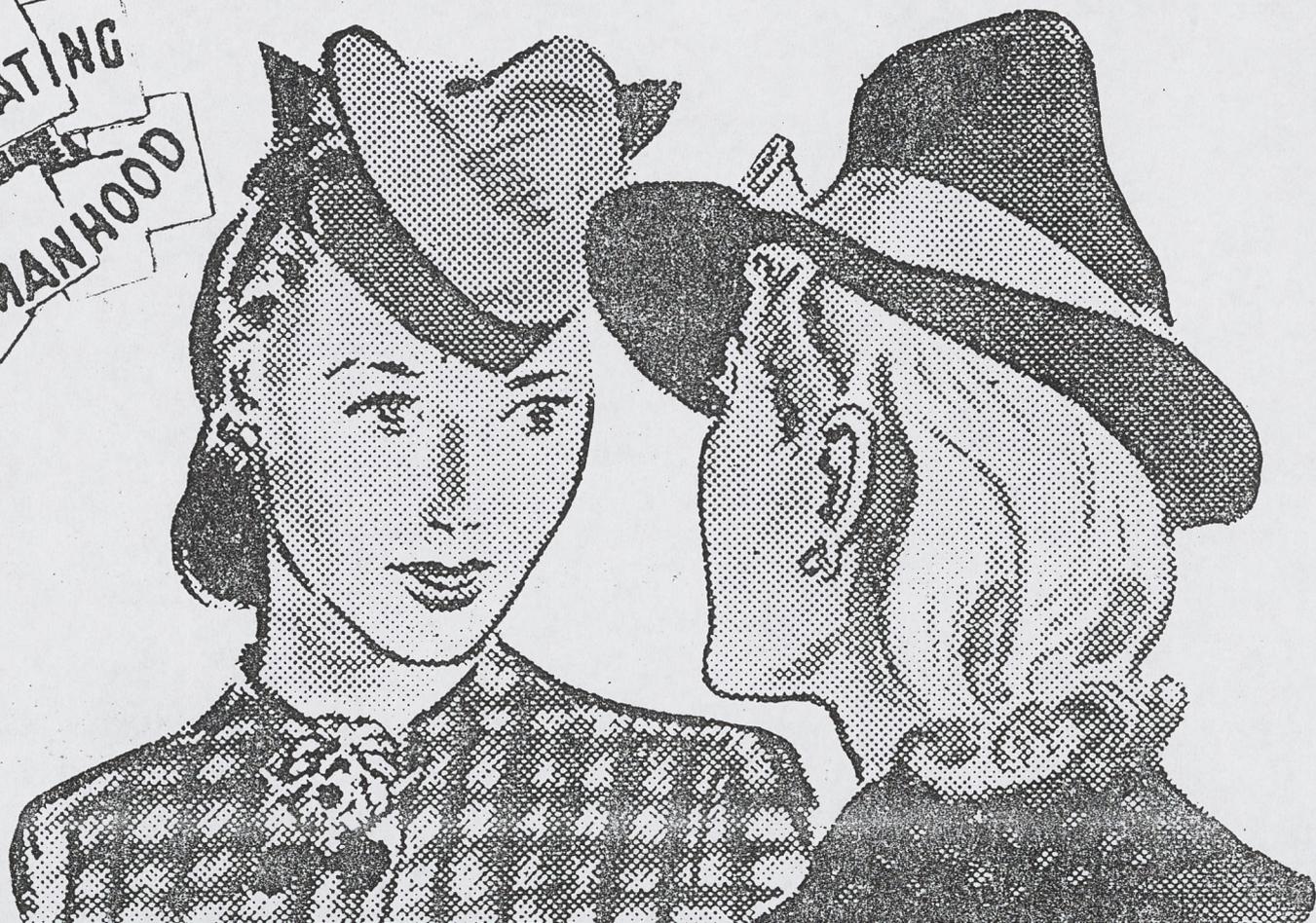
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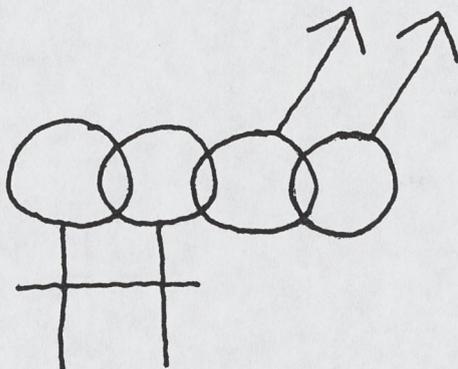
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# GSUCSD

## GSUCSD NEWSLETTER

The Gay Students of UCSD is a group of lesbians and gay men meeting regularly for social, recreational and informational purposes. This is a student funded organization which serves to form the basis of a support group and to develop political and social affirmation for gay students. The group offers a non-judgemental, friendly atmosphere for those who attend its functions.

Activities of the Gay Students of UCSD include volleyball games, potlucks, general organization meetings, parties, and a quarterly newsletter. Upcoming activities sponsored by GSUCSD are a film and a conference of all UC campus gay organizations. Our next meeting is Monday, November 24th in the International Center at 7 pm. See you there!

To Federico Garcia-Lorca (on his "Ode to Walt Whitman")

*Federico Garcia-Lorca was a Spanish poet who recognized in Walt Whitman's poetry a prototype of his own homosexual feelings. He projected this against the dismal backdrop of depression era New York City, and the tainted, stereotyped behavior of "fairies."*

Federico, there were too few heroes  
and too many dark corners  
desperate places  
lingering in lavatories bulging  
spying  
indicating with handkerchiefs and  
gestures flying, being  
effusive, Federico, was not for you.  
Federico, too sure was the grey  
unanimous face  
that blinks, and promptly puts you  
in its place.  
Feel a certain agony,  
poet of the drowning fish  
soul of walls in subway stations,  
effaced;  
your words are brother to the lisp—  
wound of lipstick  
stain of alcohol—  
listen to them, echoed in forced  
effeminate tones  
choked-on, Federico, like splintered  
wishbones.  
Where is Walt Whitman when you  
need him?  
Where is the broad welcoming palm  
sprouting nestlike  
sprouting womblike  
from the soil of Manhattan?  
There were words.  
And we were courageous, weren't  
we?  
And we were immortal, weren't we?  
Federico, I rage for you,  
for the aged beard;  
for passions which—at once—  
we loved and feared.  
I rage for strong innocent wrists  
made supple and supplicant  
white flags fluttering.

It ought to flow; why isn't it  
flowing?

They have dammed Niagra Falls,  
they have wrestled with the bull—  
and would you be a river?—  
they have cut away his balls  
let there be thirst...

...but today I see cracks in the  
Hudson,  
see the brave man's beard grown  
lush and long  
heading out past Fire Island;  
What do you think, Federico?

### Book Review: Consenting Adult

This novel by Laura Z. Hobson covers a thirteen year span in the life of a woman dealing with her son's homosexuality and circumstances that developed for her as a result of it. Her son was seventeen and in a private boarding school when he wrote a pointed, sensitive letter telling her of his sexual preference. The mother, Tessa Lynn, encouraged him to seek psychological therapy, as he desired. Her son Jeff's therapy did not last more than about two years, but the positive support she provided continued on as he changed and accepted himself. Although the book discusses the manner in which other family members dealt with Jeff's homosexuality, most emphasis is placed on Ms. Lynn's feelings and actions.

The book is written in a narrative style. Jeff's emotions are not covered in depth and leaves the reader with questions regarding what's happening in his mind. Ms. Lynn is just a bit too flawless, enough to lead one to question her believability. However, the reading is interesting and leaves one with a bit of knowledge on the gay movement during the late sixties and early seventies and is presented in a non-judgemental, objective manner.

### Doonesbury Gary Trudeau



To Heather—

I had a strange experience  
Just the other day,  
I build up all my courage and  
Told a friend that I was gay.  
At first I got the strangest look  
And then I got a half-a-smile,  
She said in quite a jesting way  
She'd thought that all the while.  
She said it really didn't matter  
For what she liked was me,  
For nothing could come between us,  
Not my sexuality.  
We're now more close than ever,  
Me and my partner in crime,  
For honesty is what friendship's  
about,  
Now comes Miller time!

All my love,  
Charles

Dear Charles,

A serious mind boggling problem has recently come up in my life, one which is very delicate, so I thought I'd write to you and ask for your advise, since you are my closest friend and I trust your opinion. What happend is a long time friend, whom I have known since I can remember, and who I have loved ever since I can remember, (since the first day I met him) wrote me and told me he was gay. Now this presents a problem — not in the fact that he is gay (becuase you and I both know that doesn't matter) — but because how do I tell this person that I don't really judge a person on who he prefers to sleep with. But again, I must emphasize, the words chosen must be carefully constructed so as not to sound alarmed, or too carefree on the other hand. I realize that it took a lot of courage and trust for that person to have finally told me, after all these years — for all I know it could have been bothering him for months to tell me and I don't want to sound too flippant and just blow it off like it doesn't mean anything. I want the person to know that he could have talked to me about it anytime, and I would have liked to be there when he finally realized it.

Then again, I want to reassure this person I do know the consequences of gaiety, and that I realize that, it is not a "disease" like many of the ignorants of the world profess. I do know that it can be a traumatic realization for the person because this is the way he is. And that is fine with me.

But I don't want too sound too glad when I tell the person how I feel because he probably won't believe me and it will just add to not believing anything I tell him. (You see I don't know how touchy a subject it is with him and in what respects it is touchy). What I do want the person to understand is that I love him very much and love

the fact that he trusted in me a very personal thought of his own. I want him to know that all the years together haven't changed because of his preference, and all the years to come will still come even if he decides to choose to become a mass murderer. I'll still be with him, what ever he does because love doesn't change, it just grows.

I love you,

Heather

The Restaurant: Cafe du Trottoir  
The Location: 1027 University  
Avenue, Hillcrest, 291-1735  
Type of Food: Omelets and crepes  
Price Range: \$3.50 to \$9.50  
Hours: Open daily. Sunday, 8:30 am  
to 11:00 pm; Monday through  
Wednesday, 11:00 am to midnight;  
Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 11:00  
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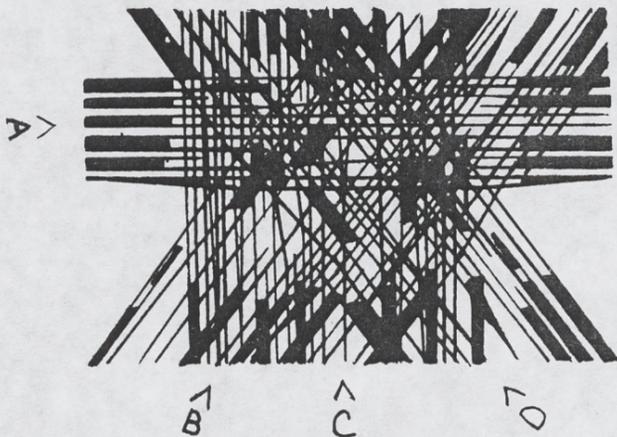
Close to Mr. Dillon's bar/disco is the Cafe du Trottoir, a wonderfully appointed eaterie which serves only omelets or crepes. Freshly cut flowers and fresh fruit from a huge bowl add to the charm of the "Sidewalk Cafe."

My friend and I had a choice of twenty-one omelets and sixteen crepes, not including the homemade Lebanese desserts. My friend's Crepes du Thon (tunafish) were stuffed with slightly dry tuna but the crepes themselves were thin and delicate. My Omelette du Liban was filled with spicy ground lamb, potatoes, pine nuts and onions dabbled with a bland Swiss fondue sauce. Each entree was served with freshly sliced cantaloupe, tomato and lettuce. The small, lukewarm loaf of bread and butter was just enough for two. Cafe du Troittoir does not have a liquor license but the good coffee continually refilled more than makes up.

We also had dessert, a wonderful miniature rum cake and a flaky pistachio baklava. At \$3.75 each, they are a bit pricy but delicious, nonetheless. Our entire bill came to \$18.56, a little over \$21 with an obligatory tip.

Our only complaints concerned the service and music. Classical has played before but we ate to KYXY and used car commercials. As for the service, unfortunately it is still careless and unpolished. We were rudely rushed through our fruit but the staff was gracious and very friendly. Cafe du Troittoir offers a delightful menu variety, including red caviar omelets, in a charming atmosphere but the service needs polishing.

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UCSD Lesbian and Gay Student Organization  
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SPEAKER SCHEDULE

Keynote Speakers Sunday March 28

- 12:00 Jonathan Dunn-Rankin  
President National Gay Academic Union  
Secretary San Diego Democratic Club
- 12:30 Jeri Dilno  
Chairman of the Board of Directors Gay and Lesbian  
Services Center San Diego

Workshop I-- 1:00-2:00 Saturday March 27

- Diane F. Germain M.S.W.  
Gay and Straight Sexual Images in the Media  
Katherine Kroger - Northpark Legal Center  
Gays in the Military  
Bob Lynn - San Diego Democratic Club  
Gay Politics in the 80's  
Ric Siordian and Kathy Willmore - Pathways  
Substance Abuse

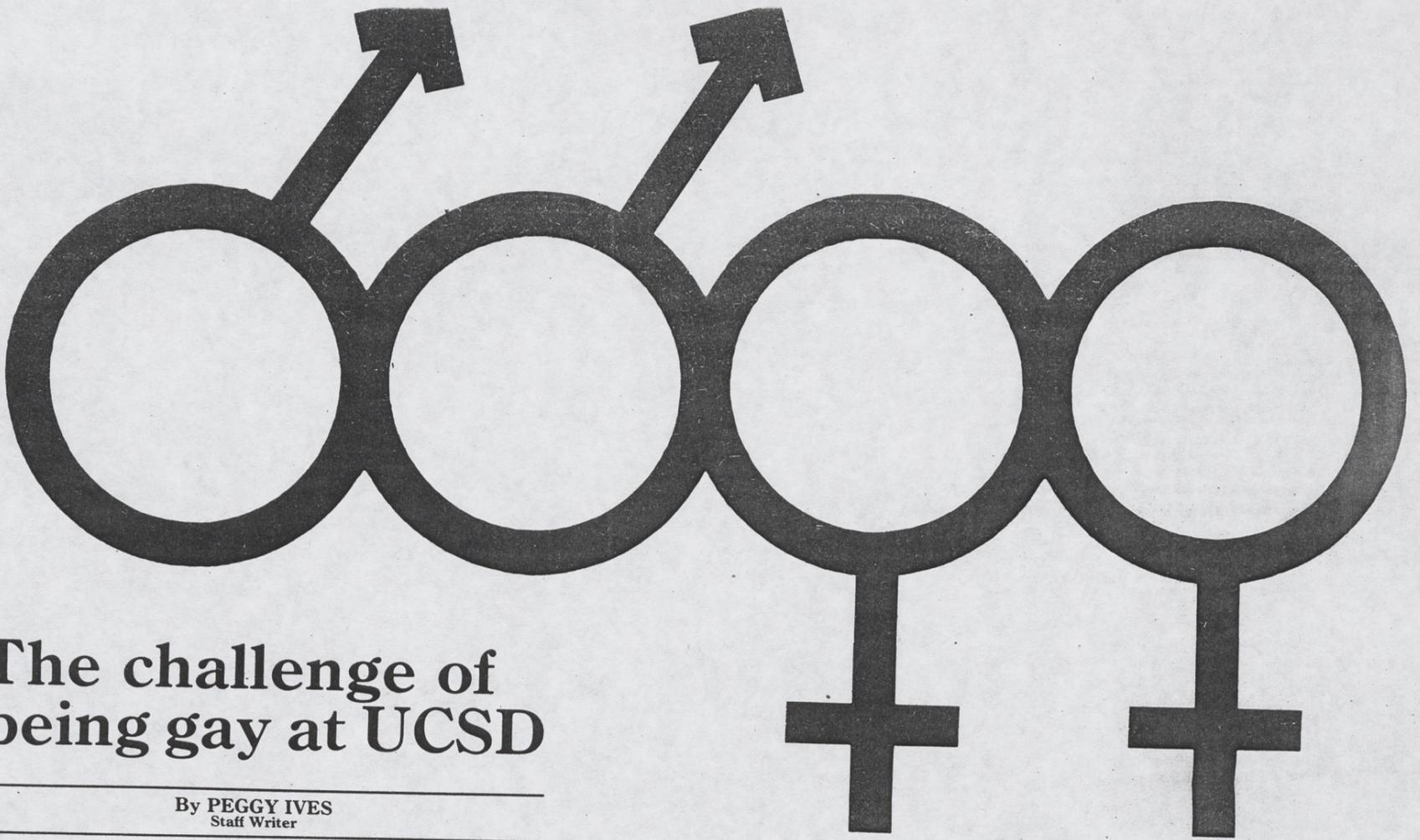
Workshop II - 2:30-3:30 Saturday March 27

- Geni Cowan and Jeremy Landau - Gay and Lesbian Services Center  
Gay and Lesbian Relations  
Carolyn Harshman - Editor of Thursday's Child  
Putting Together a Lesbian Newspaper  
Dawn Johnson and Lee Risemberg  
Bisexuality  
Yvonne King M.S.W.  
Diversity is Our Strength

Workshop III - 4:00-5:00 Saturday March 27

- Terry Levy  
Anger  
Linda Sabo - Newly Elected Student Regent  
U.C. Discrimination Policy  
Brad Truax -  
Gay Male Health  
Sheila Yates - Beach Area Women's Clinic  
Lesbian Health

## **1981-82 Clippings**



## The challenge of being gay at UCSD

By PEGGY IVES  
Staff Writer

LAGO. Lesbian and Gay Organization at UCSD. Featuring hard-core militant feminists and blatantly effeminate males.

Or so I thought....

Expecting to come face-to-face with one of those militant females, I approached the LAGO office with apprehension before my meeting with Chris Alvarez, spokesperson for the campus organization.

But upon my arrival, I experienced a shock similar to that of reaching for the carton of ice cream, only to find that my roommate had finished it off the night before — because Chris Alvarez was not the militant that I was expecting.

Being a native Kansan (we're noted for our ignorance of the rest of the world), I guess I was expecting the "Superwoman" image in black leather and chains. But this, Chris Alvarez was not.

Chris Alvarez is, by no means, "hard-core." She is a friendly, sensitive person who is willing to share her knowledge about the gay community with those on the "outside."

Chris says that LAGO is trying to dispel many of the old stereotypes about lesbians and gays. There was one rumor around campus that the group was dominated by "a bunch of militants," but after speaking with some of the members, I found this to be false.

LAGO is the former GSU (Gay Student Union) which was thought to be discrimin-

ate of lesbians, thus, the new title.

"A lot of lesbians do not relate to the word 'gay,' therefore, we lesbians were oppressed by our invisibility on campus," Alvarez noted.

The group boasts of "a collective group" of lesbians, gays and some "straight" people, according to Steve Brady, an intern with the Counseling and Psychological Services at UCSD who also has an interest in the gay community.

"I think it is real important for a group of disfranchisement to have a sense of community," Brady stated. He senses the need for gays and lesbians to affiliate in order to avoid the possible feelings of alienation.

Howard Leonard was another counselor with the C & P Services who was instrumental in forming one of the first Male Alternative Sexuality Support Groups on campus. John White, now a positive spokesperson for LAGO, was originally involved in this group before "coming out of the closet" on campus.

"I was very afraid to express my sexuality in the dorms. I was very 'closeted.' Through the Support Group, I accepted my own sexuality and I became involved in LAGO," White stated.

"UCSD can be a particularly difficult campus to be gay at, even through, by conservative estimates, gays make up more than ten percent of the

population," say LAGO sources.

"We make ourselves open...so that people will dispel their stereotypes about us. We're really 'normal' stereotypes. Our sexuality is only one part of us," said White.

White and Alvarez both feel that LAGO is an important organization for the UCSD gay community because it provides a "sense of family."

"Our biggest need is that of personal support, which is something the organization provides," White stated.

The organization has dwindled in and out of existence on the UCSD campus, due to the strengths and weaknesses of its leadership. The past two years, however, have been the strongest for LAGO, helping over 100 participants accept and be proud of their sexuality.

"The fact that we exist is a political statement, because of what we represent among student organizations," White said.

"We believe we have the right to exist openly," stated Alvarez.

LAGO has been trying to include a representative from the lesbian and gay student population on the Student Affirmative Action Committee. Even UCSD Chancellor Richard Atkinson has told White that he is in principle in

favor of including the group. "The student groups aren't inviting us, but the administration is tremendously supportive," White said.

White recently attended the Lesbian and Gay Student Leader Conference at UCLA which included several representatives from colleges and universities throughout the Southern California area (a first for the network). There White learned that UC Santa Barbara and UCLA both had representatives on their respective Committees and both also included nondiscriminate clauses in their university policies. White feels that if UCSD could also adapt this representation, it would be a trendsetter for the rest of the UC campuses.

"We basically have to rely on ourselves (as a group). We don't have the channels the other student organizations have. Without the individual commitments to the group, it would collapse," White remarked.

LAGO receives funding from the AS (Associated Students) budget, but not nearly the \$12,500 granted to the Committee for World Democracy, which has been under attack in the recent press. Last year, LAGO received \$975 in funding; this year they have, at present, received \$1,100. These monies help support non-sexist dances, pot-luck dinners and

get-togethers, informative lectures and general operating expenses incurred by the group.

"A large part of our task consists of educating the campus community...and destroying stereotypes about lesbians and gays, which shape many people's interaction. These kinds of behaviors and attitudes contribute to the destruction of gay people," LAGO sources cite.

White and Alvarez both dealt with a number of commonly asked questions regarding those attitudes toward homosexuality, such as, "Do gay men hate women and do all lesbians hate men?" "In general, that certainly isn't a problem here. We work together, we don't have any problems," Alvarez stated.

"I don't hate men, I love women. As far as friendships, I don't care what sex they are," she added.

"Another standard question," Chris laughed, "is, 'how do gays have sex?' — and I answer, 'exactly the same way as heterosexuals have sex!'"

What does it mean for me to be gay? Well — it doesn't mean getting out of my gay bed, putting on my gay clothes, and getting into my gay car!" White mused.

"Statistically, gay relationships are every bit as stable as heterosexual relationships, it

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### LAGO

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is just a little harder because of societal pressures," the two agreed.

"The satisfaction of coming out and being oneself is a far more human and liberating way to live than to try and lead a double life, pretending to everyone that you fit their narrow and prejudiced world view," LAGO sources state.

When asked how she would counsel someone who was having doubts about their own sexuality, Alvarez said she would tell them to "be open and not be afraid to love."

"It's scary coming out..." White said.

This is why LAGO exists.

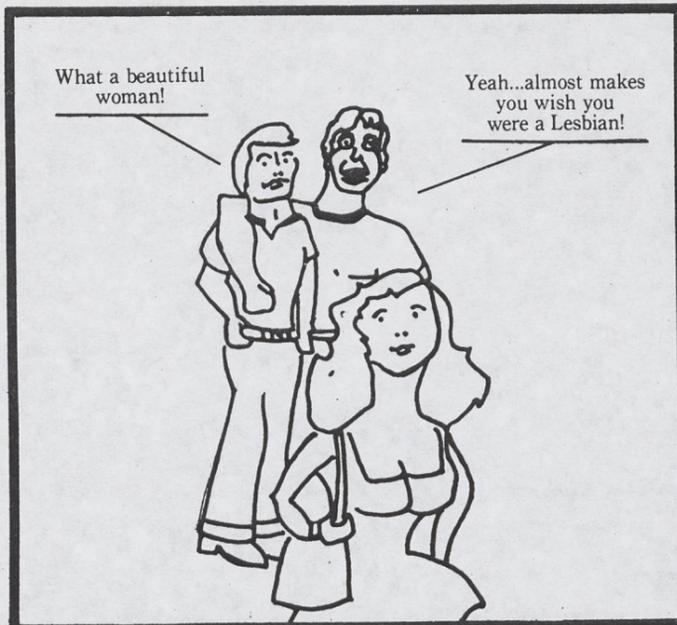
# LAGO Newsletter

## Conference Support Group

Nadine Mack, who is joining the GAU steering committee as an academic co-chair, and Kerry Konkol are both active in LAGO at UCSD. Recently, they and others at this La Jolla campus sponsored a two-day conference on lesbian and gay leaders from all the UC campuses and from the many other colleges and universities in Southern California. One of the many purposes of this conference was to plan for ways to end discrimination against homosexuals on college campuses. Jerry Dilno of the San Diego Lesbian and Gay Center for Social Services and Jonathan Dunn-Rankin, president of the GAU national organization, were keynote speakers. Plans were made for another such conference at California State University at Northridge soon.

When I discovered that a gay support group was being formed this quarter, I had mixed feelings about attending. I have been to a couple of gay discussion groups before but was never quite satisfied with them. Since I was not too busy the night of the first meeting, I decided to attend. I can honestly say that this time I was not disappointed.

One of the most outstanding features of this group is its comfortable, informal atmosphere. People of different age groups, values, and experiences take part in the discussion of the topics, which are generally pertinent to all, and there is plenty of opportunity to contribute without pressure to do so. Strong feelings of acceptance, openness, and support permit the presentation of all sides of



an issue. No one is expected to change his or her own beliefs; the group merely works to eliminate the destructive misconceptions propagated by society.

## Socials

Good food, a pleasant social atmosphere, and a great time can be found at LAGO's Potluck Specials. If you enjoy the social aspect of gay life rather than just the serious matter of social reform and the necessary management of our organization, then you will certainly enjoy these meetings. The last few socials have shown an increase in attendance, and we believe the old adage applies in this case: the more the merrier.

LAGO has two or three potlucks a quarter, and each time their quality improves. The last one was a dessert social, but usually any type of entree, snack, or beverage is included. All who attend are asked to contribute one of these, but, it's not a requirement. However, if you love to show off your culinary talents, there is always a large and willing audience. Do not come with a full stomach, because you will want to sample every dish.

Besides the wonderful assortment of food, the potlucks also offer an opportunity to meet other Lesbians and Gay men from on and off campus. I know through dreadful experience how hard it is to meet people with whom you can relate, but the pleasant party atmosphere of LAGO's socials creates a comfortable setting in which to do this.

## GIN

Kerry Konkol has joined with Jeanne Kent of the California Western School of Law to form a new organization to aid and assist all San Diego college students. The organization is called the Gay Intercampus Network (GIN) and it has been meeting at both SDSU and UCSD. Its membership is growing. A steering committee meeting met April 17th to discuss future plans. Watch for news releases in the *Update* newspaper or call Kerry at 488-2112 or Jeanne at 232-9943 for further information. All students are urged to join this innovative new organization.

The Lesbian and Gay Organization at UCSD does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, physical disability, race, religion, sexual orientation, or sex. All students, staff, and faculty are invited to attend any or all of our functions, regardless of heritage or lifestyle.

## The Emergence of Alternative Families

—an interview with Dr. Kristin Luker, Professor of Sociology, UCSD

Q: How would you define family?

A: Well, the way that families were traditionally defined was as an economic unit. They were people who lived together, who had reproductive rights with one another, and who had socially permitted sexual intercourse.

But one of the things you find in what some people call our post-industrial society is that the economic functions of a family become less and less important.

So, increasingly, I think, the affect role of the family — the emotional role — which was a rather minor part of families in the nineteenth century or earlier is becoming an important part of families today.

Q: This would seem to be a redefinition of the family, correct?

A: Exactly. It may be that families are redefining themselves and we are just looking at them with a new lens on our microscope. Obviously, when families are primarily concerned with the transmission of land and capital from generation to generation, reproduction is very important. So, societies have been concerned about gay people because they don't reproduce. But, the reproductive and economic functions are fading in importance for families, whereas the emotional/intimacy function is becoming more important. In terms of gay people, who is to say that homosexual intimacy and caring are different from heterosexual intimacy and caring? People take love, intimacy, and caring where it exists for them, not

where the reproductive and economic rules of the society tell them where it should be.

Q: If there is a de-emphasis on families functioning as reproductive and economic units, and an emphasis on the emotional functions, which same-sex affective units can supply, then why is there still a lot of opposition to gay relationships and gay rights?

A: Well, in a funny sort of way, I think that the people who are objecting are doing so precisely because gay relationships are so successful and so visible. As long as alternative relationships (gay, premarital, and extramarital relationships) acknowledged the central legitimacy of "the traditional family" there was no conflict. It's only when these relationships came to experience themselves and be experienced by a large part of the society as equally legitimate relationships — as being a legitimate alternative — that's when you begin to get conflict. I think you get conflict because these changes that I've talked about do not occur magically across a society to everyone at the same time and in the same way.

So, to the extent that there are places in our society where people do have more traditional families, where those traditional roles are still alive in many ways, then those are going to be the people who most actively resent alternative relationships. The traditional family has become a statistical minority. Only a small portion of all the households in America consist of a married couple and their own children, where the husband works outside the

home and the wife does not. It's not surprising that because they are a minority, they feel like an embattled minority.

Q: That's why gay and other alternative lifestyles have become so politicized?

A: I think so. The whole point of the Briggs Initiative was, "Should gay people teach in schools?" It seems to me that the symbolic core of that issue is "Should gayness be presented as an alternative lifestyle that one can choose in a 'cafeteria' of lifestyles?" Many people believe that, which is why it came to be an issue. In fact, the issue draws upon a considerable amount of belief in this country that gay lifestyles are perfectly legitimate alternative lifestyles. That it's nobody's business what people do in the privacy of their emotional lives.

Q: You have defined the traditional family. In light of this discussion, how do you define the modern family?

A: I guess I would have a phenomenological definition of families that draws on whether or not you experience yourself as a family. Whether or not you have made a commitment to each other that you think is going to last over a period of time. Whether or not you have a quality of intimacy that's different from the quality of intimacy that you have with other people. Structurally, there is some degree of economic sharing and some degree of co-residence.

But, the affective role would certainly be the prime one. A family is a family if it loves like a family. —Russell Lewis

LAGO: Located in office #2 above Student Center Game Room

## CALENDAR

- May 6 Thursday 7:00 p.m.**  
Gay Intercampus Network Meeting at San Diego State University.
- May 8 Saturday 1:00 p.m.**  
SCRT: Southern California Round Table meeting at California State University Northridge. We'll make car pools Wednesday, May 3. Steering Committee meeting, 5:00 p.m.
- May 14 Friday 8:00 p.m.**  
Non-Sexist Dance, Che Cafe. \$1.00 donation, and bring a friend or two.
- May 20 Thursday 7:00 p.m.**  
Gay Awareness Project Welcomes Diane Germain to speak on "Gay and Straight Sexual Images in the Media." Revelle Formal Lounge.
- May 29 Saturday All Day**  
Field trip to Magic Mountain. Details available at LAGO office.
- June 19 Saturday**  
San Diego Lambda Pride Parade.
- Every Wednesday 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**  
Open Gay and Lesbian support group. This successful program will continue through the quarter in Student Center Building B (by Off Campus Housing), east entrance, multipurpose room.
- Every Wednesday 5 p.m.**  
Steering Committee meeting at the LAGO office, above the gameroom in the Student Center. All welcome — we need your input.
- Every Friday 12 noon**  
Lunch on the hump. Join our informal, open discussion.

Everyday we list events throughout San Diego, including women's music, women's performance, gay entertainment, and other special events.