

## Community To Be New Focus, Say Gay Activists

(CPS) Jim Owles and Arnie Kantrowitz, members of the New York City Gay Activist Alliance, a homosexual organization, say that a "turning inward" will be the new focus of the gay community.

Owles and Kantrowitz have been touring the United States and talking with gay groups and individuals about the problems they are facing and programs that are getting implemented to improve their lives.

An attitude change in dealing with the establishment has emerged among gay groups. "Mass demonstrations and confrontation are not an effective way of dealing with the overall harassment and oppression of the present time," Jim Owles said. "It is hard to mobilize people for them, and the public is not responding positively to demonstrations."

The priority for the gay community, as Owles and Kantrowitz see it, is to strengthen itself by providing services that its members need. Some of the services mentioned are community centers, half-way houses, and gay-owned businesses.

Presently, there are two gay community centers in Seattle, one in Minneapolis, and one in Los Angeles. These centers have been providing counseling, drug, alcohol, and military help. In addition, they give gays the opportunity to get together socially in a relaxed atmosphere without harassment.

According to Kantrowitz and Owles the goal is to build an openly gay community

that will encourage self-acceptance. As Kantrowitz puts it, "We don't need any government to tell us that we exist or don't exist. We are a reality, and it's up to us to make it a decent reality."

In Los Angeles, the work being done within the community has incorporated large segments of the gay population. Gays with conservative,

liberal, or radical political leanings have all participated in the community center's programs.

The Gay Liberation Front, a group that is still active in some parts of the country, has associated itself with other left-wing groups. According to Owles, "The association alienated many gays who did not hold the same political views, and not enough attention was paid to the individual needs and problems of the gays." Owles felt that these were reasons for a decline in the popularity of the Gay Liberation Front.

The new inward focus does not mean a halt in efforts to end sodomy, solicitation and lewdness laws which have been primarily used to intimidate gay people. Nor does it mean an end to demonstrations on immediate issues or injustice. "What it means," Kantrowitz said, "is where we are in substantial numbers, we don't voice the sentiments of the gay community but we voice the sentiments of the community because we are the community."

There are many problems that gays encounter, as do other groups not yet completely accepted by the norms of society. They are often discriminated against in employment. There have been frequent cases of teachers being

dismissed from their jobs for openly claiming their homosexuality. Courts have ruled such dismissals illegal where the individual has never been convicted of a crime. This

puts a homosexual in the position of being able to say he is gay, as long as he doesn't live as a gay.

The states of Maryland, Georgia, and Connecticut have barred state universities from granting charters to gay groups on campus.

Gay bars and bathhouses, catering to a clientele that is not allowed to socialize in public, offer high prices and an oppressive environment in return for an opportunity for gays to meet together.

Within the gay community, lesbians have the additional burden of overcoming prejudice and discrimination against women, in addition to prejudice because of their homosexuality. This discrimination

against women is found among male heterosexuals and homosexuals alike.

Kantrowitz feels that one of the central problems for gays is an ignorance among the general public about what it means to be a homosexual. Theories are still commonly held that homosexuals are neurotic or are a result of genetic or hormone imbalance.

"When heterosexuals start asking themselves the why and wherefore of heterosexuality," concluded Kantrowitz, "then they can start dealing with homosexuality."

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Murf - Where ya been? Matzoh

D: Warmest salutations to your starving "ants" . . .

Chuck: Any time! Peppermint

Once again, "surferism" triumphs at Guilford . . . Stay in there, Champ - we're behind you!

The Biophile Club is putting out a calendar and requests that students who have nature-oriented sketches or poetry submit them to Beth (Hobbs 25) or Kathy ('68 - B324). Thanks.

K: Why try to relax? Tension is good for you! (And so are new roommates . . .)

Anyone witness to a theft on Tuesday, March 20, around 6:30 pm, please report details to the proper authorities. Taken: one ladder. Suspicious looking blonde seen in the vicinity . . .

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To the Luke Anti-Defamation League: Thanks for setting the record straight. I was beginning to worry. Lukes' Daddy.

Noodle - Welcome home (temporarily).

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