

Ohio on the Air

A recent conference of the Ohio Gay Rights Coalition heard reports on two on-going gay radio programs and a Lima, Ohio, TV talk show's effort to balance an earlier appearance by Anita Bryant.

Oberlin College's radio station airs a 15-minute Sunday program on gay concerns, while Cincinnati's WAIF turns over an hour each Sunday to "Gaydreams," a "magazine for the gay community."

The Lima talk show host asked Oberlin's Christopher Morrissey why gays resort to bathrooms for sexual meetings. Morrissey made three comments in reply: 1) that a very small fraction of homosexuals 'resort' to this type of encounter; 2) a much larger proportion of heterosexuals would engage in this type of activity if bathrooms weren't segregated; and 3) societal oppression is such that quite often this is the only place where homosexuals can encounter each other.

'What's Going on in America?'

Coos Huijsen, president of the Netherlands-based Foundation for Free Human Partnership, told reporters last month that the prejudice toward gays in the U.S. is shocking to most Europeans.

He spoke after his group took out a full-page ad in "Time" magazine's Jan. 9 issue (p. 73) which said that despite Carter's human rights stance, gay rights are abused. "We are alarmed by the campaign of Anita Bryant, who preaches discrimination in the name of God," the ad stated.

A Request from Tokyo

Wataru Morikawa, a Japanese student at the University of Waseda, has asked the CGA to announce his desire to communicate with an American student on gay and world topics. He writes that Japan has "a long tradition of gay culture but very few of them are introduced to America. Some famous gay works

by Japanese writers are being published in America."

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interest. Current credit regulations do not ban such practices

Similarly, employment regulations do not prohibit employers from hiring or firing based on sexual preferences. Moreover, professional associations that require members to have good moral character often refuse to admit gays because the associations feel that being gay is evidence of moral turpitude.

Just as gay organizations are seeking equal rights for gays, some liberal groups are working toward the same ends. The American Civil Liberties Union, for example, is opposed to the use of criminal sanctions to regulate sexual activities between consenting adults. It also opposes, as a denial of equal protection, discrimination based on sexual preference.

Wichita Updated

Opponents of the anti-discrimination ordinance enacted last summer in Wichita, Kansas, have obtained more than sufficient signatures to force a repeal referendum--though gay-community leaders and supporters are challenging the constitutionality of this in court.

Gay-rights laws in St. Paul, Minn., and Eugene, Oregon now seem to be similarly threatened. --from the National Gay Task Force

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