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SF State surveys students’ sexual orientations

Results of a sexual orientation survey of students on the San Francisco State University campus conducted three years ago, reported in the Journal of Homosexuality, indicate that the proportion of male and female homosexuals in the general population established by the Kinsey Report and provided additional data about gay students.

The survey was conducted by Michael Kight, associate director of the Center for Homosexual Education, Evaluation and Research (CHEER), and Dr. John M. Adams, the director of the Center. Students enrolled in a course on the psychology of sexual orientation, and members of the research staff of CHEER.

The sample consisted of 1,039 students who responded to a questionnaire administered in their classes during the winter semester of 1977-1978. The sample was divided equally between male and female students, with 38 percent representing the 21-35 age group.

Students were asked to identify their sexual behavior and sexual feelings on a scale of 1 to 7, from exclusively homosexual to exclusively heterosexual. They were also asked to identify their own, age, level of study (undergraduate or graduate), and amount of time in attendance (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior) at the university.

The survey revealed that a significant number of students (23 percent) identified themselves as bisexuality, while 28 percent identified themselves as homosexual.

The survey also revealed that many students had significant sexual orientation changes during their college years.

Profile

On-line prof for gay students

In the course of our interview, Jim Martin, UC San Francisco, asked us to ask, what is the role of the professor in the classroom? How do you interact with the students? What is the atmosphere of the classroom?

Jim Martin is a professor at UC San Francisco, where he teaches a course in gay studies. He is a prominent figure in the field of gay studies and has written extensively on the subject.

They were not a starting point, although a lot of them did, there was no preparation. I mean, they were not just ordinary people, the kinds you might find sitting across the table from you. And I had never known gay people before.

The experience, he said, "removes a great deal of the terror of being gay.

That experience is what Jim has been trying to share with others in his frequent public appearances at high schools and colleges as a spokesman for the Gay Student Association.

I was 20 years old and I finally discovered there was a name for my problem and it was very easy to learn to live with being gay. That's really the only way to resist it.

About the name ‘Word Is Out’

Last October, as part of Disorientation Week, the Gay Student Center, in cooperation with the Student Activist Coalition and the Women's Liberation Center, sponsored a screening of Word Is Out, a documentary film about the lives of 26 gay men and women. The film presents a cross-section of people who are in love with their life and share a sense of integrity and a sense of honor. It is funny, sad, warm, moving, and boldly honest.

The material used in the film, along with unused material and behind-the-scenes information, has been put together in a paperback book (New York: Public Affairs/Colombia University Press, .95). The Gay Student Center sponsored the publication from the publisher to use the film.

By emphasizing Word Is Out in the same place, the publisher of this newsletter has undertaken a responsibility to reflect the social and political issues that affect us, to raise awareness of our presence, our contributions, our dignity, and, of course, the legal and political issues that affect us.

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MCG NEEDS SUPPORT....DONATIONS

The Metropolitan Community Church in Santa Ana was burned to the ground on January 31. The cause was determined by fire officials to be arson. Damage was estimated at $712,000. The gay congregation continues to meet outdoors and in other locations, but funds are desperately needed for reconstruction or purchase of a new building. For information contact the MCC Building Fund, Box 1155, Santa Ana, CA 92705.

DATE FOR MARCH ON D.C.

The date for a gay rights march on Washington was set for Sunday, October 11, 1979 in reaction to a national gay conference scheduled for February 11-12, 1980, according to a statement by National Gay rights leaders. The march is to be held in front of the White House and is to be organized by the Gay Rights March Committee.

BROWN TO SIGN GAY RIGHTS ORDER

Speaking before the California Democratic State Central Committee last Sunday, Governor Brown announced that he will sign an executive order prohibiting job discrimination against gay persons in the state government. Earlier this year, Brown had urged the state legislature to pass similar legislation, but no legislation was enacted in February. The announcement was made by Misses Geraldine Aragon, an executive order against the bill, but he has been quoted as saying that he would "stop up a can of worms."

GAY BILLS DIE IN SENATE

S.B. 3, a bill that would have protected gays from job discrimination based on sexual orientation, died in the Senate. The Senate defeated the bill, 22-21, with 32 votes cast on the amendment. Governor Brown, saying that he "fully supported" the Senate, Senate Majority Leader, said, "Our position was to work for the bill." Those voting against S.B. 3 were Senators Joseph Montoya (D-Whittier), Ray Price (D-Dixon) and Orange County Supervisor Robert C. Schrader (R-Danville). The Los Angeles Times reported that the bill was killed because of Senator San Pedro's amendment which would have allowed illegal aliens to vote. The amendment was defeated, 22-21.

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Whither disco?—faster and faster to something

By Jon I'Gersh

Disco has incomprehensibly arrived and wove itself into the fabric of pop styles throughout the country. Over people evolved disco into a general dance in the early 60s, overtook it, and the right shows and race of the stage for radio or commercial arrangements and how strong from there. Through it grew the word to the mania. The question is: Will disco continue to evolve as a major current in pop music, or will it sink into the so-called dead? Disco and dance music are two very trendy phenomena. The letter proved a short "two-year period. Kenneth Kamens years that crashed from the stands along with many of the more successful music show producers, sometimes for a few years, with slow growth-lows, growth-bites. One reason for the substantial existence may be that the cheesepie of the 70s lacked distinctive music—the DJs just piled top 40 rock 'n roll over.

But during the "dance years," gay people caught wind of a sound developing in Europe that was designed for dancing, and the gay disco movement that moved into the top 40 until it eventually took over and became the sound. Now, whether one likes it or not, disco is a part of American "culture," the disco is here to stay, and the gay disco is something that we have to accept and move with.
Parents and Friends of Gays: Easing the burden

By Joel Gallant

"Have you told your parents?"

For gay people, that question pops up everywhere — in movies, on TV, in print media, in social settings. It's a question that many gay people feel uncomfortable answering, as if it's a test of their worthiness or their readiness to come out. The question is often asked in a dismissive or condescending tone, as if the answer should be obvious or as if the person asking is not really interested in the response.

It's hard to know what is most difficult — the task of coming out to our parents, or the task of the parents to stop and comprehend this life-changing event in their lives. It can mean a lifetime of struggle and uncertainty. As gay children, we often feel that we have been outed and our job is finished, and yet any parent that almost certainly has plans for the future. Parents may not always realize that when they find out that their children are gay, they may have to work through their own issues and come to terms with the fact that their children have come out. This can be an overwhelming experience for some parents, and it's important to be patient and understanding of this process.

Parents and Friends of Gays is an organization designed to provide supportive and understanding parents and friends of gay individuals. They offer information and resources to help navigate the challenges of coming out and the emotional impact of this life-changing event. They believe that all parents and friends deserve to be supported and to feel understood.

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GAY RIGHTS COMMITTEE FORMED BY ORANGE COUNTY A.C.U.L.

The Orange County Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union has established a Gay Rights Committee to support the passage of important gay rights bills in the state legislature. The bills being focused on are:

- A.B. 1 (Aguiar): Prohibits firing or refusing to hire people on the basis of sexual orientation.
- A.B. 136 (Goldberg): Prohibits employment discrimination because of their refusal to grant gay sexual favors or consensual relationship.
- B.B. 323 (Sweeney): Requires a complaint from a person other than a police officer before an arrest is eligible for special settlement.

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Upcoming AS elections may affect next year's funding.

The election of UC Associated Student officers was Thursday, April 24, and the student Senate will meet to discuss the budget for the 1974-75 year. The new officers will take office in June, but the budget will be set before then. The new officers will have to make sure the budget is adequate to carry out their plans for the coming year.

At the AS Council meeting on Wednesday, April 23, a resolution was passed to increase the student Senate budget. The resolution was passed by a vote of 16-4, with two abstentions. The budget will be increased by $7000, from $17,000 to $23,700. The resolution was introduced by the student Senate President, and was supported by the student Senate Executive Committee.

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In addition to the budget increase, the new officers will also have to consider the possibility of new programs. The student Senate has been discussing the possibility of a new program to help students find housing. The program would be funded by a $10000 increase in the student Senate budget. The new officers will have to decide whether or not to support the program.

The student Senate will meet again on Thursday, April 30, to discuss the budget and other issues. The meeting will be held in the student Senate chambers in the Student Center.
FROZEN BANANA’ Fundraiser

A product of mental discipline, a handful of death-row men, and 225 hours of pulling, a piece of a banana in a box, was the latest in a long line of fundraising events hosted by the Gay Student Community Center (GSCC) at UC Berkeley to raise awareness and support for the fight against AIDS.

According to Anita Mathis, director of the GSCC, the goal of the fundraiser is to raise funds for the fight against AIDS. The idea is to use the power of community, both in terms of events like this and in terms of smaller, more isolated events. The power of community and the potential to help themselves in crisis situations. The idea is that the community will learn from their mistakes, gain knowledge, and raise awareness of AIDS issues. The idea is to bring in both the funding and the awareness.

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Oh, I think you may want to get a banana before it's too late. The phone is going to be ringing soon, but, as I've already said, there's no need to rush. There's no need to rush.

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GAY STUDENT DENIED DATES FOR PROM

In an exclusive interview with the CampusView News, Paul Gilbert, a 32-year-old high school student in San Francisco, told the publication that the Gay Student Center is conducting a survey to find out about the experiences of gay students. The survey, which is being conducted by the GSCC, aims to find out about the experiences of gay students and to find out about the experiences of gay students in terms of their experiences in the school environment, in terms of their experiences in the classroom, in terms of their experiences in the school system.

In addition to the survey, Gilbert said that the GSCC is also conducting a series of workshops to help students find out about the experiences of gay students. The workshops, which are being conducted by the GSCC, aim to help students find out about the experiences of gay students and to find out about the experiences of gay students in terms of their experiences in the school environment, in terms of their experiences in the classroom, in terms of their experiences in the school system.

In addition to the survey, the workshops are being conducted by the GSCC, which is a nonprofit organization that provides support to gay students.

GAY RIGHTS PROTEST REPORT

On Wednesday, May 3, around 3:00 p.m., a group of gay rights protesters gathered outside the University of California, Berkeley, to protest against the university’s decision to deny them access to the campus. The protesters were met with a heavy police presence, which included the California Highway Patrol and the Berkeley Police Department. The police presence was necessary to protect the protesters from potential violence, as some members of the community had expressed support for the protesters.

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EXIT Program stirs controversy

By Dave Smith

Exodus flooded back when Senator Thurmond’s version of the Christian Fellowship Movement, through what it was later called the “Christian community,” gained ground in the South. It was a period of intense activity, especially in the South, as the movement spread across the country. The movement was fueled by the desire to provide a religious alternative to the mainstream church, and it attracted thousands of people who were厌倦于传统的宗教服务和教义。This led to a number of defections from established churches, and the movement gained momentum as more people became involved.

The movement was also controversial, with criticism coming from both within and outside the movement. Some accused it of being a form of religious extremism, and others criticized its lack of a clear religious doctrine. Despite these criticisms, the movement continued to grow, and Exodus eventually became a large and influential organization. It was eventually dissolved in the late 1970s, but its legacy lives on in the form of various Christian communities that continue to operate today.

Gay rights in retrospect and a look at the future

By Daniel Arzoco

In 1979, the gay rights movement was still in its early stages, with many individuals and organizations working to raise awareness about the issues facing the LGBTQ+ community. At the time, gay rights were not widely recognized, and discrimination against LGBTQ+ individuals was common. The movement for gay rights was still in its infancy, and it was a time of great uncertainty and change.

Despite the challenges, there were many who were working tirelessly to make a difference. In 1979, the Gay Rights Bill was introduced in Congress, and it was the first time that a gay rights bill was introduced in Congress. This was a significant milestone in the movement for gay rights, and it showed that there was growing support for gay rights at the federal level.

The movement for gay rights continued to grow in the years that followed, with more and more people getting involved and advocating for change. In 1980, the American Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality from its list of mental disorders, which was a major victory for the movement. This decision was followed by many other important milestones, including the first gay pride parades, the establishment of gay and lesbian centers, and the passage of anti-discrimination laws in some states.

Today, the movement for gay rights continues to evolve and grow, with continued efforts to ensure equal rights and protection for LGBTQ+ individuals. While there is still much work to be done, the progress made in the past few decades is a testament to the power of activism and the determination of those who have fought for gay rights.
Prostitution: Hustling your way through College

By David Schles

I have a question about my current situation. I'm a student at State University, majoring in Psychology. I've been working part-time as a waitress at a local restaurant to pay for my tuition and textbooks. However, I've been thinking about quitting my job and finding another part-time job that pays better. What do you think would be the best option for me to pursue? - John

By Jan O'Brien

According to the magazine, the Orange County Sheriff's office in Santa Ana, noted for its aggressive pursuit of crooked cops, said it is planning to open a new station in the heart of the city. The station, which will house 16 officers, is expected to cost $4 million and will be completed within a year.

Hitchhiking: the other side of the street....

By Jan O'Brien

According to a report in the Chicago Tribune, the government is planning to build a new highway in a remote area of the state. The highway will be a major artery for transportation and will help to improve the economy of the region.
The Body Politic

Counseling Center offers assistance—not a cure

by Robert Randall

To be avoided at any cost is my word and myriad of people who are not reported to me or whose names I have not met in the past.

E.A. Lewis

Apersonal writing at the UCU students counseling center is expected to be the trend of the Norman's Town Hall. It is a group of people who are trying to do something about the situation.

The problem of being gay is a huge issue to be addressed, according to the gay community. The problem is not just about being gay, but about the feeling of being gay.

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White verdict results in SF gay rioting

by Joel Galant

A few days after a confrontation in San Francisco, two prominent gay lesbians announced they have decided to work on the issue of gay rights. The two groups, which make up the bulk of gay rights organizations in San Francisco, have been working closely with San Francisco Mayor Art Aguilar, who once served as a San Francisco police commissioner. The groups say they want to work together to bring about change for the gay community.

Inside:
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UCI gay lit course

Robert Pitzer, professor of English at UC Santa Cruz, has announced that he will offer a course on San Francisco's gay community starting in the fall of this year. The course will look at the role of gay people in society and the impact of their role in society.

I love a parade
Gay Pride Week march attracts thousands

by Jim Mehan

Gay Pride Week will be celebrated across the country, with parades in major cities. In Los Angeles, the Gay Pride Parade will be held on Sunday, June 20. In San Francisco, the parade will be held on Monday, June 21.

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The Poetry of Robert Peters

Hustler
Your dim brocaded light is on.
Glimpse it, Green Ill.
You give me thirty bucks.
Silent, middleaged, bald
you hop into a corner
rabbit-paws. Now! Now!
I strip, erect. You
get undressed, your pelvis
quivers. You bring a carrot.
Hop, hop, hop, you say.
Feed me. Feed me.
You wriggle your nose, bite
with your front teeth, 
chew, swallow, whimper, and
stroke. You sit in a corner.
Who eats? Who is eaten?

I Guess You Won’t Want This Gift
Slap my face again
you say, at least
I’ll know something you mean, where
I stand. Why can’t you come? I have
and have allowed your touch a chance
of many, full of fingers lips claims why
was it with someone else, a fantasy rider
jack frost on a tamarack branch of icicles?

—from The Drunken Men in the Night (New Rivers Press, 1979)

Dillinger as Night Visitor
Night sweats on his face, the hard breathing,
spite moonlight shone through the window,
as the outlaw, white-throated, in a white
shirt with rolled sleeves
rose the sleeping boy’s shoulder.
He lifts the boy from his bed.
He holds him sheetless, nude.
The boy tastes his mouth, the soft fleshed
inner lip, the tongue, the zinc-taste of
warm mouth water. “Take me,” the boy pleads.
The creaking is the roof’s wind.
The brittle spikes of the home,
dillinger’s agape throat.

—from Carl Zavatt of Light (Christopher’s Books, Santa Barbara, 1974)

Carnival Man
I tried to lock the door.
The sound of whipped leaves was hard to bear.
I stomped my feet on the floor.
I should not have gone to the fair.

I had helped him erect the tent.
We both held the central pole.
He was southern, brown, magnificent.
I was his branch, he was my bole.

I watched him undress in his trailer.
He thought I was older then.
He gave me two dollars for my labor.
and said “keep growing”–he’d be back again.

I couldn’t lock the door.
Horses were loose in the storm.
I huddled there on the floor.
I shouldn’t have gone to the fair.

Illustration by Lynn Knapp
Programming gender identity

By Ellen Lerner

Two times the word “name” or “gender” by Beverly Lairet and many others have offered a way to change the gender of a young person’s birth certificate. Young persons can now change the gender of their birth certificate, and, in many cases, the legal system is recognizing this change. However, these programs are not designed to address the deeper issues of gender identity. Often, young persons are forced to choose between their gender identity and their legal identity. This lack of options can lead to further distress and coping mechanisms. Marla Erenberg notes, “The lack of support for young people who are transgender is a serious problem, and it is important to understand the issues that young people face when they are experi- enced。”

Valerie Stewart

A scale of homophobia

In response to your request for an article, I would like to introduce you to the concept of “homophobia.” Homophobia is a pervasive and often unconscious fear or hatred of homosexuals. It is characterized by negative attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors toward individuals who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender. Homophobia can be expressed in various forms, such as discrimination, violence, and exclusion from society. Homophobia is a major problem that affects millions of people worldwide.

Homophobia can have a significant impact on individuals’ lives, leading to discrimination, harassment, and social isolation. It can also result in mental health problems, such as depression, anxiety, and stress. Therefore, it is crucial to address homophobia and work towards creating an inclusive and accepting society.

In conclusion, homophobia is a serious issue that affects many people. It is important to raise awareness about this problem and work towards creating a more inclusive and accepting society for all individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Mac Roberts

LETTERS

Confessions of a homophobe

By Bruce D. Rydlewski

The image shows a page from a document discussing invisibility and programming gender identity. The text is not legible due to the image quality. The page contains a section titled "LETTERS," which includes a letter titled "Confessions of a homophobe." The letter appears to be written by Bruce D. Rydlewski, discussing his personal experiences and views on homophobia. The text is not legible due to the image quality.
Transsexuals find re-birth

By Arville Frank

James Crank Jr., 36, early last week, made his way to a dressing room at the San Francisco Public Library. He put on a pair of women’s pants, then a white T-shirt and a red belt. He had decided to wear this outfit because he felt like a woman. He had been thinking about this for months, and he had finally made the decision to become a woman.

Crank is a transsexual, someone who identifies with the gender opposite to their birth sex. He has been living as a woman for the past year, and he has decided to make the transition permanent. He has been living with a woman’s name since last year, and he has recently been wearing women’s clothing.

Crank’s decision to become a woman has been difficult. He has had to deal with the stigma and discrimination that are often associated with transsexuals. He has also had to deal with the medical and legal aspects of the transition.

In the past, transsexuals have had to undergo gender reassignment surgery to make the transition permanent. However, Crank has decided to avoid surgery and instead has been living as a woman.

Crank is not alone in his decision. There are many other transsexuals who have chosen to live as the gender they identify with, even if it means living with the consequences of discrimination.

Gail Allman, a transgender woman, has been living as a woman for the past 10 years. She has been living with the discrimination and hatred that is often associated with transsexuals. However, she has decided to live as a woman because she feels that it is the right thing to do.

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Allman’s story is not unique. There are many other transsexuals who have chosen to live as the gender they identify with, even if it means living with the consequences of discrimination.

The story of transsexuals like Crank and Allman is a testament to the power of the human spirit. Despite the challenges they face, they have chosen to live as the people they identify with, and they have done so with courage and strength.

Discrimination against lesbians

By Joel Gedert

Long beheld "gay" as nothing more than a word, but now the word has become a reality. Lesbians are a growing group of people who are fighting for their rights.

Lesbians have faced discrimination and prejudice for centuries. In the past, they were often forced to hide their identities in order to avoid persecution.

In recent years, however, the discrimination against lesbians has decreased. More and more people are accepting lesbians as equal members of society.

There are still many challenges that lesbian communities face, but they are making progress. Lesbians are fighting for their rights, and they are making strides towards equality.

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Dear Staff of Word Is Out:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your first two issues of Word Is Out. It is apparent from your conscientious approach that your publication will do a great deal to establish mutual understanding between the gay student community and the community at large here in Irvine.

I wish you and your publication much success in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely yours,

Larry Agran
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Dear People,

Thanks for your newspaper Word is Out. It’s one of the few (and the best) university gay publications we’ve seen. Please keep it coming.

Yours,

Richard Burns
Managing Editor
Let me be a grandfather

Editor,

My right to be a grandparent could be taken away from me if you continue to allow our government to force me to send my future children to schools where homosexual life styles are advocated by the figures of authority.

Advocates for gay life styles should not be allowed to force me to change my life style by using their influence as teachers to promote homosexuality in my family. I can forgive a gay person for acting gay just the same as I can forgive a drunk for drinking, but they are both acts of sin and like all sin, if we don’t protect ourselves from it, it will cause us great sorrow in one way or another.

Help me protect my privilege of someday being a grandfather. My own grandmother was one of the pioneers who crossed the Great Plains in a covered wagon to make her home in California. She thanks God for letting her live long enough to see the fifth generation born into our family.

Don’t let my family’s future be snipped in the bud just because I can’t afford to send my kids to a private school. Please stop our government from allowing gay activists teachers to use their authority to persuade young and impressionable children that being gay is fun, or even worse, desirable.

Don’t hinder my chances of having grandchildren and experiencing the love which comes from being a grandfather. Vote yes on Proposition 6.

Steven L. Tull
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After Proposition Six

She wants to be a teacher

by Elizabeth Snyder

Wholesome.
That’s the word you would instinctively apply to Jane R. (not her real name). Short blonde hair, crystal blue eyes, freckles, and a broad smile give this 22 year-old UCI graduate the look of an all-American girl.

Jane has more to offer than her looks, though. She cares about people, particularly children, and wants to help solve their problems. She wants to see changes in the public school system’s treatment of minority children. She wants to help raise the students’ reading levels. She wants kids to develop the confidence to be themselves and grow up as strong individuals. Jane wants to be a teacher.

She is also gay.

Jane and others like her are now forced to give their career choice another look due to Proposition Six. If this initiative passes in the November 7 election, it will allow the school systems to fire homosexual and pro-homosexual teachers.

With one semester of student teaching left, Jane has decided to take off from school for a year to work in a health food store. According to her, Proposition Six is part of the reason.

“I want to wait and see what the climate will be like. If it passes, I don’t want to have to look over my shoulder all the time.”

Jane is spending much of her time fighting Proposition Six because she feels it could harm a lot of people, not just gays. She worries about her parents, both of whom are teachers.

“It could affect my parents. Suppose I wasn’t even a teacher but lived at home.

Suppose someone at their school found out they had a gay daughter living with them. The fact that they were tolerating it but not kicking me out of the house could lose them their jobs. That’s the thing: Its guilt by association. That’s how the witch hunt starts.”

Jane smiles as she remembers about a gay teacher she had in junior high.

“The other students joked about her being gay, but not me. I defended him. I liked him as a person and a teacher. His being gay did not bother me.”

Though Jane liked this teacher, she doesn’t feel that she emulated him.

“I don’t think kids emulate that sort of thing. That’s in you before you ever go to school. I’m sure it was for me.”

When Jane was two or three years old, she thought she had been born the wrong sex. She identified with boys. Her family tried to make her behave “ladylike” but it just wasn’t natural for her. Jane “discovered” she was gay when she was twelve years old and fell madly in love with a female teacher. At that age it was difficult for her to deal with these feelings.

“I made up excuses to explain my stomach dropping every time I saw her. First I told myself that I was really afraid of her. Then I tried thinking she reminded me of a guy. Eventually I had to realize that I was simply attracted to her. I knew I had been lying to myself.”

Jane quickly added that the teacher was straight.

It wasn’t until the past two years that Jane has “come out,” meaning that she has admitted her homosexuality to herself and others. This change in her attitude stems from an experience she had in college with another girl.

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Jane R.

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“We lived together and had the beginnings of a love relationship. I loved her but was unable to tell her so. I knew she wanted me to tell her. Finally, the tension split us up. I realized that if I had been honest and told her from the beginning, our relationship wouldn’t have fallen apart the way it did.”

Since this experience, Jane has been more open about her feelings. She feels reactions have been good. She has told her friends and her younger sister, but not her parents.

“I didn’t tell them because of the things they would do. They would wonder what they did wrong. I don’t feel they did anything wrong. I also don’t want them to pin any guilt on me. It’ll be a while before I tell them.

“When I told my sister about myself, she said she could understand it but she couldn’t imagine feeling it. I’m happy for her the way she is.”

When asked if she had alternate plans should Proposition Six pass, Jane sat back in her chair to think a moment.

“I might go into something else, though I’ll probably use the credentials anyway. I might become a travel agent though I really wouldn’t want to be one.

“I want a job where I can actually do something for people, something with social impact. I could become a counselor, working with adults of course, because I like working with people, helping them.”

Jane feels it would be impossible for her to live as a straight person in order to teach. She has just reached the point where she can accept her lifestyle, and has decided not to lie to herself anymore.

“I told my aunt about it and she said it was funny, but she always felt as though she were gay. She suppressed it all her life, but she was plagued by physical and emotional illnesses all her life. She felt her illness were due to her repression of her true self. I have to acept myself, even if it means having problems with other people.”

GAY STUDENTS CENTER
Dear Joel

Victory is sweet. It is a tribute to all our efforts that we defeated Proposition 6 by a wider margin than Brown, Curb, or Deukmejian. We spent 1/5 the money the tobacco industry spent against Proposition 5 and scored a bigger win.

We are writing you from the "No On 6" Headquarters in Orange County to express our warm feelings of gratitude for your efforts on behalf of our campaign.

As individuals, businesses and organizations, you have given your time, your money and your dedication to wage the most organized, politically sophisticated campaign in support of human rights the nation has yet seen. We all have reason to feel very proud. Thank you for your contribution to this effort.

Sincerely,

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Thank you!
Propaganda seems to have painted a black picture of what kind of people would vote for Proposition 6. McCarthyesque pressure groups running a hate campaign seems to be the current popular view. The bulk of Californians voting for Proposition 6, however, will not be doing so out of any great respect for this piece of legislation or for Senator Briggs, but for their country and in obedience to God.

A simple law of physics states that the universe is going from a state of order to a state of chaos. Similarly, American society is following this downward spiral. Homosexuality is but one of the factors contributing to this destiny, for heterosexual lust is every bit as chaotic as homosexual lust. Proposition 6 does not go far enough, but at least it can be the beginning of the end to excessive permissiveness in our society.

Because we Christians accept the fact that Jesus is Lord, we also accept the authority of the Scriptures, since Jesus said in John 10:35, "...the Scripture cannot be broken." Now to see what the Bible has to say about homosexuality, we turn to Romans 1:26,27 which essentially says that homosexuals are exchanging the natural function for what is unnatural and are burning in their desire for one another. Since homosexuality is unnatural, therefore unacceptable to God, it is also unacceptable to all of us.

Think back a bit in election history when Californians decided to rebel against the government's inefficiency with our tax dollars. Proposition 13 is not any great piece of legislation, but its approval demonstrated that Californians are not going to be manipulated by those who trump up scare tactics to stop us from voting for a basic principle that we know is right.

Now is the time for all of us to re-evaluate our rights and wrongs. How much more permissiveness are we going to put up with. On election day, we Californians will have the chance to give a repeat performance of the clout we possess by voting "yes" on Proposition 6. Since we have been forced to vote on a moral issue, let us all do so with God and our country in mind.

Allacin M. Akers

As everyone should know by now, Proposition 6 would require the firing and prohibit the hiring of any teacher or school employee who is found to be gay. It also requires the firing of any heterosexual teacher who supports gay rights, or for that matter, who simply says something about gay people that isn’t suitably derogatory, whether in class or out of class. This is a clear violation of our rights to privacy and free speech—everyone’s rights. And it establishes a very dangerous precedent. Who will be next? According to Senator Briggs’ assistant, Don Sizemore, if Briggs had his way, he’d fire all divorced teachers, too. After all, aren’t they more of a “threat” to the family than gay people? The idea is absurd, yet Californians are being asked to approve an initiative which will try teachers for their private activities or their personal beliefs at enormous state expense, supposedly for the purpose of “protecting” our children, when, in fact, children are adequately protected by existing law.

Today a large number of voters, and certainly a large percentage of students, will not go to the polls to vote. I mention students specifically because they have a notorious reputation for exhibiting a lot of political concern and then staying home on election day. With Jerry Brown almost certain to be re-elected, this year may be no exception. But this year is different. It isn’t often that we have a chance to vote on something as fundamental as the Bill of Rights. That’s about what Proposition 6 boils down to, and what is frightening is how close the race will be.

The problem is that most students know the issues, and oppose Proposition 6, but won’t vote, and that’s dangerous because the race will be close—very close. Just remember that while for you it may be a matter of principal, for some of us it’s a matter of our jobs, our futures, and our lives. I urge you all to go to the polls today and vote. And if you vote for nothing else, vote no on 6. Please.

Joel Gallant
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