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Gay Freesheet for the East Midlands

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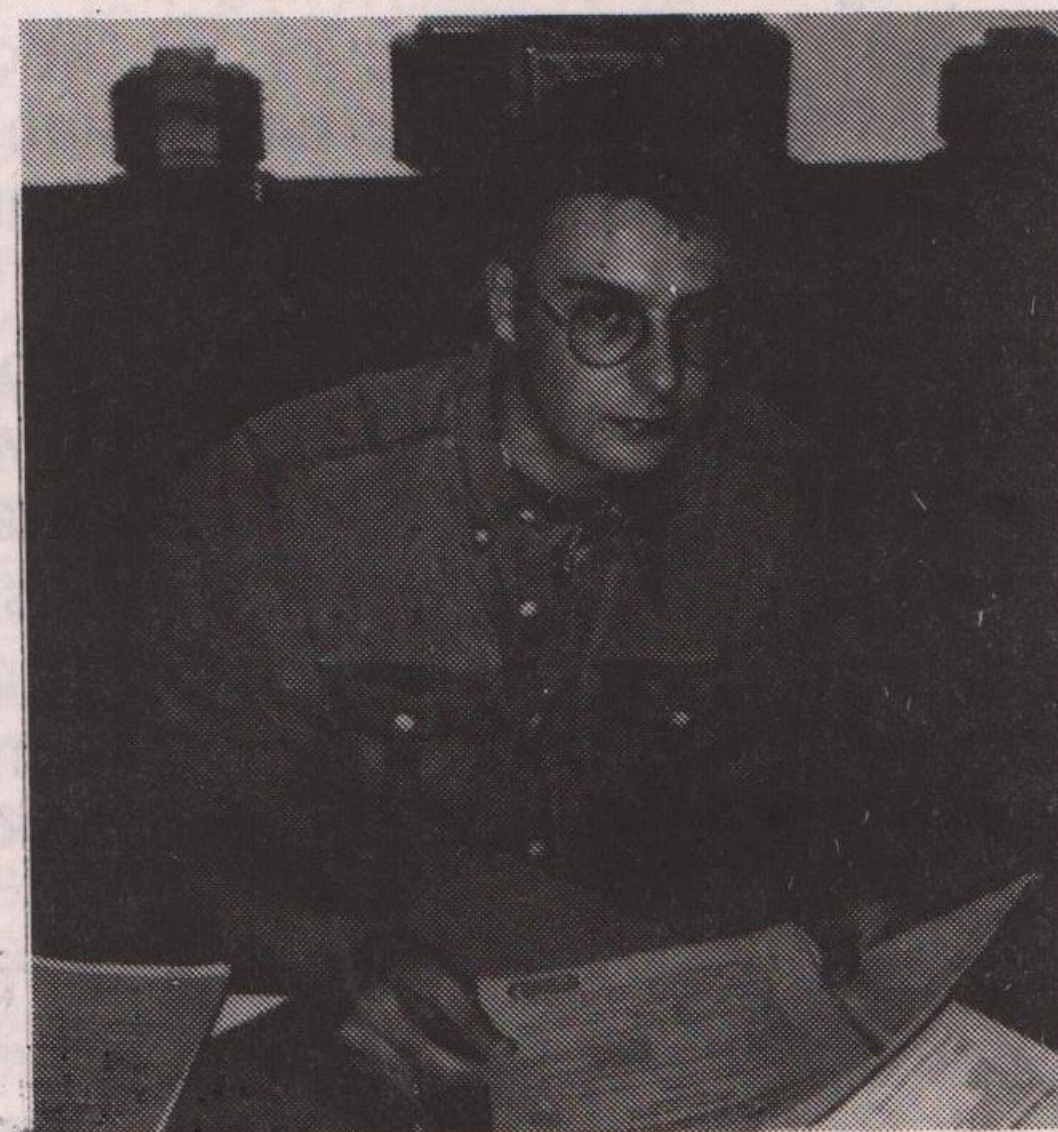
It is now possible to go into your local W.H. Smith's booksellers and buy a copy of 'Gay Times' - but a word of caution, you may not yet find it on the shelves. OUT-RIGHT conducted a telephone survey across the East Midlands and found:

Branches in Nottingham (Listergate) and Leicester (Gallowtree Gate) had it on display under Current Affairs. Derby (Eagle Centre) branch could order it for you and Northampton (Grosvenor Centre) can order it, "you're only the second customer that's asked for it. If you come into the shop, we can open a file for you," they said. Loughborough (Charnwood Precinct) could also order it.

And in the Tory heartlands of Grantham (21 High Street), the assistant was quite familiar with the publication, which could be ordered.

A spokesperson for W.H. Smith said that it was now their policy to stock 'Gay Times' in branches where there is a demand. In the late Seventies, a national campaign by the gay movement was mounted against W.H. Smith for refusing to stock 'Gay News', forerunner of 'Gay Times', but despite a sustained campaign, the company refused to reverse their policy until two months ago.

So if you want to do a bit of coming out, pop into your local Smith's branch and seek out the current affairs.



Pictured above is Ian Hillier, a Senior Welfare Rights Officer with Nottinghamshire County Council, working on the update of his book, "Benefits, HIV & AIDS", which is being reprinted and will be available shortly. Look out for Ian in our next issue.



Tseko Simon Nkoli (left) with Ivan Toms, Sheila Lapinsky and Julia Nicol (right) Photo: M. Hutchins

TSEKO SIMON NKOLI

Following his return from a successful European and North American speaking tour, which helped raise funds for the South African lesbian and gay movement, Tseko Simon Nkoli has resumed his prominent public role in the fight for equal rights.

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*Europe sets the pace
Leicester Tories wrong again*

A leading gay and anti-apartheid activist, Nkoli was first arrested in 1984 following the uprisings in the black townships of South Africa. Together with 21 other anti-apartheid campaigners, he was charged with murder, terrorism, subversion and treason, on the flimsiest of circumstantial evidence and only freed after a four year trial and a 'not guilty' verdict.

Nkoli was the only openly gay person among the accused. Initially, he faced considerable homophobia from several of his co-defendants, who included the national leadership of the main anti-apartheid umbrella organisation, the United Democratic Front.

"Some of my co-trialists were very supportive of my gayness," says Nkoli, "but others made anti-gay jokes and didn't want to be near me. When lesbian and gay organisations from overseas started sending money to help us, several of the people in our trial didn't want to accept it. They were worried about the reaction of their wives and priests. However, during the course of the trial, these homophobic attitudes changed. It was re-

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ally moving to witness this change of heart."

The General Secretary of the UDF told him: "Since you have been with us in this trial, my eyes have been opened. I now understand that lesbians and gay men should be accepted and respected for what they

are."

Since his acquittal last November, Nkoli has energetically thrown himself back into lesbian and gay politics and recently won the South African Road Marathon. He is currently chairperson of the Gay and Lesbian Organisation of the Witwatersrand (GLOW), which is a mixed black and

white organisation of lesbians and gay men, specifically committed to non-racism and non-heterosexism. "We see ourselves as part of the broad movement against apartheid", said Nkoli.

Last April, GLOW held a rally in Johannesburg addressed by the gay draft resister, Dr Ivan Toms, one of a group of 23 young men who collectively refused to serve in the South African Defence Force, because it defended apartheid. After a successful international campaign, they were released from remand by the South African Government.

All of the lesbian and gay groups were recently invited to a planning meeting organised by the UDF, bringing together prominent anti-apartheid groups. Gay and lesbian groups are presently liaising with the Liberal Coalition, which now includes a commitment towards Lesbian and Gay Rights.

VALENTINE'S DO

Derby Ritzy was host to 'Cell Block H' star Betty Bobbitt last month, when nearly 600 fans crowded into the Ritzy. Betty signed autographs at the Rising Sun which was packed to the gills. Keith and Dave have plans for more gay nights, following last month's success and their next date is 14th March, when Shooting Party ('Safe In The Arms of Love') are appearing. Tickets are £2 with a copy of Outright - see the ad in this issue.



PHOTOGRAPH: ROBERT TAYLOR

Rotimi Fani-Kayode: 'erotic and symbolic'

■ AFRICAN totems and sexual fetishes, mythology and forbidden pleasures inhabited the magical world of one of our brightest young photographers. Rotimi Fani-Kayode, in his work, combined his native Yoruba culture with his experiences, since the age of 11, of living in the United States and Britain.

Both provocative and innovative, his photographs often reflected the tension between European and African art; through his expression of the erotic and symbolic, they communicated a tension between desire and death.

A prolific artist, his photographs were published by GMP last year in *Black Male/White Male*, a volume which anthologised a productive period from 1987-88. A series of exhibitions followed: *Bodies of Experience*, which toured the country, *Transatlantic Dialogue* at Camerawork, and most recently *Ecstatic Antibodies* which opened at the Impressions Gallery in York at the end of January. On exhibit is a spectacular 25-panel altarpiece, the result of a year's collaborative work with his lover, author Alex Hirst, and a culmination of their efforts in the area of HIV-related issues.

There still remains a large amount of his work yet to be published, which Alex hopes to be able to exhibit in the near future.

Rotimi Fani-Kayode, born in Lagos in 1955, died in London on December 21st 1989. **Pas Paschali**

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MEET WYL LEWIS

This is Wyl Lewis.....larger than life and probably the best known face on the gay scene in Derby and beyond. Could Derby contain this whirlwind, I wondered? But I soon found it did, and very well thank you.

Wyl is not one to hide his lights under a bushel; in fact, he would probably go for a full firework display, without too much prompting. Screamer, loud-mouthed, 'morally righteous', gregarious, superficial - he's been called them all and many more, besides.

It seems Wyl and Derby found each other and became inextricably linked, forever after, over ten years ago. "The Jubilee Village I call it!", interrupted Wyl, for the nth time.

"After I left my wife, I moved here. I've adopted the city; it saw my coming out from unhappily married to a confident, aware gay man. My dalliance with Derby dawned on me recently when a Frenchman I knew over five years ago was on vacation here, and he told me I was the only face he still knew on the scene. "I'm an only child, and come from a small Pembrokeshire village." It was hard to believe that this was the shy teenager of yesteryear talking... then, he says, for some reason the pendulum swung the other way. That infectious, thundering laugh breaks out helplessly, but Wyl would be the first to admit that his larger

than life persona is also a bit of a defence mechanism. He admits to playing on the veneer of camp frippery at times, but the other side of Wyl is very tenacious, serious, emotional and passionate about things he holds dear.

Like gay politics. "I always go on pride marches. I think it's important to make the effort. I also don't believe that mass farming is something I can condone, so I avoid meat and eggs and I believe people should be valued for their beliefs, and these are the ones that are right for me. And he's not one to claim papal infallibility either. "I've made some glorious gaffes in my time", he muses.

"I've never had any real hassle in being myself. Everyone with whom I work knows and accepts that I'm gay and that if I have a boyfriend, he is afforded the same rights as if I were married. If I provide a positive role model for others, like 'he's successful doing things on his own terms, so why can't I', then that's great."

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And Wyl had something to say on friendship as well. "I keep in touch with Derby friends who are scattered around Britain. I'm definitely not a send-them-a-card-at-Xmas and that's-my-friendship-restored-for-a-year type, no way. The more you put in, the more you get out. A good friend is gold itself, which is especially important on the gay scene, because friends and fellow travellers know your experiences, and know what the oppression of being gay can be like in reality, who know and relish the joy of asserting your sexuality. Many know to their cost what it is like to be or feel rejected. I'm very lucky to have a lot of gay and lesbian friends, some of whom I would definitely call on for personal support, and some who would call on me. It's important to get the balance right. Heterosexuals cannot fill that role in the same way for gay men."

"That's not to say there are those who I hate the sight of, and who hate the sight of me, but if you are true to yourself, you will survive. Someone once said to me, many moons ago, 'there's only one person you have to sleep with, and that's yourself.'"

"I may get up some people's noses, but I ain't taking any compromises on my sexuality, which is an integral part of me, or playing the neat little game of being quiet and pretending gayness doesn't exist." I was trying to picture this once 'shy young man' being very naff, but I just couldn't, and thank goodness for that.

SOS PINK PAPER SOS PINK PAPER

If you could manager approximately one hour per week to distribute the Pink Paper in Nottingham, ring Simon on 0602 472668 and leave a message on the ansaphone if he's out. The hour involve picking up a bundle of papers from Mushroom Bookshop and taking them to Gatsbys, Admiral Duncan, Forest Tavern and Steve's Bar. A car would help, but it could be done on foot. Or, if there are two people willing to share the experience, it will be even quicker.

Meet a not entirely new phenomenon; you've heard of the guppies, now meet the muppies, moaning upwardly mobiles. They can usually be identified with furrowed brow, that clouds instantly with a rather glazed look anytime volunteers are asked for. Their conversations almost invariably start with "Someone ought to do something..." They generally defy all class and income barriers and are unfortunately everywhere.

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And then, Mushroom Bookshop, who it should be noted are mainly straight but have always been supportive towards lesbian/gay communities, have collected them from the train station ever since. Many of their existing customers pick up their copy of the Pink Paper from the shop.

But time after time recently, they have had to throw away dozens of Pink Papers simply because no one has been prepared to come into the shop and distribute them to lesbian/gay outlets in the city. It seems to us an absolute shame that with so few lesbian/gay publications in existence anywhere, and especially one that is free to readers, that it should end up being pulped. That means gay men and lesbians are effectively deprived of news for three weeks until they wait for the appearance of OUTRIGHT, 'Gay Times' or 'Scene Out'.

Now, most readers will know there are not a million outlets in Nottingham, Gatsbys not 300 yards from Mushroom, the Admiral Duncan 200 yards away Mushroom, the Womens' Centre and Forest Tavern less than a mile away, Steve's Bar in the Lacemarket. You would think that these outlets could get rid of 300 copies per week between them and you would be right - they can if someone would volunteer to collect them once a week and deliver them.

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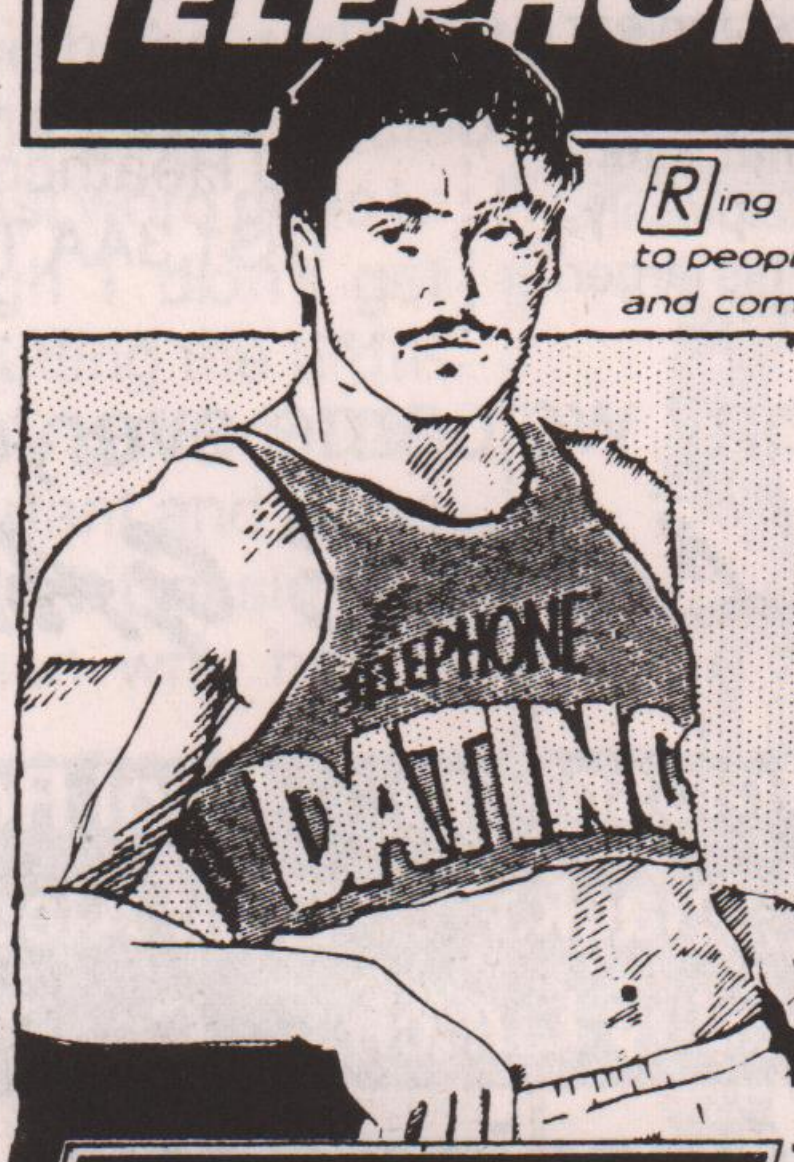
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FOX

Derby man, Martin Fox, has recently been appointed to work at the Southern Derbyshire Health Authority's AIDS Liaison Unit as the new Voluntary Co-ordinator. A former social worker with Notts. County Council, Martin also has an impressive campaigning record in the gay community, being a longtime member of Nottingham Friend and more recently, for the last five years, founder member and co-ordinator of Derby Friend. When Aids Helplines were being set up around the country several years ago, Martin helped set up Derby Aidsline. "I am very much looking forward to developing and supporting self-help groups for people living with HIV and AIDS, their partners, relatives, friends and carers", he said.

FREE PHONE FOR DERBY AIDSLINE

Martin Fox will also be responsible for co-ordinating the Derby Aidsline, which is now able to offer a free phone service on 0800 622738. The line offers confidential advice, information and support to all members of the general public on any concerns or worries around HIV and AIDS and is staffed by a team of trained and experienced volunteers from 7 to 9 pm on Monday to Friday and also on Thursday afternoons from 2 to 4 pm.

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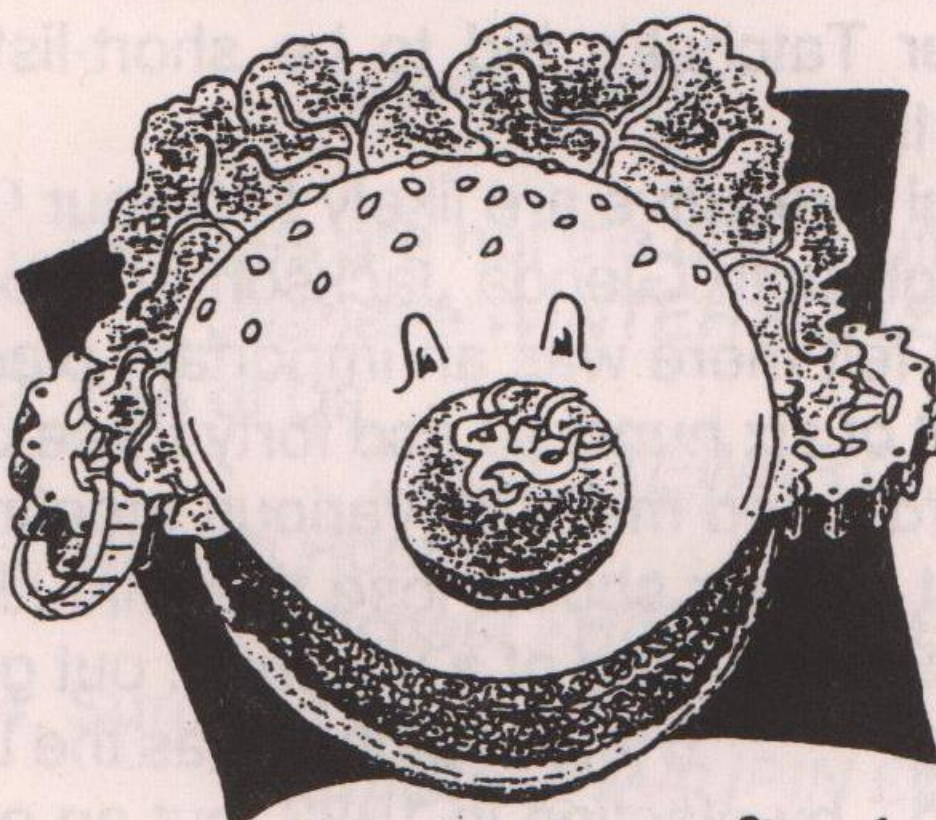
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The new premises will eventually have drop-in facilities to cater for the growing numbers of personal callers who will be rewarded with a panoramic view of the city, four floors up. Project Development Worker, Chris Hinchley regretted that there was no access for most people with disabilities. "The premises do have some drawbacks, but they are a start", he said. OUT-RIGHT will be at the opening of the new offices, of which more in the next issue.

The helplines are open on Monday - Friday, 7-10pm, (0602) 585526 (Fridays are staffed by trained health care workers), and Body Positive, Wednesdays only, 7-10pm, (0602) 581555.

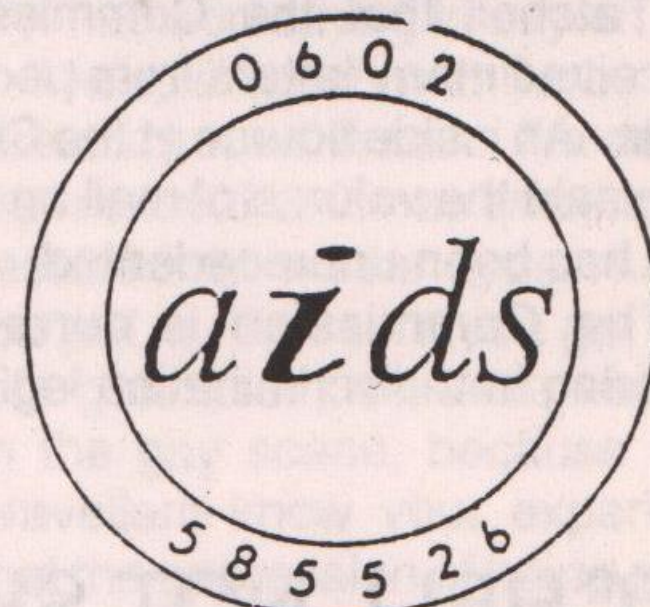
HIV/AIDS Community Education Fund

Funds are now available for voluntary organisations to finance community education and awareness initiatives relating to HIV and AIDS. For further information about these grants, contact Clive Aylesbury, Aids Liaison Officer on Derby 44134.

NALGO MEETING IN MARCH

The East Midlands NALGO Lesbian & Gay Group holds its next meeting in Derby at the Derby Royal Infirmary, Committee Room 1, on the 27th March at 7.30 pm. Coffee and refreshments are available. For further details, 'phone Martin on (03317) 2692.

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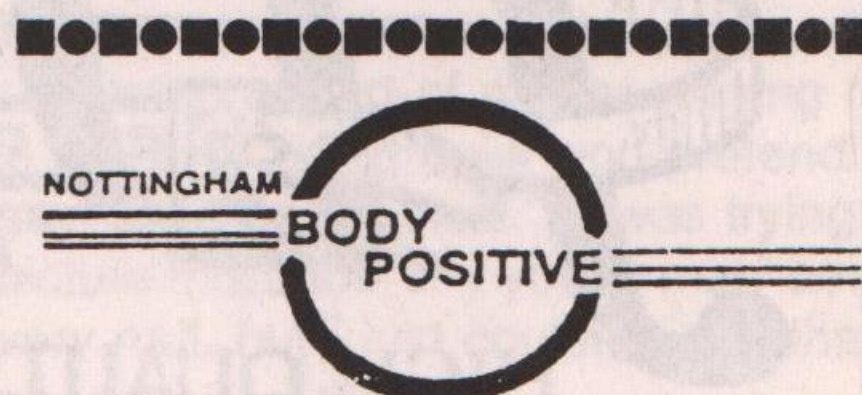
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EUROPE SETS THE PACE

In a significant shift of policy, Jacques Delors, the President of the European Commission, is considering outlawing discrimination against lesbians and gay men in the workplace. Following unprecedented amounts of letters from Britain and across Europe, it looks likely that gay men and lesbians will be seen as part of the Social Charter's stated opposition to "all forms of discrimination", whereas previously, the Commission had declared that discrimination against lesbians and gays lay outside the competence of Community Treaties.

Delors' pledge came in answer to questioning from British Labour MEP, Stephen Hughes. The Durham representative cited the Social Charter's commitment to "combat every form of discrimination" and criticised its failure to protect lesbians and gays in the workplace.

OUTRIGHT spoke to Ken Coates, Euro MP for Nottinghamshire, who said that a person's gender should not be a bar to employment and over recent months this issue has been debated widely amongst the British Labour Group and the European Labour Group, who were certainly in support of the initiative. "Lesbians and gays should be entitled to equality alongside other disadvantaged groups", he added. Jacques Delors was perhaps a bit ahead of most of the rest of the Commission on equal rights for lesbian and gays and because of this, Ken thought the initiative might take a little longer to achieve.

According to Peter Tatchell, who has been involved in the lobbying process, this shift in position appears to be the result of international pressure from lesbians and gays. The European Social Affairs Commissioner in charge of implementing the Social Charter told Peter Tatchell that the Commission had received many letters from people in Britain. An inside source at the Commission said the volume of mail on this subject has been unprecedented.

The Commission is currently considering anti-discrimination legisla-

UNIVERSITY TEACHERS GO GAY

At its December meeting in York, the Association of University Teachers (AUT) called for the inclusion of sexual orientation in the equal opportunity policies of British Universities. Moves will be made to consult the AUT's Lesbian & Gay Group in an effort to implement the policy.

tion in the second year of its action programme for the Social Charter - which comes into effect in 1991.

Letters should be addressed to Bruce Millan, European Commissioner, European Commission, 200 Rue de la Loi, 1049 Brussels, Belgium.

TATCHELL NOT SHORT-LISTED

Author, journalist and gay activist Peter Tatchell's bid to be short-listed as prospective Labour candidate for Hampstead and Highgate didn't succeed this time.

It is known that the Labour Party National Executive are likely to favour Glenda Jackson as Labour's nomination to contest the seat at the next election. Although both Glenda Jackson and local councillor Kate Allen are known to be supportive of lesbian and gay rights, Tatchell felt there was an important place for an out gay MP in Parliament to join Chris Smith, who still remains the only out MP of six hundred and forty three other MPs.

Said Tatchell: "A number of people approached me after various meetings and said they like what I stand for but were not prepared to risk nominating me, lest Labour should lose this winnable seat. In the beginning I was confident but it was quite clear that the shadow of Bermondsey and of a left-wing, out gay man was too much for them."

(Peter Tatchell was the Labour Party candidate at the Bermondsey by-election in 1982, but an orchestrated media campaign of vilification assisted by both the sitting MP and candidates of the other parties ensured that he wasn't elected.)

But the last word goes to Peter: "Though I didn't get short-listed, putting the arguments and having the debate are very important and make it just that little bit easier for the next person who has a go."

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LEICESTER'S TORIES GET IT WRONG - AGAIN

The Leicester Festival has been well covered by the Leicester Mercury, who quote Tory leader, Cllr. Johnson as saying that the Festival is undermining the morals of the city and also adding a halfpenny to the community charge. However, the press person of the Festival, Peter Smith pointed out that the Tory leader had got it wrong. "They've obviously forgotten that the community charge doesn't start until April. Whatever they say, we are entitled to funding for community projects, just as any other group," and this stance was supported by one of the Labour councillors, John Billington.

However, the morally indignant gutter press were very concerned about Bugs Bunny, "one of our very own lovely cartoon characters" being hijacked by these nasty queers. Would it now be safe to let our children watch him again?, they ask.

JACK BABUSCIO - Obituary

Jack Babuscio, who died in January from AIDS-related Kaposi's Sarcoma, began his sixteen year career as a film critic in the gay press in 1974, first for 'Gay News' and, following its closure in 1983, he joined 'Gay Times'. One of his first commissions for the then fledgling 'Gay News' was an article called "Passing for Straight: The politics of the closet", which had a phenomenal impact at the time.

Born in New York in 1937, Jack settled in Britain in 1963, completing his studies here at the University of London, where he gained his PhD. He took up a post at Kingsway-Princeton College, London as lecturer in History and Film, which he held until his death.

In the early Seventies, Jack was organiser for the gay counselling group, Friend and his experiences there were drawn upon for his most important publication, "We Speak For Ourselves", which was revised and much expanded in 1988. Peter Burton, Features Editor of 'Gay Times', said: "Without doubt, Jack's perceptive writing about film for both 'Gay News' and 'Gay Times' was an enduring contribution to gay cultural history."

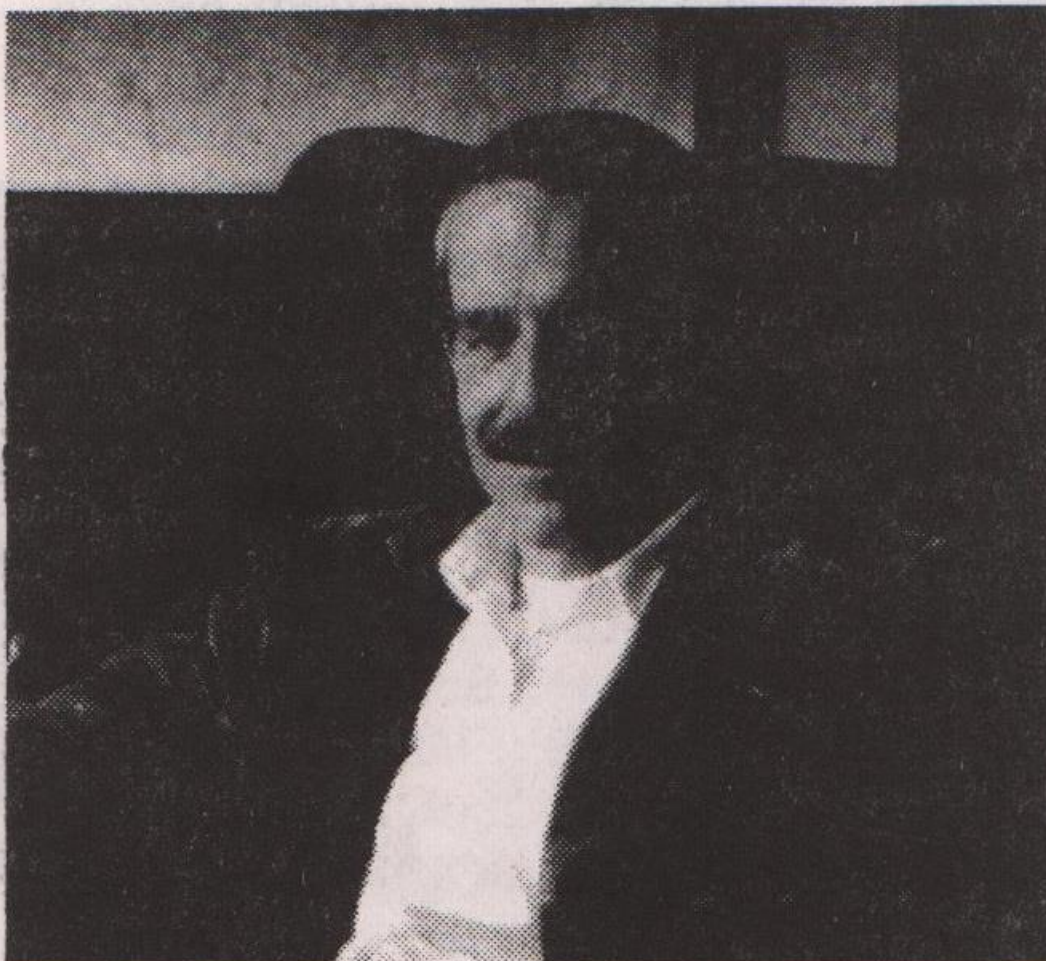
Both Jack and his lover of twenty years, the historian Richard Minta Dunn, wanted it acknowledged that Jack died from AIDS-related Kaposi's Sarcoma and internal haemorrhaging. They felt that to pretend otherwise would be bowing to the stigmatization which still surrounds AIDS.

ANGER AT THE METRO

A season of films at the Metro, Derby feature the films of Kenneth Anger, an American independent film maker who grew up in Hollywood and also wrote 'Hollywood Babylon', scurrilous revelations of the private lives of its stars. His films are mainly short, but have proved to be immensely influential on other film makers. The Metro have grouped his best known films into programmes - see opposite for details.

OUT ON TUESDAY AGAIN

A new series of the popular 'Out On Tuesday' begins on 6th March on Channel 4 and fills the 9 pm slot recently vacated by the long-running 'Bandung File'. Lesbians and gays in Eastern Europe feature in several of the programmes; in the first, lesbians and gays in Poland and the second programme takes a look in the Soviet Union. A pamphlet has been prepared by Channel 4, entitled "Out in Eastern Europe" and is available from Channel 4, PO Box 4000, London, W3 6XJ.



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Wed 21 Dangerous Liaisons 6.30
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Fri 23 Lawrence of Arabia 6.15
Fri 23 Heathers 11.00
Sat 24 DCHE Study Day
Sat 24 Lawrence of Arabia 6.15
Sun 25 Lawrence of Arabia 3.00
Sun 25 Latino 8.00
Tue 27 DCHE Guest Lecture 7.00
Tue 27 Let's Get Lost 9.00
Wed 28 Crocodile Dundee subtitles 6.30
Wed 28 Let's Get Lost 8.30
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Thu 29 Let's Get Lost 8.30
Fri 30 Field of Dreams 6.30
Fri 30 Drugstore Cowboy 9.00
Fri 30 The Blues Brothers 11.30
Sat 31 Asterix & the Big Fight 2.00
Sat 31 Field of Dreams 6.30
Sat 31 Drugstore Cowboy 9.00

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Sun 1 Kenneth Anger Programme 3 6.30
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Seen recently in that well-known gay watering hole, Gatsby's, was none other than that loveable Member of Parliament for Nottingham East, Michael Knowles with a companion, (get those fish net tights!) They were quietly supping beer and tucking into scampi and chips, and left after said meal clutching their copy of the Pink Paper. Well, there's a thing, it's nice to know the boys in blue are in the pink!

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LEICESTER LESBIAN & GAY FESTIVAL - ART & PROUD

Leicester's second annual Lesbian & Gay Festival takes place at various venues around the city from March 5th until 30th, and includes an art exhibition, cabaret, film and a special Orton day on March 11th.

The programme was put together by the Leicester Festival of Lesbian & Gay Arts, which includes chairperson Leslie Mansell and publicity person Pete Smith.

Unicorns, humour, classical references and a side to Bugs Bunny that few people realise exists, are among the subjects that appeal to virtually all of us. So anyone who thinks that minority Art is of interest only to that minority will be pleasantly surprised by the Leicester Lesbian & Gay Festival. During March, a variety of events show us the experiences of this community and at the same time, tell something about ourselves.

For those who enjoy Cabaret, there is song and humour with a message. Comedienne Janice Perry takes us from Gorbachev to quick and easy sewing patterns. Brendan Nash shows us the last twenty years from a gay point of view, while a group from Leicester Polytechnic looks at the straight-jacket of sexuality which is forced upon lesbians and gays. And for something familiar but different, "The Fruits" take us to the marvellous Island of Globula, where the easy life is about to be destroyed by the rising sea.

Artwork may be seen at three sites within the city. Fifty items, selected from an Open Competition show a diversity of subjects and techniques. These include oil painting, photographs of feminine spirituality, abstract work in a variety of materials and many other themes and styles.

Where does Bugs Bunny fit in? Malcolm Morris introduces the film showing there might be more to the little fella than we expect. There are four other feature films, some accompanied by recent short films produced by lesbians or gays.

Finally, Leicester's own Joe Orton is reassessed by Simon Shepherd, who will speak about Orton, Halliwell, their lives and times.

Janice Perry and Brendan Nash can be seen at Phoenix Arts, Newarke Street, Leicester, (0533) 554854 on Sunday 11th March, at 7.30 pm. Phoenix Arts is also hosting The Fruits at 8 pm on Saturday 17th March, 'Was Bugs Bunny Gay?' at 6.15 pm on Sunday 18th March and The Students on Wednesday 21st March, at 7.30 pm.

THE AVESBURY

The Avesbury in Osbaston Road, Derby has ceased to be a gay pub since the previous tenant, Andy, left about a month ago. It is understood that he has returned to his previous job. When the new tenants took over, they put up posters saying gays were no longer welcome there, but were told by the brewers, Ind Coope, to take the posters down.

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OUTINGS

SUNDAY 11 MARCH ORTON DAY, unveiling of plaque at Joe Orton's birthplace, 9 Gayhurst Road, 2.30pm

Simon Shepherd, author of "Because we're Queers" talks about Orton, Halliwell, their lives and times, Phoenix Arts, 3.30pm

The Pink Ink, a group of gay writers from Nottingham read and talk about their work, Phoenix Arts, 5pm

JANICE PERRY gets a hold on herself and BRENDAN NASH, Phoenix Arts, Newarke St, Leicester, (0533) 554854, 7.30pm

TUESDAY 13 MARCH "Desert Hearts" + Lesbian shorts, Phoenix Arts, Leicester, 6.15pm
"Out on Tuesday" 2nd series, Channel 4 TV, 9pm

WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH "Dona Herlinda & her son" + Gay shorts, Phoenix Arts, Leicester, 8.45pm

FRIDAY 16 MARCH "Cabaret", Phoenix Arts, Leicester, 11.15pm

SATURDAY 17 MARCH The Fruits, Cabaret, Phoenix Arts, Leicester, 8pm

SUNDAY 18 MARCH Gay Outdoor Club meet 10.30am at Cresswell Crag car park (near visitors centre), 12 mile circular walk around Cresswell Crag. Details: (0602) 235421 & (0533) 626617

WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH The Students, Cabaret, Phoenix Arts, Leicester, 7.30pm

FRIDAY 23 MARCH "Hairspray", Phoenix Arts, Leicester, 11.15pm

TUESDAY 27 MARCH NALGO East Midlands Lesbian & Gay Group meeting at Derby Royal Infirmary Committee Room 1, 7.30pm, refreshments, courtesy of Derby City NALGO branch. Details: Richard (0602) 780124 (eves) or Jade (0602) 506211 (work)

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Full details from:

Phoenix Arts, Newarke St, Leicester
Leicester Tourist Information: tel: 511300
Central Library, Belvoir St, Leicester
Leicester Lesbian & Gayline: tel: 550667 (7.30 - 10.30pm)