

Wednesday June 21

SEMINAR: Homosexuality: Who? Why?
Rumours, downstairs. Pam Brown and
Bob Petite, sponsored by AFFIRM.
7-10pm at Rumours.

Saturday June 25

WORKSHOPS:

10:00am Artificial Insemination for
lesbians: is it legal? Is it
safe? Is it available?, Dr. Bob
Frederickson.

11:30am Why It's Important to Have
Women's Nights. Discussion, men
welcome.

2:00pm Legalities of Lesbian and
Gay Couples. An explanation of
some of the legal issues that
affect same-sex couples, such as
wills, medical consent. Anne
Derrick.

3:30pm Gay Fathers, Lesbian
Mothers. A discussion of issues
that affect lesbian and gay
parents. Intended to provide an
initial opportunity for lesbians
and gay men who are parents or
are considering parenthood to
gather in an atmosphere of
mutual support.

(All workshops held in the lobby of
Rumours)

BOOK TABLE: a selection of books of
gay and lesbian interest from Red
Herring Co-op Books, all day in the
lobby of Rumours.

WOMEN'S DANCE: 9pm Veith House, \$4
waged, \$2 unwaged. Sponsored by
Pandora.

Sunday June 26

FILMS: Wornwood, 2-4pm.

"On Guard" (lesbian activism)

"Pink Triangle" (development of the
lesbian/gay political movement)

VESPERS: St. John's United Church,
8-9pm, refreshments 9-10pm. Father
Henry, sponsored by AFFIRM.

Monday June 27

THE WORD IS OUT: CKDU-FM 97.5 on your
dial at 5:45pm.

FUCK AWARE PARTY: safer sex workshop
7:30-9:30 at Rumours. Sponsored by
the Metro Area Committee on AIDS.

SIGN MAKING (for Friday's march):
6:30pm 2096 Gottingen St., at the
back entrance.

Tuesday June 28

SEMINAR: Homosexuals: what does the
bible really say? Martin
Rumscheidt & Neil MacDonald,
sponsored by AFFIRM.

OUT FROM WITHIN: Lesbian Art Show,
OtherArt, Gottingen St. Opens
Tuesday morning, closes Saturday
afternoon.

Wednesday June 29

SPEAK EASY: readings by gay and
lesbian writers. 8-10pm Rumours.

Thursday June 30

SOFTBALL GAME: Women vs men, 7pm at
the Common. Bring your glove and
gear or bring your voice and cheer.

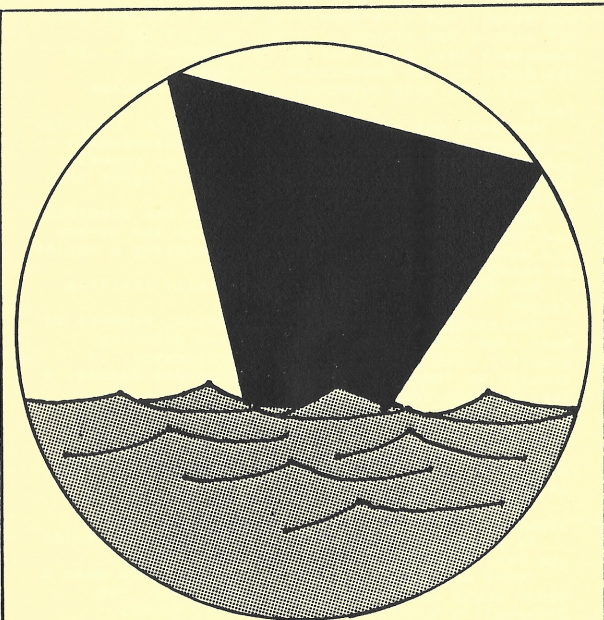
Friday July 1

MARCH: Out of the Closet and into the
Human Rights Act. Meet at the
Common, corner of Quinpool & North
Park St., 4:30pm

FIREWORKS: dusk, compliments of the
government.

Monday July 4

VARIETY SHOW: Rumours Celebration!!
10:00pm.



Lesbian and Gay

Pride Week

June 25 - July 4

sponsored by GAE

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On Friday June 27, 1969 shortly before midnight, two detectives from Manhattan's 6th Precinct set off with a few other officers to raid the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar on Christopher St., in the heart of the Greenwich village.

They must have expected it to be a routine raid.

New York was in the midst of a mayoral campaign -- always a bad time for the city's homosexuals -- and John Lindsay, the incumbent who had recently lost his party's primary had reason to agree to a police cleanup.

Moreover, a few weeks earlier the 6th Precinct had recieved a new commanding officer who marked his entry into his position by initiating a series of raids on gay bars.

The Stonewall Inn was an especially inviting target.

Operating without a liquor license, reputed to have ties with organized crime, and offering scantily clad go-go boys as entertainment, it brought an "unruly" element to Sheridan Square, a busy Village intersection.

Patrons of the Stonewall tended to be young and nonwhite.

Many were drag queens, and many came from the burgeoning ghetto of runaways living across town in the East Village.

However the customers at the Stonewall that night responded in any but the usual fashion.

As police released them one by one from inside the bar, a crowd accumulated on the street.

Jeers and catcalls arose from onlookers when a paddy wagon departed with the bartender, the Stonewall's bouncer, and three drag queens.

A few minutes later an officer tried to steer the last of the patrons, a lesbian, through the bystanders to a nearby patrol car.

"She put up a struggle," the Village Voice reported, "from car to door to car again."

At that moment the scene became explosive. Limp wrists were forgotten. Beer cans and bottles were heaved at the windows and a rain of coins descended on the cops...From nowhere came an uprooted parking meter, used as a battering ram on the Stonewall door. A blaze of flame soon appeared in the window of the Stonewall.

Reinforcements rescued the shaken officers from the torched bar, but their work was barely started.

Rioting continued far into the night, with Puerto Rican transvestites and young people leading charges against rows of uniformed police officers and then withdrawing to regroup in village alleys and side streets.

By the following night graffiti calling for "gay power!" had appeared along Christopher Street. Knots of young gays -- effeminate, according to most reports -- gathered on corners, angry and restless.

Someone heaved a sack of wet garbage through the window of a patrol car.

On nearby Waverly Place, a concrete block landed on the hood of another police car that was

quickly surrounded by dozens of men, pounding on its doors and dancing on its hood.

Helmeted officers from the tactical patrol force arrived on the scene and dispersed with swinging clubs an impromptu chorus line of gay men in the middle of a full kick.

At the intersection of Greenwich Avenue and Christopher Street, several dozen queens screaming "save our sister!" rushed a group of officers who were clubbing a young man and dragged him to safety.

For the next few hours, trash fires blazed, bottles and stones flew through the air, and cries of "gay power" rang in the streets as police, numbering over 400, did battle with a crowd estimated at more than 2,000.

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Workshops
Book Table
Women's Dance

JUNE

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March
Fireworks

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Softball Game

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Speak Easy

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Seminar
Out From Within

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The Word is Out
Fuck Aware Party
Sign Making

Films
Vespers

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Variety Show

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After the second night of disturbances, the anger that had erupted into street fighting was channeled into intense discussion of what so many had begun to memorialize as the first gay riot in history.

Allen Ginsberg's stature in the 1960's had risen almost to that of a guru for many counterculture youth. When he arrived at the Stonewall on Sunday evening, he commented on the change that had already taken place.

"You know, the guys there were so beautiful," he told a reporter. "They'd lost that wounded look that fags all had ten years ago."

The New York Mattachine Society hastily assembled a special riot edition of its newsletter that characterized events, with camp humor, as "Hairpin Drop Heard Round The World." It scarcely exaggerated.

Before the end of July, women and men in New York had formed the Gay Liberation Front, a self-proclaimed revolutionary organization in the style of the New Left.

Word of the Stonewall riot and GLF spread rapidly among the networks of young radicals scattered across the country, and within a year gay liberation groups had sprung into existence on college campuses and in cities around the nation.