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The American Psychiatric Association will hold its annual convention from May 11-16, 1991 in New Orleans and AGLP will be there. Mark Townsend, M.D., a Member-in-Training, has been serving as AGLP's advance person and has succeeded in obtaining outstanding accommodations. The Hospitality Suite will be in a large suite in the Hotel Doubletree. The suite will have a private swimming pool for AGLP's use.

A block of rooms is being reserved for AGLP members at the Hotel Mason Dupuy (mace on do pwee). Located in the French Quarter, surrounding a courtyard, the five story hotel is a charming example of southern hospitality. Rates for AGLP are \$75.00 per night for a single. Add \$10 for each additional person. Make your reservations early (not through the APA Housing Bureau). Call (800) 535-9177. The hotel's address is: 1001 Toulouse Street, New Orleans, LA 70112.

DUES

Approximately 60 people have not yet paid their dues for 1990 and will be dropped from the mailing list at the beginning of the year. Check your mailing label. If a "0.00" is in the upper right hand quarter, you are paid up. If not, get your dues in now! Payment of dues has been prompt and gratifying this year. Relatively few of the 60 are full members who have been delinquent.

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NEW ORLEANS

Editor's Column

David Scasta, M.D.

Plans for New Orleans are now in full gear with Mark Townsend, M.D. (7526 Hurst St; New Orleans, LA 70118) leading the way for logistics and accommodations and Margery Sved, M.D. (1001 Monmouth; Durham NC 27701) and Marshall Forstein, M.D. coordinating programming. Expectantly, we will not have the kind of disaster that befell us last year when the Hotel Macklowe failed to get a certificate of occupancy. The Mason Dupuy has been around for a while and does have a certificate. The accommodations, at least on paper, sound wonderful (A private swimming pool for the hospitality suite!). Be sure to get your reservations in as soon as possible. Do not wait for, or use, the APA housing bureau.

Membership continues to grow slowly. Hopefully, with Diana Miller, M.D. taking over the task of responding to membership inquiries in a more timely manner than I have been doing, our membership will continue to grow. We have 365 members (227 full member, 81 residents, 42 medical students, and 15 associates). The *Newsletter* circulation is up to 424.

As the membership grows, so does our diversification. During the last annual meeting we had groups on a myriad of various minorities within the gay and lesbian minority such as ethnic groups and cross dressing and on several professional interest areas such as children and adolescents. The rapid growth of women in AGLP's membership has brought a whole new set of perspectives and issues to the organization. As the organization broadens, my hope is that we will always be an inclusive group providing safe haven and niches for everyone as we work for the common good of our communities.

In the last issue I told the story of a highly placed, straight APA official who formally joined our organization to show his support. Shortly after publication, I received a letter and a check from Roger Peele, M.D., changing

his *Newsletter*-only subscription to full membership. Roger, who has been a long time supporter of many issues which gays and lesbians espouse, wrote that he had not joined in the past because he thought we might be offended if a straight man asked to join. We need this minority (straight men and women) in our organization perhaps more than any other - not only for validation but also for the insights that can be provided by an affirmative, outside group interested in the issues and problems of our communities. Roger - member - welcome!



Evelyn Hooker, Ph.D. receives the 1990 Annual Distinguished Service Award in her home in Los Angeles.

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President's Column

Peggy Hanley-Hackenbruck, M.D.

The last time that the APA had its annual meeting in New Orleans, the Caucus of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual members of the APA (now AGLP) boycotted the meeting, along with the women of the APA and had an alternative meeting in Houston, Texas. The reason for the boycott of that meeting was that Louisiana was a non-ERA state. Now, a number of APA and AGLP members have raised concerns about the legitimacy of having the APA meeting in Louisiana because of its political climate in relation to reproductive rights, spousal rape and racism. For a variety of reasons, not the least of which is financial (it would cost the APA over three million dollars to terminate their contracts in New Orleans), the APA has maintained its position on having the 1991 annual meeting in New Orleans. Elissa Benedek, MD, current president of the APA, in conjunction with the APA Committee on Women and the Association of Women in Psychiatry are preparing to wage an educational and advocacy campaign as an alternative strategy which they believe will be more effective, as well as practical, than a boycott. At our Fall Business Meeting in Washington, DC, the members of AGLP decided unanimously to join the efforts and approaches of the women of the APA, both in not boycotting the annual meeting in New Orleans and in joining in on education and advocacy regarding reproductive rights and racism in Louisiana. However, of necessity, our stance has to go beyond the stance currently taken by the APA and the APA Committee on Women in that Louisiana is also one of nearly half of the states in the country which still have anti-sodomy laws on the books. So, in addition to collaborating and cooperating on the issues raised by the APA leadership, AGLP is raising also the issue of the anti-sodomy laws.

Over the last few years, we have raised the issue of meeting in states where there are anti-sodomy laws and have received supportive comments from the leadership of the APA, but no direct action. In our discussions at the Fall Business Meeting with Drs. Benedek, Hartmann, and Robinson, we again raised the issue of the APA not meeting in states where there are anti-sodomy laws. This year, however, we also have raised another issue, given the activities that will be sponsored concerning the other issues relevant to Louisiana. We have asked the leadership of the APA also to address the anti-sodomy law situation. In addition to the conversations that we had at the Fall Business Meeting, I have written to Dr. Benedek reemphasizing our position, to Dr. Nada Stotland, Chairwoman of the APA Committee on Women, and to the editor of *Psychiatric News* outlining our concerns and position. We will continue to push to have this issue included in whatever education and advocacy activities take place in New Orleans. In addition, the membership voted to focus on this issue in our booth in the exhibit area at the annual meeting. We are also planning to make contacts with gay and lesbian organizations in New Orleans to form alliances with them on the issue of anti-sodomy laws. I know that many AGLP members have strong feelings about the anti-sodomy laws and I

urge you to become involved in these and other activities at the annual meeting. If you are interested and willing to be involved, I would like you to contact me as soon as possible, so that we can begin planning our own strategy, as well as our strategy to cooperate and participate with the APA activities.

Some members may feel that we are not taking a strong enough stand on this issue and that we should boycott New Orleans instead. My feeling is that a boycott would have almost no impact on the APA in general and certainly none on New Orleans. I realize that we, as a body, will be spending a lot of money in New Orleans and that we, in this way, will be supporting their homophobic policies, but I think that education, advocacy and support of the local gay and lesbian organizations there is likely to be more effective than whatever kind of economic impact a boycott would have. I also cannot help but think that our boycotting New Orleans would be somewhat hypocritical since we annually meet in Washington, DC in the fall and have recently met there for our annual meeting. Washington, DC also has anti-sodomy laws.

A collaborative relationship with the women of the APA I think is also another strength of this position. Organizations around the country have been working to unite the reproductive rights and gay and lesbian rights issues under the umbrella of Right to Privacy. I believe that this also may be an effective strategy for dealing with the APA on these matters. Our Committee on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues submitted a position statement on Right to Privacy for approval in the APA structure. It reads:

Whereas mental health is determined by many factors, including an individual's ability for self determination and protection from unwanted intrusions;

Be it resolved that the American Psychiatric Association supports the right to privacy in such matters as birth control, reproductive choice and adult consensual relations conducted in private, and supports any attempts to protect and guarantee this right.

I think that it is also important to remind the APA membership and leadership that the APA Position Statement on Homosexuality and Civil Rights states that the APA "supports and urges the repeal of all discriminatory legislation singling out homosexual acts by consenting adults in private". I think that it is very important that the membership of AGLP become involved in this issue if we are going to have any impact at the annual meeting. What this means, in addition to participating in activities at the annual meeting such as the booth or other efforts, people need to write to the APA leadership, including Drs. Benedek, Hartmann and Sabshin, urging them to include anti-sodomy laws in the APA educational and advocacy activities. I think it would be of great help if we also had a number of letters to the editor in *Psychiatric News* addressing this issue from an educational and advocacy point of view. Get out your pens and write!

MIT and Medical Student Members

I would like to congratulate Dr. Michael Hitz for being chosen as this year's Member-In-Training (resident) representative to the Executive Committee. And I would also like to congratulate Bob Bright who has been chosen again to be the Medical Student representative. The medical students would also like to have a woman representative and Bob has asked me to inquire if there are any women medical students who would be interested in co-chairing this group with him. If there are women medical students who are interested, please contact me at my office address, given below. Thank you.

The Medical Student and MIT members are extremely important and vital in our organization and we encourage all of you to become as active as you possibly can. We also want to encourage you to become active in the APA in the different fellowship and committee positions which are available only to Members in Training at this time. I have been approached by interested MITs and students about how to become involved in the APA and I was happy to recently be informed that five out of fifteen of the current Lee Johnson Fellows are apparently gay or lesbian. MITs can be involved in the APA through the APA Committee of Residents and through the Fellowship programs which include Burroughs Welcome, Mead Johnson, NIMH, and Research Training Fellowships. To be considered for the Committee, as well as the fellowship programs, MITs need to be recommended by their training directors and/or department chairpersons. We urge any of you who are interested in becoming involved in the APA to consider contacting your training director or your department chair about being recommended for either the Committee or the fellowship programs. I think that there are, at this time, two primary factors which make your participation in the APA especially important. The first is that a major concern of both AGLP and the APA Committee on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues is the training in psychiatric residencies on gay and lesbian issues. I suppose what I should really say is the lack of training on these issues. I believe that having gay and lesbian MITs involved in the APA will have an extremely positive influence on the process that we are now involved in developing a curriculum on gay and lesbian issues. Secondly, I think that it is strategic for us to begin to have gay men and lesbians involved in a variety of committees and other activities in the APA and to become known to many other members of the APA. Very often, those people who are chosen for fellowships continue to be active in the APA and eventually may touch many parts of the organization. I think that it can only be to our advantage to have as many of our members involved as possible. At this time in APA history, I think also that the MITs have a voice which is acknowledged and valued and therefore can be quite influential.

Women in AGLP

Two years ago, a needs assessment questionnaire was circulated to all women members of AGLP and AAPHR. Cheryl Clark, MD, of AGLP tallied these questionnaires and came up with the following information:

1. Over 80 forms were sent, but only 19 forms were returned.
2. 51% of the women were both AGLP and AAPHR members.
3. Women were split between private practice and academics, with a few in HMOs, community mental health centers and training.
4. Of the 19 responding, most had been either to APA or AAPHR meetings or to one of the Lesbian Physicians Conferences.
5. In general, the women felt overwhelmingly positive about the meetings and organizations. They felt that the positives included the ability to meet and network with other lesbians, to receive and participate in information/education sessions and to discuss political ideas. The support that was gained for being out professionally was highly important to many women.
6. Women felt that lesbian issues tended to be underemphasized and that men's issues were overemphasized.
7. A number of people were needing cheaper, gay-friendly accommodations in order to make the meetings fun and affordable.
8. Also of concern was the feeling that women are excluded because of the mostly male climate at the AGLP and AAPHR meetings.

Since this questionnaire was mailed out and tallied, the attendance and participation of women at AGLP-sponsored activities and in the AGLP Executive Committee have greatly increased. A women's committee has begun to meet at the Fall Business Meeting, in addition to the lesbian dinner and reception which have become traditional during the annual meeting. Attendance at the annual meeting events has been consistent at about 30 for the dinner and 40-60 at the reception. Our women's mailing list now numbers over 100. In addition to this, a number of women partners have also become active in the partner's group which meets at the annual meeting. And last, but not least, I think that it is a welcome sight to see three women's names on the letterhead of the officers of AGLP. I think that we need to continue to put a lot of energy and effort into finding more ways for women to be involved in AGLP and for AGLP to respond to the particular issues of women. I do encourage women to attend the annual meeting and to become active.

I think that the women's group has suffered over the years from the lack of a sense of cohesion once we were

able to find each other. It is difficult in an organization that meets only, at the most, twice a year to develop a cohesive bond which encourage a sense of belonging and a desire to be active in the group. I do think that with patience and persistence, eventually over the years, we get to know each other and are rewarded by the personal and professional support that can and do give to each other. At least this has been my experience. I value very highly the relationships that I have developed in AGLP over the years, even though it means having friends spread all over the country and having relatively infrequent contact with each other. I look forward in the future, both to deepening those relationships which I already have and in developing more relationships because I am enriched by these relationships. I feel that I have been lucky over the years to have developed these relationships with both men and women in the AGLP.

colors and getting ready for their winter activities. I find myself leaning more to the hibernation model and finding that I am looking forward to a time of perhaps reduced activity and self reflection. So, I want to leave you all with my best wishes that whether you feel like hibernating, flying south to warmer weather, or changing colors and enjoying the activities of winter, I hope that you find exactly what you need at this time of year and have a wonderful holiday season.

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Resources for HIV Positive AGLP Members and Significant Others

For the last several years, Bob Kertzner, MD has led a Support Group for HIV positive members and significant others during the annual meeting. Bob has volunteered to be a resource during the rest of the year as well. Members and significant others needing support, information, encouragement or other contact are urged to call Bob Kertzner at 212-960-2439 or write to him at: 299 Riverside Drive #7A, New York City 10025.

We want to develop a "phone tree" of other AGLP members around the country who also are available to join Bob in providing these support services. If interested, please contact Bob as well.

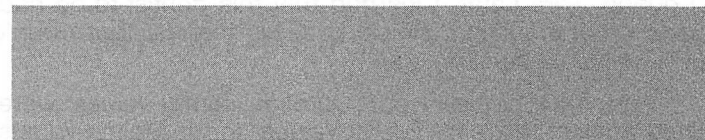
Membership Committee

Diana Miller, MD and Don Tusel, MD have volunteered to co-chair the AGLP Membership Committee. Diana and Don are interested in both keeping the current membership active and generating new membership through some outreach activities. David Scasta, MD has, for many years, shouldered the responsibilities for the membership activities of AGLP in addition to the huge job of Newsletter Editor. I want to thank David for his dedication and hard work in all that he does and has done. In appointing these co-chairs, I want both to acknowledge David's good work and relieve some of the burden that he has shouldered all these years.

Thanks to David and welcome to Diana and Don!

A Reflection

Last night we turned the clock back and this morning we watched the geese in their travels south as the temperature drops and the days get shorter. I guess some animals are moving into hibernation while others are changing



APPLICATION FORM
Caucus of Homosexual-Identified Psychiatrists
American Psychiatric Association

(CHIP is the official APA minority caucus for gay and lesbian psychiatrists. Membership lists are maintained by the APA; confidentiality is not assured. Membership is free.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **ZIP:** _____

*** APA Membership Status:** _____

Please enroll me in the Caucus of Homosexual-Identified Psychiatrists.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Send this form to: **Carol Lehmann; APA Membership Services; 1400 K Street, N.W.; Washington, DC 20005.**

* Member-In-Training, General Member, Fellow, Life Member, Life Fellow



Medical Student Column

Bob Bright

I was recently speaking with someone at a party who asked me one of those, "Oh, so you're going to be a shrink. Well, tell me this . . ." questions. Why, he asked, was he gay and his identical twin brother straight? After my usual "not one yet" and "why does it matter" disclaimers, and after embarking on a half-hearted discussion of theories about homosexuality (intrauterine stress and hormones, genes, distant fathers and overbearing mothers) I was no closer to an answer and was mercifully pulled away to meet another face.

The "face" belonged to a senior dental student who, it turned out, was in the process of being "straightened out" by his psychiatrist. "He said I could change if I wanted to . . . I dunno . . ." Later, I learned that this dentist-to-be had made several suicidal allusions to his friends; "but I don't think he would do it, do you?"

And, back home, "North Carolina family values" were pitted against "extreme liberal values" in the Helms versus Gantt senatorial race. Unfortunately, "family values," as portrayed by Helms did not include gay mental and physical health issues and are not concerned with the high rate of suicide among homosexual teenagers.

The title of this spring's APA convention is "Our Children, Our Future." At this fall's AGLP planning meeting, we considered how AGLP was to focus itself under this title. In a time when gay men and lesbians are still forced to say "why me" and are told they could (should) change or are "going to hell" (a quote from my father); when our values of love, community and creativity are ignored; and when suicide becomes the only answer for confused youth - our roles in our biologic family, our "adopted" family of friends and lovers, and our larger societal "family" are worth considering.

Traditionally, student discussion groups at the national convention have been fairly disordered and non-productive. I am inviting you to help me change this. Ideas for discussion that I have include: how to form a gay and lesbian support network at your school; familial conflicts; coming out to family, peers and patients (i.e., disclosure); the families we have made without reproducing; and resources available to gay and lesbian medical students. I am very interested in your input!

Following our student group meeting, we will continue the traditionally successful joint medical student / resident discussion of residency programs, etc. Additionally, there will be more social time for medical student / resident interaction this year at a picnic and volley ball outing.

As usual, free housing arrangements and travel assistance funds will be available to psychiatry-bound or interested lesbian and gay medical students who are interested in attending this year's APA/AGLP meeting in New Orleans in May.

Committee on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues

Robert Cabaj, M.D., Chair

The Committee on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues met at the Fall Meeting of the American Psychiatric Association on September 14, 1990. The following three items were presented to the Council on National Affairs:

1. The continuing problem of the position of the Military on homosexuals in the military was discussed. Since it will take an act of congress to change the ruling that excludes openly gay men or lesbians from entering the military - and gives the grounds to discharge someone who is discovered to be gay or lesbian - a position paper was presented to the Council that stated, "*The APA deplors exclusion and dismissal from the armed services on the basis of sexual orientation,*" in the hopes that it will be of use to federal legislators attempting to fight this policy.

2. The ongoing discrimination by the Immigration and Naturalization Service was addressed. The INS continues to list homosexuality as a mental disorder and can exclude an openly gay person from entering the country. Since it was felt a position statement from the APA might be helpful to federal legislators trying to fight this policy, the Committee presented a paper to the Council that stated, "*The APA deplors the continued inclusion of homosexuality as a mental illness by the INS: and, further deplors the use of this ruling by the INS for the discriminatory exclusion of homosexual visitors and immigrants to the U.S. based solely on sexual orientation.*"

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As I will be graduating soon, we are in search of two AGLP co-liaisons. This is an AMSA task force liaison position open to any gay or lesbian medical student interested in psychiatry. The repressibilities are minimal and rewards, substantial. Please call or write if you are interested.

I welcome letters and calls from fellow students, and I invite you to share information about AGLP, LGBPM and AAPHR with your classmates. We, as physicians-to-be, are in an important position to influence the future of gay life in the United States. The AIDS crisis unified and mobilized the homosexual community. As we continue to support and care for friends and strangers with AIDS, we also need to continue to chip away at social and political homophobia and prejudice. In a sense, medical students are the children of the medical and political future. I encourage you to get involved in AGLP. I look forward to hearing from you and to seeing you in New Orleans this spring.

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Book Review

The Preoedipal Origin and Psychoanalytic Therapy of Sexual Perversions* by Charles Socarides, M.D. (1988. International Universities Press, Inc., Madison, Ct. 639 pp.) - A proposed review for *Psychiatric Annals

Robert Cabaj, M.D.

A scholarly work which dismisses or ignores all new information and thinking on a subject just because the new information does not support the theories or ideas proposed by the author cannot be accepted as truly scholarly or scientific, in spite of the extensive amount of material, data or text presented. This observation applies, unfortunately, to the book by Charles Socarides, M.D., entitled, *The Preoedipal Origin and Psychoanalytic Therapy of Sexual Perversions*. The book is little more than a slightly revised version of his 1968 book, *The Overt Homosexual*. In the intervening years, many books, studies, and articles on homosexuality have appeared challenging Dr. Socarides's view that homosexuality is always pathological. In fact, research has proven he is incorrect in many of his assumptions and perceptions (Friedman, RC. 1988. *Male Homosexuality: A Contemporary Psychoanalytic Perspective*. New Haven: Yale University Press). Analysts who have taken his position in working with gay and lesbian patients have caused outright harm to patients and to their families (Isay, RA. 1989. *Being Homosexual: Gay Men and Their Development*. New York: Farrar, Straus, Giroux).

Though the book discusses all types of "perversions," the primary focus is on homosexuality. Since the author is so adamant about presenting his own ideas, and is so fixed and persistent in his view that homosexuality is a result of a psychodynamic disturbance, the book is of little use for the practicing clinician. It does provide an interesting list of almost all imaginable sexually related activities, but the bias and prejudice of the author is evident in his instance on use of the term, "sexual perversion," which is not currently accepted by *DSM-III-R*.

One of the basic mistakes that the author made years ago - and one which many people have pointed out in person and in the literature - was to assume that the gay men who saw him were representative of all gay men. He very clearly saw very disturbed patients, probably borderline and narcissistic personality disorders, who happen to be gay men, and based his finding on this very limited and non-representative sample. He then compounded his mistake by concluding the disturbed psychodynamics of the patients caused the homosexuality, while he would never say such disturbances caused the heterosexuality of matched heterosexual patients.

The author dismisses most new material as the ranting of political activists with no application to psychiatry and psychoanalysis. It appears he has not or could not read the books referenced above. Though the origins or "causes" of homosexuality are still not clearly known, the role of biology and genetics are becoming clearer. The "disturbances" with which most gay men present in therapy are a result of difficulties in accepting sexual orientation because of internalized homophobia, which is caused by societal reactions and prejudices against homosexuality. In other words, psychological disturbances do not "cause" homosexuality; rather, difficulties accepting homosexuality can lead to psychological disturbances.

Dr. Isay in his book reference above very clearly describes how heterosexual fathers may pull away from their homosexual sons in early childhood since the fathers may be uncomfortable with the manifest longings and needs of a gay son. This pattern can clearly lead to perceptions by sons that they had "distant fathers," as opposed to the much-loved, but inaccurate, theory of Dr. Socarides that distant fathers are part of the "cause" of homosexuality.

Committee on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues cont.

3. Given the ongoing concerns about antisodomy laws in several states and the continuing struggle over reproductive choice in this country, the Committee decided to write a position paper on the right to privacy, and presented it to the National Council. The paper stated, "*The APA supports the right to privacy in matters such as birth control, reproductive choice, and adult consensual sexual relations conducted in private, and supports all attempts to protect and guarantee this right.*" The paper will be sent to several different components of the APA for review and advice.

Additionally, the Committee deliberated on the following matters:

1. The position of the APA on the use of "reparative therapy" or the use of some religious practices and behavioral psychology to attempt to change sexual orientation was discussed. The Committee felt that a position paper would be helpful. Further research will be done and Dr. Cabaj will write a proposal for the May, 1991 meeting.
2. The APA guidelines about advertisers at the annual meeting are being revised to include the recommendations of the Committee that would exclude any groups and organizations from advertising if they discriminate in any of the ways the APA condemns.
3. Earlier this year, the American Medical Association had voted down an attempt to prohibit discrimination in the AMA based on sexual orientation (Resolution 745). In June, 1990, the AMA did change its discrimination clause to state that there would be no discrimination on any basis for membership.
4. The entire Committee met with the Committee of Residents. The joint committees discussed how to implement a curriculum on gay and lesbian issues; how to make training programs aware of the AMA Resolution 12 (which deplores discrimination in medical schools and residencies on the basis of sexual orientation); and how to get openly gay and lesbian residents more involved in the APA. The Committee will ask the American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training to include questions on teaching gay and lesbian issues in its annual survey.
5. The Committee reviewed with alarm a newspaper article concerning the new Supreme Court justice, Judge Souter, and his feeling that anyone who had ever had a gay sexual experience should not be a foster parent.
6. The Committee on Graduate Education, in response to our Committee's ongoing concerns about: teaching gay and lesbian issues, accepting openly gay and lesbian candidates to training programs, and how programs will deal with HIV positive residents, requested a list of speakers who could teach gay and lesbian issues. The list is to be published in the AADPRT newsletter. The Committee on Graduate Education was willing to help locate monies to finance a series of videotapes on how to teach gay and lesbian issues, and was open to the urging that concern for gay and lesbian residents and issues come from the faculty level on down, not just the resident level up.
7. The committee noted with alarm that a major contributor to the campaign to reelect Senator Helms, an extremely homophobic and "AIDS-phobic" Senator, was the Sandoz Corporation.

If one could read the book knowing that the findings may apply only to seriously disturbed patients, the book could provide some useful perspectives on psychoanalytic dynamics. The reader, however, would need to be well versed in the newer literature on homosexuality. To use the information to apply to all gay men or "sexual pervers" will lead to serious clinical harm to patients. The book cannot be recommended for the practicing psychiatrist.

Announcements

The National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation is sponsoring its 13th National and 4th International Conference in New Orleans from July 24-28, 1991. This annual conference provides an opportunity for health care providers and caregivers to discuss issues of importance to the lesbian and gay community. Proposals for presentations are solicited. For further information, contact: The National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation, Inc.; P.O. Box 65472; Washington, DC 20035 (202) 797-3708.

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. announced that it has appealed a Wisconsin case in which an appellate court ruled that the Green Bay Press Gazette could exclude gay related advertisements from its classified section. Lambda also has brought suit against AT&T regarding spousal benefits denied to a long-term, surviving lesbian partner of an AT&T employee. For further information, contact: Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc.; 666 Broadway; New York, NY 10012 (212) 995-8585.

Jean H. Orost, Ed.D. is engaged in a research project investigating the process of lesbian sexual identity formation among women with religious background or experience. She is distributing a survey to anyone willing to participate who feels that her religious beliefs / training has affected her sexual identity and orientation. To request a questionnaire, write to: Sterling Psychological Associates; RD 2, Box 760; Johnson, VT 05656.

The Campaign to End Homophobia is a network of people working to end homophobia and heterosexism through education. For membership information, write to the Campaign at: P.O. Box 819; Cambridge, MA 02139 (617) 868-8280.

Women & Therapy, a feminist book series by The Haworth Press, Inc., has issued a call for abstracts for authors who have never before published in a professional journal about any descriptive, theoretical, empirical, or clinical perspective related to women and therapy. Authors may submit a one page abstract to: Esther Rothblum, Ph.D.; Department of Psychology; John Dewey Hall; University of Vermont; Burlington, VT 05405 by February 1, 1991. Include professional affiliation and phone number and send to the attention of the "New Writers Issue."

Alvin Novick, Co-Chair of the Man/Womanpower Committee of the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights announced a program to provide counselling to HIV positive physicians who may be or are already interdicted from practice as a result of CDC guidelines concerning invasive procedures. For information call (203) 432-3882 or write to Alan Novick in care of the Department of Biology; Yale University; P.O. Box 6666; New Haven, CT 06511.

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