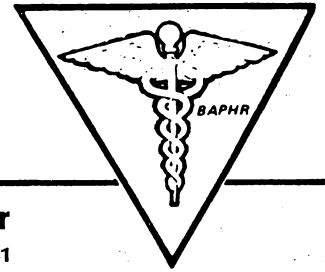


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Mini-BAPHRON

We're calling this issue a mini-*baphron* for obvious reasons. It was necessitated because our printer needed a holiday too and closed shop from Christmas until after New Year's. This is the period when we usually have our typesetting, layouts, and printing done. We felt it was important to get out a January issue and the only way to do it was to abbreviate it.

By coincidence, this issue also marks the beginning of our third year of publication. We would have preferred a gala edition to mark this anniversary but this was not to be.

The regular *BAPHRON* will resume in February with all the features you have seen in the past and more. You still have time to get in your article, letters, and other items for publication.

Why A Sponsor

A BAPHR member asked why a sponsor is required for membership. "Is this some kind of an elitist organization?" he asked.

The answer is simply that we do not have a staff to check each applicant to determine that he is a doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy or *bona-fide* medical student. By asking for the name of a sponsoring member, this problem is largely eliminated. Those applicants who do not know a *BAPHR* member, are approved directly by the Executive Board.

Applications for renewal of membership do not require a sponsor. We request new membership applications annually because of changes in status (medical student to house officer, etc.) and to determine interest in *BAPHR* committees or projects.

Major Membership Campaign

GAY & LESBIAN PHYSICIANS AND MEDICAL STUDENTS		
Join more than 300 of your colleagues nationwide who are:		
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Does this ad look familiar? It will if you've read the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the *Western Journal of Medicine*, *Psychiatric News*, or the *Advocate* recently. It's appeared in all four in the past two months.

We didn't know what to expect when we placed them. We weren't even certain that these "prestigious" journals would accept us. They did—and the response has been terrific! More than fifty physicians and medical students have written so far, and the letters keep coming.

An internist from Texas wrote, "Thank God we're organized somewhere!" A surgeon in the deep, deep south lamented on the isolation he felt, and hoped through *BAPHR* he'd be able to contact more gay professionals. Colleagues wrote from New York and Alabama, from Montana and Florida, all anxious to learn more about what we're doing, and how they can be involved.

Every letter was answered with a copy of the *BAPHRON*, a membership brochure, and a personal note.

If there was ever a doubt that a National Association of Gay and Lesbian Physicians is needed, the response to these ads dispelled it.

More at the January general meeting.

Mike Rankin, M.D.

General Membership Meeting
 All members, patrons, associates
 Sunday, January 18, 1981, 7 pm
 Residence of Dr. Ken Everts
 2200 Sacramento Street
 San Francisco, CA
 346-7070

January BAPHRON General Meeting Announcement

Are you a *BAPHR* member who hasn't attended a meeting in quite some time? Why not try the January meeting and check out the lively new spirit of the general membership meetings? They are more informal, fun, and rewarding than ever.

Routine business matters have been reduced to a minimum, featured speakers and events are more interesting, and more opportunity is being provided for members to meet and talk.

Most of our meetings are once again being held in the private homes of members, and despite sometimes crowded space, our steadily increasing attendance indicates a clear membership endorsement of this revived format.

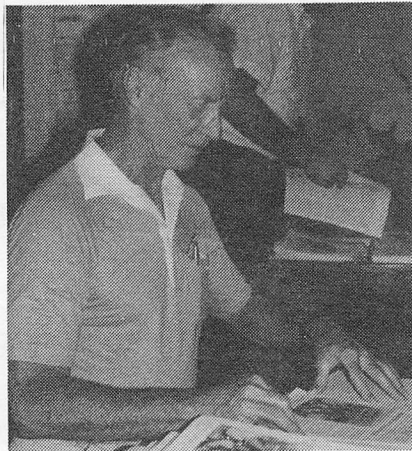
And good news! Lovers of members are now welcome at *BAPHR* meetings, too!

The next general membership meeting of *BAPHR* will be on Sunday, January 18, at 7 pm. Host for this meeting will be San Francisco psychiatrist Dr. Ken Everts, and it will be held in the luxurious penthouse party room (Room 1604) of his condominium building at 2200 Sacramento Street, in the Pacific Heights district of San Francisco. Note bene: when you arrive, please indicate to the building doorman that you are visiting Dr. Everts, not a *BAPHR* meeting...the poor fellow wouldn't understand what a *BAPHR* is!

The meeting will begin with an informal social hour from 7 pm to 8 pm, followed by business and our featured speaker, the informative and entertaining Dr. Tom Lowery, continuing our Category I C.M.E. credit eligible series on sexuality, with the exotic topic of Brachioproctophilia (a.k.a. Fist Fucking). Finally will follow a wrap up social period.

Let us see you there at Ken's place on the 18th. As *BAPHR* president Dr. Dale McGhee said in his inaugural remarks last July, "*BAPHR* is not just a surrogate medical society. It is a professional family, and a family requires the involvement of each of its members."

BAPHR General Meeting
Sunday, January 18
7 pm
Dr. Ken Everts
2200 Sacramento, San Francisco
Room 1604



Ken Everts, M.D., host of January General Membership Meeting at 2200 Sacramento Street, San Francisco. On entering the building, ask for Dr. Everts' party, Room 1604.

Dr. Everts is former chairman of *BAPHR*'s psychiatric issues committee and currently serves on the *BAPHRON* editorial board. Since he started proofreading, the number of typos has dropped precipitously.

ERRATUM

In the November report of the executive board minutes, it should be noted that the funds received from the Davies Hall concert was a reimbursement for advanced ticket sales and does not represent a profit for *BAPHR*. *BAPHR* was in fact an official sponsor of the concert.

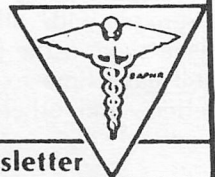
In the same issue, the acronym, HOMOS committee represents House Officers and Medical Students.,

Executive Board Meeting

(All *BAPHR* members are invited)
Sunday, January 11, 1981 at 7 pm
Residence of Dr. William Kapla
453 Roosevelt, San Francisco.

Unless indicated, the Executive Board regularly meets on the second Sunday of each month and the General Meeting is on the third Sunday. Changes in these dates because of major conflicts or other events are announced in advanced. This information is given to assist you in planning your schedule.

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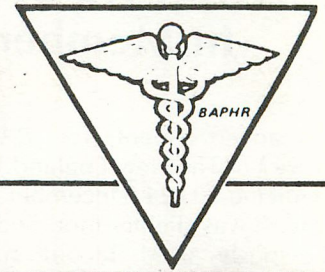
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APA Expands Ethics

The Board of Trustees of the American Psychiatric Association during their December 1980 meeting approved the addition of the words "sexual orientation" to a section of THE PRINCIPLES OF MEDICAL ETHICS with annotations especially applicable to psychiatry which read: "A psychiatrist should not be a party to any type of policy that excludes, segregates, or demeans the dignity of any patient because of ethnic origin, race, sex, creed, age, or socio-economic status."

The action was initiated in August of 1979 by Jim Krajeski in a letter to the Ethics Committee of the APA requesting the change. At that time the Ethics Committee declined to make the specific addition stating that "this is already enunciated in the PRINCIPLES OF MEDICAL ETHICS WITH ANNOTATIONS ESPECIALLY APPLICABLE TO PSYCHIATRY, Section 1, in the phrase: The principal objective of the medical profession is to render service to humanity with full respect for the dignity of man."

A request to reconsider this action was then forwarded from the Committee on Homosexuality of the Northern California Psychiatric Society. At a subsequent meeting the addition to the PRINCIPLES was approved by the Ethics Committee. Following this, approval was then obtained from the Assembly of the APA and finally the Board of Trustees.

The request originally grew out of concern about possible psychiatric testimony in the case of Carl Hill, an English citizen whom the Immigration and Naturalization Service attempted to exclude from the United States because of sexual orientation.

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Sacramento Health Organization

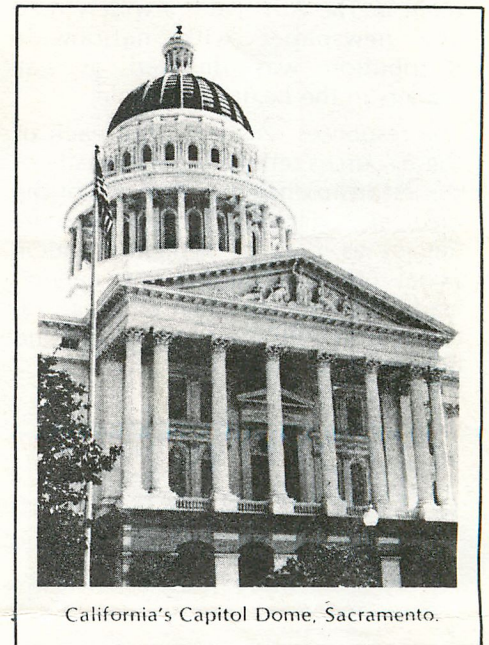
Sacramento has a viable gay health community including openly gay and lesbian physicians, dentists, psychologists, social workers, and other professionals. One member jokingly remarked that there is no *SAPHRON* yet except in spice cabinets.

Monthly meetings are held which are well organized and attended by Sacramento's lesbian and gay mental health professionals. A workshop with over 50 in attendance was held last year at Sacramento's Mansion Inn across from the old Governor's Mansion.

CALPHA, California Lesbian Physicians Association, held their annual holiday meeting at the Snow White Ball in December. This was believed to be the largest lesbian Christmas social event in the country.

The local monthly gay newspaper, "MOM...GUESS WHAT?" regularly features articles on gay health issues. The first Sacramento VD symposium for the gay community with the theme, "Be Clean for Hallowe'en" was well publicized.

History was made with a presentation by an openly gay internist to the staff of the largest private community hospital on the topic: "STD's of the Homosexual Male". The talk was well received despite concern that resuscitation equipment should be close at hand. The Sacramento County Medical Society has been known to refer inquiring gay patients to its known gay practitioners.



California's Capitol Dome, Sacramento.

STD screening is conducted by the health department with an outreach at the two bath houses and laboratory support at a free medical clinic. Heavy weekend traffic between San Francisco and Sacramento contributes to the success of this program.

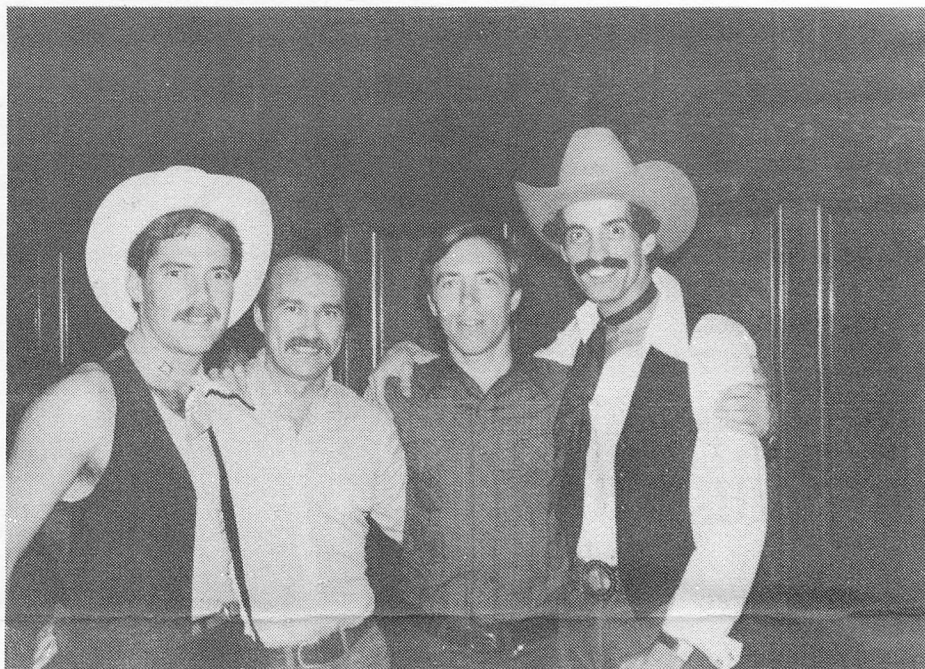
Many Sacramento physicians are *BAPHR* members and attend meetings in San Francisco despite the inconvenience of a 90 minute drive. The University of California Medical School at Davis has been a fertile source of members. *BAPHR* welcomes our Sacramento members.

NGJM Ad Brings In Members

An advertisement for *BAPHR* appeared in *The New England Journal of Medicine* 203:24 (December 11, 1980). This ad was slightly modified from the previously used layout to fit the display space requirements of the *Journal*.

The *NEJM* advertisement was targeted to reach medical students, housestaff and practicing physicians who read this nationally renowned journal. Previous advertisements in other periodicals such as the *Western Journal of Medicine* were aimed at practicing physicians in the Western States, and in *Psychiatric News* which reaches psychiatrists and psychiatric residents nationwide. In addition, an advertisement in *The Advocate*, a widely read gay newspaper with nationwide distribution was directed at gay readers in the health care field.

The responses received from each of these sources reflected the diversity of this effort to different segments of the medical community. It was also intended as part of *BAPHR's* educational effort to inform the general medical community that an organization exists to fill the needs of gay and lesbian physicians.



Rick Andrews, Jim Krajeski, Tim Cooper, Bill Wagner

BAPHR Greet's New Year

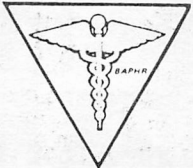
The new year was grandly and properly ushered in by over 200 *BAPHR* members and friends at the annual New Year's Eve party at the Flood Mansion in San Francisco. This was the largest turnout for a *BAPHR* function and speaks well for the interest and future of the organization.

A lavish buffet catered by Bon Appetit Caterers was open throughout the evening as well as an unlimited bar.

There was dancing, quiet conversations, and socializing in the spacious mansion. The mood was relaxed and many were reluctant to leave at the 2 am closing.


The members of the support committee, including the associates who arranged the party did a marvelous job and their work was greatly appreciated by all.

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S.F.V.D. Clinic Site

The San Francisco City Venereal Disease Clinic has lost its lease at its present location on 4th street and must find a new site. Dr. Erwin Braff, Director has requested input on the new location. *BAPHR* will not make any recommendation as an organization but urges individual members to express their preference to the administration. Several sites have been proposed including the abandoned firehouse at 676 Howard Street, vacant school buildings, and the San Francisco General Hospital.

Enclosures— For The Few Who Haven't Heard

Our numbers are growing month by month, but there are still physicians in the Bay Area and elsewhere who share the goals of *BAPHR* but haven't yet joined us. Some are just waiting to be asked, others are uncertain, and still others, believe it or not, haven't heard of us.

Nothing is more effective in recruiting into an organization than a personal appeal from a good friend. So for the next few months we're including a *BAPHR* membership brochure with the *BAPHRON*. If you know someone who might join if asked, please pass it on.

Join the BAPHRON ASSOCIATES
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THE GAY ACTIVIST

The label "Gay Activist" frequently arouses both strong negative feelings and fear among numerous individuals. Many gay people would not wish to be identified with this label and see the Gay Activist as ultimately doing more harm than good. They fear reprisals and a back lash from the straight majority. BAPHR is sometimes criticized for being too public and too activist. (It is also criticized for being too social and having too little activism).

I firmly believe that as gay men and women we must be activists if we are to come to a healthy and positive assessment of ourselves and if we are to make progress in creating a better world for all gay people. Being a "Gay Activist" does *not* mean that we all must publicly wear a BAPHR button, that we all must march in the Gay Freedom Day Parade, that we all must come out in the local Medical Society, or that we all must give a public speech detailing "what coming out has done for me".

In my mind the goal of the Gay Activist is to enable all people to view gay men and women without prejudice and with respect and dignity as whole, complete, and healthy human beings. Any action which proceeds in this direction might be labelled as activist or activism and is not an all or nothing proposition. The activist need not even be labelled as a gay person if that is a concern.

Activist accomplishments happen far more easily than one might expect.

The change in the ethics of the APA reported in this issue involved writing two letters and making one phone call, actions which might have been taken by anyone. Sometimes we underestimate our individual abilities and strengths, feeling that only "the leadership" (whoever that might be) can accomplish such things. The reality is that each member can move toward that activist goal by following up on any of a multitude of projects. The importance of letters or phone calls requesting action or responding to newspaper articles, television programs, columnists, journal articles, and speeches can not be over emphasized. This is the way that changes come about! Other activist positions might involve simply informing oneself of the latest in research literature on gay issues, joining a BAPHR committee, encouraging a friend to join BAPHR, or contributing money to a gay cause.

But beware! Activism may be likened to a medication. It can be an effective treatment for the depressed, unhappy homosexual suffering from a lack of self esteem. Like many medications it is best to begin with a small dose and to titrate the dose upward as tolerated until its full effects are felt. Benefits: a positive gay identity. Risks: Addiction due to the affirmation of good feelings about oneself through positive actions. □

JAMES KRAJESKI, MD

APA—from page 79.

It is hoped that this change will make psychiatrists more aware of the need to carefully assess the legitimacy of their actions or interventions in dealing with gay men and women. Suspected ethical violations can be reported to the American Psychiatric Association.

Errata, Again

To correct the last correction, the acronym, HOMOS committee means House Officers and Medical and Osteopathic Students. We regret any embarrassment that may have resulted from the previous translation.

upcoming events

Executive Committee February 8, 1981
see announcement in members' calendar
General Meeting February 22, 1981
note change of date from usual 3rd Sunday
Speaker: Dr. Erwin Haeberle
Topic: The Pink Triangle (see article in members' calendar)

Health Fair April 11 & 12, 1981
Article in March *BAPHRON*
Annual Spring Party April 11, 1981
Article in March *BAPHRON*
National Association of Physicians for Human Rights Symposium
June 26 & 27, 1981
Article in March *BAPHRON*
Gay Freedom Day Parade June 28, '81

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PODIATRIST SEEKS SALARIED POSITION in an established office/clinic in the Bay Area as office/doctor assistant-blood work, x-ray, sterile procedures, casting, injections, light clerical. Work can be tailored to needs of office. Kendall E. Johnson, 2334 Market St. S.F. CA 94114, 864-1177

GASTROENTEROLOGIST, 33, completing fellowship in June, seeks private practice opportunity. Contact Mark Y. Johnson MD, 6235 Marina Pacifica Drive, Long Beach, California 90822

CONGREGATION SHA'AR ZAHAV. Serving the Gay and Lesbian Jewish Community. Services every Friday at 8 PM at 3200 California Street, S.F. Phone: 621-2871.

SPACE-SHARING, either full or part-time, AVAILABLE in large San Francisco medical office 1 block from Presbyterian/Pacific Medical Center. Includes nursing staff and receptionist. Office has well-equipped minor surgery. Very reasonable. Please call (415) 921-5762 for further information.

BED AND BREAKFAST GUEST HOUSE. Inn on Castro. 321 Castro St. San Francisco 94114. (415) 861-0321. Reservations requested.

INTERNIST Sacramento's mostly gay practice drawing on one million people could use another internist who would also like to work less than fulltime. Split call and overhead in downtown organized and respected office. Harvey Thompson, M.D. (916) 441-2636.

INEXPENSIVE HOUSING Fourth year med student needs inexpensive housing March 2 to 29 while clerking at UCSF. Would housesit or exchange for Denver apartment. Roland A. Grieb, 1055 Logan St. No. 202, Denver, CO 80203 (303) 832-9390 after 6.

OTHER WAYS A Social alternative for Gay men. Meet other sincere, loving, and responsible men with compatible values and interests through our screened introductions and social events. (415) 861-1000. 597 Castro St. San Francisco 94114.

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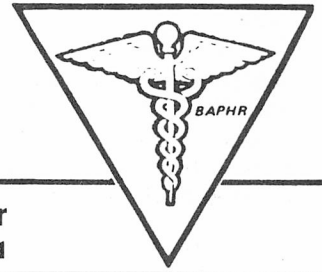
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Dr. William Kapla

Health Fair '81 Volunteers Needed

On Saturday and Sunday, April 11 and 12 from 11 am to 5 pm BAPHR will again sponsor a Health Fair screening site at District Health Center, #1, 3850 17th St. In providing counselling/referral we will be cooperating with a group of organizations including the California Lesbian Physicians Association, members of the Lyon-Martin clinic staff, Northern California Dentists for Human Rights, Operation Concern and the Pacific Center for Human Growth.

BAPHR members and friends are needed to volunteer to staff registration and triage desks, work at stations screening for visual acuity, hypertension, and anemia, draw blood for an

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Medical Issues in Sexual Orientation Post Graduate Course Scheduled

A symposium and post graduate course entitled Medical Issues in Sexual Orientation is to be held at the San Francisco Medical Society, 250 Masonic Avenue in San Francisco. Dr. William Kapla, coordinator of the course, pointed out the special significance of meeting in the headquarters building of the County Medical Society.

Topics to be presented in the course will include a broad spectrum of medical and psychological issues related to the health care of the gay patient. Some of the topics in the program are drugs and sex, sexually transmitted diseases, practical proctology, relationships, lesbian problems, and coming out. The symposium is planned to be valuable to all physicians who may have contact with gay and lesbian patients either in primary care or in any of the specialties.

The last portion of the program will include workshops and planning sessions on the development of a National Association of Physicians for Human Rights. Representatives from organizations, either formal or informal, as well as unaffiliated physicians interested in such an association are expected to attend. Dr. Mike Rankin, co-chairperson of the program, announced that some registrations have already been received even though the symposium had not been formally announced. Continuing medical education credit for the scientific portion of

the meetings will be granted to all registrants by BAPHR which is an accredited provider of such credit by the California Medical Association.

Registration fee of \$95 for the two day program will include catered lunches at the San Francisco Medical Society. Early registration is mandatory for planning of the program and services.

A variety of social and cultural activities are planned for evening hours. Dinner groups will be organized in some of San Francisco's famous restaurants. The symposium will coincide with Gay Freedom Week in San Francisco which will also include a wide variety of events. The famous San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade will be held on June 28 and BAPHR will again have a large marching contingent. Symposium registrants and their friends are welcome to join with their San Francisco colleagues in this festive affair.

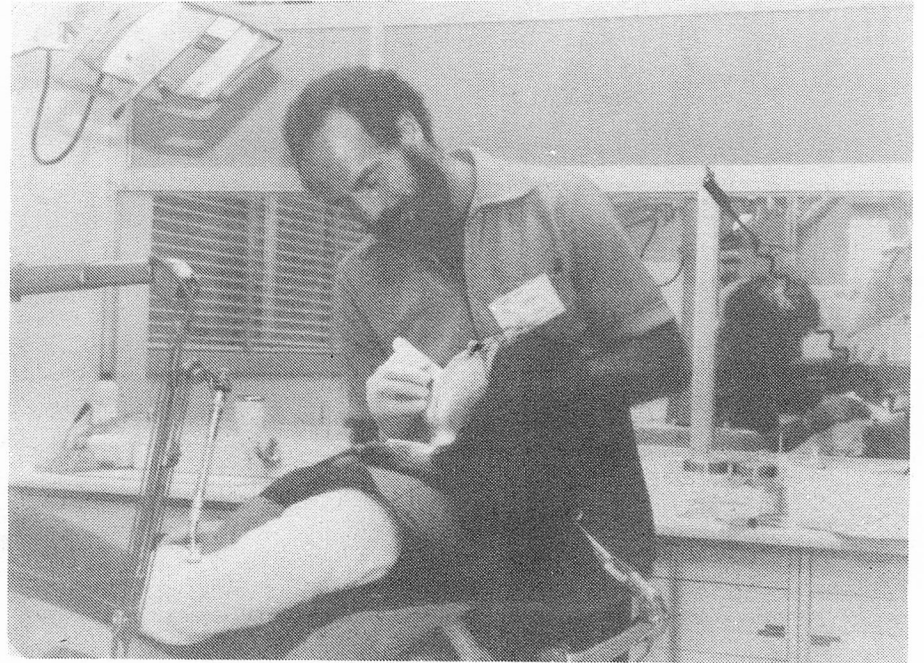
A block of hotel rooms is being reserved for those who register early for the symposium. Hotel space will be scarce since many other groups and individuals will also be visiting San Francisco at that time. BAPHR members will also provide private accommodations in their homes. Those desiring such accommodations should indicate this on their registration forms.

Registration information and program information is available by writing Dr. Wm. Kapla, coordinator BAPHR SYMPOSIUM, P.O. Box 14546, San Francisco, CA 94114

optional blood chemistry screen, and provide gonorrhea screening and rectal examinations. Women are needed particularly to help CALPA and the Lyon-Marine clinic staff conduct breast examinations and pap smears.

Those *BAPHR* members and friends who have helped with past health fairs know how satisfying—and fun—this work can be. If you have not been involved before, please consider volunteering a few hours or even a day. We need you!

In the next week general membership will receive a letter and sign-up sheet providing more detail about the fair and the various volunteer options. For further information contact coordinators Jere Kelly at 626-1109 or Ric Andrews, 621-6291 (home) or 567-4341 (answering service).



Ed Gabay, D.D.S. of Northern California Dentists for Human Rights

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE: NEW DIRECTIONS

Since Robby Morris left the Bay Areas last year, the social concerns committee has lacked a chairperson. In large measure because of the recent very frightening popular shifts to the right, I've decided to take on the responsibility of chairing this important committee.

While it is true *BAPHR* began primarily as an organization to provide support to gay and lesbian physicians and medical students, it has in three years of existence moved beyond this to attain prominence and widespread respect for a successful physician referral service, diverse types of educational activities, and community outreach programs such as the annual health fair. Our large membership and the local and nationwide attention we have attracted make us a potentially potent group to fight homophobia both in the medical community and in our own neighborhoods.

I would like to see *BAPHR* begin to ally itself more strongly with other groups of people most likely to suffer from the attitudes of the emerging

Moral Majority and the economic constraints which will most certainly arise as a result of Reagan administration policies and statewide cutbacks in human services funding. This will mean developing closer ties with women's groups who are working for passage of the E.R.A., for preservation of reproductive rights, and for rape prevention measures. As a mostly gay male group we especially now need to demonstrate to our lesbian sisters that we are committed to supporting their struggles as both women and lesbians.

A less easy form of outreach work, but one which could hold much promise for combatting homophobia within our neighborhoods is any form of contact we initiate with local black and hispanic community groups. Support for the work already begun by CUAV (Community United Against Violence) in initiating gay-latino cooperation to curb violence against gays may be one way to begin. We might also consider extending our educational activities to include participation in the ongoing gay lifestyle education programs be-

ing offered at various Bay Area schools.

Cooperative work with local groups of seniors such as the San Francisco chapter of the Gray Panthers could take many forms, ranging from the type of holiday meal project sponsored by the Golden Gate Business Association to health-related activities such as screening work.

The extent to which we extend ourselves to other local minority groups need only be limited by the imaginations and energies of the *BAPHR* membership. While the organization is unable to actively lobby or support political candidates because of its tax exempt status, there are many other ways we can build stronger ties with our lesbian sisters and make ourselves a vital force working against ever-increasing homophobia.

If you are interested in the social concerns committee contact Jere Kelly 626-1109 or write c/o *BAPHR*. □

Jere Kelly, MD

New HMO Welcomes Gay Patients

panel" or "HMO without walls" model. This means that Bay Pacific will be contracting with existing individual primary care practitioners, specialists, laboratories and hospitals to provide services to its members. Initially the plan will only be offered to employees of certain large corporations in San Francisco and San Mateo counties.

It is hoped that this move by Bay Pacific will encourage other hospitals, health maintenance organizations and health care facilities to adopt similar non-discriminatory policies toward gay patients. *BAPHR* members who also belong to medical staffs may be in a position to help facilitate this process on an individual basis.

One of the first pre-paid health plans in the U.S. to guarantee non-discrimination to patients on the basis of sexual orientation will be offering medical services to San Franciscans beginning on March 1, 1981.

Bay Pacific Health Plan, a non-profit California corporation, is a health maintenance organization (HMO) that has been structured on an "open-

letters to the editor

Congratulations on going National! So far I have seen notices in both the *Advocate* and the *Psychiatric News* and I hope you get a response worthy of your efforts. I am personally worried about the implications of the recent elections as far as gay rights are concerned. I suspect we are going to have to either be even more vocal or resign ourselves to a return to the closets.

Please send me information on becoming a member of your organization and best of luck in your endeavors.

Phillip W. Chushman, MD
Gainesville, Florida

vital signs

BAPHR members Lisa Capaldini and Bill Owen discussed "Treating the Lesbian/Gay Patient" at the annual Scientific Meeting of the American Medical Association that was held recently in San Francisco. Approximately 100 physicians and medical students attended the seminar.

Lisa and Bill also presented the same topic on January 16, 1981 to residents in the primary care track of the internal medicine residency program at the University of California, San Francisco.

Lisa is the co-chairperson of the Lesbian and Gay People in Medicine Committee of the American Medical Student Association. She is also a student representative to the Association of American Medical Colleges in Washington, D.C. Bill is in private practice in internal medicine and primary care. Both Lisa and Bill have recently published several papers in medical journals on gay and lesbian health issues.



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Booth sponsored by SOPHR and BAPHR
- Southern California Physicians for Human Rights March 15, 1981
General Meeting. Call for details.
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(note change of date from usual 3rd Sunday due to CMA meeting)
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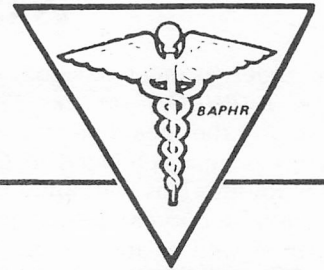
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New BAPHRON Policies Outlined

In order to meet our goal of mailing the *BAPHRON* on the 25th of the month, the deadline for receipt of copy is being changed to the 10th of the month. This will apply to both the general section and the members' section as well as advertising.

Typesetting, art work, layout, and printing of the *BAPHRON* are done professionally but we rely on a volunteer staff to prepare and proofread the copy and to work with the artist and printer. This requires a step-by-step production which is more time consuming than with other publications. Mailing preparation is also done by a volunteer staff.

Several other changes were also instituted by the editorial board. All articles including advertising must be typewritten on 8 x 11 sheets of paper

with minimal corrections. Articles written on prescription pads, backs of envelopes, or hospital progress notes will not be accepted.

We sometimes receive copy on drug company note pads. Although this is economical, we then have to decipher and rewrite it in a form presentable for the printer.

As an additional time saver, the executive board minutes will no longer be typeset and printed with the rest of the *BAPHRON*. The secretary agreed to present a finished typed copy of the minutes for reproduction.

Subscribers and non-members sometimes will receive a blank sheet insert with their *BAPHRON*. The reason for this is that only *BAPHR* members and patrons receive a copy of the executive board minutes and

committee reports as well as certain confidential addresses and telephone numbers. To qualify for special mailing rates for non-profit organizations, each piece of mail must be of identical weight. The blank sheet insures that the weight of each envelope will be the same.

A request was made for an advertising editor to handle this section of the *BAPHRON*. Another person to be mailing editor is also needed. Anyone interested in either of these exciting and lucrative jobs is urgently asked to contact the editor. Positions are also available for associate editor and assistant editor.

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Nominations For Annual Awards Sought

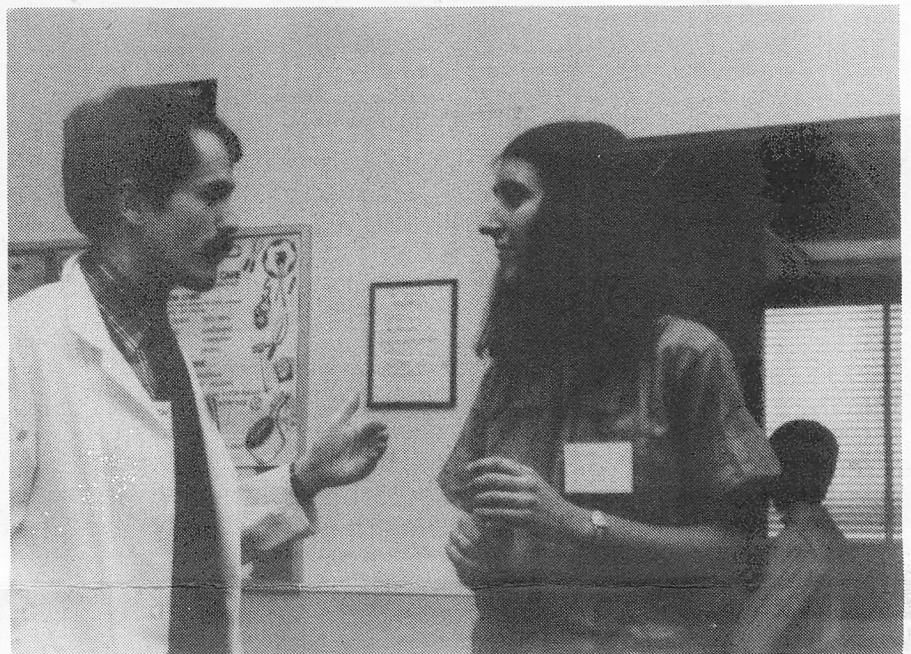
Nominations for the recipient of *BAPHR* second annual awards are now being sought by a committee appointed at the last executive board meeting. Dr. David Kessler will head the committee to select the award.

The first award was given to Dr. Judd Marmor at the annual awards banquet in July 1980 in recognition of his longstanding contributions and support of gay and lesbian health issues.

The nominee of the second award may be any person who has contributed in any way to the health or benefit of gay or lesbian people. Accomplishments in other fields such as social action, literature, or organizational contributions will be considered in the broad range of health and welfare issues.

The date and place of the awards banquet has not yet been set but is expected to be announced in the next month. A gala event is planned in keeping with the precedent established last year.

Any suggestions of names for the award together with a description of the nominee's contribution should be sent promptly to Dr. David Kessler, Langley Porter Institute, University of California, San Francisco, 94122.



Bill Owen and Lisa Copaldini at the Health Fair

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I am a medical student at _____. I am not out yet and I know that you know what I am going through. It is extremely tough leading a gay life, no less being in a medical school in a small town and a small medical school.

Someday I plan to be practicing in the Bay Area, and I hope to do my internship there.

I know that this organization will be a help to me and in turn I hope that I can contribute to this organization.

Name withheld.

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Gay Issues in Psychiatry At U.C.S.F.

A panel discussion of gay health care issues was recently presented to the first year medical class at the University of California, San Francisco. The presentation was organized in response to complaints from students in past classes that gay health care issues had been left out of the first year curriculum.

The class, Psychiatry 100B, entitled, "Social and Cultural Issues in Medical Practice", which had previously ignored gay issues, included a panel organized by BAPHR members David Kessler, M.D. of the faculty, and Eugene Brown, a second year medical student. Also participating were BAPHR member Bill Owen, M.D., two health care consumers (a lesbian and gay man), and Carol Brodsky, M.D., course director.

The panel focused on a number of issues facing gay patients. These included access to health care, physician attitudes, gays and HMO's trust, and confidentiality. The special needs of lesbians health care were also discussed including care in gay oriented settings such as the Lyon-Martin Clinic for Women.

The role of the gay family unit and the integration of lovers in the health care of a partner was of special concern. Finally, participants focused on the difficulties facing gay and lesbian physicians in their personal careers.

The response to the presentation was very positive, from both students and faculty. The discussion was videotaped and will be kept on reserve in the University of California library and will be included in future courses.

Eugene Brown, M.D. II

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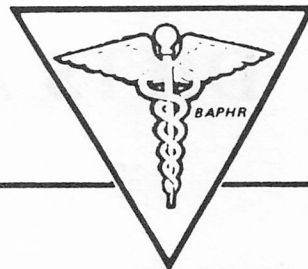
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BAPHR Bosses To Be Slated

BAPHR members who are interested in running for election to office in BAPHR for the next organizational year are urged to immediately contact one of the current officers or any member of the Executive Committee.

As dictated by the By Laws, the Executive Committee at its May meeting will act as a nominating committee to name a slate of candidates for the offices of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The names of these candidates will be announced at the May general membership meeting, and additional nominations may be made from the floor at that time.

Official ballots will be mailed thereafter to all full members of BAPHR. The completed ballots may either be mailed back in prior to the date of the election at the annual meeting of BAPHR in June or filed at the time of that meeting. All ballots will be tallied during the June meeting. The individuals thus elected will assume office on July 1.

Human Rights Invades Southland

On March 21 and 22, BAPHR president Dale McGhee, MD, attended a meeting of our sibling organization, Southern California Physicians for Human Rights, and met with Neil Schramm, MD, newly installed chairperson of SCPHR.

Dr. McGhee returned from the meeting, held in Orange, California, with encouraging reports on the continued positive spirit of the SCPHR membership and the quality of its leadership.

During the same weekend, SCPHR sponsored a hospitality suite in conjunction with the annual meeting of the California Medical Association held at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, California. Dr. McGhee and Dr. Schramm agreed to plan for joint

SCPHR/BAPHR sponsorship of a booth at the 1982 CMA meeting.

Dr. McGhee also met with several physicians who have recently formed still another organization of gay physicians in California. The new group, as yet unnamed, is based in San Diego. Its leaders, like those of SCPHR, expressed interest in establishing a mutually cooperative relationship with BAPHR, and in the BAPHR-sponsored seminar of gay and lesbian health issues scheduled for June.

SCPHR activities include a variety of community services, including an active physician referral service and a speaker's bureau, and they are currently planning a health fair, similar to that sponsored annually by BAPHR, to be held later this year in Los Angeles, California.

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DIETS AND THE MORAL MAJORITY

progress notes

Dear Brothers and Sisters, I've been trying to diet lately, and in the process I've become obsessed with thoughts of food, and an intense awareness of the sensual pleasure of eating.

Hunger and libido have a good deal in common. Both eating and sexual activity are necessary for species survival, and the innate drive for each is compelling. Both provide great pleasure, there are wide variations in individual preferences of both, and when freely available both tend to be abused by excess.

In fact, the major differences between eating and sex seem to derive from contrasting social attitudes afforded them as basic aspects of human behavior. Fantasize for a moment a paradigm wherein during the evolution of western civilization, the biblical metaphor for original sin had been taken literally, and social mores had emerged which regarded eating as an evil pleasure and sex as an approved pleasure. (Given the propensity of today's Christian fundamentalists for literal interpretation of the King James translation of the bible, it's a wonder they haven't concluded just that and launched a crusade against apple farms instead of sex.)

What a different world it would be. We would recognize that eating is necessary for survival, of course, but it would be tolerated only under the most repressive of circumstances, performed in the dark, behind closed doors, with an attitude of obligation. Governments would legislate sanctions against those who deviated from the prevailing foodstuff mores, and employers would discriminate against those who flaunted their love of eating.

Sex, however, would be a joyful activity, indulged in three times a day, whether alone or with family, friends, or coworkers. It would be a cornerstone of national economy. We

would invite friends over on Saturday nights to show off our gourmet sexual skills. Chic and expensive sex businesses would specialize in the provision of ethnic sexuality, and cheaper fast-sex chains would spring up all over the face of California. The White House would entertain foreign dignitaries with extravagant state sex banquets. Communally shared sex would be a symbolic gesture of friendship, love, and goodwill. Just imagine Thanksgiving!

Slow down, Dale, you're getting a little carried away. Nevertheless, it serves to illustrate that social attitudes and rules do evolve and change, although the factors that mediate such change often seem nebulous.

Sociobiologists theorize that the evolution of social behavior and organization follows the same Darwinian principles as biological evolution. Of the many variations of social behavior that develop, those forms of behavior most likely to remain within the social order are those which favor the survival of the species, or are neutral toward it.

If such a concept is valid, it suggests to me that homosexuality must either serve some undefined but useful social purpose, or at least be socially neutral, for multiple cross-cultural and historical studies have seemed to indicate that homosexuality has persisted as a form of social behavior in a fairly universal and consistent incidence, despite variations in social environments and needs.

Evolutionary concepts are not especially popular, however, among the "moral fascists" of the so called New Christian Right, and they have it in their heads that they can eliminate us from society with a thump of the old King James, like popping a troublesome ganglion in the wrist.

They can't accomplish that, of course, but don't under-estimate the danger they pose in their present crusade to

turn back the hands of time. Only a few years ago these were the same religious eccentrics at whom we glanced in mild bemusement as they ranted and raved on streetcorners. Today, they are powerful and sophisticated, and they are having an impact upon public opinion.

They are powerful because they have money. The Moral Majority lobby in Washington, D.C. alone has a war chest of more than eight million dollars. The Creation Science Research Institute, which brought the recently publicized "Scopes II" trial here in California, has an annual budget in excess of \$300,000. And at least a dozen other such New Christian Right organizations or churches are similarly rolling in the bucks, bucks acquired in relatively few years from the faithful and gullible folk who have believed the propaganda these groups promulgate.

They are sophisticated because they have come in from their streetcorner pulpits, and they have learned to use mass communication, marketing and political skills to capture the eyes and ears and minds of many millions of people.

If you believe, as I do, that the behavior of these zealots of the New Christian Right pose a threat to the prosperity and welfare of society, then sociobiological principle would predict that, in the cosmic scale of things, they will fail. And I believe that they will fail. But they won't if we all sit back, relax, and wait for them to disappear cosmically.

It is more important than ever that gay men and lesbians commit themselves to the acquisition and protection of their social dignity and franchise, not only for themselves but also for all unjustly treated members of society.

To do so, we would do well to learn from the skill of the New Christian Right. We have made enormous

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strides in the span of a single decade with out disorganized raggle taggle grassroots "armies," but while marching by the streetcorners of San Francisco's Market Street every June is great fun and a wonderful celebration for our own spirits, I submit that our own annual "streetcorner sermon" gains us precious little new societal support for the effort.

The time has come for gay people to grow more sophisticated, to use more effective educational and lobbying techniques, and to reach wider audiences with their message. And that is going to require money, lots of money.

By virtue of our high level of respect as physicians, BAPHR is in a position of excellent potential to provide education and services that can have effective impact upon public opinion and support. In fact, the potential for BAPHR's usefulness and effectiveness is measured only by the limits of our financial and human resources.

The latest audit of our budget indicates that BAPHR will make it through the remainder of our current fiscal year without going into the red, if we undertake no significant new financial obligations. An implicit corollary to that is in order for BAPHR to undertake any new programs, we must raise more money. Consider for a moment just a few things we might do with enough money:

- Series of videotapes on homosexuality to be shown to the general public through television or group meetings.
- Series fo videotapes on gay health problems to be shown to gay people in baths and bars.
- CME programs on gay issues for all health professionals.
- Educational advertisements in major national publications.
- Mass mailings of educational materials on homosexuality directed to the general public.
- Expansion of our speaking engagements to a statewide or national level.

- Legal aid for gay physicians who encounter discrimination.
- Financial grants to other worthy gay organizations and causes.
- Acquisition of an employed staff, and office and meeting spaces for BAPHR.

Add to these your own ideas, and don't keep them to yourself. Tell me or other BAPHR officers about them. Get involved.

Much of the core activity among the officers and Executive Committee of BAPHR during the past year has centered around examining and planning for the future of BAPHR. It has been an intense process, even if perhaps not visibly dramatic. But the products of that process are now beginning to emerge, and included within those is a major fund raising drive that I hope will ultimately enable BAPHR to fulfill its potential. Although its details have not yet been publicly announced, the drive has been already underway for several months on an individual scale, and it will soon debut on a general scale. The initial response has been gratifying and encouraging, but we will need YOUR help before we are through.

It has always been difficult to raise money funds within the gay community, despite the fact that it is, overall, a relatively affluent minority. I've never quite understood all the reasons for that, but it must change, and give we all must if we are not to be overwhelmed by a minority smaller than our own, such as the New Christian Right.

When the time comes that you are asked to pledge a donation to BAPHR, I'm asking that you believe in the worth of this unique organization, and in the worth of yourself as a physician and contributing member of society, to dig down deep in your soul as well as your pocket. Give to a purpose that can be effective. Give yourself, and all gay men and lesbians, a gift...the gift of social dignity, respect, and freedom.

Warmly, Dale

upcoming events

Medical Issues in Sexual Orientation

June 26-27, 1981

San Francisco Medical Society
250 Masonic Avenue

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Planning meeting for a National Association of Physicians for Human Rights

June 27, 1981

Follows above Symposium

Executive Board

Sunday, May 3, 1981 7 PM

158 Castro Street

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General Meeting

May 17, 1981

Speaker: David Hummel of
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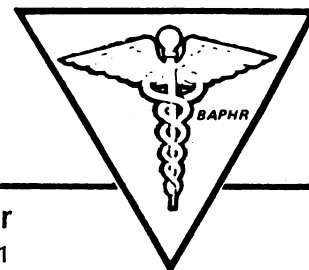
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**June Is
Election Month**

Gay Freedom Day— And a Great Weekend

At its May meeting, the *BAPHR* Executive Committee, acting in accordance with the By Laws, nominated the following slate of candidates for the election of officers to be held at the *BAPHR* Annual Meeting on June 21, 1981:

President: R. Dale McGhee, MD, incumbent. Dr. McGhee is a urologist and one of the founding members of *BAPHR*. He served as *BAPHR* vice president for two and a half years prior to his election as president last year.

Vice President: Richard Andrews, MD. Dr. Andrews is a psychiatrist and has served as *BAPHR* treasurer for the past year. He has been active in a variety of *BAPHR* projects and was the original organizer of our annual Health Fair.

Secretary: Robert Charles Scott, MD. Dr. Scott is a psychiatrist and has been an active member of the *BAPHR* Finance Committee during the past year.

Treasurer: William J. Kapla, MD. Dr. Kapla is a family practitioner and has served as chairperson of the *BAPHR* Education Committee for the past two years. He is also active in the San Francisco Medical Society.

Nominations from the floor were opened at the May general membership meeting, but no additional nominations were made.

Election ballots will be mailed to all full members of *BAPHR* and may be completed and mailed back in prior to the *BAPHR* Annual Meeting on June 21 or cast at the meeting itself.

Newly elected candidates will assume office on July 1.

BAPHR will culminate a very busy weekend on Sunday, June 28, by our fourth annual participation in the Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration.

Members who have marched in the parade with us before will undoubtedly want to do so again, and those who have never done so are urged to give in to that wee little voice inside that says, "I want to do it, even though I've never had the nerve to try anything like that before."

Last year's *BAPHR* marching contingent numbered some 125 members and their friends, every one of whom would readily testify to the exhilaration and liberation of the experience. We hope for even more marchers this year, as we will be joined by visiting physicians from throughout the country.

The annual gay parades, which are staged in late June in cities throughout the United States, celebrate our unity and dignity as lesbians and gay men and commemorate the 1969 Stonewall Inn Resistance, honored as the starting point of the contemporary gay rights movement.

Following the parade up San Francisco's Market Street, *BAPHR* will once again operate its information

booth at the Celebration fair in the Civic Center.

Prior to the festive Sunday activities of Gay Freedom Day, *BAPHR* will be sponsoring the Symposium on gay and lesbian health, June 26 and 27, at the headquarters of the San Francisco Medical Society, with registrants expected from widely spread locales throughout the country, as well as *BAPHR*'s own members. *BAPHR* president Dale McGhee, MD, will host a cocktail party for symposium registrants on the evening of June 26, and on June 27, following the symposium, an historic meeting of *BAPHR* and visiting registrants will be held to discuss the possible formation of a national coalition of gay and lesbian physicians.

BAPHR members are urged to participate in all of our activities for this exciting weekend. For information or registration for the symposium contact program coordinator, Dr. William Kapla, (415) 621-6035. Some symposium registrants from other cities may find difficulty in locating hotel space for the weekend. If you can volunteer a room, a bed, or a couch for the weekend, let Dr. Kapla know immediately.

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**Don't Forget
June General Meeting
Sunday, June 21 - 7:00 PM
See Membership Page for details**

A Remembrance of Rex

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Julian Rex Burnham, MD, one of *BAPHR*'s oldest members, and certainly its most colorful, died in his sleep on April 18, 1981, at the age of 66.

Rex has been plagued by a number of chronic health problems for years, and during the three years since he joined *BAPHR* he jokingly predicted his imminent death on each and every occasion I talked to him. It had become, in fact, one of his standard laugh lines, and because of that, and despite the fact that he had become visibly more frail in recent months, I didn't really expect it to happen and was all the more stunned that it did.

I am happy to have been his friend and sorry not to have been a better friend.

Although retired for a number of years, Rex previously had spent most of his career in northern California in a variety of professional roles, ranging from general practice to anesthesia.

There was much about his life that was tragic, and Rex bore the scars of victimization by an earlier era of greater social intolerance, including rejection by his family which followed him even after his death, and he had long standing difficulty reconciling the image of his personal lifestyle with that of his professional role.

I certainly admire persons whose lives stand as refulgent examples of unwavering achievement, unerring judgement, and undisturbed self-confidence. Yet I think I admire even more those persons whose lives are more vulnerable, but who, despite times of adversity and uncertainty, somehow endure and survive, and do so with style.

If it was at all true of Rex that he was vulnerable in his lifetime, however, it is not for that that we will remember him. Rather, we will remember his indomitable good cheer, warmth, and his marvelously eccentric and droll sense of humor. You could always count on at least one good zinger line from Rex at any *BAPHR* meeting he attended, and if encouraged by a good response he could come close to totally disrupting and dominating the whole meeting. It was delightful.

Those who never met him may have gotten the same impressions of him



Rex Burnham, M.D.

through the monthly column he wrote at one time in the *BAPHRON*. The column ostensibly set out to describe the health care of gay people during his youth, but like his conversations, his prose tended to wander tangentially from the point, and his pen described far more of the social high life of the gay sub-culture of the 1930's, 40's and 50's (when he had been burning his candle at both ends) than of medicine. Again, it was delightful. The column was discontinued when Rex wrote several pieces that dropped some rather prominent names in a manner that the editor decided was flirting with libel. Rex never got over his pique at our refusal to publish those columns. The copy is still in our files, and I must admit it is deliciously gossipy.

I'm proud that Rex came into the life of *BAPHR*, and that *BAPHR* came into his. He spoke to me on several occasions of the impact *BAPHR* had upon him; of how, even late in life, *BAPHR* had helped him to acquire greater self esteem and the realization that being gay and being a good physician were not mutually incompatible. I've heard comparable testimony from other *BAPHR* members, but for *BAPHR* to have helped this one special man to feel integrated and valuable somehow makes all of our efforts for the past four years worthwhile by itself.

He had no money when he died. His apartment was tiny and spartan, and he received his meals through a social service agency. But he always was well

groomed and nattily dressed, and bore himself with dignity.

When I drove him home after the *BAPHR* spring party, a week before his death, he looked so fragile that I resolved to start calling him at frequent intervals to see if he needed any help. I didn't subsequently do so, and I haven't yet worked through my feelings of guilt about that.

It is unpleasant to report that, following his death, neither his family nor personal acquaintances would accept responsibility for final arrangements. But through the generosity of a small group of our members, *BAPHR* was able to make the arrangements and give our friend a simple but dignified farewell.

Additionally, in his memory, the Executive Committee has issued a grant of \$200 to Coming Home, a new hospice service for gay men and women.

So long, Rex, you funny old reprobate. We're going to miss your one liners, but I have a feeling your spirit will live on in *BAPHR* for a long time to come.

Warmly, Dale

A Party for Jean, Don & Don

On Sunday July 19, the Professional and Business Community will hold its annual benefit for Gay Rights Advocates. This year's celebration will be the biggest ever as we honor these three dynamic champions of Gay rights.

The party, which will be held at the Fort Mason Center, will feature a fabulous buffet, open wine bar, live music, and some birthday surprises for Don Clark and Don Knutson.

Please join us for this year's party. For more information call Matthew Cohen at 863-9157, or write to us at the GRA offices, 540 Castro, San Francisco, CA 94114.

Volunteers are needed to help staff our booth in the Civic Center on Gay Freedom Day, to help staff the first aid station, and to act as monitors for our parade marching contingent. Please contact *BAPHR* vice president, Dr. James Krajewski, (415) 924-6808.



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letters to the editor

Gay and Lesbian Hospice Now Being Formed

Dear BAPHR:

We are people of diverse backgrounds who share a strongly felt sense of the isolation which dying people, particularly gay men and lesbians, experience in our culture and its traditional health care settings. We firmly believe that our community can do much more to care for its terminally ill and those near to them than is currently the case. In this conviction we are... Coming Home: a caring community working for the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of dying lesbians and gay men, their friends and families and the bereaved.

The goals of Coming Home are: 1) To provide free volunteer support services, i.e., home and hospital visits, medical and legal information and referral, etc. 2) To conduct training and educational programs for health care professionals, the clergy, and the lay public concerning special needs and problems of our communities. 3) To serve as a local and national model for similar groups by providing them with information, research, and analysis. 4) To assess the need in the Bay Area for an in-patient gay and lesbian hospice facility.

Serious organizing efforts for implementing the above goals began in November, 1980. An advisory steering committee formed in February this year, and skilled training of fourteen direct service volunteers is now in progress.

Last month our Board of Directors was seated; the Board includes Sandy Pomcrantz, MD, a member of BAPHR and our Acting Medical Director. With the endorsements of Dr. Dale McGhee and Dr. Jere Kelly of BAPHR, Dr. Pomerantz will serve as liaison between BAPHR and Coming Home. We of Coming Home look forward to a long, productive relationship.

Coming Home is currently unfunded and contributions are welcome. Funds raised will be used to support the direct services aspect of the program and to develop and market a self-supporting funding plan. Tax-

deductible donations may be made to: Advent Center, 162 Hickory St., San Francisco, CA 94102, with funds designated for Coming Home. Other contributions may be made directly to: Coming Home, P.O. Box 1293, Pacifica, CA. 94044. For further information on our activities and/or to be on our mailing list, please contact us at the Pacifica address. Sincerely, Steve Peskind for Coming Home

Annual Awards Banquet Set For July 25th

The annual BAPHR Awards Banquet has been scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 1981, and BAPHR members and friends are urged to mark their calendars now and to plan to attend the most elegant event of the BAPHR year.

The BAPHR Support Committee has announced that this year's banquet will be held at Pacific II.

The formal attire optional evening will once again feature a cocktail hour, an extravagant dinner prepared by the catering firm Bon Appetit, and rousing entertainment.

Highlight of the event will be the presentation of the annual BAPHR Distinguished Achievement Award. The award is bestowed upon a member of the scientific community whose life of work has substantially contributed to the dignity and welfare of gay men and lesbians. Recipient of the 1981 award was recently selected by the BAPHR Executive Committee, but her or his identity has not yet been publically revealed.

Like last year we will once again invite leaders of government, medicine, and other major gay organizations to join us for a very special evening. BAPHR members will receive invitations and further details early in July.

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• Sunday, June 28 is the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade •

More Parade Information

Members and friends are again invited to march in celebration with the BAPHR contingent in the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade, Sunday June 28. BAPHR will also sponsor a booth at the end of the parade route which will offer public information and literature about our activities and about health issues. Members who wish to take part in the staffing of the booth can sign up at the June 21 General BAPHR Meeting.

The Parade Committee has not yet provided the exact time and location where groups will gather to form the parade. If announced in tie a special mailing will be sent to inform BAPHR members of when and where to meet. If not, directions will be available by calling BAPHR at 673-3189. Please call before Sunday the 28th, as the answering service may be closed on that day.

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Kaposi's Sarcoma in Gay Males

A new potentially lethal syndrome is being seen among otherwise healthy young gay males in New York and California. Kaposi's sarcoma has been found to be associated in some patients with opportunistic infections such as pneumocystis carinii pneumonia and (cryptococcal) meningitis.

Kaposi's sarcoma is a multicentric condition, beginning on the skin with small purple papules and, in some patients, with visceral involvement including the lymph nodes and, ultimately other internal organs. Other lymphatic reticuloses can supervene. The skin lesions can be quite unimpressive in some patients, but a

fulminating and even fatal course can occur. Vinblastine and other chemotherapeutic agents have been used with some success.

The pathogenesis of the syndrome is as yet unknown. Several sexual and drug practices are being considered as, possibly, contributory. The cytomegalovirus may be an important factor, as many of the patients have had evidence of active infection, with positive IgM fluorescent antibody titres and/or positive blood and urine cultures. An association between the prevalence of cytomegalovirus antibody and Kaposi's sarcoma has been previously noted. Most patients have had histories of amoebiasis and

hepatitis as well as genital herpes and venereal warts.

Dr. Larry Drew of Mount Zion Hospital, San Francisco, (415) 567-6600, ext. 2000 may be contacted regarding viral studies for cytomegalovirus. Dr. Richard Sagebiel at the University of California hospital, San Francisco, (415) 666-1543 is experienced in the histopathology of this condition. Jim Curran, MD, CDC, Atlanta, (404) 329-3935 is coordinating the case findings.

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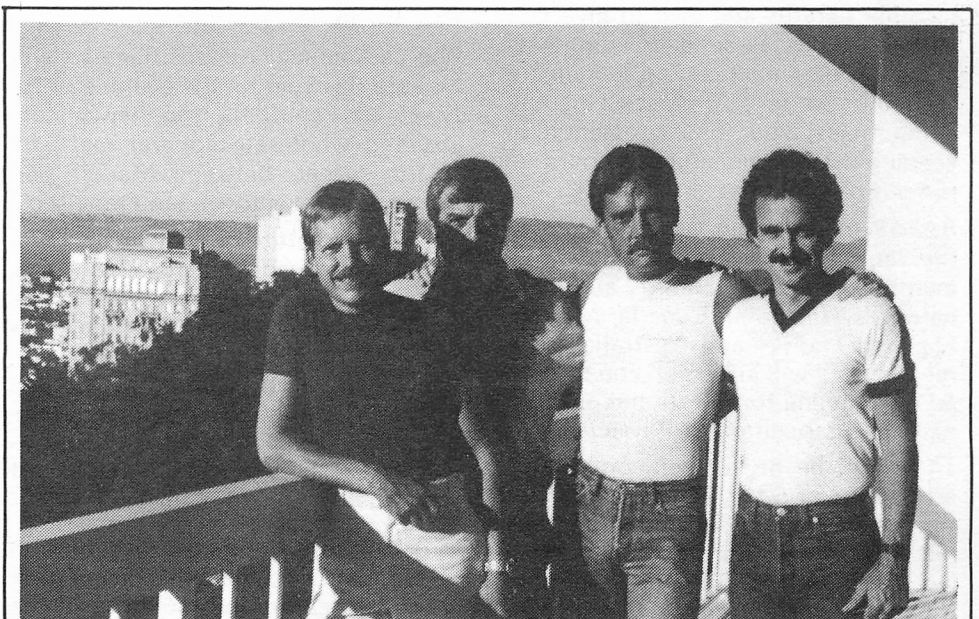
BAPHR Elections ★ The Winners! ★

Dale McGhee, MD, was elected to a second term as *BAPHR* president at the Annual Meeting of *BAPHR* on June 21, 1981.

Also elected to office were Richard Andrews, MD, vice-president; Robert C. Scott, MD, secretary; and William J. Kapla, MD, treasurer.

In informal remarks following his election, Doctor McGhee said it had not been his original intention to seek a second term of office and he had agreed to do so only at the urging of a number of other members, but that he was "honored to have another year to help shape the impact of *BAPHR* upon the dignity and welfare of the lives and health of gay men and lesbians."

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William Kapla, Dale McGhee, Richard Andrews, Robert C. Scott

Membership Renewals Due

BAPHR's academic and fiscal year begins on July first each year. Renewal of membership is required of all members and patrons who joined before April 1, 1981 to insure that you will continue to receive the *BAPHRON* and other mailings and to be informed of all events without interruption. Renewal is due in July and no grace period will be allowed this year.

The cost of printing and mailing the *BAPHRON* has increased this year as have the cost of other activities yet there has been no substantial increase in dues. Housestaff dues were increased by \$5 to \$25, and medical students to \$15 which is the actual cost of producing and mailing the *BAPHRON*. As before, when special financial circumstances are present and there will be a financial hardship, any member or applicant may request a reduction in dues. Such requests to the treasurer will be treated with confidentiality.

Two membership forms are included with this mailing. One is for the member to complete and the other is one you may wish to give or send to a friend or colleague who is not yet a member but might or should be. We ask each renewing member to complete the entire membership application form because of changes in our member's status and also to give you an opportunity to send us comments about the organization and to indicate your interest in participating in any committee(s). Your input is essential in keeping the officers and the board informed of your ideas and needs.

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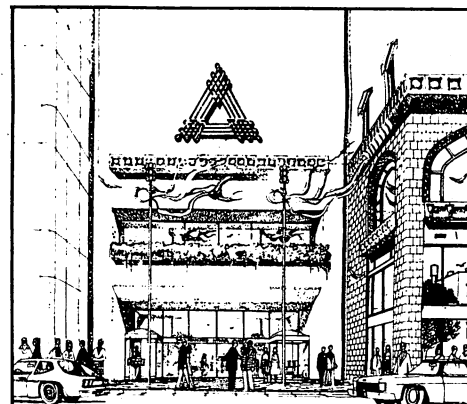
Featured speaker at the 1981 BAPHR Awards Banquet will be the recipient of the BAPHR Distinguished Achievement Award. Walter J. Lear, MD, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Doctor Lear, founder of the Gay Caucus of the American Public Health Association, was one of the first physicians in the United States to publically disclose his own gay sexual orientation. He has worked actively for a number of years for improvement of health care for gay men and lesbians.

The gala annual Awards Banquet will be held this year on the evening of July 25 at Pacific II, the newly constructed wholesale apparel mart, on Fourth Street, between Market and Mission, in downtown San Francisco.

The formal-attire-optinal event will begin with a cocktail hour at 7 pm, followed by an elegant dinner in the mart's dramatic, three story high, glass roofed atrium. Once again this year, the dinner will be catered by the San Francisco firm of Bon Appetit, and banquet organizers indicate that the menu will be just as spectacular as last year's.

In addition to the award presentation to Doctor Lear, the post dinner program will feature introductions of the newly elected officers of BAPHR for the coming year and other distinguish-



San Francisco Exposition & Fashion Halls
Site of 1981 BAPHR Awards Banquet

ed guests. A number of leaders from other gay organizations, as well as civic and political dignitaries have been invited to attend.

Entertainment will be provided by the outstanding jazz duo of Martha Young. Seating will be limited, and BAPHR members are urged to make their reservations early. Tickets are \$35 for BAPHR members and for guests, \$30 for house officers, and \$25 for medical students.

Further information and reservations may be obtained by contacting Fernando Roman, at (415) 621-0510.

WEATHERING A SUNNY YEAR IN THE FOG

progress notes

Dear Brothers and Sisters

I probably couldn't have qualified for a place in the Castro. The casual observer might easily conclude that the neighborhood to which I recently moved is considerably more affluent than the gay mecca at Castro Street. But closer examination points out at least two pieces of evidence that argue just the reverse case.

For one thing, as humorist author Fran Liebowitz has suggested, good weather has a propensity to frequent the better neighborhoods, and unquestionably the typically warm, sunny afternoons along Castro Street attest to a more hospitable, and by inference wealthier, environment there as compared to my windswept, fogbound hilltop aerie in Diamond Heights, little more than a mile away.

Furthermore, the forest of bronzed bare torsos that perpetually populates the sidewalks and bistros of Castro, designer knit shirts dangling from designer jeans hip pockets, makes it reasonably clear that no one on Castro street has to work for a living.

I view the street people of Castro with mixed emotion. I feel a certain envy of their leisurely pace, sunning and preening all day long before chic storefronts and "Hibernia Beach" (a small plaza in front of the Hibernia Bank, for the benefit of readers outside San Francisco), breaking only for lunch at the Patio Cafe or a quick workout at the gym.

On the other hand, the idle pattern of their lives and their seeming preoccupation with their libidos seems shallow and sometimes leads me to question if that is what gay liberation is all about, and to wonder whether those of us who work not only for the cause of our mortgages but also for the cause of human dignity are really achieving anything of value.

At least part of the answer to that question came to me when, on this fourth anniversary of the founding of *BAPHR*, I reviewed some of our accomplishments during the past year. The list, I believe, is impressive and establishes that however one views the weather on Castro Street, the weather in *BAPHR* is very bright. During the past twelve months we:

1. Established a formal liaison with the San Francisco Medical Society, persuaded that Society to protest the AMA diagnostic classification of homosexuality, and had several of our members appointed to key committees within the society.
2. Met with San Francisco Supervisor Harry Britt and other leaders in the gay community to discuss the increasing incidence of sexually transmitted intestinal diseases and to propose a pilot study screening program.
3. Provided public speakers on homosexuality related topics for a wide variety of audiences ranging from the AMA to the G-40 Club.
4. Increased our membership to an all time high.
5. Launched a \$250,000 fund raising campaign with initial pledges of more than \$30,000.
6. Provided advisors to, and established liaisons with, new gay physicians' groups in France and England, as well as the U.S.
7. Initiated the use of an answering service to increase efficiency and fairness of our referral service.
8. Worked with Supervisor Harry Britt and other gay leaders to counter efforts of the evangelical Christian right wing to repeal San Francisco's gay rights ordinance.
9. Provided health screening services to San Franciscans, both gay and straight, at the third annual Health Fair.

10. Presented an award to UCLA psychiatrist Judd Marmor, MD, for his distinguished achievement in behalf of the welfare of lesbians and gay men.

11. Were awarded a grant of \$1000 for educational purposes by Pfizer Laboratories.

12. Sponsored a CME credit symposium on Medical Aspects of Sexual Orientation for physicians from across the U.S.

13. Sponsored a congress of nationwide representatives of other gay and lesbian physicians' organizations and individuals to form a national coalition.

14. Provided financial assistance to several other gay and lesbian organizations.

15. Upgraded the quality of our monthly membership meetings, providing CME credit for some.

16. Held some of the best damned parties west of Fire Island.

17. Lobbied the AMA Council on Scientific Affairs regarding its report on the health care needs of homosexuals.

18. Continued our liaison with the Northern California Psychiatric Society.

19. Received a formal Commendation from the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in recognition of our "outstanding humanitarian service rendered to the community."

20. Provided informational, educational, and referral services at the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day fair, and marched in the parade with a contingent of more than 125 persons.

21. Provided an educational health column for the San Francisco gay newspaper *The Sentinel*.

22. Conducted our second research survey on the health and health care needs of lesbians and gay men.

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letters to the editor

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for being both political and professional enough to run that ad in the "Psychiatric News" recently! I wish that S.C.P.H.R. would do ¼ as much with its 250 members here!

Unfortunately, because I must attend the New Orleans convention of the A.P.A., I'll not be able to attend your June meeting. Therefore, I want you to know that I wish to contribute in some way, participate in some way, in organizing a much-needed National Association of Gay and Lesbian Physicians.

I'd appreciate your discussing a new professional and political militancy with my SCPHR colleagues who attend. I've already sent separate letters of criticism to Dr. Max Schneider of SCPHR, and the Hon. Rand Schrader, President of the Board of Directors of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center here.

The Moral Majority is off and running to stamp out any gay rights, and in So. Cal. I see the following;

- 1) A Gay Center that treats gay psychiatrists as "oppressors";
- 2) A SCPHR that has yet to make contact with the Gay Rights Chapter of the ACLU, no less gay attorneys;
- 3) A So. Cal. Chapter of the A.P.A.'s Gay Caucus that has 10 members, is still closeted, and intellectually masturbates;

Please keep me informed of any developments. Remind them that "all that is needed for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

Sincerely,
Ted Lindauer, MD
Los Angeles

Dear Bob,

Thank you for your letter of 4/25.

This note hereby gives you my permission to print my letter and name in the *BAPHRON* or, alternately, as an "absentee position statement".

I cannot overemphasize my concern down here! I was the *only* gay psychiatrist to give expert witness testimony in the notorious "8 Lesbians of the U.S.S. Norton Sound" case - a

case we won with my important assistance. This was a case of *sexism* and *racism*! Yet, ACLU - Gay Rights Chapter had *no* contact with SCPHR or our much-touted Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center!

Sincerely,
Ted Lindauer, MD
Los Angeles

Dear Friend:

We are planning our first annual Gay and Lesbian Health Fair for Sunday, September 20, 1981, in Plummer Park on Santa Monica Boulevard in West Hollywood from 11 AM to 5 PM.

We hope you will be able to avoid scheduling major events on that date and that you will plan to attend the Fair.

We are still seeking volunteers for the Health Fair, and would appreciate a mention in your newsletter. Furthermore, if you could include fliers on the Health Fair in a mailing due to arrive in early September, we would be happy to send you as many fliers as you would need.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,
Neil Schram, MD
Co-chairperson SCPHR

Dear *BAPHR*,

Please keep the bibliography in mind, and spread the word. The bibliographies will be invaluable to all of us. Please publish if possible.

Lesbian and Gay On-Going Resource Materials Requested: In an effort to collect extremely valuable, but often discarded, Gay and Lesbian related source materials found in *non-homosexual* periodical publications (e.g., newspapers, magazines, and journals), please forward *full bibliographical information* (using the *MLA Handbook*) and ½ or copy of the periodical materials, including the

He praised the other newly elected officers, saying, "Ric Andrews' seemingly boundless energy and enthusiasm has a way of refreshing me when I grow frustrated that we are not accomplishing as much as I would like as quickly as I would like, and Bob Scott and Bill Kapla are both hard working, dependable people whom I expect to grease the organizational wheels well and make them turn more smoothly."

Doctor McGhee also directed particular praise and gratitude to outgoing officers, vice president James Krajeski, MD, who will be beginning a new role as president of the gay caucus of the American Psychiatric Association, and secretary Robert Bolan, MD. "Jim and Bob have different personal styles from my own, but I found we worked well together, and I trust them both completely. Jim is quiet and low key, but his fingers are perpetually doing a fandango on the typewriter, firing off letters to the high and mighty across the land, and he was instrumental in our recent successful effort to stop what we regarded as an unsatisfactory report of the AMA on gay health care. Bob Bolan has described himself as a 'passionate person', and to the extent that that illustrates his commitment to improved health care for gay people, I think it is accurate. He is a thoughtful, perceptive person, whose grasp of the politics of medicine has been invaluable."

In the president's Progress Notes column of the May, 1981 *BAPHRON*, Doctor McGhee described his perceptions of the future direction and needs of *BAPHR*. In the present issue, he reflects upon some of the accomplishments of the past year.

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23. Successfully lobbied the American Psychiatric Association to include sexual orientation in their ethics policy against discrimination.

24. Provided medical supervision and care for the Gay Run '80 marathon race.

25. Conducted research among our membership about their needs and goals for BAPHR.

26. Provided a panel of experts to discuss issue of gay health and gay physicians for a nationally broadcast radio programs.

27. Had four scientific articles based upon research under the auspices of BAPHR published in The New England Journal of Medicine and the Annals of Medicine.

28. Provided advice and assistance on medical care needs to the Lesbian and Gay Cuban Refugee Project.

29. Discussed with officials of the California Medical Association possible future needs of BAPHR in relationship to that organization.

30. And most unusual and most moving, we held a funeral and guided on to his final rest, one of our members who died.

Yes indeed, BAPHR has achieved a great deal this past year. While I sometimes have felt frustrated, and even discouraged, that the organization as a whole and I in particular have not done as much as we should as quickly as we could, I believe BAPHR nevertheless has done a very commendable job.

I am proud of and grateful to all of you in the Executive Committee and the general membership who have shared my vision of BAPHR and have given of your time, energy, and money to help make manifest that vision.

There is still a great and exciting challenge ahead. We need to expand, to reach a wider segment of the public, to develop more sophisticated techniques, to raise more money, to establish a full time office and staff. At the same time, while I still have mixed feelings about the street people of Castro, I think we need to work on convincing them to come out of the sunlight and start doing more useful things with their lives in the fog.

Warmly, Dale

NEWS RELEASE

David R. Kessler, MD and James P. Krajeski, MD were named President and President-Elect, respectively, of the Caucus of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Members of the American Psychiatric Association for 1981-82 at its meeting in Houston, May 8 to May 10, 1981, held in conjunction with the American Academy of Psychoanalysis. Also named were BAPHR member Jaime Smith from Vancouver, B.C., as Vice-President, and SCAPHR member Robert Schwartz of Los Angeles as Secretary.

August Country Cookout

Members and friends of BAPHR are urged to mark their calendars now to reserve Sunday, August 16 to share together a day in the country at the GABCAP (Great Annual BAPHR Cookout and Potluck).

As BAPHR leaders and members take a little time during the warm summer months to relax from the weightier matters of human dignity and health, we have annually sponsored an informal country outing in lieu of one of our regular monthly meetings.

This year we have been invited to spend a day swimming, hiking, basking, and eating at a ranch owned by a BAPHR member in the warm, sunny Napa Valley.

Two suckling pigs will be roasted at the ranch that day, and all persons attending will be asked to bring a potluck dish to share with each other. So start digging through your recipe files to find that prizewinning potato salad, baked beans, casserole, or cakes and pies, and help make this the best GABCAP ever.

Further details and directions will be printed in the August BAPHRON.

upcoming events

- Sunday, July 12, 1981 7 pm Executive Board Meeting
268 Gold Mine Drive, San Francisco, Ca Phone 285-6845
All members and patrons are invited to attend.
- Saturday, July 25, 1981 7 pm Annual Awards Banquet
Pacific II, 4th Street, between Market & Mission St, San Francisco
See article this issue. All members, patrons, friends, etc. invited.
- No general membership meeting in July.
- Sunday, August 9, 1981 7 pm Executive Board Meeting
Place to be announced or phone for details.
- Sunday, August 16, 1981 Great Annual Cookout Picnic and Party
See article this issue. Further details in August issue. All members, patrons, and friends invited.
- Sunday, September 20, 1981 Southern California for Human Rights
Gay and Lesbian Health Fair
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September general meeting to be announced.

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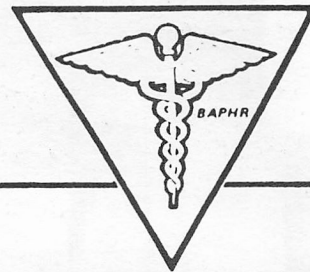
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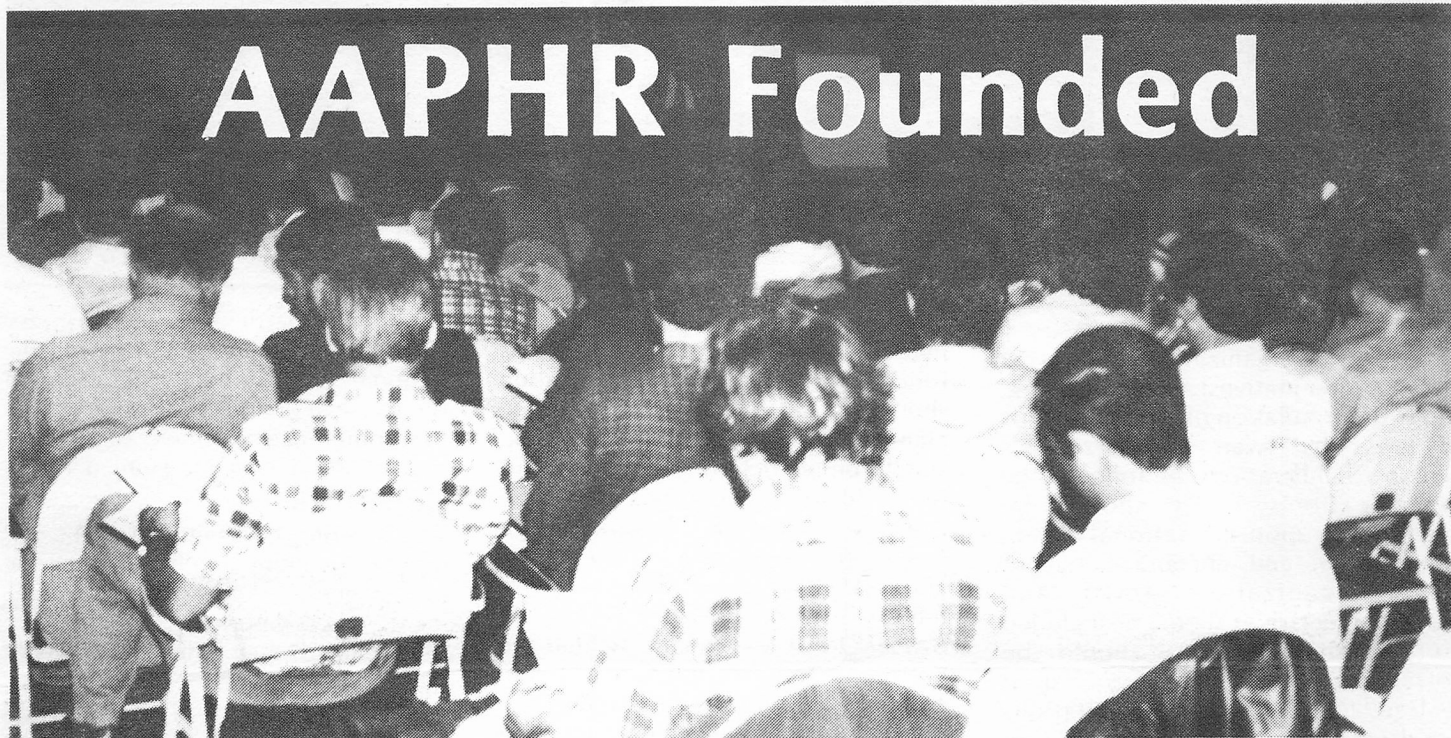
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AAPHR Founded



Proceedings of the Conference on Formation of a National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Physicians, June 27, 1981

On Saturday, June 27, 1981, sixty-four physicians from various areas of the United States and Canada met in San Francisco to consider the need for a nationwide organization of gay and lesbian physicians. The meeting, co-chaired by Denny McShane, Mike Rankin, and Ric Andrews from the Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights (BAPHR) was called to order by Dr. McShane.

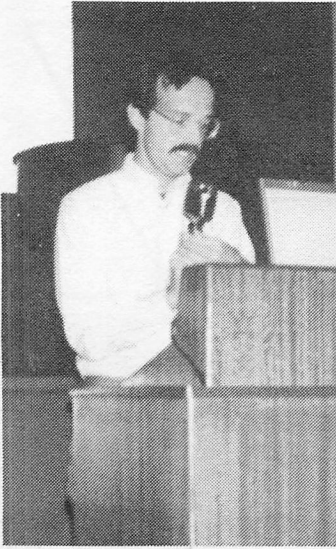
Dr. McShane, in opening comments, noted that both the Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights and the Southern California Physicians for Human Rights had their origins in the Anita Bryant Crusade and California's Prop "6" (anti-gay teacher initiative) milieu and current challenges from the "Moral Majority", to the need for education of the gay community about sexually transmitted diseases

would seem to point toward the foundation of a nationwide community of gay and lesbian physicians to focus attention and action on these and related issues. Members from the various gay and lesbian physician groups attending the conference (Drs. Bill Owen from BAPHR, Steve Green from Southern California Physicians for Human Rights, Chris Mathews from San Diego Physicians for Human Rights, and representatives from the Seattle group, the Toronto group, the Gay and Lesbian Physicians of New England, and from New York) spoke about the reasons why their group developed, current membership, purposes in organizing and their perceived goals and expectations for a "National Group". All emphasized support, communication and education as the main goals within their organizations, membership from 8 to 310 and the desire for a national forum for dialogue, education and "knowing there are others out there."

The meeting then recessed to four smaller groups for the purpose of

discussing the orientation of a national group, what type of an organization should be formed, what forum should be used for communication during the formative process, funding of this effort, and achievement of perceived goals. The group discussions were facilitated by Drs. Bill Owen from San Francisco, Steve Green from SCPHR, Richard Bennett from Ohio, and Chris Mathews from San Diego. Dr. Green summarized his group's thoughts as follows: the national organization should be termed AAPHR (for American Association of Physicians for Human Rights), that the BAPHRON (BAPHR's newsletter) should have a separate section devoted to a forum for idea exchange and communication of AAPHR related activities, that funds for formation of AAPHR should be sought from the current "Physicians for Human Rights" organizations and that a Steering Committee consisting of 13 members (one representative from each of the known

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Chris Mathews, M.D.



Jim Paulson, M.D.



Dale McGhee, M.D.



Dennis McShane, M.D.

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extant PHR organizations plus 4 at large representatives) should be charged with formulation of AAPHR and its by-laws. Dr. Owen summarized his group's deliberations as follows: the organization's goals should be member support, national communication, and encouragement of local organization growth and development; dues should be included for funding; liaisons should be established to extant national "straight" physician organizations modeled somewhat like the Gay Caucus in the American Psychiatric Association; and encouragement of small town physicians in the planning of a national group. Dr. Bennett's group believed that membership should be individual without requiring affiliation through a regional "PHR" group; that communication nationally should encourage regional meeting information as an outreach to the small town physicians; and that the organization should be restricted to

physicians only. Dr. Mathews summarized his group's feelings as follows: the name of the organization should be APHR (for American Physicians for Human Rights); membership should be restricted to physicians but that affiliate memberships should be available to other health workers (e.g., R.N.'s, therapists, etc.); information about APHR activities should be written in a separate section of the BAPHRON at least quarterly; that the national organization should encourage and emphasize gay and lesbian physician involvement; and funding, at least initially, should occur through the extant "PHR" groups perhaps through fund raising campaigns.

The conference participants then discussed the formation of a Steering Committee to implement the expressed ideas and develop a by-laws for the national organization. After weighing several alternatives it was unanimously decided to constitute a Steering Committee of 25 members from the 25

conference participants who expressed interest in working to develop the national organization. The name of the national organization approved by the conference is American Association of Physicians for Human Rights (AAPHR).

The Steering Committee for AAPHR met briefly immediately following the conference adjournment. The following members were elected as officers: Chairman, Denny McShane, Menlo Park; Vice-Chairman, Chris Mathews, San Diego; Secretary-Treasurer, Lary Abramson, San Francisco. A meeting to consider and draft by-laws for AAPHR was scheduled for September 12th and 13th in San Diego. A preliminary agenda will be sent out by Denny McShane and accommodations and meeting site will be arranged by Chris Mathews. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis J. McShane, M.D.
 Conference Co-Chairman

GABCAP - R.S.V.P. Requested

The Great Annual BAPHR Cookout and Potluck will be held on Sunday August 16, 1981 from 11 am until dark. Under separate mailing, members have been notified of the location, directions, and other interesting and relevant information. We failed to ask for RSVP and need this information to plan for food and drinks. Members are asked to phone 285-6845 (San Fran-

cisco) and leave a message on the infernal machine (if it answers) if you will be attending and the number in your party. If you need transportation, you may indicate this and we will try to make arrangements.

This FREE event promises to be something special. City folk are especially welcome and should not be threatened by the great outdoors.

Referral Service Committee

Doctor Ric Andrews is chairing an ad hoc committee on the Referral Service. Also on the committee are Doctors Ken Everts and Dick Hamilton. The committee will make recommendations to the Executive Board for any changes in operating procedures. The first meeting will be with administrative staff of the San Francisco Medical Society to learn how their referral system is organized. BAPHR members with questions, recommendations, etc., should contact Doctor Andrews. (Exchange: 567-4341).



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Forming, Storming, Norming, Performing

by Dale McGhee, M.D., President

The following is the text of remarks made by Doctor McGhee at the BAPHR Awards Banquet on July 25, 1981, marking the inauguration of his second term of office as BAPHR president...Ed.

About two years ago, the hierarchy of the medical center where I work got excited about something called Motivational Dynamics. "Mo-Dy" is a program for participative group management based upon scientific principles of group dynamics.

Since then I've gained somewhat of a reputation around the medical center as being a whiz at facilitating group process. Throwing off any pretense of modesty, I can guide a hospital committee through more problem-solving and decision-making per hour than almost anyone else I know.

Would that I could elicit the same sort of productivity from the BAPHR Executive Committee!

But I'm afraid Mo-Dy never heard of BAPHR, or BAPHR of Mo-Dy, and our Executive Committee deliberations continue to ramble on endlessly into the night, as they always have done since the beginning of the organization. The process sometimes seems more important than the product.

That sort of thing is not unique to BAPHR, of course, I've seen it in almost every gay organization I've had contact with, and I can certainly understand publisher Charles Lee Morris' frustration in his recent editorial in The Sentinel, in which he bemoaned the way gay organizations debate angels on the heads of pins while the Moral Majority is busy achieving things. Recently, the BAPHR Executive Committee spent at least half an hour debating whether we were going to "lend" something to another group or to "make it available" to them. We all agreed that the other group should get what they wanted from us, but temperments became very impassion-

ed in deciding how to describe what we were doing.

BAPHR is four years old this month, and it has been my privilege to watch and participate in its development from the beginning.

In very simple terms, the process by which any "aggregate" of individuals develops into a viable "organization" can be described by four stages: Forming, Storming, Norming, and Performing.

In Forming, group members tend to examine and test one another, to look for evidence of leadership, and to search for structure and ground rules.

Storming is characterized by conflict between members and hostility toward leaders. Lord, don't I know about that! Actually, despite a wide diversity of character and need in BAPHR's membership, I think there has been relatively little serious friction within our organization.

Through Norming, group members develop greater mutual trust, cohesion, and acceptance of common goals, and they minimize areas of conflict in the interest of group harmony.

Finally, this spirit of cohesion and unified purpose permits Performing, or the effective concentration of group energy on problem-solving and tasks.

It was a fascinating experience for me to watch and be a part of BAPHR going through these stages. And at different levels it's a process that keeps repeating itself in miniature, as new people or new ideas or new directions enter into the life of BAPHR.

Overall, I believe BAPHR has developed a high level of cohesion and has performed well in service to our profession and our community, and I'm proud to have had a hand in it.

To me, the keystone of BAPHR's Norming and Performing lies in something I said at the national symposium on gay health we sponsored in June, and that was a reminder that the word

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“doctor” means teacher. The title bestowed upon you by your medical school was teacher, not healer. The special contribution that we, as a corporate body of gay and lesbian physicians, can make to further the cause of human dignity and equality of social franchise is as educators.

We must educate ourselves, educate the mainstream of American medicine, educate gay men and lesbians, and educate the general public.

Stop and think about that last sentence for a moment. The implications and ramifications of that statement are complex and subtle, and I intend to discuss it in greater detail in the months to come through my

newsletter sermonettes. For the moment, bear in mind that the exceptionally high level of public honor and trust afforded us because we are physicians provides us with an opportunity to be uniquely effective in educating the public and shaping their attitudes. That opportunity is real, whether we are educating a gay man to be more responsible about his sexual activity, or educating a politician to support gay rights legislation, or educating the AMA that social equality is a legitimate health issue.

BAPHR has, in fact, already seized that opportunity, but the time has come for us to extend our grip on it, to reach out to a larger audience, to influence on a grander scale.

We must learn to adapt mass communication and marketing skills to our

needs, and we must raise enough funds to enable us to reach beyond the limits of a volunteer organization and use those skills.

The process to achieve this is going to require the involvement of all BAPHR members. Your support, your time, your energy, your talent, your advice, your money. Check any or all of the above. Please don't check none of the above.

I fully expect some new Storming and Norming before we reach our full potential for Performing, but if we remain mindful of the goals and don't become preoccupied with the process itself, BAPHR will soon be instrumental in improving the health, dignity, and franchise of lesbians and gay men not only in the Bay Area, but throughout America and beyond.

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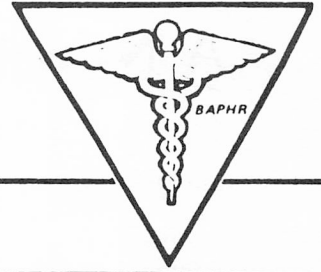
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Resolution

By the Honorable Art Agnos
Sixteenth Assembly District

RELATIVE TO COMMENDING THE BAY AREA PHYSICIANS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS UPON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, The Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights is celebrating its 4th anniversary in July 1981, and upon such occasion that organization is deserving of heartiest congratulations and commendations; and

WHEREAS, One of the first professional organizations of gay people, The Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights has grown and expanded to its present stature as one of the largest such organizations; and

WHEREAS, Comprised of 300 physician members, it has provided educational and service projects which have been of great service to the citizens of San Francisco and the State of California; and

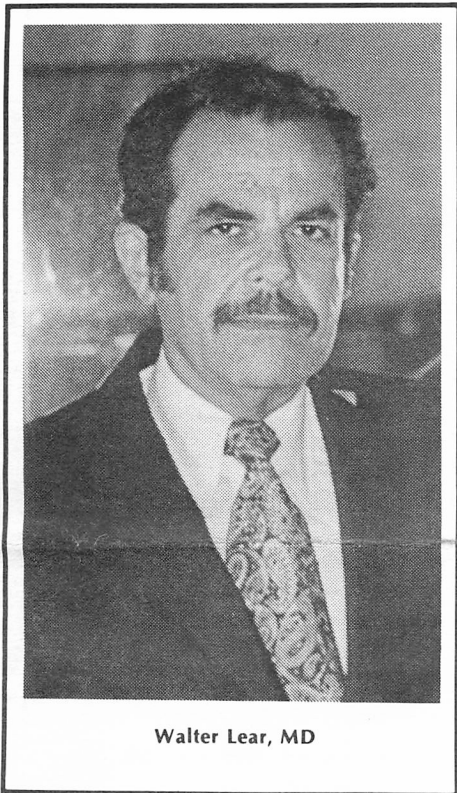
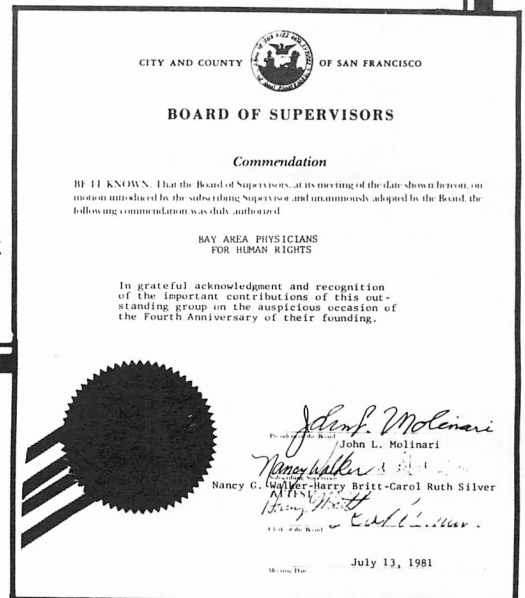
WHEREAS, Through the membership's unique contributions to the welfare and dignity of the lives of lesbians and gay men, the organization has become an articulate and powerful voice for the aspirations of its members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY ASSEMBLYMAN ART AGNOS, That he takes great pride in congratulating the Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights upon the celebrations of its 4th Anniversary, commends the success of the organization in achieving its goals and implementing its programs, and extends best wishes for continued success in the future; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitably prepared copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights.

Members Resolution No. 2131

Dated: July 21, 1981
Signed: Art Agnos
Honorable Art Agnos
16th Assembly District



Walter Lear, MD

Whether it is better to give or to receive became a moot question at BAPHR's annual awards banquet on July 25th. Receiving the award for distinguished achievement and contributions to the health and welfare of gay men and lesbians was Dr. Walter J. Lear of Philadelphia. Dr. Lear was honored for his many years as an activist in gay movements, as organizer of the National Gay Health Coalition, a federation of 19 national gay health professional organizations, and National Secretary of the Physicians Forum.

In return, BAPHR was recognized and honored by awards presented by the Board of Supervisors of the City of San Francisco, and by the California State Assembly represented by assemblyman Art Agnos. Honored guests at the banquet included many

members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, representatives from the State Assembly, and Dr. David Allen, president of the San Francisco Medical Society.

A New Call for Activism

"These are not ordinary times. The war on poverty is over. The war on the poor has begun. The Reagan administration is waging class war on the cities, on the farms, in the homes of the old, the sick, the disabled and the powerless."

H. Jack Geiger, MD
from *The New Physician*
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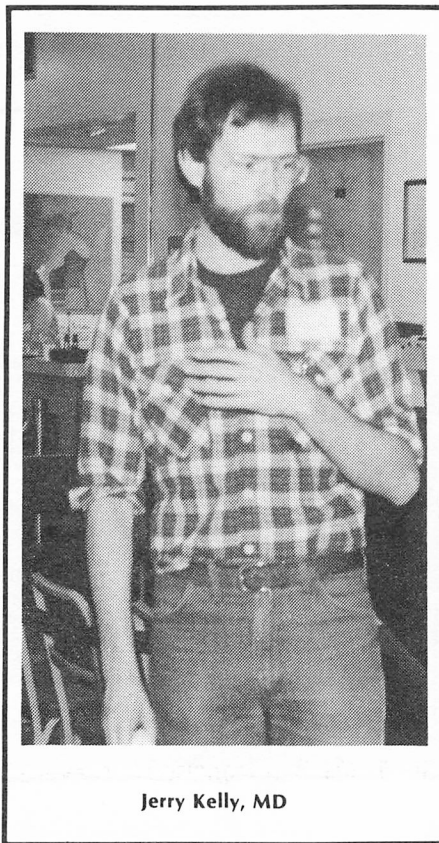
"While the hidden economic and political pressures that distort the old forms are extremely complicated, symbolic enemies are easier to conjure upfront... Homosexuals, abortionists and liberated women make perfect targets of convenience for baffled and misled traditionalists."

Andrew Kopkind
"The New Right", *New Times*
September, 1977

H. Jack Geiger's powerful keynote speech to the Student American Medical Association gathering this year addressed some of the grim consequences likely to result from the Reagan administrations' cutbacks in federally funded health and social services. Titled "Agenda for the Eighties, A Call to Medical Students and Residents to Resist Conservatism," it contained a passionate plea for increased activism.

Geiger called for students and housestaff to use their positions to document the consequences of service cuts, to help organize community coalitions and to use health and health services as a "metaphor" for the nature of these social changes. He said: "It is time again (even if only symbolically) to write prescriptions for groceries to combat hunger." He further urged health workers to make political use of their status, remarking: "Perhaps the most important thing you will be doing... is giving the message explicitly and by example, that there are professional people who are concerned about the social good and that you came to medicine more because of that than out of self interest."

Geiger's speech— with its emphasis on activism— is of more than passing in-



Jerry Kelly, MD

terest to BAPHR, an organization now more than 300 strong. We are under attack as homosexuals, as women and as people of color. The enemy in this case is not merely the religious right (an easy target), but rather a well organized, heavily financed network of extreme conservatives who have been quietly assembling a power base during the last ten years, a decade in which the Democratic Party has lost credibility and the left splintered into squabbling factions.

The Family Protection Act

In 1979 Senator Paul Laxalt (R-NV) introduced a piece of legislation called the "Family Protection Act" (F.P.A.) This multifaceted proposal quite simply threatens to wipe out civil rights and First Amendment Freedom of Speech provisions which have come to represent for most people the very essence of democracy. While this bill currently has little momentum, it has the strong support of Reagan and the New Right. for Lesbians and Gay men passage of

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FINDING YOUR MOUNT ON THE CAROUSEL OF LIFE

By Dale McGhee, MD

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the James Kirkwood novel, *There Must Be a Pony*, one of the characters explains the title by relating a story about an incurably optimistic little boy who, upon discovering nothing but a huge pile of horse manure under his Christmas tree, jumps into the midst of it and gleefully exclaims, "I figure with all this horse shit— there must be a pony!"

That line has remained a favorite of mine for years, and it came to mind recently as I was reading the *BAPHR* mail. Virtually every *BAPHR* mail delivery contains at least one oddball epistle, and this time it was a crank letter from a stranger who was not a physician. The letter intrigued me primarily because it began by specifically describing itself as a crank letter. The writer then plunged forth into four typewritten pages of paranoid invective, railing and roiling at the medical profession in general, *BAPHR* in particular, and me individually (moralistic, judgmental, avaricious, ignorant, stuff like that). I waded on through, telling myself there must be a pony in here somewhere. And finally, after the web of rhetoric grew more and more tangled, and he confessed that he didn't know how to end his polemic, I found the pony... the singular rational idea in the entire letter, viz., that doctors should educate themselves before they set about educating other people.

Now there's a principle I can support wholeheartedly. It is, in fact, the first of the four educational missions of *BAPHR* which I have enumerated on several occasions: educating ourselves, educating the mainstream of medicine, educating gay people, and educating the general public. Where the letterwriter and I might disagree is that I believe we in *BAPHR* have been educating ourselves, are continuing to do so, and are doing a damned good job of it.

There are a variety of ways through which we have learning experiences in *BAPHR*.

The most obvious and conventional of these have been the Category I CME credit programs we have held that provide our members with up to date information on medical issues of particular concern to gay people. During the past year we have had some excellent medical presentations at our monthly meetings, including discussions on fist fucking, sexual dysfunction, Kaposi's sarcoma, and cytomegalovirus. And I am particularly proud of the two national symposia we have sponsored, Sexually Transmitted Diseases in 1980, and this year the more comprehensive Medical Aspects of Sexual Orientation. In the coming year we hope to sponsor at least one, and possibly two more such meetings of national interest.

Another educational modality which we used in the past, but which has fallen by the wayside, is to monitor the scientific literature for new books and articles relating to homosexuality, and to publish digests and reviews of these in the *BAPHRON*. I would like to see that revived, but we need some volunteers to do it. How about it, gang? How about some of you *BAPHR* members who live outside of California and don't have much chance to actively participate in our projects? There's a useful way that you, too, could contribute.

But there are other, more indirect and subtle ways by which we educate ourselves in *BAPHR*. The nonmedical guest speakers we have at many of our meetings make us more aware of the many faces of the gay community and the spectrum of its social, political, legal, and economic needs. From that, I believe we derive greater awareness and understanding of ourselves in relationship to the gay community as a whole.

Similarly, through some of our pro-

jects where we, as an organization, interact with the gay community, such as the annual Health Fair and our research surveys of gay people, we learn more about the community we serve, its variety, its concerns, its needs, its strengths, and from that experience we make ourselves more sensitive, knowledgeable, capable physicians.

Finally, one of the most important learning experiences that can be gained from *BAPHR*, although probably also the most subliminal, is the self enrichment and personal growth that evolves from the simple opportunity for gay physicians to meet and interact with one another. I've seen it happen again and again with individual members, and for some I know it has been the pony they have found in the midst of the crap they must contend with in their daily lives.

Our studies have indicated that most of our members have felt, at least at some time, a strong sense of professional isolation and vulnerability that has led them into tightly compartmentalized lives and has limited them from achieving their full potential. For most of us, *BAPHR* has provided our first opportunity to integrate the professional and personal aspects of our lives in a meaningful way. By coming together and getting to know one another we develop a sense of community support, and from that we individually derive a greater sense of self worth and security.

From time to time, one of the more activist and service oriented members of *BAPHR*, among whose company I include myself, will grumble to me about the several parties we have each year and the increased emphasis on social interaction at our regular meetings, feeling these sorts of activities somehow demean and detract from the more "serious" goals of the organization. I disagree. I believe

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the F.P.A. would have disastrous consequences. Under Title, "Domestic Relations," Section 507, "Homosexual Advocacy" the act reads: "NO federal funds may be made available under any provision of Federal law to any public or private individual, group, foundation, commission, corporation, association, or other entity which presents homosexuality, male or female, as an acceptable alternative lifestyle or suggests that it can be an acceptable lifestyle." In section 508: "No agency, bureau, commission or other instrumentality of the Government of the United States shall seek to enforce nondiscrimination with respect to individuals who are homosexuals or who proclaim homosexual tendencies." In short, lesbians and gay men would be denied Social Security, Medicare, Welfare and Veterans benefits and lack legal recourse through any federally funded agency in cases of sexual orientation discrimination.

The fact that homosexuals have been targeted for attack is (as Kopkind would agree) not coincidental. A prominent evangelical organizer was quoted: "We hadn't originally intended to use this issue...but then we found...that almost everybody was unaware of Jimmy Carter's support for the gay rights plank. That is an issue which symbolizes a drastic departure from Christian morality...when it comes to homosexuality, it is so clearly wrong that to find a born-again president supporting gay rights is a real eye opener. That's when we really got the 'ohs' and 'ahs' and gasps."

Judging from the ease of Reagan's budget and tax-cut victories we should have considerable reason to worry about the F.P.A. and the estimated 40 million Americans who consider themselves "born-again." It has become commonplace (but nonetheless true) to say that the sense of power we feel in San Francisco is largely illusory and in fact something of a curse which tends to keep those who are comfortable relatively complacent. We can no longer afford complacency— for comfort might soon be snatched away. Compelling reasons exist for us, as lesbians and gay men and as health professionals, to renew our commitment to political activism.

What Can Be Done

Political commitment need not take form through BAPHR activities or participation in local political clubs.

Many physicians and medical students have practice or work activities that leave them with little free time. Letter writing, a powerful tool often forgotten or dismissed by liberals and progressives (and used with frightening effectiveness by the New Right) takes only minutes to accomplish. Watch how press releases quote the number of yeas and nays to solidify a politician's position. Feminists have clearly shown the effectiveness of this tactic in reproductive rights lobbying work.

There will be many opportunities to document inequities and to report discrimination and assaults. Those who are in office, clinic or emergency room practice will have first hand access to much important information. Local groups like Community United Against Violence (CUAV) and Gay Rights Advocates depend on such information for political momentum. National Lobbying forces like NGTF and the Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) also need this type of documentation to further legitimize their activities.

What about work in community coalitions? Groups of lesbians and gay men have formed all over the country in response to the threat of the New Right's political agenda. In San Francisco, nearly 50 lesbian and gay organizations have joined together to create the Coalition for Human Rights (CHR). Membership in this coalition and participation in the activities of its education committee have become a major priority for BAPHR's Social Concerns Committee.

What else can be done? In a time when public funding and private grant monies are becoming harder to secure, essential lesbian and gay social services such as JobPower, Coming Home, Operation Concern, 18th St. Services/Acceptance House, the Lesbian Rights Project and the Pacific Center will need our continued support. They are an indispensable part of the fabric which makes us a community and not merely an "interest group." Federal "block grants" and "free market medicine" are not likely to favor preservation of these services any more than they are likely to satisfy the other health needs of the many poorer lesbian and gay men who rely on them.

As lesbians and gay men and as health professionals, we must take action to protect our "community" and organize not only for gay rights, but

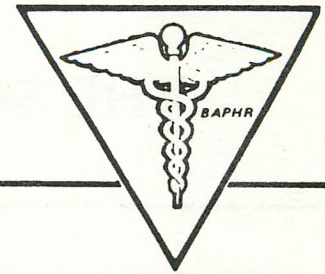
for the rights of all those who remain powerless— women, racial minorities, the elderly and the disabled. We can survive only if we work cooperatively against a New Right agenda bill like the F.P.A. legislation which NOW's Sandy Roth wrote: "...would have us all locked into goose stepping conformity." We will need more people who as H. Jack Geiger remarked: "... document injustice and maintain the capacity for outrage over it... hold firm to the belief that most men and women are good...(and) recognize that our task is endlessly recurring."

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there is very serious and very important work going on when BAPHR members come together socially. Bonds of friendship and support are being built, a sense of community is being strengthened, and people who once felt alone and vulnerable are growing and feeling better and stronger about themselves. And that is a learning experience. We can't do a very good job of teaching others if we're not learning ourselves, and we can't expect our members to meet the needs of others if we don't meet our own needs.

That some of our members have literally transformed their lives through BAPHR is neither an exaggeration nor a sentimentalization of the facts. Most of BAPHR's leaders to date, including me, were very closeted four years ago. I don't expect all of you to become evangelistic gay activists. There's still a lot of horse manure to wade through in our profession and our society, and it still can be very risky for some of you to come out publically. But if BAPHR, whether by a medical symposium or by a social hour or by a service project, can provide you with a pony, something valuable that will promote your life as a whole, integrated person, then we will have performed a noble service, and you will have become a better physician.

Warmly, Dale



Jubilee at Davies Hall

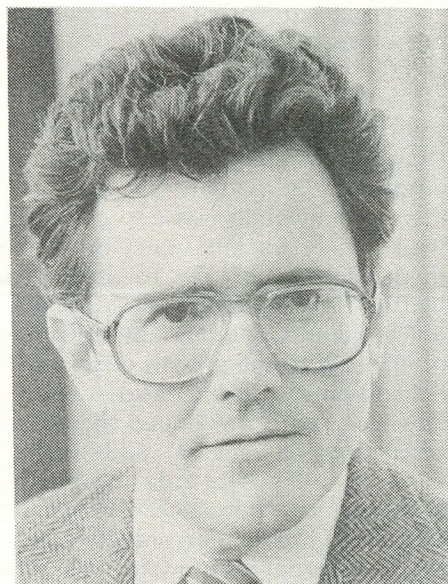
On October 11, the San Francisco Gay Band, Twirling Corps, and Tap Troupe will return to Davies Hall for a combined concert with the Grammy Award winning Hawkins Family and their 40 member gospel group, the Love Center Choir. "Jubilee" as the concert is appropriately called, is likely to be the most unusual and one of the most exciting celebrations to occur in "Louise's Place".

The program is a benefit for the Band and the Pride Center, a joint black/gay effort to provide badly needed social and educational services including senior nutrition, child care, alcohol rehabilitation, housing, and job referral programs.

"We are deeply pleased with what may well be the first joint effort in the country between black and gay communities to improve their shared neighborhood", said assembly speaker Willie Brown who will emcee the gala concert.

BAPHR has obtained a block of 50 choice orchestra seats for the premier show on Sunday October 11 at 7 pm. Tickets are \$25 and are tax deductible. Each person in our group will also receive a free admission to the I-Beam disco for a celebration after the concert. Make checks payable to "Pride Foundation/Band Concert" and send to Ric Andrews, M.D., 179 Lower Terrace, San Francisco 94114.

Britt To Speak at October Meeting



Supervisor Harry Britt

Supervisor Harry Britt, the most prominent elected gay official in the country will be guest speaker at BAPHR general meeting on October 18, 1981. In January 1979 he succeeded Harvey Milk who was slain along with Mayor George Moscone, and subsequently he was elected to a full term on the board. He has emerged as one of the strongest progressive voices in San Francisco. While effectively advocating the rights of gay people, he has been a strong proponent of the rights of other minorities and in coalescing the gay and women's movements.

Mr. Britt has spoken on more than a dozen college campuses, and has been featured on over 30 television and radio shows.

His talk will allow ample time for questions and discussion. Details on the meeting is listed in the membership calendar.

Health Guide Published

A guide for healthful gay sexual activities by Robert K. Bolan, M.D., has been published and distributed by BAPHR. Dr. Bolan, who has a private practice in general and family medicine, was former secretary of BAPHR. The guide was printed in the Bay Area Reporter, a San Francisco newspaper, and was reprinted with their permission. It briefly described sexually transmissible diseases with emphasis on individual responsibility for care. A copy of the guide is included in this mailing.

AAPHR Meets in San Diego

The Steering Committee to develop a National Gay Medical Group (AAPHR) met in San Diego on September 12-13, 1981. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Dennis McShane. A complete report will appear in the next BAPHRON. The next meeting is scheduled for february 5-7, 1982 in Houston.



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THE SCIENCE AND ART OF MEDICINE

By Dale McGhee, M.D.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I recently came across a 1910 textbook of urology wherein an entire chapter was devoted to the topic of the "Perversion of Self Abuse." In a nutshell, one could recognize the masturbation habit in someone who was sallow, thin, cowardly, mean spirited, and who avoided direct eye contact. Treatment centered around instructive and uplifting talks and encouragement of early marriage, before the habit degenerated into homosexual practices.

As amusing as this may appear today, it seems important to me to understand that the author did not perceive his scientific judgement as distorted by moral or cultural bias. In fact the spirit of his writing made it clear that he was caring and compassionate, and saw himself as a progressive who was debunking the folk myths of an earlier era.

We physicians are fond of describing what we do as the Science and Art of Medicine. The "Science" part reassures us that we are all committed to an unfettered search for truth. The "Art" part has always seemed a bit vague to me. It seems to have something to do with the manner in which we apply our scientific knowledge to the needs of humanity, but I think it also has a lot to do with fettering our search for truth by casting us in a role as guardians of the cultural and moral prejudices of our society.

I can think of no example where this conflict between our commitment to a morally neutral science and our commitment to a morally biased society has been more clearly displayed than in the struggle a decade ago between gay activists and the American Psychiatric Association, which led, in 1973, to the latter group's declassification of homosexuality as a mental disorder. (An engrossing and informative account of this struggle is contained in Ronald Bayer's recent book, *Homosexuality and Psychiatry: The Politics of Diagnosis*, and I eagerly

recommend it to you.) The crux of the battle turned on the bulk of scientific evidence, which supported the view that homosexuality was a political problem and not a medical one, and that the introduction of the disease model of homosexuality was a political action, however compassionately conceived, at a time when medicine began to replace religion as the caretaker of social mores and the regulator of individual behavior.

We're all members of society, and of various groups within that society. It's not strange that, having been born helpless into society, nurtured and protected by it, it also becomes the source and authority of our standards. However, just as the child eventually questions its parent, so also may mature individuals come to challenge their society. Societies once protected themselves against this by attributing matters of morality to God, who unlike parents, could not be convicted of error. With the growth of scientific enlightenment in the 19th century, however, there developed increasing scepticism of religion, and western societies transferred increasing authority to the sciences, that of medicine in particular; and along with that came a degree of moral authority.

There are those who believe physicians relish this "priestly" role, but I believe most physicians feel uncomfortable in it. Nevertheless, simply because we are confronted daily with moral problems, it is appropriate that physicians wear the cape of moral authority, given several conditions:

First, we must remain cautiously mindful that our sacerdotal role does not imply divine appointment or moral infallibility. We are scientists first, and our scientific knowledge should shape our moral credos, not the reverse.

Second, we must view our moral decisions within their political and health contexts, not their religious contexts. The moral rules of a society are political in that they define and limit the roles, power, and franchise of its individual members. However, a society has no life of its own aside from the

life of its individual members, and thus morality relates to health in that social standards that provide a healthy environment for all individuals will produce a healthy and homeostatic society.

Third, physicians should subscribe to the principle that moral flexibility and pluralism is necessary to foster such social health in a scientific age. They must become sensitive to their own personal opinions, prejudices, and bias, and avoid the imposition of those values upon others. Above all they should heed the old admonition of the profession, "Do no harm."

Unfortunately, the profession of medicine at times has wrought great social and individual harm in the name of compassion and good. Religions have been guilty of the same crime, but I am more optimistic about the prospects for rehabilitating medicine than I am of religion. I believe most physicians are decent persons and altruistically motivated, but just as they are never educated about how to deal with the business of medicine, neither are they educated about the role of morality in medicine. I believe they are educable, however. I believe they can be taught that instead of allowing moral subjectivity to compromise their scientific integrity, they should allow scientific objectivity to define moral integrity.

Because homosexuals are excellent examples of the past role medicine has played in social oppression, BAPHR is in an optimal strategic position to provide such education, and thus educating the mainstream of medicine is the second of the four educational directions I have described for our organization.

BAPHR has taken some important steps in this particular direction. We have established liaisons with a variety of organized professional societies and health officials and initiated dialogues with them, we have had scientific papers on gay health written under our auspices and published in major journals, we have provided

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letters to the editor

Dear BAPHR,
 Thank you for the contribution of \$200.00 in the memory of J. Rex Burnham, MD., to *Coming Home*. Your donation is being used as "seed money" to develop a self-supporting funding program and to support direct volunteer services which began this month. Your generosity and faith in us at our early stages is very important.

Future plans for *Coming Home*, in addition to volunteer services, include assessing the need in the Bay Area for a gay and lesbian hospice facility; conducting educational outreach to various groups; serving as a model to similar projects by providing information, research, and analysis (we have already spawned a group in Vancouver, B.C.!)

You are on our mailing list and will be kept informed of our activities. If you have any questions or suggestions for outreach, fundraising, etc., please contact us at the address below.

Again, Thanks!

Steve Peskind
 for *Coming Home*
 P.O. Box 1293
 Pacifica, CA 94044

Gays in the Military

The November General Meeting will feature a showing of "Marching to a Different Drummer", a 90 minute documentary slide/lecture on lesbian and gay GI's in World War II, with a focus on gay men, presented by Allan Berube of the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay History Project. This documentary includes 400 slides and is based on oral histories, unpublished letters, secret documents, snapshots, photographs and music from the war years. It has been shown to packed audiences in New York, Boston, Toronto, Minneapolis and throughout the Bay Area.

Ex-military physicians are especially invited to attend this meeting to participate in important BAPHRA-sponsored research concerning your experiences in the military.

journal club

THE HERPES BOOK

Richard Hamilton, MD.

With the recent apparent increase in incidence of herpes and other viral syndromes in populations enjoying multiple partner intimate relationships, this book seems to be a timely resource for patient education. It is written for the general public and addresses itself to the average herpes infected individual. It attempts to reassure the reader, provide them with accurate information, and dilute the negative effects of some of the recent articles and statements proliferating in the media.

It is organized in a logical sequence and presents information about complex scientific findings at an understandable level. It doesn't emphasize any one aspect of treatment and discusses some of the more prominent approaches in a nonjudgemental way. Its theme, however, stresses the importance of the immune system and coping with stress and the detrimental effects of anger, fear, guilt and frustration with the virus on the immune system effectively reducing reoccurrences and their severity.

Using the question and answer format, it answers questions about newborns exposed to herpes, prevention and what to tell potential partners. These questions are the ones you probably hear or feel the need to answer when you make a diagnosis of herpes. If you find you don't have the one and one-half hours to answer all the questions that his diagnosis may bring, recommend this excellent resource and encourage your patient to make a return visit to clear up any further questions the book might have left, as some of the concepts addressed by Dr. Hamilton are outdated already and the individual patient may not fit the "average patient" model used.

The book mentions another excellent resource, HELP, in Palo Alto (260 Sheridan Ave., Palo Alto, Ca 94306) with chapters in San Francisco and 24 major population centers across the country. It is a self-help organization for victims of herpes and their friends.

Dr. Hamilton is a member of BAPHR.

speakers and educational materials for a number of professional meetings, we have successfully blocked an unsatisfactory AMA report on gay health needs, and we have encouraged involvement of our members in organized medicine (one member who heeded that advice, past vice president Doctor James Krajeski is currently a candidate for the board of directors of the San Francisco Medical Society, and I urge the support of his election by those of you eligible to do so).

But worthy and useful though such efforts may be, we've barely scratched the surface of the challenge before us in educating our own profession.

Like other programs we have proposed, this one is going to require money, staff, money, personal commitment, and money, money, money. Some of

you have already been approached to make sizable monetary contributions to BAPHR. All of you soon will have been. Please do so.

We should have sufficient funds to support more research. We should get more speakers on gay issues into more hospital staff meetings. We should have a visible and educational presence at more meetings of organized medicine. We should promote the establishment of medical school courses on medical ethics, and we should foster the medical school teaching of human sexuality in general and homosexuality in particular. We should convince the AMA that it must live up to the provisions of its own Code of Ethics, which declares the obligation of physicians to promote social good and correct social wrong. We should persuade all physi-

cians that they must not be puppets of moral injustice, but should be advocates of moral justice.

With time and with your personal and financial support, we can diminish the influence of the Biebers, the Socarides, the Hatterers, and the Meningers, who would defile the science of medicine and misuse the art of medicine, in order to perpetuate a system of social oppression, and who would earn their livelihoods at the expense of those they devalue and demean. And we will replace them with the scientific truth of those who promote the health of society by defending the freedom, dignity, and value of every member of society.

Warmly,
Dale

Nominations

The Nominations Committee of the San Francisco Medical Society has placed the name of BAPHR member Jim Krajeski in nomination for the offices of Board of Directors, Nomination Committee, and Delegate to the California Medical Association.

Jim has been active in medical society committees for several years. His candidacy is being supported by members of the "Coalition for the Preservation of Private Practice," a group which includes several of the present Medical Society officers. Background information and policy statements of SFMS candidates will appear in the October issue of San Francisco Medicine.

Ballots will be distributed by mail to SFMS members in mid-October.

Jim has indicated that he is seeking the support of as many BAPHR members as possible in this opportunity to elect an openly gay candidate as a delegate to the CMA and to a Medical Society office.

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RENT/SUBLEASE 24 y o WM (medical student) from Milwaukee needs place to rent/sublease; October, November, and December in S.F. area. Please call (714) 751-6361 (collect) in evenings. Paul Resnick.

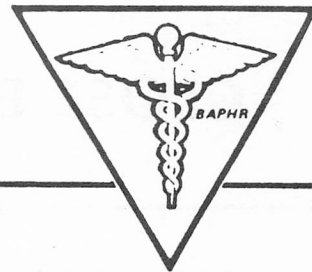
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Gays in the Military: World War II to Today

The November general meeting will feature a most interesting and provocative program. Allan Berube of the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay History Project has produced a documentary, illustrated with a series of remarkable slides on Gay GI's in World War II. His project is based on oral histories, documents, and photographs from the war years. It has been shown nationally with rave reviews.

In addition, Stan Harris, M.D., senior psychiatric resident at Letterman Army Medical Center, San Francisco, a captain in the Army Medical Corps, will describe and conduct a research study he is conducting on the professional and military service experience of military and ex-military gay and bisexual physicians. Under the supervision of several civilian and military research experts, he has developed an anonymous 85 item questionnaire for physicians to assess their professional, social, sexual and psychological adjustment to military service, and to gather professional observations and opinions about homosexuals in the military. The data will be computer analyzed for summary and statistically significant results. The study, part of Dr. Harris' residency requirement, will be reported to the Surgeon General,



LIFE Magazine, 1943

and submitted for publication in a major professional journal. The results will also be submitted to BAPHR and will be available to members.

It is most important that knowledge of your service experience be made public so that policy makers and courts can make more rational decisions about homosexuals in the military services. Members are urged

to attend and to participate in this meeting. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the San Francisco Medical Society, 250 Masonic Avenue, San Francisco on November 15, 1981 at 7 pm. Ample seating will be available for guests of members, prospective members, and friends of BAPHR.

Bar-B-Que Potluck Party

The BAPHR social concerns committee will be hosting Bay Area gay interns and residents. Meat will be provided. Bring a dish, salad, dessert, or drinks to complement a barbeque.

Time: 1-4 pm

Place: 1539 McAllister

Date: November 22, 1981

All BAPHR members welcome to share in this social event.

Fighting the Family Protection Act

A one day conference for lesbians and gay men, women, people of color, disabled people, older men and women, working people, and all others

targeted by the New Right and F.P.A. will be held on Saturday, November 14th. Panels, workshops and information sharing will take place 9:30 am - 6:00 pm at John Adams Community College, Hayes and Masonic, San Francisco. Sponsored by the Coalition for Human Rights. \$5.00 donation requested. For info call: Jere Kelly 821-2157.

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CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE RISKY KIND

By Dale McGhee, M.D.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, I suppose it was my own snobbish fault that Tom Hayden and I never became close friends. We were undergraduates together at the University of Michigan during the late 50's, we were both editors of the campus daily newspaper, and our respective circles of friends overlapped. But he was such a quiet, seemingly innocuous person then that I afforded him little attention, and he and I never were more than casual acquaintances.

I mean, who would ever have guessed that within a few years thereafter, when I had abandoned social causes, in favor of the commitment to memory of the course of the radial artery, Tom Hayden would run off to Port Huron, issue a manifesto, and become a famous radical?

It has been observed by many that one who is not a radical at age 20 has no heart, and one who is not a conservative at age 40 has no mind. While I don't believe that either Tom Hayden or I can be called conservatives today, I do believe we both can be called more conservative than we were in our youth.

If I were to categorize my social and political views, I would cast myself as a liberal reformist. We reformists are the contemporary derivatives of the flower child, "do your own thing" counterculture movement of the 60's (as contrasted to contemporary radicals who have derived from Tom Hayden's SDS movement during that same period in history). We reformists tend to advocate a pluralistic, tolerant social order, and we generally avoid passing judgement upon the ways that others conduct their lives. However, to the degree that I have grown more conservative, I find myself drawn to an opinion that violates that principle. And the opinion is that all is not healthy in the gay subculture.

I'm well aware that among certain elements of the reformist dominated male gay liberation movement and the radical dominated lesbian feminist

movement, it is politically explosive to suggest that gay people themselves may be responsible for any part of the problems they face, but I nevertheless believe that to be the case. More specifically, I believe that with the advent of social liberation, vast numbers of gay men have become irresponsible in their sexual behavior, and in so becoming they have created health risks of major proportions within the gay male subculture.

It is an issue to which *BAPHR* can and should address ourselves, and I have described education of the gay community as third of the four educational directions of *BAPHR*: educating ourselves, the medical profession in general, the gay community, and the general public.

We have undertaken, since the early days of this organization, a variety of educational outreach programs to help gay people to better understand their bodies and to know of the special health problems they may confront. These have been worthy efforts and well received, but we need the funds and personnel to develop programs that can reach the attention of far greater numbers of gay people, and while we are teaching them the names of their diseases we need also to start teaching them to stop spreading these diseases by cavalier sexual behavior.

I don't think there is anything intrinsically pathological or morally wrong with casual, recreational sex. It can be fun. On the other hand, I don't subscribe to the argument of gay author John Rechy that anonymous indiscriminate sexual activity is a defiant act of social revolution. Such behavior developed among gay men as a result of social oppression which left many with no other alternatives with which to deal with their sexuality.

One might expect then that with the emergence of social liberation for gay men, as in San Francisco, such practices would diminish. Instead they have persisted and flourished, changing only in their settings from bushes

and tearooms to commercial bathhouses, glory holes, and the backrooms of bookstores and bars. As blacks have glorified the soul food of their poverty with the trappings of racial pride, so gay men have canonized the impersonal sexual behavior of their oppression within a monstrosity of cultural chic. Sexual encounters hold a good deal more appeal to me than encountering a bowl of chitterlings, but they also hold a good deal more risk to my health.

Eventually medical research may reduce the risks of casual sexual encounters through improvements in diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases. Indeed, the conquest of hepatitis B through immunization appears to be imminent, but there is much less immediate promise for most other STD's.

Lacking such promise, sexually active, non-monogamous gay men should accept responsibility for controlling the spread of STD's, and they can do that in several ways. Most importantly, they should maintain themselves in a state of sexual health by learning to recognize the signs of STD's, seeking prompt treatment and avoiding sexual contact when they are ill, and undergoing routine STD screening even when they are not ill, at intervals consistent with their levels and varieties of sexual activity. They should develop concern for the health safety of their sexual partners, however casual the encounters, and that means eliminating total anonymity from the patterns of sexual behavior commonplace among many gay men. It is difficult to check the spread of a disease agent if one cannot trace the lines of its transmission. At the very least gay men should exchange telephone numbers with their sexual partners and take the responsibility to contact all potential victims should it later become evident that an STD may have been transmitted. Failure to do so reduces one's sexual behavior from

Doctor Leads Gay Olympics

Dr. Tom Waddell, a San Francisco internist and a former Olympic contender, addressed BAPHR at the September general meeting on plans for the Gay Olympic Games. The opening ceremonies will be held in Kezar Stadium with a seating capacity of 60,000 in San Francisco on August 28, 1982.

A wide variety of competitive sports are included such as bowling, billiards, basketball, soccer, swimming, and tennis. There will also be cultural events including music, dance, theatre and art exhibits during the Olympic week.

Gay athletes will represent their cities in an atmosphere similar to the traditional games but without political positions. Inquiries have already been received from 21 countries and numerous cities.

Further information may be obtained by writing Gay Olympic Games, Box 14874, San Francisco, CA 94114, USA.



Tom Waddell, M.D.

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a consensual to an exploitative level. In addition to eliminating anonymity, I believe that those devoted to casual, promiscuous sexual behavior should eliminate from their repertoires those activities that carry the highest risks for disease transmission...rimming, for example. While one of the admirable traits of gay men is their willingness to explore a variety of sensual experiences, nevertheless I think it is possible to reach a perfectly satisfactory orgasm without employing every exotic maneuver in the book.

BAPHR's speakers bureau, which once included a sizable number of members, is now reduced to a handful of people, mostly members of the Executive Committee. I'd like to see that bureau enlarged again, so that we could get health education information out to more groups of gay people. My experience indicates that most gay people are eager to receive the information and advice that we can provide.

I'd like to see us exploring new and inventive ways of communicating health information to gay people...videotapes, recorded telephone messages, television spots, a lay book on gay health, posters, billboards, magazine service advertisements.

If we rise to meet the challenge I believe we will find most gay men ready and willing to dampen their radical hearts with a little conservative reason in order to make their mutual encounters safe and responsible as well as fun.

Warmly, Dale



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AAPHR Steering Committee Meets

The AAPHR Steering Committee met over the weekend of September 12 and 13, 1981 at the University of California Medical School in La Jolla. Chris Mathews and the SDPHR group arranged accommodations and entertainment as well as excellent meeting facilities for the deliberations. Twenty-nine enthusiastic members participated. Appropriately they were from all over the North American continent: Akron, OH; Philadelphia, PA; Seattle, WA; Albuquerque, NM; Washington D.C.; New York, NY; Toronto, Canada; Springfield, MO; Arlington, VA; Topeka KS; as well as Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco, CA. Aside from the fun of getting to know each other (and there was a fantastic cocktail party at David McWhirter's fine multi-level-with-view La Jolla estate), the Committee spent two full days hammering out specifics to be developed into a set of By-Laws for AAPHR. Officers were elected: McShane, President; Mathews, Vice-President; Andrews, Treasurer; Abramson, Secretary; and all Standing Committees were staffed and Chaired. The next meeting is scheduled for the weekend of February 5-7, 1982 in Houston, TX. All physicians are urged to join us. For more information contact Denny McShane at (415) 327-6642 or the *BAPHRON*.

Lary N. Abramson, Secretary

Classifieds to be Discontinued

At the August executive board meeting, the decision was made to discontinue the classifieds section of the *BAPHRON*. Relatively few advertisements have been received in recent months and there is no paid staff to solicit or handle advertising. The cost and work to produce and manage this section is proportionally greater than any other section of the newsletter. Although general advertising will not be accepted, announcements or requests by members such as medical students requesting clerkships or accommodations, or public service announcements will be published at the discretion of the editor.

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Emergency	14
Endocrinology	5
ENT	1
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Gerontology	1
Gastro Enterology	1
General Pr.	5
Industrial M.	1
Internal M.	36
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Nephrology	5
Neurology	1
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Occupational M.	3
Oncology	1
Ophthalmology	8
Orthopedic M.	5
Osteopathic M.	1
Pathology	9
Patron	13
Pediatrics	19
Plastic Surgery	2
Podiatry	1
Preventive M.	1
Proctology	1
Psychiatry	78
Public Health	2
Radiology	10
Radiol. Therapy	1
Rehab. M.	2
Rheumatology M.	1
Surgery	4
Surgery-vascular	1
Unspecified	2
Urology	3
TOTAL	342

FOR RENT

EAST BAY MEN'S GROUP, George Riley, M.D. (635-7068) and Bill Smith Ph.D. (763-6030) are seeking referrals for a gay men's group.

vital signs

David Kessler and Bill Owen will conduct a course entitled, "Current Approaches to the Homosexual Patient's Medical Problems," on Saturday, November 14, 1981 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at the U.C. San Francisco Medical Center as part of the program in Continuing Education. The course, designed especially for the non-psychiatric physician and health professional, will deal with medical problems related to homosexual behavior, and will present relevant new findings and practical suggestions for treatment.

Dave Kessler has just been elected to the Board of Directors of the National Gay Task Force.

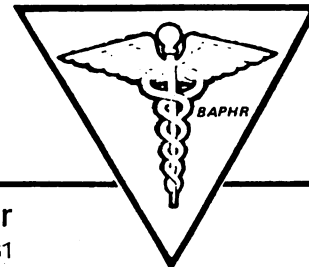
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BAPHR meets the necessary criteria for the donor option plan in that it holds tax-exempt status under IRS Section 501 (c)(3) and meets the other requirements.

Last year *BAPHR* received contributions through this plan and we are pleased that we are again eligible. United Way retains a small portion of each pledge for administrative expenses. The donor option plan is intended for those individuals who feel strongly about a specific organization (such as *BAPHR*) and wish to support it through their United Way contributions.

It should be noted that *BAPHR* is not a "member agency" of United Way and thus will not receive financial support through United Way unless the Donor Option card is completed.



New Referral Service Policy Adopted

For more than three years now, *BAPHR* has provided a valuable service to the gay and lesbian community through its telephone referral operation. Initially an answering machine was used and a handful of dedicated physician volunteers answered the messages received on a rotating basis. As word spread and calls increased, it became apparent that the response to this service was overwhelming the small volunteer group. In the Spring of 1980 an answering service was employed to handle the influx of calls. To defray costs, individuals were to be assessed \$50 annually to join the referral service. We now have 51 participants and are receiving approximately 350 calls monthly, of which 200 are for referral of services.

Several months ago we learned that the San Francisco Medical Society had revised its referral service because of recent legal suits that have involved physicians and the medical society that referred that physician. *BAPHR* formed an Ad Hoc Committee, composed of Ken Everts, Dick Hamilton, and Ric Andrews, to investigate the possible need for revision of our service. Following discussions with representatives for the SF Medical Society and legal advisors, the committee proposed changes in our referral service that are similar to the new format used by the Medical Society. After considerable discussion at several Executive Board meetings, the recommendations were approved.

In summary, conditions for participation include:

1. The applicant must have sufficient coverage of his/her practice to provide responsible treatment.

2. The applicant must possess at least the minimal physical and mental health and strength necessary to maintain his/her practice.

3. Upon notice of the filing of an accusation by the Board of Medical Quality Assurance, or corresponding agency for other professionals, or in the event that any participant is charged with a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the profession, then such a participant shall be automatically suspended from participation in the referral service until final disposition of the disciplinary or criminal action, including the satisfaction of any terms or sanctions imposed in connection therewith.

4. In the event of suspension, *BAPHR* will promptly give written notice thereof to the affected participant, who may request a hearing before the Executive Board, or its designated sub-committee.

5. In addition to automatic suspension, any participant may be summarily suspended when there is substantial evidence that the participant may be impaired or unfit to discharge the responsibilities of the profession.

6. A \$50 annual donation is requested from all participants.

7. The new provisions become effective January 1, 1982; participants who have recently joined the referral service will not be assessed an additional contribution but must complete the new application form.

Referrals will be made on a rotational basis, from one of four geographic areas: San Francisco proper, East Bay (Oakland, Berkeley etc), South Bay (peninsula area), and North Bay

(Marin, etc.). Three names will be given to each caller whenever possible. Care has been taken not to penalize participants accepting *MediCal* from receiving private referrals. Any monies generated from the referral service that are in excess of its operating costs will be used to better advertise the service, including the SF telephone directory, the People's Yellow Pages, ads in gay newspapers, etc.

It is hoped that the new procedures will allow *BAPHR* to continue to provide this valuable community service in a manner that is helpful and efficient to the callers, equitable for the participants, and better safeguarded from possible legal implications.

Applications and/or any questions about the referral service and the new procedures can be obtained by writing: *BAPHR* Referral Service, c/o Richard Andrews, M.D., P.O. Box 14546, San Francisco, CA 94114; or calling: 673-3189

Richard Andrews, M.D.

Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Referral Service

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BEATING A FULL HOUSE WITH A QUEEN

By Dale McGhee, M.D.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For most of his life, my late father was a terrible bigot. Long ago, when my sister once showed the temerity to invite two black college friends into our family home for coffee and cake, my father later threw out the entire set of "contaminated" china.

Besides racial minorities, my father disliked a variety of ethnic and religious groups, a priori. The ethnic front began to collapse when we moved to a new home that unwittingly was next door to a German couple who nevertheless turned out to be the finest neighbors on the block. His worst religious prejudices dissolved when my brother married a Roman Catholic, who easily charmed my father's heart.

But father never softened his attitude towards blacks, perhaps in part because in his entire life he never knew a single black personally. That fact was aided by the circumstance that there never has been a black resident in my home town (in my youth blacks were systematically excluded; today they apparently bypass my hometown for more attractive cities).

Oddly, my father never expressed much opinion about Jews, although when my sister married a Jew my father confided to me that he knew that Jews were bad, but since this one was a doctor he must be good. My brother-in-law won my father's allegiance so thoroughly that father never thereafter would tolerate the mildest anti-semitic remark from anyone.

I never heard my father make any reference to gay people, although I suspect he included them in the general category of "sex fiends" and probably believed they were too rare to deserve his attentions. I doubt that he ever was aware of having met a gay person, much less having fathered one, for he died before I came out of the closet. Had he lived to acquire that knowledge I suspect it would

have baffled him, but that he ultimately would have come to his son's defense. Lord, what a challenge to parental endurance: a Catholic, a Jew, and a homosexual all in the same family! A real full house for bigotry!

Lest I draw too much of an Archie Bunker portrait of my father, let me assure you that such was not his style. My father was, aside from his sundry biases, as gently, quiet, kindly, honest, and hard working a soul as ever passed through life. He would give you the shirt off his back and never complain that it wasn't returned. He was from simple stock, lived simply, and had a simple view of social order. You would have been proud to have him as a parent.

In those regards I believe my father was a typical middle class American. I believe most Americans are decent, likeable sorts who no more fit the Archie Bunker bigot stereotype than do I fit the Auntie Nellie gay stereotype...well, I think so. Nevertheless, I believe most Americans are bigoted to one degree or another, as surely as I am gay, but, like my father, bigotry does not play a very central role in their lives. However, it does play a devastating role in the lives of its targets, and thus it must be combated by those who believe in the freedom and dignity of all members of society.

Combatting negative attitudes and behavior of the general public toward lesbians and gay men is something at which *BAPHR* can be effective, but of four major educational directions of our organization (educating ourselves, the medical profession in general, the gay community, and the general public) it is the area in which we have devoted the least amount of organized effort so far. I hope the future will witness a significant increase in our attentions to this arena, because as physicians we enjoy a high level of public credibility and trust that can be usefully persuasive. Thus, because my

Jewish brother-in-law was a physician, my father accepted not only him, but all Jews as well.

Of course, most of my father's prejudices were houses of cards, easily toppled even if passionately built. You would be foolish to believe that the bigotry of the majority of straight society, its homophobia in particular, can be so simply dismantled. Homophobia is a deeply ingrained trait in our society, and changing that will require a protracted and diligent process. That such change nevertheless is possible was exemplified to me by an arch conservative physician I once knew, who moved a decade ago from Walnut Creek to Paradise, California because he didn't want to raise his sons in the "freewheeling environment" of Walnut Creek. (For those who don't know Walnut Creek, it's *not* a hotbed of liberalism). His reasoning was "if you live around people different than yourself, you'll soon start listening, then you'll start understanding, then you'll end up accepting, and I don't want that to happen to my sons." What he unconsciously was acknowledging was that his prejudices, too, were houses of cards, and he would go to any length to buttress them. Incidentally, aside from his prejudices and the fact that he served guests only Hawaiian Punch, he was a likeable fellow.

I believe several characteristics of the examples of my father and the physician, both in a sense now residing in Paradise, point to the approaches we should employ in educating the general public about gay people.

The first is that the public must be made aware that homophobia is an issue they should deal with. My father apparently didn't think about it at all, and the fellow in Paradise thought he could escape it. In recent years Anita Bryant and Jerry Falwell have done much to bring homosexuality to public

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attention, but I really don't want to rely upon them to provide consciousness raising about homophobia. We must acquire mass communication skills to place our message before the public in every corner of the land, even in Paradise, and we must raise enough money to execute that.

Second, we must make straight people aware that their prejudices serve little useful purpose in their lives. Bigotry does serve a valuable purpose for political power brokers in maintaining control of society. The general public needs to learn that prejudice is used to manipulate their lives as well as ours, and that discarding prejudice will strengthen, not weaken, their control over their lives.

Third, the anecdotes of my father and the Paradise physician, and multiple scientific studies have illustrated that the most effective way of changing public attitudes toward gay people is through personal interaction. People who personally know someone gay are most likely to adopt positive attitudes toward all gay people. That means gay people should come out of the closet. I support efforts to promote protective gay rights legislation, but I think the principle benefit of such legislation is to encourage gay people to come out, not to change public attitudes. It is the coming out that will change attitudes.

Because they interact with large numbers of people who regard them with esteem and respect, gay physicians could accomplish much by simply coming out to their patients. I don't mean making a production number of it. Normal conversations with your patients often provide openings for glimpses into your personal life. When those opportunities occur, how often do you lie or else close the window altogether? If such is your pattern, then it's not your patients' homophobia you must fear, it's your own.

Almost anyone who has been active in the gay liberation movement will agree with the comments of Harry Britt at the October BAPHR meeting. When he said that the biggest obstacle to gay rights is internalized homophobia among gay people...the subtle ways we hide, we demean ourselves, and we fall into the stereotypical images that straight society has drawn of us.

The ancient Greeks knew that there were people in other far away lands, but most had never seen them, and fanciful and monstrous ideas were widely believed about them. Those of one land had but one foot; those of another had eyes on the chest and no heads. We gay people today are known to exist but are largely unseen, and until we are seen don't expect the fanciful and monstrous public ideas about us to change.

Warmly, Dale

KS Update – Scientists Begin Study

Kaposi's sarcoma (KS), a rare type of skin cancer, has been occurring recently in previously healthy Gay men. Pneumocystis carinii (PC) causes a rare type of pneumonia usually only seen in individuals with severely impaired immunity but recently is occurring alone or in combination with KS in Gay men.

As of 10/7/81 there were 60 KS, 55 PCP, and 13 KS and PCP cases. Mortality rates have been 22% for KS and 65% for PC with an overall 42% mortality. 94% of the known cases are gay or bisexual; 75% are white, 15% are black, 14% are Hispanic. 80% are between 25-45 years of age with a median age of 35-36 years. 80% of cases have been reported from New York.

To begin the systematic search for answers to the multitude of questions that have been raised about the occurrence of these diseases in Gay men, a KS and PC case-control study began on October 1. Local public health departments, private physicians and university centers in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Atlanta are cooperating with the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in carrying out this thorough and complex study. Each known person with either KS, PC pneumonia or both will be matched with five presumably healthy controls. The Gay male controls have been selected from VD clinic clientele, from private Gay medical practices, and from the KS/PCP patient's circle of

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non-sexual-partner friends; the heterosexual male control will be selected from a private medical practice setting.

Cases and controls are being interviewed in person using a standardized questionnaire and clinical specimens for laboratory investigation are being requested from cases and controls.

Serologic testing will be done for cytomegalovirus, herpes simplex virus, Epstein-Barr virus, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, *Entamoeba histolytica*, and *Pneumocystis carinii*; in addition, sera will be banked for possible future examination. Quantitative immunoglobulins and a CBC will be done on all cases. HLA typing and lymphocyte testing will be done on selected cases. CMV isolation will be attempted in all cases and controls. Selected specimens will be studied for lymphocyte culture, electron microscopy of WBC's and urine for herpes virus particles, direct fluorescent antibody studies of WBC's for CMV and EBV, and restriction endonuclease analysis of CMV DNA.

Over the past several years a liaison has been building between members of the Gay medical community and the CDC; this liaison has been formed through the efforts of individuals and through groups such as the National Coalition of Gay STD Services and Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights. The mutual respect and trust that has gradually built up will ensure the careful, sensitive and orderly investigation of these serious health problems in the Gay population.

BOB BOLAN, MD

Consultants Answer Questions

A number of BAPHR members have served as consultants to answer questions submitted to the journal, *Medical Aspects of Human Sexuality*. Among these are Dr. William F. Owen, Jr. who wrote on infectivity of a dentist with Hepatitis B., Dr. David L. Levine who wrote on sexual compulsiveness in homosexuals, and Dr. James Krajewski who wrote on identifying homosexuals by mannerisms. The answers to these questions educate thousands of physicians about homosexuality with accurate information.

Charles Bareham, M.D. 1950-1981

A colleague of ours, Charles (Chuck) Bareham, died August 21, 1981, from injuries sustained in a fall while hiking in Glacier National Park, Montana. He and his lover, Robert Taylor, had only recently arrived there for a vacation when the accident occurred.

Chuck was born in Springfield, Mass. and educated in New England. He received his B.S. and M.D. degree from Brown University in Rhode Island, and completed his internship and residency at the Naval Hospitals in Portsmouth, VA., and Oakland, CA. His most recent service was in Yokosuka, Japan.

Memorial services were held in Oakland at the Navy Hospital. We share with other BAPHR members the loss of a good friend and fine physician, and extend to Robert our heartfelt condolences.

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