

# COMMUNITY VOICES

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## an issue of liberation

Dear GCN:

I feel impelled to write to you about your latest issue — the January 13 issue. I have been encouraged by the improvement I have seen in the paper in the last month or so — it seems that there has been more writing about women and women's concerns, that there has been more women writing — which makes me feel that the paper is writing more about my own experience. I have also been very pleased to see people writing about racism in the gay community. Generally white gays and lesbians seem to ignore racism, even seem to ignore the existence of Third World gays and lesbians — it's good to see some acknowledgement. I would like to see still more writing by and about Third World gays and lesbians. Perhaps a couple of weekly columns devoted wholly to Third World people would be a good idea. The *Seattle Gay News* instituted a column, "Gays of Color" — perhaps GCN should do something similar.

In general, the writing and organization of the paper seem to be improving and I can only wish that this continue.

So much for the good words. I am extremely bothered by all the coverage you are giving to the Revere trial and to the man/boy love issue. Speaking as a lesbian, this is not an issue which I find important to gay/lesbian liberation. I am not sure whether it is even an issue of liberation. Simply from my own memories of being a younger person, I find it difficult to believe that younger men or boys under the age of consent are entirely giving their free consent to sex with men much older than they. For men or boys around the age of consent — i.e., around 16 or 17, I think it probable that they are — but could the same be said of a thirteen-year-old? I know that some boys in the teenage years are quite capable of free consent to sex with men much older than they — but are all? Older men have a great deal more power than teenagers (both male and female) and seem quite capable to me of coercing younger boys into sex. In saying this, I'm not ruling on the guilt or innocence of the Revere defendants — I am trying to refer to any such relationship. When a younger woman I was subjected to this sort of coercive influence from older men — and I think it's quite probable a lot of men interested in boys are no more scrupulous or ethical than the men who tried to coerce me. Coercion needn't take the form of physical force — it can be psychological and still be quite powerful. As Jean Segaloff and Nancy Walker say in this issue, it seems to be a case of older men saying that they would like to have sex with boys and trying to make this an issue of gay rights when it may just be a matter of wanting their own personal desires gratified with no particular thought given to how consenting the boys are.

The issue of men having sex with boys does not touch on my life, nor do I think it touches on the lives of most lesbians — or even most gay men. Because of the issue of whether the boys are really giving their free consent, I'm not sure it's an issue of gay liberation either. I was under the impression gay liberation was about freely consenting adults being allowed to associate with one another in whatever manner they saw fit — not about issues of questionable consent. I don't defend the right of men to have sex with boys because I'm not convinced that they have any such right.

Finally, I am disturbed by the extensive coverage of the Revere trials because it seems to push everything else out of the paper — and in the nature of the case, this means that there simply was not very much coverage of women in the January 13 issue. I would like to see the coverage of women approximate half the content of the paper. GCN is about the entire gay community, both gay men and lesbians — or is supposed to be. I would like to see it that way. I would like to see more reviews of lesbian books and records — there is a growing women's culture which you should cover. In saying this I am not saying (as some will probably take my words) that there should be no coverage of gay men — instead, I would like to see it be approximately equal. There are women in the gay community too, which many gay men seem to utterly forget.

In regards to Chris Garten's letter about Elizabeth Stone House's benefit — I am afraid that it is the attitude of gay men such as Max Maven in his letter who make many women wish to have all-women events where we need not feel constrained by men.

I intend my words on sex between boys and men to be a contribution to the debate — they are not to be taken as a final pronouncement by any means. I believe that the views I hold are held by many lesbians, and that when gay men talk about this being a fundamental issue of gay liberation, they should think twice about whether their beliefs are as universally held as they think. I think that this problem occurs frequently — gay men speak for "all gays" when they are really speaking only for gay men, and often, not even all gay men.

Yours in struggle,

Rebecca Lesses  
Santa Cruz, CA

And it angers me that this issue is being given so much space in GCN, giving it legitimacy as a genuine issue of gay liberation. Before this is a cause which is taken up so wholeheartedly, I want to see a lot more debate and questioning of its legitimacy conducted. I would like the men who are advocating man/boy love as an issue of children's rights and gay rights to consider if they are doing this for their own satisfaction merely or whether they really have the best interests of the boys at heart.

In saying this I'm not denying that children have sexuality. Far from it! I only have to consider my own past to realize that children are sexual — and that they should be allowed to express that sexuality without censure. The issue of adults having sex with children, is, however, vastly complicated by the fact that adults have power over children. Sex between children is not an issue with me — it is when such age discrepancies appear that I am disturbed.

In connection with this, I would like to say that I am also disturbed by the coverage of the *Body Politic* trial. First of all, let me make it clear that I do not think the police had the right to raid *Body Politic* for publishing the article on man/boy love — we're not going to get anywhere by refusing to deal with the issue or refusing to discuss it. I also do not think that they had any right to seize the gay male sex manual. I support the *Body Politic* in their trial. However, I'm disturbed, again, that the issue of man/boy love is considered as part of gay liberation.

## the ranges of subtlety

Dear GCN,

I was dismayed to read Nancy Walker's statement that gay rights concern only "the rights of consenting adults" and not other matter of sexism, racism, ageism, as if they were completely separate issues. But I despaired at the tone with which she smeared those of us who (having once been children ourselves) are concerned with the child's right to sexual relationships.

But it is Roberta Stone's letter that prompts this reply. If Ms. Stone has "particular" qualifications by virtue of having a nine-year-old boy, then I can claim similar ones as the gay father of a seven-year-old son.

Ms. Stone's main point is that "when an adult is involved with a child in their teens or younger, there can never be 'free choice' or uncoerced consent on the part of the child." It is the absoluteness of that "never" that I find inappropriate, as well as the absoluteness in her notions of "free choice" and "uncoerced consent." (Do any of us, at 18 or 21 or 45, make utterly free choices?) Surely there are ranges of subtlety and sensitivity and understanding involved here, as in any other matter in which an adult and a child make decisions together — such as which school the child will attend, which parents the child will live with, which playmates the child will have, what the child will eat or when the child will go to bed.

The better teachers, parents, childcare workers are sensitive to helping the children, and themselves, make careful distinctions, and from these distinctions careful decisions. I agree with Ms. Stone that we must provide children "love, nurturance and a safe place to be," but I don't agree that when sex enters the picture it is, absolutely and de facto, "sexploitation." Surely love, nurturance, and safety can involve sexuality too.

We must beware of an absolute separation of sexuality from the total picture of child/adult relationships. Ms. Stone says: "It is up to the adult involved to separate their responses to the child's sexuality and responses to the child's emotional needs." I would say: it is up to the adult to recognize her/his sexual and emotional life, and to help the child recognize and understand her/his own sexual and emotional life. In order for that to occur more easily in individual cases, we need to free ourselves from the blanket condemnation of child-adult sexuality and the absolute notions about related matters that, as in the case of Ms. Stone, seem to accompany them.

Yours truly,

Michael Lynch  
Toronto, Ontario



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## beth kelly

Dear GCN:

Beth Kelly's article, "On Woman/Girl Love," finally has done it — made me write to tell you how exciting and helpful the discussion in GCN of adult/youth love and sexual relationships has been.

I've appreciated all viewpoints from Nancy Walker's to David Thorstad's. Beth's article shows the particular importance of listening to the individual speaking from experience. I hope, for my own understanding, that more writing like this will come in to be published — both pro and con, whatever the truth is. We need to hear more of the personal experiences of young people (young in the past or present), women, and parents, for example.

While I am writing, I'll comment belatedly on your coverage of the trial of Dr. Donald Allen (the first of the "Revere Sex Ring" trials). Here we had a man (not gay identified, granted) on trial for having had consensual sex with a boy of 15 about four times. The possible sentence was many years in prison. (I went to the trial one day, my fellow trial-watchers, who seemed otherwise pleasant and friendly, speculated that Allen would probably be killed by the inmates when he went to prison and that this was too bad but you really had to admit he deserved it.) Was not this trial a major catastrophe? Yet during the two weeks of the trial, with daily coverage in the *Boston Globe*, there were no details in GCN until it was all over.

Sincerely,

Laura McMurry  
Somerville, MA

## do they do it?

To the Editor:

Although I am reluctant to throw my particular two cents into the current dialogue concerning cross-generational sexual relationships (since I feel far from having established any kind of solid viewpoint), I do feel compelled to address the claims of Beth Kelly's "Speaking Out" that "Women Do Do It."

Kelly begins her lengthy tale by refuting the claims of GCN letter and "Speaking Out" writers that there do not exist an appreciable number of lesbians who regularly seek out and

## the way it is

Dear Reader:

A good reader hopes that all women at GCN don't "feel totally discouraged by Brill's statements."

Granted the article was offensive. But folks, this guilt-by-association stuff in the Letters section is spreading like a disease.

For those who may not realize the premises behind GCN (and maybe they've not been explained sufficiently . . . we agree to disagree) . . . here are the Five Rules of Reading GCN:

1. Mr. Brill speaks for Mr. Brill.
2. Ms. Walker speaks for Ms. Walker.
3. Mr. Thorstad speaks for Mr. Thorstad.
4. Sometimes you'll find someone speaking for you, other times you will not. (If not, it's up to you to contribute.)
5. If you want to know if something in GCN speaks for me . . . (before you write a letter about how "most gay men" / "gay men" / "typically . . ." are on the wrong side of some issue) . . . see if it has my name on it.

Nobody at GCN speaks for me. Except sometimes Tommi Avicoli.

Jim Davis  
Cambridge, MA

## heartfelt

Dear GCN,

Beth Kelly's reflection, "On 'Woman/Girl Love' — Or, Lesbians Do 'Do It' " (Speaking Out, March 3, 1979) struck me as one of the most sensitive, heartfelt pieces on the subject of adult-child love that I've read. It should be required reading for all who allege concern with and commitment to gay liberation but can blindly label all such relationships "child abuse," as does at least one so-called "gay leader" here.

I, for one, recall being fully aware of my most definitely consensual actions as an adolescent, and remain grateful to the 34-year-old man who began bringing me out when I was 16.

In continuing struggle,

Bruce Michael Gelbert  
New York City

## courage and eloquence

Dear GCN,



women or girls. She then details, a la My True Confessions, a brief affair she had with her great aunt. The piece ends with more statements of support for man/boy love including a little personal anecdote concerning a gay male friend of hers and a twelve year old boy.

Nowhere and at no point does she prove her premise: that women do "it" too. The description of one isolated relationship is not, I believe, on a par with the man/boy love proponents who claim that a significant number of gay men and boys are involved in such relationships and a group of these people is fighting to, if not abolish, then to limit age of consent restrictions.

I am open to hearing about whether women do do it. I have certain theories about whether or not such a phenomenon exists in the lesbian community. But my ideas still remain as theories until somebody can point out the facts. Beth Kelly, I'm afraid, failed to do this. Therefore, I remain a doubter.

Cindy Stein  
Boston, MA

## undo the hurt

Dear GCN:

I have just read Beth Kelly's contribution to "Speaking Out" in your March 3 issue. Her piece concerns woman/girl love, and I was very moved and grateful to read it. I found it beautifully written, open, and courageous. The description Ms. Kelly offers of her relationship with her great-aunt touched me and reminded me of needs I felt as a child, which, although not explicitly or consciously sexual, were similar in other ways to things she says she felt. I can imagine, too, that perhaps the public affirmation of all that was right about loving and making love to this strong and caring aunt was a way of acknowledging once again her love for this woman and of "undoing" the hurt of so many years ago.

The anecdote about a more recent incident involving a gay male friend and an adolescent boy was also touching, and suggested to me that many (in fact, probably most) gay people would want to act honestly and responsibly towards younger people when and if sexual issues should arise between them. I realize that this is not always the case, and agree that such situations must be considered individually. However, I would like to thank Beth Kelly for her warm, articulate evocation and analysis of a phenomenon which is too often either sensationalized or simply dismissed, even in the gay community, as "perverse." We should know better!

Sincerely,

Sarah Reynolds  
Cambridge, MA

Love... article in your March 3 issue, and I want to sincerely congratulate Ms. Kelly for having the courage and the eloquence to write a very moving article concerning the much-mentioned controversial subject of intergenerational sex.

She sums it up so well by stating that there can be no grand pronouncements or final answers on this issue — that while there is much exploitation of youth by adults, there can also be meaningful and loving exchanges. She's come back to something that a lot of us have forgotten in the rush to come up with "the answer," and that is that *exploitative* relationships are harmful and should not be condoned, whether they occur between adults and children, or between adults and adults, or children and children, gay or nongay.

Sincerely,

Linda Guthrie  
Brooklyn, NY

## why indeed

Dear GCN,

So on go the letters to the editor about the man-boy love issue. Why can't this issue be left with what coverage it has received and we travel on to other topics of current interest? I do not state condemnation or support for man-boy love. The topic is much too broad for us to discuss it all under one tight, pat label.

I find so many (if not all) of the letters to be wonderfully depressing. So many of the authors remind me of the Joe McCarthy intellect: i.e., very little. These people on both sides to the question show so much concern and patience to listen to each other it marvels me.

As I said, also, what are we all calling man-boy love? Are we speaking of a 5 year old child and an adult person? Or are so many of the situations involving a teenager, who attempts to seduce an older person. I as well as most of you, know that young people seduce others, just as adults do. Here is where all of these cases have to be looked at individually. Is it abuse or not, molestation or not? And who is the actual abuser and abusee in the first place — or is there always one?

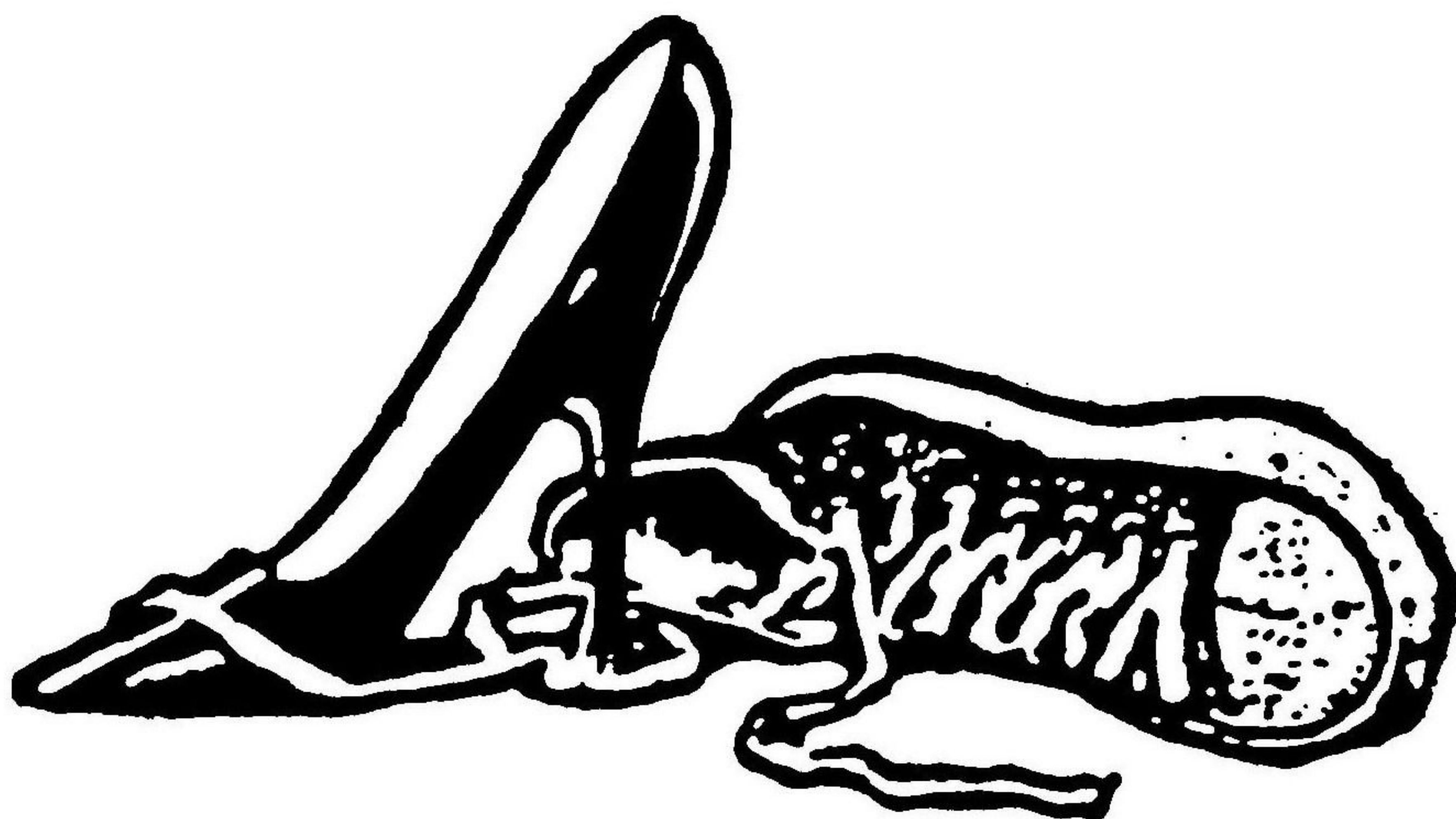
Let's not allow our young to be used in any way. But in turn let's not all take Ms Bryant's stance of blanket condemnation of someone you don't agree with. Don't be so naive as to think that often the problem with integrating men and women into the gay rights movement, i.e., lesbians and gay men, is over this issue. If that were true, then the only difference between man and woman is their sexual equipment.

Fighting someone such as Sen. Briggs doesn't mean we need slice each other's throats. Try and listen and help each other, and I attempt to practice what I preach.

Michael Gingrich  
Fort Worth, TX



***Women***



***"Pedophiles?"***

DAVID SONENSCHEN



At one place we were met by a charming girl dressed up in all her finery, singing harmonious songs to the accompaniment of her guitar. So great was her desire to be heard that she kept on the music incessantly during the whole time we stopped--some three hours--although nobody paid the slightest attention to it after the first song or two.

A. Henry Savage-Landor  
Across Unknown South America  
1913

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### The graphics

cover--part of the ad copy for the film, *Private Lessons* (D: Alan Myerson, 1981).

page 5--an ad from the February 1975 Reader's Digest that Wilson Key claims (*Media Sexploitation*, 1976; pp. 56f) is an example of "pedophilia:" the woman is lifting the girl's dress and her hidden hand is supposed to be touching the girl.

page 12--cover from a classic "porno" book (New York: Star Distributors, 1976); this genre is no longer produced.

page 17--panels from a strip by Melinda Gebbie in *Wet Satin: Women's Erotic Fantasies* (1976); available from Last Gasp Comix, PO Box 212, Berkeley, CA 94701.

page 22--an ad for the film *Homework*

back cover--part of an ad for the film *Homework* (D: James Beshears, 1982).

Landor's mention of a stop at an isolated jungle village on a riverboat freight route has stayed with me for many years, and it has helped remind me of two things: to listen for unheard or unallowed voices, and in the face of forces like Landor to make sure, at the very least, that we continue her song.

### Introduction

This is not a definitive study or analysis of women who are sexually interested in and active with preteen or teenaged people. Nor is it a consciousness raising kit (though it aims in that direction) for the questions are incomplete. However, the pamphlet does mean to further establish--against reaction and denial--that there are women "pedophiles," that there are varieties (as among men), and that within those varieties there are qualifications. This last point is important because it means that contrary to the image of pedophiles as lust-driven fiends, there are crucial social, emotional and temporal overrides to the sex "drive."

There is no attempt here to evaluate varieties of pedophilia; this is being done elsewhere. There is nothing inherently wrong ("sick/sinful") with sexual interests in and relations with children. It is, like a child's instinct to respond sensually to positive relationships, a natural and potentially universal feeling. But as the varieties are examined, so too must be the consequences, and it must be done by the people directly involved, all of whom must be fully empowered to accept, refuse or adjust relationships to their own sensibilities. This includes, and must even emphasize those relationships that are productive and positive--radical possibilities that continue to be severely suppressed by forces on the right and left, by homosexuals and heterosexuals, by feminists and non-feminists. Finally, I have not attempted here to distinguish varieties of woman/child relations within sexually sharing families, although possibilities are indicated.

For this edition, I am presenting material from various sources. I have done several initial and informal "interviews" with women who have some erotic interest in children. I am deeply grateful for their participation and courage. On this, I want to note firstly that women self-identified as feminists (and in a couple of cases, as "out" pedophiles) refused to



participate.<sup>1</sup> I hope someday they may find the courage and integrity to do so; perhaps they have a similar or better project in mind. Although the women whose voices appear here did not identify as feminists, they recognized at various levels the validity and necessity of most of the issues. Secondly, for every woman who did join us, I came to know three others who could not. From those who did speak, several aspects came out that might account for this.

One was the almost universal comment, "Does that make me a 'pedophile?'" The conceptions of their own interests and actions did not seem to them to be applicable or compatible with the image of pedophilia as marketed by the professional and popular media. Their feelings did not even seem within the realm of possible or permissible erotic interests for women in general. I have used the word "pedophilia" in quotes for these and other reasons.

For one thing, the quotes indicate a source of sexual feeling based on fear: women's fear of sexual feelings in general, fear of vulnerability and victimage, fear of being seen as "sick" or "sinful," and fear of being "incorrect" among their political peers. Most important was the fear of being sexually assertive--knowing and demanding one's sexual expressions and potentials beyond the usually permitted cosmetic apparition. Through the death cults of judaism, islam, and christianism, and their secular partners, sexuality has been built into most people as a form of dread based on guilt and self-hatred. Its resolution is encouraged through the violence of external control and force or internal denial; it is reproduced and reinforced daily. It makes many drawn to and held by particular cultural representations of sexuality with a morbid fascination.

But for another aspect, a positive one, the tentativeness set up by the quote marks means to indicate and encourage the fact that many women can and do think and feel differently than many men about eroticism, that many women have different

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<sup>1</sup> I did not try to contact korephiles (lesbian girl-lovers) who appeared at the convention of the French gay organization GRED in 1981.

ideas about relations with children in general, and that "pedophilia"--even sexuality generally--may be developed and changed by the varied number of voices of its women activists. It means that women who have or can develop an erotic interest in children do not have to be identified with the present cultural image or with any of the varied ways men express sensual interest in kids. Here we should note how the present inquisition against incest and "pedophilia," based on certain, often fabricated forms of male-attributed acts, is also at the very same time a subtle way of denying and silencing vital parts of women's sexuality--just as the reactions against "pornography" and sadomasochism have done. And, of course, this attempt to identify sexual variations with violence and/or masculinity is a way of erasing varieties and of discouraging the recognition of allies and the potentials of solidarity across gender and preference lines.

This uncertainty, this quotation-marked ambivalence that came through so strongly in our talks is both healthy and necessary. It leaves vast areas undefined (but not unexamined), formless (but not without intent), and above all, anarchic. These are the sources of growth and development, individually and collectively, for women, children and men.

The Austin Pedophile Study Group continues to welcome comments and participation; women "pedophiles" are invited to join in future editions of this pamphlet.

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Does she...  
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doesn't she?



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## The "news"

The "news" is the most immediate and wide-spread source of knowledge for most people for what is supposed to be happening, and what the people who are making it happen are supposed to be like. Few readers of this pamphlet believe that stuff anymore. As activists, we have often enough been the subject of countless articles, "in-depth studies," and interviews so that we know in fact what happens in the media process and whose interests the media serve. Many of us have long since stopped talking to the straight press, no matter how well intentioned or "liberal" they claim to be.

The propaganda campaign against pedophiles is massive and has the cooperation of all sectors of the media, including most "leftist" and feminist media. Their use of such buzz-words as "molester," "abuse," and "victim" remind us of similar pogroms against "terrorists," "homosexuals," and "pornographers."

Thus it is very hard to tell anything about the women in these randomly submitted news items, and even harder to tell anything about the relationships they were actually having. We do get some hints when we read that "molestation" had been going on for several years, or that the "victims" refused to sign complaints. This latter point, it should be noted, is a remarkable act of courage for a child to perform, faced as they are by police and social worker belligerence; it far exceeds the acts of many current "radicals."

In this regard, I am always reminded of the French case, little known in this country, of Gabrielle Russier. In her late twenties, she took a 15-year-old boy as a lover; their affair lasted several years before she was arrested and charged with "corrupting the morals of a minor." She was badly hounded by the state and media, and ultimately committed suicide. Many French leftists and feminists took up her cause--a situation not very probable in this country. Her letters were published in *The Affair of Gabrielle Russier* (New York: Knopf, 1971), and a film was based on the incident, released in this country as *To Die of Love* (D: Andre Cayatte, 1970).



Actor Joseph Cotton was "sexually educated" at age eight by a 19-year-old woman. Liberace and Lou Rawls, both at age thirteen, were introduced to intercourse by adult women. (From A. T. Fleming and K. Fleming, The First Time, New York: Simon & Schuster, 1975)

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## Woman jailed in sex case

A 22-year-old Long Beach woman, one of six persons arrested last year in a Huntington Harbour child-molesting case, was sentenced Monday to a year in Orange County Jail and placed on three years' probation.

Mary Plunkett pleaded no contest in Santa Ana Superior Court to eight felony counts in the case involving a day-care school for young girls at the waterfront home of a millionaire.

Four days of closed-door preliminary hearing testimony disclosed evidence including 100 videotapes of sex activity with children and adults.

The ringleaders of the operation, John Steen, 55, and his wife, Christi, 30, of Huntington Beach, were declared mentally disordered sex offenders and sent to Patton State Hospital.

Patty Lombardo, 20, of Los Alamitos, is due in court in September.

Defendant Teena Shoobs of Costa Mesa was sentenced to 45 days in county jail.

The sixth defendant, Irma Cruz, 35, of Anaheim, the Steens' maid, pleaded no contest and is due for sentencing Friday.

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A 23-year-old housewife was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor after having intercourse with a 15-year-old boy. The case was dismissed, with the Court saying, "Intercourse with a young boy is nothing more than sex education, essential and necessary in his growth..." (Boston Globe, February 10, 1978)

12A /The Houston Post/Sat, Apr. 10, 1982

# Police claim molestation ring broken

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP) — Nine adults, including an adoption worker, have been arrested in what police call the break-up of a child molesting ring operating for the past two years.

Seven children were taken into protective custody, although only two of them — 5- and 8-year-old girls — were confirmed victims, Kern County Sheriff's deputies said.

"There was sexual intercourse. There was some homosexual activities," Crafton said. "There was some intercourse with inanimate objects, and probably some beatings — not to the point of physical injury, but naturally physical pain."

THE ATTACKS HAD BEEN OCCURRING for two years and came to the attention of authorities last October when a school employee became suspicious, he said.

He identified the couple from Atascadero as Rod Phelps, 43, charged with 18 felony counts and his wife, Linda, 43, facing 15 counts.

■ Betty Jane Palko, 38, charged with six felony counts and one misdemeanor count of sexual perversion with a child. Palko worked for the county welfare department's adoption service, but Sida said there was "no indication she used her position in the department to further (the alleged) illegal activities."

■ Deborah M. McCuan, 25, and Alvin McCuan, 28, each on eight felony counts. McCuan's brother, Larry, 30, was charged with seven felony counts and one misdemeanor count of perversion with children.

■ Larry Walker 49, charged with 10 felony counts.

■ Brenda Kniffen, 28, and Scott Allen Kniffen, 29, each charged with three felony counts and one misdemeanor count on the same charge.



## Ex-teacher pleads no contest in luring student home for sex

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) — A former schoolteacher pleaded no contest to charges she lured a 13-year-old junior high student to her apartment and other places about 60 times for sex, liquor and marijuana over a two-year period.

Carolyn Elizabeth Choksy, 33, who resigned from teaching in August 1981 when the parents of the boy filed charges, was put on five years probation by Criminal Court Judge George Balitsaris.

She did not contest counts of sexual battery and contributing to the delinquency of a minor by furnishing him marijuana and liquor.

The indictment said the affair began in the fall of 1979 when Miss Choksy was the boy's reading teacher at Christenberry Junior High School.

The relationship continued until 1981 when the youth was 15 and she 31, even after she had been transferred to another school.

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National Examiner, Feb. 23, 1982

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## Boys lined up outside her house

MICHELLE HOPKINS was never a bored housewife. Far from it.

Until she was arrested, her afternoons were full of frolicking sex romps with young neighborhood boys. Police got suspicious when they noticed local schoolboys beating a path to the 21-year-old woman's home in Scarborough, England.

### Cider

But even the officers weren't prepared for what they saw when they barged in and broke up the sex bash. Five semi-clad boys between the ages of 10 and 12 were whooping it up with the woman, drinking cider in her bedroom and apparently having a whale of a good time. "She

laid back on the bed and invited the boys to do whatever they wanted to do of a sexual nature," said Paul Worsley, the prosecutor in the case.

"The boys ran amok in the house, and on occasions neighbors saw them jumping from the balcony over the front door being chased by Hopkins wearing only her bra and panties."

Often Hopkins invited a girlfriend over to take part in the shenanigans.

"On occasions there were four boys and two women in one bed where various sexual acts took place," Worsley noted. "with Hopkins lying back enjoying it."

## The psychs

The other major propaganda industry that feeds on pedophilia is the psycho-social work complex. Like the news, it too depends for its existence on a body of believers--people accepting as true what is told to them. And to further maintain themselves, they must reinforce each other. Journalists continually advertise the biases of psychology as "expert opinion" and "scientific fact," and social workers use the media to infect the rest of society with their needs, particularly through women's magazines. Both the news and the psychs cultivate and use anxiety and guilt to attract attention and to maintain allegiance--just as did their immediate predecessors, the religious clergy. The psycho-social workers are further reinforced by academic institutions which train the selected mentalities, then validate and license them as Officially Normal, Moral and Intelligent, qualifying them to "treat the dysfunctional" (just as clergy "save the fallen").

Of special interest is another similarity to religion which was sanctioned (by their own decrees) to try and execute witches, homosexuals, Jews, or anyone that disbelieved or disbehaved. Social workers are the overt police arm of psychology (in India, they are able to carry side arms). Being an "expert" allows them to be enforcers. They deem people "mentally disordered sex offenders" and children as "victims," and order their "treatment." As capital punishment becomes medicalized through death by injection, so also are "inappropriate" behaviors through the technologies of therapy, incarceration, and chemical and surgical "modification."

From the mid-1960s through the mid-1970s, the psychology business suffered severe occupational set-backs. They began to lose voluntary customers very quickly and in large numbers. Women resisted being viewed as inherently "hysterical," and homosexuals fought classification as a "psychopathology." A new scapegoat had to be found, and it had to be something wide-spread enough in the population so as to refill the ledgers of the counsellors. Pedophiles were rediscovered. With a vengeance.



Mary deYoung, for example (*The Sexual Victimization of Children*, Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 1982), diagnoses one of two heterosexual women "pedophiles:" Sara, 22, an elementary school teacher's aid who fondled the genitals of two first graders. "This was not the first complaint against her," deYoung writes, "but the other charges could not be substantiated because the boys would not testify against her." deYoung characterises Sara as from a "severely disorganized home," and as having been "a victim of paternal incest and molested by a friend of her father." She also is supposed to have a "pathological fear of pregnancy." In summary, deYoung dismisses Sara as "mentally ill, suffering from hysterical neurosis." (p. 130).

Another social worker, Susan Forward (*Betrayal of Innocence*, New York: Penguin, 1979), tells us about Melinda, but allows her some room to speak on her own:

My mother's a very "touchy" person, she's very sensual. We used to have masturbatory experiences together. When I was growing up I got my first sexual turn-on from her. Maybe my first orgasm. She would tickle me and then we would cuddle.

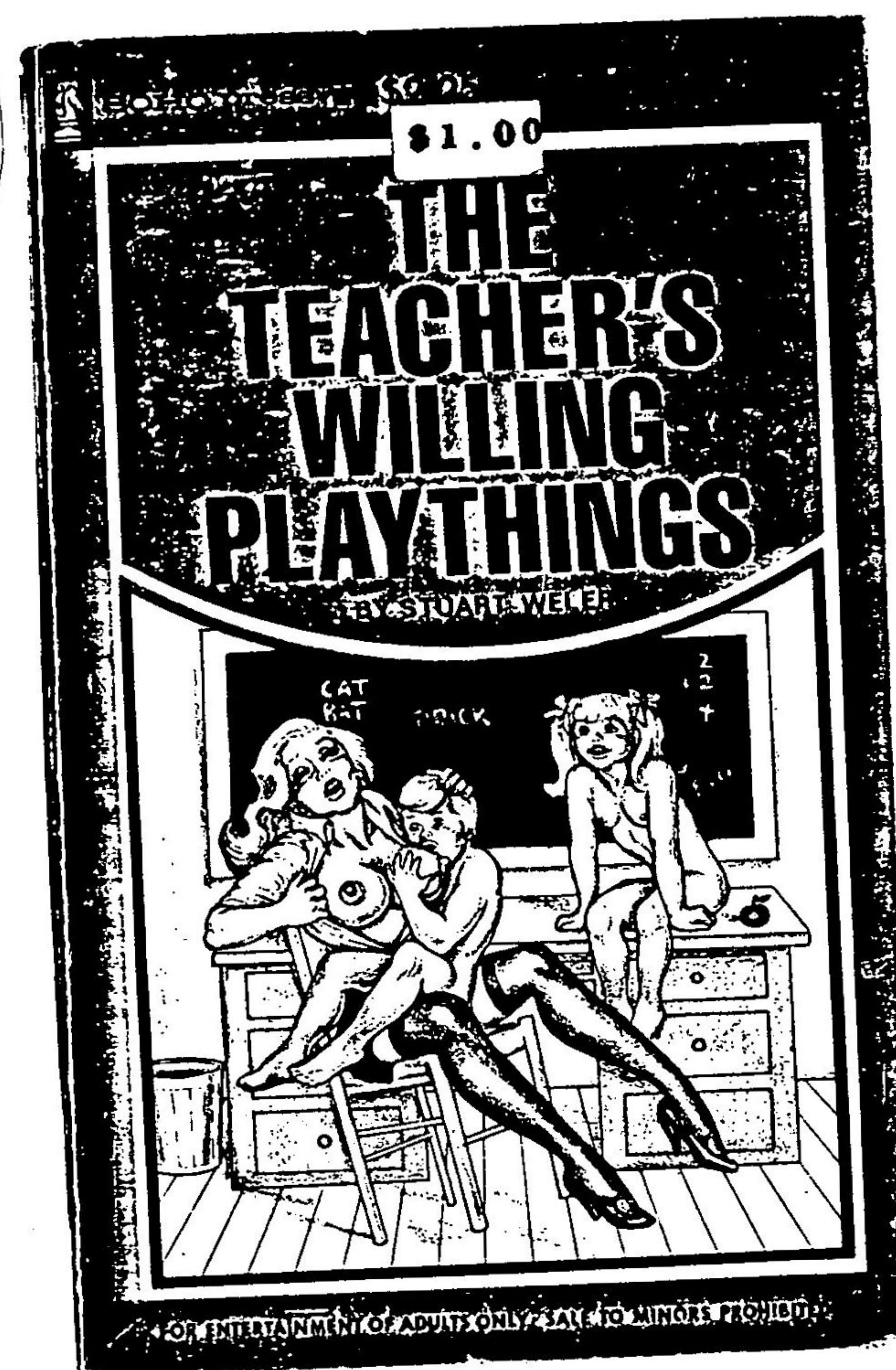
My mother used to talk very openly about sex, and I didn't like that. She always found it amusing that I was so sensitive about sex.

With me it was always just love. It was sensuality without sexuality. I didn't feel uncomfortable about it--at least not until I was thirteen.

My mother was a very loose kind of woman, very different from me. She knew no boundaries.

I don't believe in barriers anymore. It's not that I'm not moral, but I've grown a lot. I think now it would be great to have sex with my mother. I mean I have fantasies about women that age.

When Melinda described her mother as "a little bit crazy," Forward sees this as "disturbed" (p. 129) and her mother's affections as coming from "an emotionally needy woman." Forward finds fault with Melinda for not wanting to see or be with men--"an inability to develop stable relationships with men" and a result of the incest. Apparently Forward didn't quite understand Melinda, in a quote Forward prints, when she says, "There are nothing but jerks in this town. I've been keeping to myself. Who needs the aggravation?"





## Imagin-ation

Some relevant fantasies from the books by Nancy Friday: *My Secret Garden* (1973) and *Forbidden Flowers* (1975), both published in New York by Pocket Books.

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I am a thirty-five-year-old virgin and work in a library. I found in my student-teaching that I was VERY attracted to young boys. (I fantasize) I want sex from boys in their early teens and inexperienced. My lover gathers heterosexual boys once a week and one at a time, these boys 'learn to be men' using my body.

(Friday 1975, pages 60ff)

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I have a fantasy in which a young boy is brought to my bedroom. The boy has never made love to a woman before, and I teach him the right way to make love.

(Friday 1975, page 167)

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I think of my past lovers, mostly under 18; I am 29. What I want mostly is to have several young men, about 16, tied up in a row, all naked with their penises flacid, and walk along the row playing with them until their cocks stand high. I suck each until they are nearly ready to come off. This thought gets me really wound up. If this fantasy were offered to me in reality, believe me I would not run from it. This letter is quite true, and although it was hard to start I'm glad I have written it. (Friday 1973, pages 176f)

When I left the convent, I went to teach at a girl's school. I would enjoy being present when the girls went for showers each morning. My thoughts would always veer toward a particular girl. Then in the seclusion of my room, I would strip and think of the girl as I had seen her in the showers. I am 26, unmarried, and living by myself. I am very normal but sex interests me greatly.

(Friday 1973, page 228)

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I am 32, married with three children. My fantasies during sex or masturbation involve young boys who are either masturbating themselves or being helped by me. The picture is of a long line of young boys, as in a school; I am the school matron. I order the boys to unzip themselves and take out their cocks. I walk down the line, stopping at each boy to masturbate him until he is thoroughly relieved. I don't know why this gives me so much pleasure.

(Friday 1973, pages 175f)

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I'm 18 and have an average sex life. I have a one and a half-year-old niece who I love very dearly. I often think I would love to perform cunnilingus on her. She just lies there, gurgling and chuckling very happily. She loves me to touch her and play with her. What I like to imagine is the little smile of happiness she would show if I put my face between her little legs and licked her. She is too young to think it would be anything different than just playing with her fingers and toes, and I would love to feel I was making her happy this way.

(Friday 1975, page 199)



I was a divorcee with two daughters at 25, and after a while I began having fantasies about young boys in bed with me, dressing and undressing me, and kissing me on my vaginal lips. It made me masturbate and also wear very sexy underclothes. Staring at our newsboy "there," I used to imagine what his penis was like. Before long one of my fantasies was realized, and I actually found his penis in excess of what I had imagined. (Friday 1973, pages 290f)

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I am 24 and unmarried. I have a type of fantasy I rarely use for masturbation: my seduction of a young boy between 14 and 16; he is soft and lith with long flowing, wavy blond hair and has very little body hair. He is a virgin and I have to teach him everything, even how to kiss. I am in complete control and show him all the ways of pleasure I know. Finally, after a wild night of insatiability, we fall asleep--he looks like a young angel. I feel rather old and wise (and very satisfied!)

I found myself beginning to act this one out when I was working with sixth grade children. One boy in particular struck my fancy and I asked him to come to the classroom alone to help me with art projects. He was tempting, and I really had to restrain myself. I guess women over 18 could get sued for that kind of thing.

Maybe in a more humanistic environment than the public schools I'll get to try this one some day. I see it as an act of benevolence to give a boy a good, healthy, and loving introduction to sex. Besides, it turns me on. I was surprised at your comment (in Friday 1973, pages 175f) that few women have fantasies of seducing young boys. I thought it was rather more common. I guess one likes to think of herself as in the mainstream. (Friday 1975, pages 193ff)

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Best regards - Jo



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I undress the (14-year-old) boy, caress him, totally initiate him. But it's not the boy that excites me, it's the idea of being watched by the father. I also like to fantasize family orgies--whole families, mothers, fathers, daughters, sons, it's a very happy scene, very sensual.

(Friday 1973, pages 162f)

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I think I am a sadist. I may be a masochist as well. I developed sexually when I was 12; my parents sent me to a strict convent school. One evening, Sister R intercepted a letter from a boy to me. I pleaded on my knees not to expell me but she said she would have to deal severely with me. She told me to take off all my clothes and I had to kneel in front of her while she asked me questions which shocked and embarrassed me--"what is your bust measurement?, do you masturbate?, what color is the hair between your legs?" She made me lie across a chair and gave me twenty lashes across the buttocks. I then had to lie on my back and open my legs; she gave me six between the legs.

Now I am a teacher (in Ireland) and get my pleasure from administering punishment. The boys I teach are between 10 and 14. I regularly take one to my room where I administer the whip and cane, having him strip naked. I enjoy it most when I see him get an erection, and I wear provocative clothes. I never punished a girl but I often daydream about it. I also dream about having intercourse with one of my pupils.

I have never told anyone about these things. Sometimes I feel frustrated and would like to know if my practices are very unusual. I would be elated if you could give me some information on what other girls think. It would make me feel easier to know that others like me exist. (Friday 1973, pages 207ff)





## Imagin-action

Some interviews and collected comments.

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"On 'Woman/Girl Love'--or, Lesbians Do 'Do It'"

It's time. For years now I thought I believed the feminist credo "the personal is political." But until the current commotion in Gay Community News over women's reactions to the issue of boys loving men (or vice versa), I never really understood what it could mean to know that your most intensely private moments were nothing more than threads in the widely woven fabric of political experience that enfolds us all. I'm in my late twenties, have been lesbian all my life, and have been "out" for about five years. I feel compelled to respond to the statements that "gay women hardly ever want anything to do with girls," and the reaction that "Lesbians don't do that!"

These are wrong assumptions. I know because I've "done it"--as a girl and as a woman. For years I was ashamed and afraid to admit, even to myself, that I was involved in an explicitly lesbian relationship when I was between eight and eleven years old.

The first woman I ever loved sexually was my great-aunt; our feelings for each other were deep, strong, and full. The fact that she was more than fifty years older than I did not affect the bond that grew between us. And yes, I knew what I was doing--every step of the way.

(edited from a longer and richer article by Beth Kelly in Gay Community News, March 3, 1979; page 5)

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LEE: My sexual orientation right now is lesbian sadomasochist with a strong latent interest in gay men and a weaker latent interest in boys, or say, youth.

(from "Interviews with Five Fagbaggging Women" by Camilla Decarin in Heresies #12, 1981)



Lexie and I have a special interest in Incest Liberation. We've always enjoyed each other's company, talk, looks, bodies. She's getting older now and cuddly body pleasure is changing into more specifically sexual body pleasure for both of us. We're both a little hung up about it--Lex, for her own reasons; me, because I can't quite wholeheartedly hack incest as easily as I do other kid-adult sex. The programming's too heavy, but I'm struggling. And judging by what Lex has been into lately, she is too. We'll get there.

(from **Begin at Start: Some Thoughts on Personal Liberation and World Change**, by Sue Negrin; Times Change Press, 1972)

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Well, you don't want much, do you?! Women have had hard enuf time just being sexual--even in marriage!--and now you want me to write about this! Well I do feel sexy with children but I can not tell you more. I certainly do not go looking for little boys if that's what you mean or want to hear about. But sometimes I do wonder what I would do if I had a boy who was sexually aroused before me--in a situation where it might be possible to actually do something. I can't even think about it.

(letter to DS; June 1983)

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What's attractive I guess is "innocence" you could call it, they can be excited and yet not aggressive. It's not like they are attacking you. It's real close to mutual desire for you, or maybe for me a need to feel satisfied without feeling like I've lost something by it.

(letter to DS; July 1983)

RR: When I worked with retarded kids, I'd masturbate them sometimes. They enjoyed being held and of course enjoyed the feelings from the stimulation.

DS: Were they boys, girls?

RR: Both. And they were up to about 14 in our unit. After that age they usually knew how to masturbate themselves. The staff was pretty liberal about that. They looked the other way if the masturbation was in private or even just off in a corner. But if a kid was with others and masturbating, they'd stop it. The kids would be hurt and mad because they really didn't understand.

DS: Was this really a sexual thing for you?

RR: Well...probably not really. I did it to help and please them. Some of them I guess I was you could say "attracted" to. They were very loving. Sometimes they might hold my breasts while I stroked them but it wasn't...what am I trying to say...it was just because they are soft I guess, it isn't the kind of "sex" like I have with men. It was more holding. Affection.

DS: Could you say you were "aroused" by it?

RR: [pause] Sometimes. [pause] Sometimes I know I would be wet. It's really hard for me to talk about this.

(telephone interview with DS; June 1983)

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RR: Size, for one thing. I like the smallness.

DS: Smallness of...

RR: Well, smallness of the kid, not like "tiny," but I guess smaller than me, cuddly even. I guess I should tell you since we're talking about sex and all that that I mean smallness of the penis too. I really don't like the big ones on men or even teenage guys--and I've tried them too! I'm a very oral person and I like to suck, and the smaller ones frankly feel better in my mouth.



Actually too I prefer boys who can't come yet. They're so cute when they have orgasm! [laughs] Especially if it's their first time. They wiggle and sort of jerk and look scared and lusty--it's great! I like it 'cause you know I'm pretty lusty too.

DS: That's interesting about them looking scared.

RR: It's part that I guess, maybe more uncertainty. Most of them I've been with have already been masturbating, or at least rubbing on something. But a lot of them really haven't come yet--and with a woman! Now I say "a lot"--I mean about five or six that I've had sex with since I discovered boys.

DS: How do you deal with that uncertainty--or fear?

RR: It's all in the approach you know--you ought to know that, you're an old pervert! [laughs] But like especially for the ones at the first time, I do it, you know, gradually so they don't feel overwhelmed--or "threatened" as some of my friends say. Boy, if they knew! But I'm not like a mother with them for Christ's sake. There was one maybe I should have been. He was taught a real fear about sex--and you know that turns into woman-hating.

DS: Do you think you did him some good?

RR: Yeah, really. 'Cause I still see him and he's smoothed out a whole lot, a lot.

(interview with DS; July 1983)

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Yes, it's not so much the inexperience as it is the, oh, I guess arrogance that's absent, no show of male superiority yet. They're softer, not just in the body but in attitude and feeling too. There is a point about teaching him to fuck, but it's good too after he does get experienced because then he feels freer to move and do what we both know we like.

(comment to DS; May 1981)

RR: It's really hard to meet and, well, not meet, 'cause I have them at work, but hard to know what to do, and when, like how to approach them. I have an excuse at work of course, but I feel it's really risky. And frustrating. I haven't done anything yet. I don't know what to say.

DS: What are the possibilities at work?

RR: One, maybe...I don't know. He likes me and asks all the time if he can help and stays after. He's sweet and open, and it's really hard to keep from touching him. It's definitely an arousal! [pause] I don't know if anything will ever happen.

(telephone interview with DS; June 1983)

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