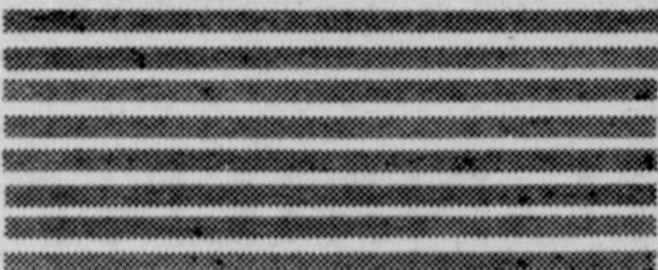


HIV Positive? Maybe no transplant for you

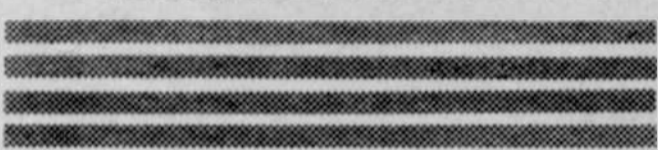
In a recent discussion on the ethics of giving liver transplants to alcoholics, a broader question of who should be entitled to get these valuable transplants brought up an interesting comment.

The New York Times writer, Dr. Lawrence Altman, wrote "while each institution has its own standards for deciding who is eligible, certain factors almost always rule out a transplant: advanced kidney disease, age greater than 60 years, active hepatitis and a HIV-positive blood test."

If that is the case, then many thousands of gay men face yet another wall of discrimination in the medical world.



... Between the Lines ...



BY JACK RILEY

The Russians are coming

These big burly bears of men sat right off the dance floor at Flossie's in broad daylight. One in a sweatshirt, the other in an ill-fitting grey suit. They quaffed- no, slurped-straight double shots of vodka and eyeballed the clientele.

A couple of Commies in a Queer bar?

They swapped their terrible Russian cigarette for Salems and Mores. They even toasted a couple of rounds to Glasnost or Perestroika or whatever. And it was apparent that these Soviet merchant marines were quite aware that they were not sitting at Jake's.

I think we'll be seeing more of these fine gentlemen in months to come.

Put those pantyhose down, Big Brother is watching!

Park Tower in downtown Portland is home for a number of people on Social Security disability, and like most subsidized housing there is sometimes a lack of freedom.

Park Tower's Bob Lantz, who heads up a residential "Civic Club," warned tenants in a newsletter that "It has been brought to my attention that some party or parties have been taking some items from the free table in the basement that do not fit in with their particular normal gender. This type of thing could result in administrative disciplinary action if it continues to occur. Yes, you have been observed and are known. Thank you."

Bob probably gets his kicks lurking around the free table down in the basement.

Bookstores discover "gay books" sell

Gay and lesbian literature has become one of the book industry's hottest niches, according to U.S. News and World Report. The magazine recently said gay books sell, propelled by factors ranging from interest in AIDS to growing acceptance of alternative lifestyles.

U.S. News mentioned recent hits such as Armistead Maupins's *Sure of You* and Randy Shilts's *And the Band Played On* as examples

of gay topics that get broad general appeal.

"The new gay literature is not the homoerotic or psychiatric tomes favored by select readers," the magazine commented. "Instead these books explore universal themes; love and loss, the search for identity and family relationships that appeal to a wide audience."

Publishing executives accept the notion that if 10 percent of the population is gay, that means 24 million potential readers in America alone. And, publishers also agree that gays and lesbians tend to be better educated, have more disposable income and are easier to target through advertising than the general book-buying public.

Universities hit ROTC anti-gay policy

Major universities are warning the Pentagon that military policy barring homosexuals from service could result in ROTC units being kicked off campus.

A number of universities have strict regulations of their own prohibiting discrimination of any kind.

The growing concern over ROTC and the anti-gay policy comes as a number of openly gay ROTC students have been denied commissions and ordered to repay thousands of dollars in tuition.

The military argues that homosexuality is incompatible with military service because of the close quarters in which people of the same sex must live and because of the security risk posed by the chance that a gay officer could be blackmailed.

Elsewhere on campus, a Hell Week participant at a fraternity at the University of Vermont was told that he couldn't become a brother because he was gay, and the uproar has not subsided since.

Hundreds of students marched on the Acacia Fraternity to protest the incident and pink triangles were spray-painted on the front of the frat house — a reminder of forced ID badges for homosexual prisoners of Nazi Germany during World War II.

Again, the fraternity's action violated anti-discrimination regulations on that campus involving all organizations, including the Greek system.

A university board governing fraternities ordered Acacia to apologize to the student, to refund his pledge fee and to hold in-house educational programs about homosexuality.

Samuel Walker McCall III: Why did he self-destruct?

The drug overdose death of the son of former Gov. Tom McCall closed a tragic chapter for the McCall family, but it also

opened speculation as to what really happened to the kid who could have had everything.

Sam's headlong plunge into drug abuse beginning at age 13 brought a lot of grief to this prominent family. He entered methadone treatment for heroin abuse in 1970 while his father was governor. He was committed to Dammasch State Hospital to treat his addictions. Ten years ago he was accused of stealing \$3,126 worth of silverware from his parents' home. And in the last three days of his 40-year-old life he had been "paling around" with a 17-year-old male juvenile on an amphetamine spree.

We know the outcome of his addictions, but we know very little about what brought it all about. An acute addiction to drugs? Pressures brought on because of his father's prominence?

Sam was described as "sensitive" and "gregarious," but was this thing on his back that he couldn't shake off (as former Gov. Bob Straub commented) really little more than his orientation? Could it be that the McCall family could suffer his drug abuse problems, but could not deal with Sam's innermost feelings?

Gay and lesbian journalists comfortable, yet uncomfortable

A groundbreaking survey of homosexual journalist at established American newspapers revealed that most are comfortable on their jobs, but are largely dissatisfied with how their papers are covering gay issues.

The survey, conducted by the American Society of Newspaper Editors revealed that: -Nearly 60% of those surveyed admitted their sexuality in the newsroom, but most believed the bulk of gay and lesbian journalist were in the closet.

-Two-thirds rated their papers' coverage of gay issues fair to poor. Over 80% said too little space was devoted to covering those issues.

-Only one-third said they were comfortable about speaking out on gay issues.

There are about 5,000 estimated professional gay and lesbian journalists employed in traditional newspaper jobs, including reporters, editors and columnist.

According to Robert Bray, a spokesman for the National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce, "The newsroom is one of the last bastions of anti-gay stigmatization and intolerance.... why shouldn't we end discrimination in an industry that prides itself in uncovering unfairness and injustice in our society?"

The task force advocates official anti-discrimination policies to protect gay and lesbian journalist as part of equal employment opportunity provisions.

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