

forum

GRAFFITI

In GCN's further attempts to find out what the gay community thinks, we realized that there was already a forum of sorts very close to home — in the bathroom of the Charles Street Meetinghouse. On those venerable walls we found scribbles and scratches representing the feelings of more people than have ever expressed their views on this page. The wealth of material necessitated some selectivity; so we chose to exclude that material which was either illegible, purely pornographic, or named specific individuals (Nixon excepted). Another subjective decision on what was most interesting had to be made, with emphasis on subjects of debate within the community. As always, your comments are encouraged.

PHILOSOPHY

1. It's my weakness more than your strength.
2. "Life is but a sound between two silences." — Deacon
3. It doesn't matter what you are as long as you love all people.

POLITICS

4. "I know that you believe you understand what you think I said, but I am not sure you realize that which you heard is not what I meant."—Richard M. Nixon
5. I'm sick of all the politics on bathroom walls. I say that it can be summarized as follows:
—Gays have to solve their own problems
—Nobody gives a fuck about Vietnam anymore
—Most people are into living their own lives with a small circle of friends and don't give a damn about anything else.
—Boston-Cambridge is a small and isolated bubble in a large country that doesn't think like it.
6. (response to 5) Bullshit
7. (response to 5) Oppression leaves no choice but to fight to live or acquiesce.
8. (response to 7) There's a hell of a lot of acquiescing goin on!
9. (above men's room toilet) Welcome to the Richard M. Nixon Memorial Fountain.

SISTERHOOD

10. I love my sisters! because they are my sisters—not so that I can use them or denigrate them—but because they are — Sisterhood IS powerful (and it feels good too!).

BISEXUALITY

11. I love men and women, and I refuse to refuse to love anyone that I consider worth loving, regardless of their sex!
12. (response to 11) Ambisexual Liberation!
13. (response to 11) Right On, my love!
14. (response to 11) Bisexuals have the same right to self definition that gay people demand. No stereotypes, Please!
15. Our bodies are accidents of fate — what we love is the soul, my sisters!
16. Hi!, I'm bi!
17. (response to 16) So am I!
18. response to 16) We're a dying race sister!
19. (response to 18) No, we're just the beginning!
20. All I can say is Gay Is The Way!
21. (response to 20) Gay Is A Way!
22. Not straight, not gay, not bi . . . but omnisexuality-liberation.

CELEBRATIONS

23. Celebrate, friends of C.S.M.H.—celebrate the liberation of the middle class white male! Universalism lives!

SELF ANALYSIS

47. I never saw such unoriginal graffiti in my life — get with it people!

HUMOR???

24. (found in men's room) The sensious woman masterbates here!
25. Masterbation is a touchy subject!
26. (found in women's room) What is the definition of jello? Kool-aid with a hard on!
27. Gay is good to feel and touch — beautiful people in levis, but NO heavy sex.
28. (response to 27) Baby, as ugly as you are, you can't be fussy!

THE GREAT MEN'S ROOM DRAG DEBATE

29. Let's kill the stereotype fag who lisps and minces all over the place — Gays grow up!
30. (response to 29) Let's quit kissing the straight people's asses and be as "obnoxious" as possible if that's our style! The man is saying that only the masculine principle is respectable and that spells S.E.X.I.S.M. — love to my brothers and sisters, a ♀
31. (response to 30) Bullshit! Most of it is put on—grow up! No one is saying only the masculine principle is good, but deliberately being overly effeminate is disgusting. If you have no gender identity, you need help!
32. Drag queens are sick. They make the rest of the gays look bad in the eyes of the straight world. Let's end obnoxious camping too and act dignified like we have intelligence.
33. (response to 32) You're sick.
34. (response to 33) You're both sick to call someone else sick.
35. (response to 32) Honey, the day you decide you're a faggot is the day you will get all kinds of hell, and drag queens have a hell of a lot more balls than you ever had.
36. (response to 35) Drag queens are an insult to women. The lowest tramp never acted like the cheap drags that walk the streets of Boston. Gay is good, but acting sick is something else — there can be no gay liberation as long as gays act like the stereotypes that Tv makes us out to be.
37. (response to 36) And now YOU are deciding who is sick and who isn't?

AND IT CONTINUES INTO THE GREAT WOMAN'S ROOM DRAG DEBATE

38. Transvestites are pigs who mock and degrade women.
39. (response to 38) They mock women they don't identify with sister.
40. (response to 38) If this be true, then Butch Bull Dikes are pigs who mock and degrade men. So why don't you call everyone a faggot nigger and wrap the case up?
41. (response to 40) (Butch bull dikes) ignore men and refuse to chew scum bags.
42. (response to all) Everyone learns in their own time.
43. (response to ?) Right On! Queens illustrate the absurdity of the female role!
44. Drags are disgusting poor imitations of women.

POETRY

JESUS

45. was a lover
who had no cover
so they strung him up
& now he's fed up
with the shit that you assholes put on,
& so he's leavin you to your games
& goin where people are knowin his name.
46. Roses are red
Violets are blue
Gays is the way,
so why don't you?

ON PEOPLE

- (many notable gays have anonymous derogatory slurs about them adorning the walls, this writer included — Surprise!)
48. Will the "real" ——— please shut up and sit down!
 49. (response to 48) People are always resentful of those who have either made it or who they think have more than they do. What they don't know or don't care about is that ——— and a lot of us have worked our asses off to get where we have gotten.
 50. (can I respond to 49?) Where have we gotten?

SEXISM

51. We are all children of the universe. Let us all love one another in peace and harmony.
52. (response to 51) How can one live in peace and harmony when men have been [next word illegible] women for years.
53. (response to 51) Are you equal with your man? (no one even said "what man?")
54. Do what you think is fair.
55. I want to fuck you honey — honey I love it.
56. (response to 55) Be my guest!
57. (response to 55) Sexist, you oppress women.
58. (response to 57) How do you know a dude wrote that?

SLOGANS TO MARCH BY

59. Avenge Oreithyeia, Ontiope, and Hippolyte, three Amazon sisters/lovers/comrades — smash patriarchy.
60. Stop psycho surgery — no more martyrs.
61. (huge sign in men's room) Women Unite!
62. Keep on Truckin Sisters — Right On!

GREETINGS TO ALL, or SOBBY D. WAS HERE

63. Love to all, a "straight" sister.
64. (response to 63) (a was changed to many).
65. (a bus of French Canadians must have passed through, for there are numerous french sayings, but I forgot my french-english dictionary.)
66. I'm straight, but I wish most straights were as beautiful as gays!
67. Boston is great!
Make it better!
68. and on and on and on!

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