

CROSSROADS INCORPORATED: A Step Toward Permanence

Background. When gay liberation first began in Madison in 1969 as the Madison Alliance for Homosexual Equality, the group met weekly in St. Francis House ~~and~~ for discussions and programs related to issues of ~~s~~ sexuality. ~~and~~ This was the extent of its internal work. Externally, it conducted panels and symposiums, breaking important ground in the community.

~~As MAHE became established as an important~~
These activities had the result of drawing gay activists toward the larger movement for social change on the UW campus. Internally, discussions of sexuality and society led a ^{The leading} ~~large~~ segment of MAHE to connect its interests with the interests of other groups which were struggling to combat ~~political repression~~ ^{allied} various forms of military, racial, domination-- ~~politically~~ educational, and economic as well as sexual. Externally, the visible organization and activism of MAHE made other ~~activist~~ ~~groups~~ take notice and reach out to it for help in projects of common interest. MAHE DAY

~~It was natural then that~~

The change in name from Madison Alliance for Homosexual Equality to Madison Gay Liberation Front ^{in late 1970} ~~signaled~~ ~~the~~ ~~shift~~ ~~was~~ ~~the~~ ~~sign~~ ~~of~~ ~~a~~ ~~major~~ ~~shift~~, both internally ^{and} and externally ^{shift,}
Internally it indicated that that goal was not merely for equal rights for homosexuals within the status quo, but a deep repudiation of oppressive sex roles and the development of ^{an open} ~~a free~~ and gentle consciousness which could permit the growth of human relationships on a basis of love ^{The fight was not merely against discrimination but against} ~~rather~~ ~~than~~ power. Externally, Gay Liberation indicated that according to its analysis of sexuality and society such goals could only be realized in the context of radical social change; that sexual domination could not be dissolved so long as