

# Gay church started

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"The church that doesn't discriminate" began in Los Angeles with a congregation of 12 and has grown to international denomination of 20,000 members. Beginning with services Sunday at 8:00 p.m. in Eisenhower Chapel the church will establish itself in Centre County.  
The University Park Mission of the Metropolitan Community Church is being

organized through the Homophiles of Penn State Committee on Religion, since this church is concerned primarily with serving the spiritual needs of homosexuals.  
MCC, a protestant church with services conducted in a traditional format, was started in 1969 by Reverend Troy Perry and today is North America's largest gay church with more than 50 missions in the United States and Canada.  
One HOPS spokesman, who was involved in a Philadelphia MCC congregation, explained that although the church was created by gay people for gay believers, it is open to and welcomes all Christians. He said Jewish synagogues also are being established for gay worshippers.  
"Religion can be a

tremendous vehicle in helping gay people know they are not alone," the spokesman said.  
HOPS President Tony Silvestre said many homosexuals have stopped active worship because "many of the Christian churches have at best a negative attitude towards gays, and some help oppress gays to the point where many feel that one cannot be a gay Christian."  
Spiritual guidance is only one MCC aim. According to a church member, it also offers emotional help and counseling and a non-oppressive social atmosphere to gay people.  
He described the oppressing "two world existence" many homosexuals lead when dealing with friends, family and society. MCC counseling will "try to help gay people develop a positive concept of

themselves," he said.  
"MCC is trying to bring religion and a sense of value to gay people. But we would like to see a society without HOPS and gay churches. Just a society of people," the member said.  
He explained although other churches have disapproved of homosexuality, recent reaction to MCC has been favorable. "There is a trend in reevaluating the religious issue," he added.  
The weekly MCC services at Eisenhower Chapel will be conducted by a HOPS member who is an exhorter in the church. He will be offering open communion to all believers. Following Sunday's service there will be a social hour.

## Security, cooperation conference opens

# East-West conflict first obstacle

GENEVA (AP) — An East-West conflict over increased contacts across the Iron Curtain yesterday arose almost as soon as the United States, the Soviet Union and 33 other countries met to write new accords on security and cooperation.  
The meeting, opening the substantive phase of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, began with a brief public session in Geneva's new International Conference Center. Then the delegates met in three committees behind closed doors.  
The trouble started in the third committee, which deals with "cooperation in humanitarian and other fields."  
The Soviets and their allies wanted to start the talk on some general statements that Western delegations consider to be just a preamble. The West wanted to get some specific agreements drafted first.  
The Western position won support from one neutral, Austria. But the conflict remained unresolved.  
Western delegates thought V. Dubinin of the Soviet Union

and other East European delegates may be trying to do two things:  
—Stall the talks on human contacts until they get a head start on matters that interest them more, such as a statement on the inviolability of frontiers.  
—Keep any agreements on human contacts as vague as possible, lest discussions get too close to the subject of Soviet dissidents and the way they are treated. It was announced that for the first time in a meeting of this kind, a delegation from the executive commission of the European Common Market will take part in drafting economic agreements.  
Since the commission speaks for the nine Common Market nations as a group, its participation is considered a significant step toward West European unity. The Soviets, who had long pressed for a European security conference, want results by the end of this year.  
Western delegates think it will be February or March before any agreements are ready for signature.

# Food co-ops gain in popularity

By ROBIN MOORE  
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Years ago, to fight rising food costs, Americans joined their neighbors to form food-buying co-ops.  
The State College co-op now is composed of two groups, each with more than 300 family members an 80 more on the waiting lists.  
The co-op buys food from local farmers and wholesalers.  
Once the food is purchased, the families pick up their orders at a distribution center staffed by co-op members.  
Each member is obligated to work a certain number of hours at the distribution center.  
Christopher Lee, coordinator of the Thursday co-op, estimated members save between 10 and 30 per cent on grocery bills.  
Lee said the co-op also has

families to an organization so large it had to be divided into two groups, Tuesday and Thursday co-ops, to ensure smooth operation.  
"It's an arrangement where people work as well as consume. The members get a feeling of working together. Cooperation—that's what the co-op's all about. Besides, it's more fun than going to a straight supermarket," he said.  
Lee said the program's greatest flaw is that some members are reluctant to take their turn working: "They're willing to do anything but help," he said.  
Lee said most members are townspeople and married graduate students.  
No more families are being admitted to the co-op now, but as members drop out those on the waiting list move up, Lee said.  
A Clinton County Food Co-op in Lock Haven opened its doors to new members Sept.

15.  
Assistant Co-op Secretary Kathleen Albright said, "We have over 850 members and we're striving for a goal of 1,000."  
"Everyone is welcome to come to the co-op store and browse around and join if they feel they can save on their food bills," she said.  
Because of overflowing membership rolls and transportation problems to and from Lock Haven, Penn State students have had difficulty reaping cooperative food buying benefits.  
The Organization of Town Independent Students now is working to change the situation by on-campus co-op which it hopes to have operating by the beginning of next month.  
Although details are uncertain, OTIS staff members say it will operate basically the same way as the State College Co-op does, with a few exceptions:  
The co-op will operate only one day a week. For the first month, membership will be limited to 200 persons. If interest is great enough, the co-op will operate two days a week.  
Work rules will be enforced strictly to assure no one takes advantage of other member's efforts.  
OTIS President Bruce Kelly said the co-op will include fresh produce, canned and baked goods, milk and eggs.  
Attempts will be made to set up a centrally located distribution point, possibly the HUB Ballroom, Kelly said.  
He said anyone with co-op experience or who wants to help is welcome. Those interested should inquire at the OTIS Office located in the HUB.

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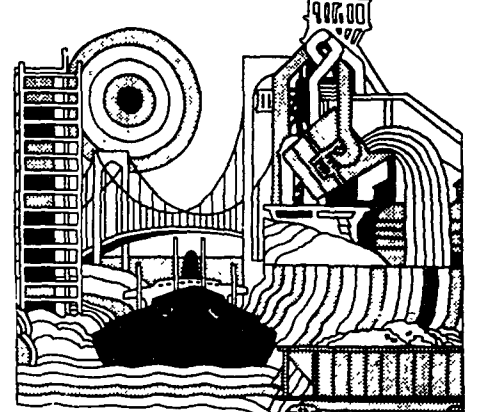
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