

BEYOND MONOGAMY

Published by Beyond Monogamy, Inc., a non-profit educational organization dedicated to exploring and facilitating alternatives to traditional monogamous relationships.

Editors: Will Mahoney and Genie Whitaker Advisor: Robert H. Rimmer
Feature Editor: Christopher Mohr Computer Consultant: Diane Levin

P.O. BOX 12314, Denver, CO 80212 (303) 399-3326
Subscription rate: \$7.00 per year (12 issues)

Volume II, Number 4

Copyright 1981, BMI

April 1981

An Interview with Members of a Large Intimate Network

edited by Chris Mohr

Last month Chris Mohr interviewed the members of the largest intimate network within Beyond Monogamy, Inc. Seven of the eight members: Allen, Claudette, Emma, Harold, Cyndy, Linda and Steve all got together in Harold and Cyndy's living room for an evening of fascinating discussion with Chris about the many complex facets of their relationships. Because of the sheer size and number of people involved, Allen drew up a chart showing the eight people and the nature of their many relationships within the network (fig. 1). The members of the group agreed to allow us to publish it to make things easier for the reader. This is the first installment of a three-part series which covers a wide variety of issues of importance to the members of this group.

Chris: This intimate network is so complex. I think we'll have to start by getting grounded about what's going on! Allen, can you just explain the basic structure of this group of eight people?

Allen: This network is just an arbitrary slice of a small portion of humanity in one moment of time. It's not a closed network. If you look at the chart you'll see eight people. Each person has a marital, sexual or close nonsexual relationship with at least two other people in the network, and Emma is married to a man who is not actively involved with this network. There are seven sexual relationships among the eight people. There are two very close friendships that don't involve sex; then there are seventeen other relationships in which we know each other as casual friends. Altogether that makes 28 relationships.

Chris: Sounds real complicated.

Allen: And we also interlock with an infinite number of other human networks. For example, most of us have sexual intimates outside the network, and we all have close friends outside, as well. This network is dynamic: the chart you see here represents only one cut in time. A year from now the number of people and the kinds of relationships will probably differ from what they are now. [Editor's note: Just before going to press, we found out that several

changes in the nature of the relationships among the people in the network had already occurred in only one month!]

Five of the eight people in our network are married, one couple for 25 years and two for 12 years. The married couples have two children each. And our families are

(continued on p. 4)

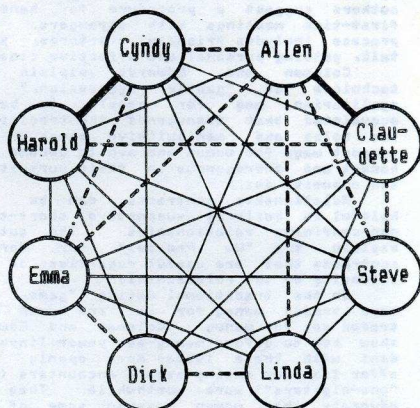


Figure 1

Relationships Within the
Intimate Network

Legend

- marriage
- - - sexual relationship
- · · close friendship
- · - casual friendship or acquaintance

AH/WM

A Review of Brief Encounters

by Will Mahoney

Authors Emily Coleman and Betty Edwards describe "brief encounters" as "short periods of time when people are so close to one another that they can almost hear the other's heart beat, sense the other's thoughts and feel the other's joy and pain. Each person 'encounters' the other in a vitalizing way — exposing facets of himself (beliefs, experiences, feelings) not ordinarily exposed — and is heard and seen and understood by the other." Brief encounters can happen between lifelong friends as well as people who have just met.

We need to recognize the importance of brief encounters in a society characterized by ever-increasing divorce rates, frequent job changes and high geographical mobility. The purpose of this book is to help us come to terms with the transitory nature of our relationships and help us make the most of them given this situation.

Many of us have difficulty meeting new people because we have learned no social rituals for encountering strangers. The authors suggest a procedure for handling first-time meetings with strangers. This process includes friendly overtures, small talk, getting personal and effective closure.

Coleman and Edwards explain the technique of "gentle aggression," an egalitarian way for people to become acquainted that transcends the traditional sex roles and manipulative games. They suggest ways for women and men to become more honest and androgynous in their pursuit of the opposite sex.

Relationship contracts can be very helpful in building supportive short-term, non-confining relationships. The authors explain the "We Process" for forming contracts that are useful regardless of the intensity of the relationship.

In the traditional dating "game," men have traded money for sex and women have traded sex for money. Coleman and Edwards show how to defuse money-sex power lines and deal with these issues more openly. They offer tips for making sexual encounters (even "one-nighters") more worthwhile. They also advocate that women assume some of the financial responsibility in a relationship based on what they can reasonably afford. In this way they avoid being "bought."

With the virtual demise of the extended family, we need to build supportive circles of various kinds of relationships and friends. These circles provide stability in our lives although the circles themselves are dynamic. The authors suggest that people surround themselves with three supportive circles: a tender circle for emotional support, a congenial comrade circle for enrichment and an outer rim to provide stimulation and resources. Except for hermits, we all have supportive circles, although they may not be effectively meeting our needs. Coleman and Edwards explain how to evaluate and remodel supportive networks to create a better balance.

People often abuse each other in short-term relationships by making false promises, abruptly dropping someone without caring termination and not letting wants be known. This may result from ineffective friendship skills, training and guidelines.

Many techniques for improving short-term relationships are applicable to long-term ones as well. The authors feel that a long-term relationship is merely a series of brief encounters with the same person.

Edwards and Coleman offer suggestions to bring about more caring endings. The tendency in the past has been to ignore ending and closure skills because ending a relationship has been viewed as a failure.

This book is important because it proclaims the validity and importance of non-traditional intimate relationships and friendships. It provides many sensible guidelines to make these relationships and friendships work. To those of us involved in alternative lifestyles, Brief Encounters is a welcome replacement for Amy Vanderbilt and Emily Post. Furthermore, this book appeals to a wide audience which includes just about anyone who is not trying to live by the stuffy social standards and outmoded family and friendship structures of previous generations. The authors' openness to lifestyle and relationship diversity is refreshing. For example, they feel that both sexual monogamy and non-monogamy are valid depending on the individuals involved and their agreements on this issue.

Brief Encounters has a good balance of information, personal vignettes and exercises to put the authors' ideas into practice. The reader who does these exercises (especially with a partner or supportive friends) has much to gain from this book.

I did find some of the exercises overly structured. Consider, for example, the instructions for gentle-aggressor mini-dates, pp. 219-220. The "rules" about amount of time spent together, paying expenses, touching and critiquing the date are very specific. I can't imagine calling a woman, inviting her out to lunch and then specifying that we will "touch each other more than we ordinarily would—but with much sensitivity to the other's reactions." I pointed this out to people who met to discuss the book recently. Some agreed but felt people should adapt the exercises to fit their own personalities and situations. They also pointed out that while lunch dates may require few guidelines for Beyond Monogamites, very traditional people may feel more comfortable spelling out specific ground rules in advance.

Brief Encounters may turn off some gays and bisexuals because of its very heterosexual approach. This is unfortunate because many of the ideas are very applicable to any friendship or intimate relationship regardless of one's sexual preference.

Coleman, Emily and Edwards, Betty.
Brief Encounters: How to Make the Most of Relationships That May Not Last Forever. Doubleday, 1979 (\$10.95, cl; \$4.95, pb).

1981 Family Synergy Convention & Conference

Letting Go

Family Synergy, a Los Angeles-based alternative lifestyles organization, will hold its annual convention and conference in July. The convention week (July 10-16) consists of numerous activities in the Los Angeles area including dinners, workshops, parties and a day at Elusium Fields, a very pleasant nudist growth center. The conference will be held July 17-19 at the Canyon Plaza Hotel in Palm Springs, California. The entire conference (except for one formal dinner) will be "clothing optional" which includes skinny-dipping in the swimming pool, massage and nude dancing (they do have rules prohibiting drugs and public sex).

Keynote speaker at the conference will be Dr. Lonny Myers, co-author of Adultery and Other Private Matters and a noted sexologist. Stan Dale, faculty member of The Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality in San Francisco and co-author of Fantasies Can Set You Free, will conduct a female sexuality workshop with his spouse, Helen. There will be a number of other seminars and workshops. And, oh yes, Will Mahoney, co-editor of BEYOND MONOGAMY, will conduct two seminars: 1) Open Relationships: Ethics and Ground Rules and 2) Everything You Need to Know to Start and Open Relationships/Alternative Lifestyles Organization/Network/Support Group in Your Community.

Each Los Angeles Convention week activity is paid for individually and most require no advance registration. The Palm Springs conference is a real bargain: \$95/person if paid by May 16, \$120/person if paid from May 16 to June 30, and \$135 after June 30, if they still have space available. The price includes six meals and two nights lodging in a first-class hotel as well as the conference itself. Minimum age for the conference is 18. Kids are welcome at the Los Angeles convention week, and may stay in Los Angeles with Synergy families while their parents are in Palm Springs.

You must be a member of Family Synergy to attend the conference. Membership is only \$15/year for an individual or \$20/year for a family. Family Synergy's literature states that "Membership is open to all over 18 years of age who are interested in the purposes of Family Synergy, and respectfully tolerant of those whose lifestyles are different from their own. Singles and members of families of all kinds are welcome."

For more information, contact Dale Lee or Sue Fisher, 1256 Stradella Road, Los Angeles, CA 90024 or call them in the evening at (213) 472-9208. Be sure to register as early as possible for the Palm Springs conference as they only have space for 220 people.

We plan to report on the conference in the August or September issue of BEYOND MONOGAMY. However, keep in mind that reading about such an experience can't compare to being there!

On June 6, 1978, Bill Conklin, Jean Eckman, Mary Ann Tavery, Genie Whitaker and I gathered at Mary Ann and Bill's home in North Denver for what is now an historic occasion: the founding and incorporation of Beyond Monogamy, Inc., a name first suggested by Bill. Bill, Genie and I agreed to be on the Board of Directors with Jean and Mary Ann serving as unofficial advisors. I agreed to be Executive Director (an unpaid position), and it was understood that most of the responsibility for the day-to-day management of the organization would be mine.

For a while I maintained almost total control over the policies, finances and activities of BMI, with the other four providing moral (or should I say immoral) support. Genie and I, in particular, felt that if we turned BMI over to the membership, it might take a direction we could not support (e.g. A swingers' club or a pick-up club). More recently, this has become less of a concern. An overwhelming majority of the present BMI members support our philosophy and objectives. Moreover, some have made significant contributions to the organization on their own. For example, in December 1979, several members wanted to begin holding monthly open discussion forums at their homes. Their idea was that I would not be in charge of the forums and BMI would charge no admission for them. I reluctantly agreed, although I feared losing control to this group of "upstarts." The forums have been very successful, and, in the process, I have learned something about defusing responsibility. More recently, Bill, Genie and I appointed a policy committee to chart the overall direction for the organization. After two meetings, it has become obvious that these people have many useful ideas regarding the future of BMI. I feel that my initial role as "benevolent dictator" was important in getting the organization off the ground. However, I now feel it is time to begin "letting go."

For now, I want to maintain control over the newsletter, educational activities, and accounting and finances. Others can take responsibility for planning and running social activities and forums in both Denver and Boulder. I would also like to delegate responsibility for typing up the monthly activity schedule. I have always been lousy at delegating work, so here's my chance to learn how!

The policy committee will appoint three members to a Denver social committee and three to a Boulder social committee. If you are interested in working on one of the social committees or typing the monthly schedule, please call me at 399-3326.

Remember that with alternative lifestyles and personal growth, the only constant is change. Stay tuned for more changes to come!

Will Mahoney

Intimate Network Interview, continued

independent of the network. If you add the interfamily relationships, the network would get more interesting yet.

Cundy: For example, my two sons have friendships with Emma's two daughters.

Emma: And my daughters love Steve's dog.

Cundy: And my dog has a relationship with anyone who walks in the door!

Allen: And my gerbil has a relationship with Steve's dog. I think Steve's dog wants to eat my gerbil.

Chris: Then they haven't indicated any interest in getting married?

Allen: No, it's a gastrointestinal relationship! [General uproar]

Chris: Come on, let's get back to reality. Among you eight people, it sounds like there was no conscious decision to get together; it just loosely evolved.

Allen: That's right.

Chris: Any how did your life evolve to where you started relating to so many people?

Allen: Claudette and I have had an open relationship for about twenty years.

Chris: Good lord! [Everyone laughs] That's got to be some kind of record. How did you pull it off twenty years ago?

Allen: We were in isolated rural communities, and our open relationship was imperfect at first. We started out by swinging, sporadically and frankly without success for maybe fifteen years. Through that time we both gained lovers, and some of those are still with us.

Chris: Claudette, during those early years, did you ever have relationships where the men you were seeing didn't want anyone else to know about it?

Claudette: I've had several of that type, yes. Most of them were married men, and some didn't even want Allen to know about the relationship.

Chris: Did you abide by their wish?

Claudette: No.

Allen: These were mostly business associates of mine. I love them all dearly. But, to this day, I've never told any of them that I know about them and Claudette.

Claudette: They're the ones that got lied to.

Allen: But, that doesn't keep us from loving them.

Claudette: It goes back to the old attitude that it's not all right to sleep with somebody else's wife. It was a guilt thing.

Chris: So you just put up with the dishonesty. Are you still in any relationships like that?

Claudette: No, now things are much more open. I won't have a relationship on any other level any more.

Chris: How did you make that decision?

Claudette: I just got tired of the deception. There was one month where I was supposed to see two of my "secret" lovers. They were both so afraid of Allen finding out about our meeting, that I ended up not seeing either of them. I decided not to put up with "secret" relationships after that.

Allen: It wasn't until two years ago, when we became acquainted with BMI, that we

started systematically finding more open relationships.

Chris: Well, Allen, judging by that chart, I'd say you're pretty active...hmm, one, two, three, four lovers. What changes took place in you personally to make all that possible?

Allen: It was difficult at first, because Claudette and I found that we had a lot of dependencies as a married couple. We've had to work on our energies between us in order for us to find out about ourselves as individuals and not just as a couple. We both now feel more independent; we organize our own time.

Chris: How do you manage your time, especially with four lovers?

Allen: Well...

Emma: He doesn't have any spare time for himself!

Chris: Is that true?

Allen: No, I have enough spare time, and I'm very jealously guarding that. I find that being over 40 now, and secure in my job, and having a four-day work week with my evenings free, that I have a lot of time. I keep a very close calendar -- and so does Claudette -- and we try to coordinate our schedules so that we leave enough time for ourselves and for ourselves as a couple while taking maximum advantage of the time available for other people.

Chris: Linda, you're one of the women who's involved with Allen. Is time a problem for you?

Linda: Yes, I always complain about it! Though I shouldn't speak for the others, I understand that all the women in Allen's life have the same complaint; we would like more of his time! I'm seeing three people, and I'm having a time management problem, because I work five days a week and overtime on Saturday mornings. They expect me to work at 6:00 AM on Saturday, which also really cuts into my socializing time on Friday nights!

Others: Uuugghh!

Linda: Really, you can't do anything the night before you get up at that horrendous hour!

Chris: But apparently you think it's worth having all your relationships, time problems and all. What are some of the neat things that come out of having multiple relationships?

Linda: Throughout my adult life, I've had more than one relationship going on at a time. And recently, the people I've been involved with have been really supportive.

Chris: Do you share time with more than one person at a time?

Linda: Allen and Claudette and Steve and I have shared time together, yes.

Chris: Is that part of what makes you eight people a network; that beyond the individual sexual relationships there are also a lot of important friendships?

Linda: Yeah, we all like each other. We're all pretty neat people! [Everyone laughs] I would feel free to call anyone in the network at any time, and they've called me for things too.

(To be continued next month)

BEYOND MONOGAMY, INC.

April 1981 Denver/Boulder Schedule

March 29	30	31	April 1	2	3	4
		Hot & Cool Sex 7:30-9:30 PM (GGF)		Off the Wall (Venereal Disease) 8:00 PM	Clanton Press Conf. & Oriental Pot- luck (BMT) 4:30-9:30 PM	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Jealousy Workshop with Gordon Clanton 9:30 AM-5:30 PM (BMT)	Spring Quarterly Forum (1st meeting) 7:30-9:30 PM (BMT)	Boulder Women's Forum 7:30-9:30 PM (BMT)			World Peace Party 8:00 PM (GGF)	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Boulder Open Forum 7:30-9:30 PM (BMT)	Open Rela- tionships Panel & Discussion 7:00-10:00 PM (BMT)	Video Sex 7:30-10:00 PM (GGF)	Women's Examination (BMT) 7:00 PM Off the Wall (Father's Rights) 8:00 PM		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Passover Easter	Policy Committee 7:30-9:30 PM (BMT)	Intimate Friendships 7:30-9:30 PM (GGF)	Coping with Jealousy 7:00-10:00 PM (GGF)	Off the Wall (Women Alco- holics) 8:00 PM	Open Rela- tionships Work- shop (GGF) 9:30AM-5:30 PM Wine & Cheese & Snacking (BMT) 8:00-11:00 PM	
26	27	28	29	30	May 1	
Hot Tubbing 7-11 PM (BMT) Coping with Jealousy (Boulder) 7-10 PM (GGF)		Women & Bisexuality 7:30-9:30 PM (BMT)	Denver Open Forum 7:30-9:30 PM (BMT)	Off the Wall (Teenage Pregnancy) 8:00 PM	Open Rela- tionships Work- shop (GGF) (Boulder) 9:30AM-5:30 PM	

BEYOND MONOGAMY, INC. ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

Press Conference with Dr. Gordon Clanton

and Oriental Potluck Dinner

Saturday, April 4, 8:30-5:30 PM (press conference), 5:30-9:30 PM (dinner)

777 Washington St., Governor's Park Condos party room, Denver.

(7 blks E of Broadway, 7 blks S of Colfax. Enter visitors' parking from 8th Ave. between Washington & Pearl Sts. Use bldg. entrance which faces Washington). Home of O'Barra.

Several media people have indicated an interest in interviewing Dr. Clanton about jealousy when he is in Denver for the jealousy workshop. We are, therefore, holding a press conference and hope some BMT members will attend. Photographers will be instructed not to photograph anyone in the audience without their permission. You'll have an opportunity to get acquainted with Gordon Clanton at the potluck dinner. We suggest that couples bring a main dish. Bring soup, appetizers, fried rice, vegetables or dessert if you are coming alone. Bring your own wine, beer, etc. BMT will provide coffee, tea, cups, plates, bowls and utensils. Bring your copy of Jealousy if you'd like it autographed (we'll have copies for sale).

Admission: Free for members and others who have registered for April 5 Jealousy Workshop
\$3.00 other members
\$5.00 other non-members
(\$3 extra if you come to dinner without a dish)

Press conference is, of course, free to media people.

Jealousy Workshop

Sunday, April 5, 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Governor's Park Condos party room,

777 Washington St., Denver

As of March 24, we have enough people to hold this workshop but we still have room for about 4 more people. Call Will Mahoney, 399-3326, as soon as possible if you would like to reserve a space.

Tuition: \$50/person, \$95/couple (members)
\$55/person, \$105/couple (others)

Facilitator: Dr. Gordon Clanton

Spring Quarterly Forum

Monday, April 6, 7:30-9:30 PM (first meeting)

2826 S. Glencoe St., home of Diane Levin (from I-25 and Yale go 1 blk W on Yale, then 1 blk S on Glencoe)

This new forum will be similar to open forums. However, group membership will be determined at this first meeting and others will not be able to attend subsequent meetings. The purpose of this quarterly forum is to enable a fixed group of people to get to know each other better, building trust in one another, and, thereby, feeling more comfortable sharing feelings on a personal level. You must sign up for this ongoing forum at the first meeting or reserve a place in it by calling Diane at 692-0853. If you are unsure about this forum, you may attend the first meeting to find out more details. A new quarterly forum will begin in July assuming there is sufficient interest.

No admission; bring wine, snacks, etc. to share

Boulder Women's Open Forum

(straight, bisexual and lesbian women are all welcome to attend)

Wednesday, April 8, 7:30-9:30 PM

7347 Crannell, home of Virginia Leslie (from Boulder Turnpike, go 3/4 mi E on Table Mesa Dr. which becomes S. Boulder Rd. Go left on Crannell to house with yellow porch light on left side of street) This will be the first Boulder meeting of a group of women interested in exploring feelings about relationships, sexuality, roles and intimacy in a non-threatening, supportive atmosphere.

No admission; bring wine, snacks, etc. to share

(other activities on the back)

Boulder Open Forum

Monday, April 13, 7:30-9:30 PM

989 Forest, home of Nelson Chase (12 blks N of Pearl and 2 blks W of Broadway in North Boulder)
This unstructured forum is an opportunity to discuss alternative relationships ideas, feelings and experiences. We will split up into two or three small discussion groups depending on attendance.

No admission; bring wine, snacks, etc. to share

Open Relationships: Panel Presentation & Discussion

Wednesday, April 15, 7:00-10:00 PM

U. of Colorado Med. Center, Sch. of Nursing, rm. 2938 (enter medical school through entrance facing E. 8th Ave. 2 blks E of Colorado Blvd., follow signs to Sch. of Nursing, 2nd floor)

We suggest that members come around 8 PM if you have already heard Will Mahoney & Genie Whitaker's intro to BMI, etc. Susan Wells and Mary Gatch will give short presentations about open relationships from single person's perspectives. We will then break up into small discussion groups comprised of BMI members and newcomers (mostly Denver Free U. students) who are interested in open relationships.

Admission: All BMI members FREE--please attend!

Others: \$6/person, \$11/couple
(handouts included)

Some Sort of a Reunion or What Have You

Mean Up Not? (a party for women)

Friday, April 17, 7:00 PM

852 S. Washington St., home of Charlotte Stelmok (5 1/2 blks S of Alameda & 7 blks E of Broadway)

A party for women who have participated in the Women's Bisexuality Seminars or just want an evening in the company of other women.

No admission; bring wine or cheese or delectable munchies, your favorite records, and a friend, if you choose.

BMI Policy Committee Meeting

Monday, April 20, 7:30-9:30 PM

12216 S. Amherst Circle, home of Polleke and Andre Siras (go to intersection of E. Yale and S. Peoria in Aurora. Go E on Yale 0.2 mi., turn E on Racine Ct. Turn E on Amherst Cir., then left at stop sign)
We will continue our definition of BMI objectives and make some policy decisions on the future course of BMI. Zhahai Stewart will lead the meeting.

The eight delegates and eight alternates are encouraged to attend

Wine & Cheese and Newsletter Mailing Party

Saturday, April 25, 8:00-11:00 PM

658 Steele St. (8 blks W of Colorado Blvd. & 8 1/2 blks S of Colfax)

Come prepared to fold, lick, stick and stuff the May issue of BEYOND MONOGAMY.

Admission: BMI members free, others \$1.00

wine & cheese provided by BMI

Women's Hot Tubbing (women only)

Sunday, April 26, 7:00-11:00 PM

3185 S. Dahlia St. (8 blks E of Colorado Blvd. and 3 blks N of Hampden Ave.)

In addition to hot tubbing, a sauna & massage table are available. Bathing suits optional. Bring towel, bathrobe, slippers, drink and munchies. For more info. call Chris at 922-3777 (evenings & weekends).

Admission: \$4.00 in advance if received by Friday, April 17.

Make check payable to Chris Miller & mail to 1740

S. Java Way, Denver, CO 80219 or take to 4/17 party.

\$5.00 at the door.

Women and Bisexuality (women only)

Tuesday, April 28, 7:30-9:30 PM, 658 Steele St.

A woman does not have to choose between lesbianism and heterosexuality! We will explore the experiences of bisexual women in a non-threatening atmosphere.

Admission: \$2.00 BMI members & women who have

attended this seminar previously

\$4.00 others

Denver Open Forum

Wednesday, April 29, 7:30-9:30 PM

164 S. Washington St. home of Lee Long & Carol Tagstrom (7 blks E of Broadway & 1 1/2 blks N of Alameda)
An unstructured discussion of alternative relationships ideas, feelings and experiences.

No admission; bring wine, snacks, etc. to share

CHURCH OF GOOD FRIENDSHIP ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

This church shares a philosophy similar to that of BMI and is comprised mostly of BMI members. BMI members receive discounts on CGF activities as noted. For more information call Will Mahoney at 399-3326. Contributions to CGF are tax deductible.

Human Values Seminar: A discussion of the book Hot & Cool Sex. Tuesday, March 31, 7:30-9:30 PM

Donation: \$2 BMI members, \$3 others. 658 Steele St. Facilitator: Will Mahoney

Church of World Peace Party (CWP is our "mother" church). Saturday, April 11, 8 PM, 3296 Raleigh St. in NW Denver (home of Bill Conklin & Mary Ann Tavery). Free; bring your own drink and munchies to share.

Video Sex: Immoral, Exploitive or Erotic? A four week class with movies beginning Thursday, April 16 at 7:30 PM, 2127 Newton St. in NW Denver. Tuition: \$14 BMI members, \$20 others. Call Will to register.

Human Values Seminar: A discussion of the book Intimate Friendships. Tuesday, April 21, 7:30-9:30 PM 350 Steele St. Donation: \$2 BMI members, \$3 others. Facilitators: Will Mahoney

Coping with Jealousy in Intimate Relationships. Wednesday, April 22, 7:00-10:00 PM, CU Medical School,

4200 S. 8th Ave., Denver, CO 80216. Tuition: BMI members, \$3; others, \$6. Will Mahoney, facilitator.

Open Relationships Workshop. Saturday, April 25, 9:30 AM-5:30 PM, 658 Steele St. Tuition: \$16, BMI

members; \$22, others. Potluck lunch. Facilitators: Genie Whitaker & Will Mahoney; call Will to register

Coping with Jealousy in Intimate Relationships. Sunday, April 26, 7:00-10:00 PM, Boulder Community Free School, rm 26, corner of Broadway & Balsam. Tuition: BMI members, \$3; others, \$6.

Open Relationships Workshop. Saturday, May 2, 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM, Boulder Community Free School, auditorium. Tuition: \$16, BMI members; \$22, others. Facilitators: G. Whitaker & W. Mahoney.

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST:

Off the Wall with Bryan Brook returns! KBDI, Channel 12 is now producing the controversial Off the Wall interview series with host Bryan Brook (a BMI member). Subjects are listed on the calendar on the front. Shows will take place in the KBDI studios in Broomfield, just off the Denver-Boulder Turnpike, 6701 W. 117th Ave. If you want to be in the audience (free), please arrive by 7:30 PM, or tune in Channel 12 at 8 PM to see the show. On Friday, May 29, Off the Wall will focus on open relationships and feature Professor Mary Ann Watson from the Metro State College Psychology Dept. and members of BMI. Plan to attend!

BEYOND MONOGAMY
Classified Advertisements-April 1981

Cute, brainy, female BEYOND MONOGAMY subscriber, 30, seeking primary relationship with sincere BHI-oriented male in south Florida or metro NYU area. Believe me, I feel funny advertising!! Let's start with letters. Contact--Marion Bergman, 491 N.W. 42 Ave, #25, Plantation, FL 33317.

Stable, caring, loving couple, early 40's, grown children, seeking alternative marriage form with another couple, seeking commitment to shared lives. Sid and Claire Price, 11877 Heacock St., Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410.

That's all the ads for this month folks, but this is the first month we've had a classified section.

ADVERTISING POLICIES: Please read carefully as the following contains some changes from the policies outlined in the March 1981 issue of BEYOND MONOGAMY.

Content: In addition to your message, you may include an address (street or p.o. box) and/or phone #. Anonymous ads are o.k. or you may list your first and/or last name(s). If you are concerned about confidentiality, you may place a coded ad--we will forward letters to you (see coded ad rate below). We will currently accept advertisements in the following categories:

Personals--ads from people interested in alternative relationships (e.g. open relationships, intimate friendship networks, expanded families, group marriage or similar lifestyles) who wish to meet others. Ads from singles, couples, or intimate groups; heterosexuals, bisexuals, or homosexuals are welcome. **Non-profit Organizations**--ads from alternative relationships organizations publicizing classes, workshops, conferences, seeking members or promoting publications. People wanting to start new alternative relationship discussion groups, organizations or social clubs in their city may also advertise in this section. Ads from personal growth/human potential non-profit organizations which are supportive of alternative relationships are also welcome.

Services and Products--ads from individuals or businesses offering relationship counseling, personal growth workshops, etc.

Swingers' ads not accepted. We will not accept ads for individuals, organizations or businesses primarily interested in swinging (sexual mate-swapping and sex orgies). This is not a moral judgment--we merely want to provide an alternative to the many swingers' magazines already available.

Who may advertise: We will only accept ads from BHI members and BEYOND MONOGAMY subscribers. **Rates (per insertion):**

Personals and Non-profit Organizations--\$2.00 (up to 40 words) + \$.05/word over 40 words.

Services and Products--\$4.00 (up to 40 words) + \$.10/word over 40 words.

Coded ads--\$1.00 extra. We will assign a number to your ad and forward mail to you. People answering your ad will send us \$1 plus postage.

Deadlines: Your ad must be received by Friday, April 17 in order to get into the May issue.

BEYOND MONOGAMY Classified Ad Form

Please place the following ad under (check one) **Personals** _____, **Non-profit Organizations** _____, or **Services and Products** _____ (type or print neatly):

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ insertions and \$ _____ for coding and forwarding (if applicable).

Name(s) _____ Phone # _____

Address (including ZIP code) _____

I/we hereby give my/our permission to print the above ad in BEYOND MONOGAMY. I/we agree not to hold Beyond Monogamy, Inc. responsible for any actions which occur as a result of this ad.

Signature(s) _____

All ads must be paid for in advance. Mail to BHI, Box 12514, Denver, CO 80212.