

WEATHER

Mostly cloudy, gloomy outside, high near 69. Low tonight? Always sunny inside



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1972 GALA INAUGURATES LIGHT SHOW

Our first new year party ushered in 1972 with all the fun, excitement and frivolity befitting such an occasion. The bar was decorated with thousands of balloons and streamers. By midnight activities had reached a deafening crescendo aided by horns, noise makers and would you believe; a few squeals. It was out with the old, in with the new, wishing everyone a great Seventy-Two.

Shortly after midnight, the crowd was treated to the premier presentation of Lost and Found's light show. The show features strobe and black lights, revolving mirror balls, and hundreds of multicolored lights. The lights are manipulated from a Plexiglass control booth at the end of the dance floor. The light show is considered one of the most original and intricate shows in the country, as most of the lighting innovations were designed specifically for the Lost and Found.

We are pleased with the show and the overwhelming response from our customers. In the next few weeks new dimensions will be added to the show....so... you ain't seen nothing yet....

MARDI GRAS (In New Orleans)

When you're second, you try harder or something like that. This year Lost and Found will be represented in the Bourbon Street Costume Contest held each year at Mardi Gras in New Orleans. It is the only open contest and usually attracts a crowd of over 60,000. Last year, a costume designed by Donn Culver and worn by John LaMothe was awarded second place in the Grand Prize Competition (better known as the *Bourbon Street Award*). This contest features the winners and runners-up from all categories. The "Captain America" costume with its fourteen feet high mylar and aluminum backdrop, became one of the most photographed costumes at Mardi Gras and won the approval of the crowd and judges.

This year it's off to Mardi Gras again, with a new costume and hopes of winning the first place trophy that got away. What makes participation in Mardi Gras a special event this year is that John's costume has become a bar project with employees from Lost and Found donating their time to help with the costume. Elaborate plans are in the making and it's hoped that the Lost and Found's entry will be hard to beat.

Adding their distinguished presence to the Washington contingent going to Mardi Gras, will be two of Washington's top stars, Miss "Mame Dennis" and Miss "Phyllis Diller." Both Mame and Phyllis are putting together (with a little help from their friends) beautiful costumes and will enter the Drag Competition. As a point of interest, last year's Drag Winner also won the Grand Prize in the Bourbon Street Competition. Last year was also the first time in over fifteen years that first and second place trophies were awarded to contestants from outside New Orleans, First place going to the young "lady" from Houston and second place going to Lost and Found's own "Captain America."

NEW MENUS

Within two weeks, our dining room will feature a new menu. These changes we hope will provide our dinner customers with a variety of new selections. We will be changing our menu every three months.



"CAPTAIN AMERICA"

New Orleans, 1971

MARDI GRAS (In Washington)

On Tuesday, February 8, Lost and Found will be turned into a "Fairy Land." (*Wait for laughter to subside*) We are referring of course to the Fairy Tale Theme of our Mardi Gras Party. This theme will be accented in our decorations, costume contests and floor show.

For the costume contest, prizes will be awarded in two categories: A. Most spectacular and B. Best Comic. In each of the categories the costume will be judged on originality and best depiction of a character from a Fairy Tale. (Please note that there will be no Drag Beauty Contest; subsequently, if any drags wish to enter the contest, they should be dressed in accordance with the theme, for example, Snow White, Cinderella, Mary Poppins, etc.

The floor show will be under the direction of "Fanny Brice" and will be highlighted by the spoofing of some popular Fairy tales. Despite the demand, we decided against having Fanny Brice do the song, "You Can Fly," from *Peter Pan*, as it was impossible to move a derrick and guy wires into the bar. For persons wishing to try out for the show, we will be holding auditions on Sunday, January 23, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. For the audition, please bring your own record, and please be on time.

There will be no admission charge for our Mardi Gras Party and dinner will be served from 6:00 to 10:00. In keeping with our custom, NO SEATS WILL BE RESERVED, except for those persons with dinner reservations. It should be a fun evening, so start working on your costume, never forgetting the line from the song "Young At Heart," "Fairy tales can come true -- it can happen to you," ... I wonder if the composer had anyone in mind when he wrote that?

SITUATIONS.

Lost and Found's -- Lost and Found

Believe it or not, Lost and Found has a Lost and Found Department. Anyone wishing to reclaim lost articles please check with one of the managers and we'll try to locate it from our growing collection of articles. We are not responsible for *Lost Tricks*.

GPA (George Washington University) To Sponsor Dance

On January 22, The Gay People's Alliance of George Washington University will hold a dance on campus. The dance will also feature a floor show with members of the Awards Club of Washington performing. Judging from their last dance (which drew over 500 persons) it should be a great success. Those wishing information should contact GPA through the George Washington University Student Government Offices.

BOYS IN THE BAND . . . Are Still With Us . . .

Lost and Found is hosting a brunch and tea dance every Sunday. The brunch served from 12:00 to 3:00, includes a varied menu of steak and eggs, eggs benedict, omelets, crepes, etc. The tea dance starts swinging promptly at 3:00 with live music provided by a very exciting musical group (I'm referring to the music of course) called Appaloosa. The band is one of the finest Rock Groups on the East coast and features four young men whose musical versatility is unquestioned. Their music selections include everything from Hard Rock to a salute to the 50's (remember the 50's?) Beginning with our first brunch in October these young musicians have captivated our Sunday afternoon patrons with their fine music, warm humor and personal charm. They will be with us through April and hopefully after April. They sure brighten up a Sunday afternoon.

