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Survey Says: Many Americans Have Homosexual Stirrings

CAMBRIDGE, MA -- A new survey indicating that nearly one in five Americans has been attracted to someone of the same sex at some time since age 15, has been garnering attention in the media. The research, conducted at the Harvard School of Public Health and the Center for Health Policy Studies in Washington, has been criticized by some statisticians but touted by gay rights activists.

The study found that between 6.2 percent and 20.8 percent of American men and 3.3 percent and 17.8 percent of American women could be considered "incidentally homosexual". The lower estimates are based on reported same-sex sexual behavior during the previous five years. The higher numbers are based on reported homosexual behavior or attraction since age 15.

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Lesbian/Gay Religious Leaders To Meet at National Council of Churches Meeting

NEW YORK -- In conjunction with the fall meeting of the General Board of the National Council of Churches (NCC), representatives of the lesbian/gay Christian caucuses, the welcoming congregations programs, and the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) will meet in New Orleans, November 9-12.

The Rev. Dr. Mel White, the country's leading expert on the "Radical Religious Right" and author of *Tested by Fire* and *Stranger at the Gate: To Be Gay and Christian in America*, will speak to both the assembled lesbian and gay leaders as well as to

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Theater Company Stages a Benefit for Vermont CARES



Photo by Staci Visco.

Pictured l-r: Steven West, Craig Cabot, and Dean Pratt in BCPI's *Jeffrey*.

Kip M. Roberson

BURLINGTON -- Broadway seemed just a bit closer to Vermont for three evenings in September as Paul Rudnick's *Jeffrey* made its New England premiere in Burlington's Contois Auditorium. Presented by Vermont's own Big City Players, Inc., *Jeffrey* was a fundraising event that benefitted Vermont CARES, whose offices were destroyed by arson in June.

Big City Players, Inc. (BCPI) contributed 90 percent of their proceeds from this production to Vermont CARES. In dollar figures, that amounts to over \$3500 having been raised to benefit the AIDS service organization. "To date, this has been our most successful production," said Dean Pratt, executive president of BCPI. "In fact, this show raised as much as all of our past productions combined," he continued. BCPI has been benefitting local charities for nearly four years.

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