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O F N E B R A S K A

Candidates for Governor

- KAY A. ORR (R)
- MORT SULLIVAN (R)
- ROBB NIMIC (D)
- BILL HOPPNER (D)
- BILL HARRIS (D)
- MIKE BOYLE (D)
- BEN NELSON (D)
- DON ERET (D)
- ROBERT J. PROKOP (D)

Candidates for Senate

- J.J. EXON (D)
- HAL DAUB (R)
- OTIS GLEBE (R)

VOTE

Candidates for Legislature

- RON STASKIEWICZ (R)
- JESS M. PROTCHETT (D)
- PETER HOAGLAND (D)
- ALLY MILDER (R)

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Candidates for State Senate By District

- MATT BUTLER DIST 4 (R)
- JIM VITEK DIST 4 (D)
- THOMAS R HORGAN DIST 4 (D)
- DENNY HENSON DIST 4 (D)
- BRAD ASHFORD DIST 6 (R)
- SHARON BECK DIST 8 (R)
- ERIC WILL DIST 8 (D)
- CAROL MCBRIDE PIRSCH DIST 10 (R)
- DON BOHN DIST 10 (I)
- GARY D THOMPSON DIST 12 (R)
- DON STROH DIST 12 (D)
- CHRIS ABBODD DIST 12 (D)
- GLENN GOODRICH DIST 20 (D)
- JOHN CAVANAUGH DIST 20 (D)
- JESSIE K RASMUSSEN DIST 20 (D)
- JIM RIHA DIST 20 (D)



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

For three years, the *TWO-Wheelers of Omaha* have held our anniversary party/run the second weekend of June. Nearly a year ago, we announced our intentions of continuing this tradition for 1990.

Now it appears the *Imperial Court of Nebraska* in their "imperial" wisdom(?) has decided to hold Coronation the same weekend. The *T.W.O.* has supported Coronation in the past. This was particularly true during the reigns of Pat Phalen, Dick Brown and Danielle Logan, who honestly attempted to bring the community together. This fell apart in 1990.

The "imperial" attitude of the Court became obvious during festivities last year. The scheduling of Coronation this year on the traditional *T.W.O. Anniversary Weekend* appears to be just another indication of the Court's "imperialism".

Perhaps location required this change. Even so, the least the Court could have done was to consult with *T.W.O.* before making the change.

The Omaha/Council Bluffs Community is too small for this type of competition. Yey it's time organizations realize they CAN stand on their own feet and don't have to depend on ICON money, nor put up with the Court's "imperial" attitude.

Two-Wheelers of Omaha, M.C.

Dear Editor:

It has come to our attention that some organizations and/or individuals believe the *T.W.O.* is co-sponsoring *Fantasy '90*.

T.W.O. underwrote *Fantasy '89* because it was a fundraiser of Mr. Gay Nebraska, a title registered by *T.W.O.* Please be advised that *Fantasy '90* is a function solely sponsored by Dustin Logan and others.

Two-Wheelers of Omaha, M.C.

It has recently come to my attention that the U.S. Congress passed a law one year ago regarding solicitations by tax-exempt organizations. The law requires solicitations to contain a "conspicuous and easily recognizable statement that contributions or gifts to the organization are not tax deductible as charitable contributions." Failure to comply reportedly may result in a penalty of \$1,000 per day per offense.

I interpret this to say that ANY tax-exempt organization which does not have a federal 501.C.3 or similar status must in-

clude this statement on ALL solicitation advertisements, raffle tickets, etc. This includes dues as well as regular contributions or those to special charity events. Perhaps there is a tax accountant or lawyer reading The New Voice that can expand upon this further.

In compliance, the *TWO-Wheelers of Omaha, M.C.* make the following statement:

"CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TWO-WHEELERS OF OMAHA, M.C., AND ITS SPONSORED CHARITY FUNCTIONS ARE NOT DEDUCTIBLE AS CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS"

Tom Winfield, Treasurer
Two-Wheelers of Omaha, M.C.

To the Community:

The Imperial Court of Nebraska (ICON) is comprised of an open group of volunteers whose sole purpose is to support the Gay and Lesbian Community of Nebraska and Western Iowa.

The many hours of preparation and effort by the ICON Board, the Emperor, Empress, Athena, the Royal Families, and individual supporters have motivated the Gay and Lesbian community to support the worthwhile causes of our community through their valuable financial support.

With this support, ICON and the com-

munity have furthered the activities of organizations such as: *T.W.O.'s Fantasy '89*, Metropolitan Community Church, Nebraska AIDS Project, Nebraska Civil Liberties Union, the Gay Men's Volleyball Team, University of Nebraska at Omaha Gay and Lesbian Student Organization, River City Mixed Chorus, ICON PWA, Children's Crisis Center, AIDS Support Group, New Voice of Nebraska, University of Nebraska at Omaha Speech Pathology Clinic, AIDS Interfaith Network, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, University of Nebraska Medical Center Viral Syndrome Clinic, and the Human Rights Campaign Fund. ICON has helped all these organizations gain the respect, exposure, and additional support they deserve.

We regret that the availability of facilities forced us to schedule Coronation in conflict with *T.W.O.'s Sixth Annual Run*. We realize that this conflict in dates may be difficult for some, but in general our functions do not draw the same audience. We are a large and diverse community and our organizations address that diversity.

We hope that the energies of all organizations can be directed toward the betterment of the whole community and that we will see an end to public criticism of each other.

— The Imperial Court of Nebraska

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March 21, 1990

To the Staff;
Happy Birthday, NEW VOICE!

Many moons ago, Larry Wiseblood (the magazine's founder) invited me to join the staff as an Associate Editor, and I retained that position for four years. To say it wasn't easy would be an understatement—as a budding young feminist, I wasn't prepared for the controversial issues that, on occasion, rocked the staff. In the process, however, we were all forced to confront our own prejudices and misconceptions, and I think most of us experienced personal growth from it. In particular, I learned the fine art of forensics and negotiation—as well as learning how to accept (when necessary) the dictum: "the majority rules". I want to thank Larry Wiseblood for that opportunity.

I would like to extend greeting to former staff members Cham, Heidi, David, Ron, Dave and Vicki—wherever they may be. They were my mentors as well as my peers in our endeavor to establish and sustain The New Voice. Also I want to extend a special greeting to Jerry Peck. Although we were often at odds, I respected his dedication to

the magazine. Jerry, I wish you well.

I now live in Washington, D.C. and let me assure you that despite its enormity, the gay/lesbian community here has many problems in common with the Lincoln and Omaha communities. We have our share of ideological turmoil. At the same time, our pluralism is our strength. The Lesbian organizations alone number in the dozens and yet each is unique. The possibilities are endless...and quite remarkable!

In retrospect, I would like to encourage the staff to **STICK WITH IT!** Don't let apathy and criticism get you down. If your critics think they can do any better, let them try; they will soon discover how difficult it is to operate a magazine. Better yet, I challenge them to **JOIN** the staff or at least submit their own articles and editorials: after all, the magazine was and is intended to be a forum for **EVERY VOICE** in your community. Use it!!!

Best Regards,
Anita Freeman-Soltisyk

EDITOR'S NOTE: Anita did not know of Jerry Peck's death March 8.

Hi Sharon,

Sure enjoy your magazine! You are doing a good job. It's a "voice that deserves to be heard.

Best Always,
Kirk N.

REGISTER AND VOTE!

FANTASY '90 PLANNING MEETING

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GET OUT THE VOTE! RCMC CONCERT MEETING OF DIGNITY SAME SEX MARRIAGES

◆ VOTE, VOTE, VOTE!!

By Heidi H.

Ready? Set! GO!!! Straight to the polls!!

The primary election on May 15th will determine who will be nominated to run for office in the general election in November. Voters will be allowed to vote only in the party in which they are registered. (Democrats will vote for Democrats, Republicans will vote for Republicans et al)

For U.S. Senate, on the Democratic ticket is Sen. J.J. Exon. Exon is running with no opponents. Exon is a former Nebraska Governor. He supports efforts to improve education and no tax increases.

The Republican Senate candidates are Hal Daub and Otis Glebe. Daub supports an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would limit House and Senate members to 12 years in office. He also supports no new taxes and "tougher" crime laws. Daub has eight years political experience as the former 2nd District Congressman. There is no information on Glebe, and he could not be reached for comment.

Gov. Kay Orr is running for re-election. She will face Mort Sullivan in the primary election. There is no information available on Sullivan.

The largest and most publicized race is that for Democratic nomination for Governor. There are seven candidates, they are: Bill Hoppner, Bill Harris, Ben Nelson, Mike Boyle, Robb Nimic, Don Eret and Robert Prokop.

Hoppner feels that important issues are rural health care, state policies to protect pensions, tougher law enforcement and accessible drug treatment for both the rich and the poor. Hoppner is supportive of a state-wide lottery, but would restrict the use of the proceeds to "one-time" spending projects. Also supports the repayment of Commonwealth depositors and efforts to

have the state take a closer look at handling solid waste management; including recycling. Hoppner is critical of Orr's tax system. "I have never understood the policy in this state that says a person who makes \$1 million needs a tax break to be productive but a person making \$15,000 doesn't," he said. This state must move beyond "selling our tax code" and play on the state's strengths: agriculture, transportation and work ethic, Hoppner said. Hoppner supports LB 1059 and LB 775.

Harris is a former State Senator and spent three years as Mayor of Lincoln. Important concerns are: small business development, rural health care, improved education systems and lowering property taxes. Harris is in favor of giving block grant funds to communities across the state and create enterprise zones to help the economy. Harris said he would veto LB 1059 as it is now written, however if amendment offering renters tax credit, if an educational trust fund were established and dedicated tax revenues assured, he would sign the bill. "We are in competition, and the states around Nebraska have competitive tax laws. I believe LB 775 accomplished a very important position for the state which helps us retain and expand...some of our native Nebraska business," Harris said in support of LB 775. Harris favors the death penalty and would veto any measures to repeal it. Harris is Pro-Choice, and says he has a problem with the parental notification bill and would not sign it.

Nelson said that aside of rural health care concerns, creating high paying jobs, and lowering taxes are the issues for voters to consider. Emphasis must be on jobs that "permit you to buy a home and raise a family." More economic development in Western and Central Nebraska is important, "the topography is that everything rolls east," Nelson said, criticizing Orr's policy that have only benefitted the Omaha and Lincoln corridor. Nelson said he supports LB 1059 if provisions were made for older Nebraskans and renters to minimize the impact of the bill, and IF the promised property tax were guaranteed. Nelson advocates changes on LB 775 in favor of economic incentive modifications. One concern is that the current law does not reward "net employment." Not haven taken a stand on the abortion issue, he says he would sign any bill concerning abortion whether restrictive or permissive.

Boyle Supports LB 1059. The only change Boyle would make on LB 775 is to include architectural and design firms to promote their use within the state, they would also receive a tax advantage. Boyle is Pro-Life and supportive of the death penalty.

Harris, Hoppner, Nelson and Boyle would drop out of the pact for low-level radioactive waste if the other states could not be forced to accept responsibility.

Nimic is running because he disagrees with many of the philosophies of the Reagan-Bush presidential years. Nimic feels the nation has become obsessed with the drug problem, and individual liberties are in danger. Nimic is supportive of protective legislation concerning Gay and Lesbian rights. He is against "hate crimes" and would (probably) support a hate crimes bill within the state. Lower property taxes and higher sales, income and business taxes are important issues to Nimic. Nimic advocates more funding for AIDS research and education. Nimic is Pro-Choice and has not taken a stand on the death penalty.

Eret would try establishing a state grain processing authority. The program would benefit the state by producing better grain prices for Nebraska farmers and potentially decreasing the state's reliance on property taxes. This also would provide economic development ultimately bringing more money into the state.

Prokop served on the UNO Board of Regents. Prokop's concerns are taxation, rural revitalization, agriculture, Franklin Credit Union and the news media, and the health care crisis. Prokop believes that the state must develop a tax system that by containing costs and expenditures, would stop property tax increases. Prokop does not support LB 1059.

*For your information: What are LB 775 and LB 1056?

LB 775 is the Employment and Investment Growth Act of 1987. The bill was passed during Orr's administration. It provides tax credits to companies that create new jobs or had major capitol construction expansions.

LB 1059 is a proposed bill aimed at providing tax relief and increasing state support of local school districts. The bill would raise state income and sales tax. State aid to public schools would increase by \$220 million. There would be a 25% increase in the sales tax rate and a 17.5% increase in the income tax rate.

◆ FEATURES

◆ A VIEW FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FOOTLIGHTS

by Gary

After having sung with the River City Mixed Chorus for each and every concert for over 5 years — the full time of its existence — it was a new experience to be in the audience for the recent spring Chorus concert, "Friendship Rings."

I had chosen to "sit out" this concert period, but I had no intention of missing the concert. Besides wanting to hear my friends perform, I was anxious to finally experience the feeling of being in the audience of an RCMC presentation.

Okay, so I wasn't TOTALLY withdrawn. I assisted at the box office and with some photography. I had also attended a few rehearsals early in the season, so I knew some of the music. But still, this was going to be a first-time experience for me.

I had the opportunity to chat with some other audience members. They were all anticipating the concert. This was to be a joint performance with the Des Moines Mens Chorus, and having guest artists present made the evening even more special.

I felt a unique sense when my friends came out on stage. I later called it an "out of Chorus experience" — I knew a lot of the music, I knew the people up there, I had been there so many times myself. There was a rush of pride, some pangs of sadness that I wasn't there this time, and a bit of empathy in knowing the probable conditions of the members' nerves.

The audience — of which I was now a part — was appreciative. I've written in this magazine how important it is for the audience to support the Chorus with applause (and more if the performance warrants it). Now was my chance to give that support rather than take it.

The purpose of this article was not a review, so I won't talk about the performance itself. Suffice it to say I felt both choruses were very even in their presentations, and, with the "Phantom of the Opera" dominating the second half of the concert, it was a unique evening. (I love music from "Phantom", so a review would be quite biased!)

As I write this, I do plan to return to the RCMC. But the opportunity to experience the Chorus from the audience is something I would recommend to all of the members.

It's an interesting chance to literally stand back and take inventory of all the positive things the group can do.

◆ DIGNITY HAS GATHERING

By R.J.

The 25th of March, a Sunday evening, saw a "Gathering" of Dignity at the home of its President. There were seven present, including a past President of Dignity. Discussion included dues, the newsletter of National Dignity, and an article concerning the use of the word "homosexual" in the New American Bible in two passages, which is being challenged.

The video of the Donahue show concerning David Cadbury's gay soap opera "Secret Passions" was viewed. On the panel with Mr. Cadbury were Robert Bray, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and the Rev. Lou Challon, chair of the Traditional Values Coalition, a violently homophobic group. Suggestions by homophobes in the audience included "to fence in the sickos somewhere in the desert in Utah." Despite the homophobia prevalent in the crowd, a number stood up in support of gay/lesbian concerns; that these people were human beings, not monsters; that gays and lesbians had civil rights and a right to live their lives as they saw fit to do so. Mr. Challon was very rabid in his diatribe against gay/lesbian people. His actions, I believe, turned more people against his homophobia.

Also brought up at the Gathering was "Where is Dignity going in 1990? Or is it going anywhere? Should it even keep going? Is there enough interest to keep it going?" There are currently two people who are its core. Without them, there would be no Dignity. Now I know darn well there are more than 20 gay/lesbian Catholics in Omaha. Throw in Council Bluffs, Bellevue, Papillion, Millard. Come on, folks, where are you? What can Dignity do to serve you better? Dignity is for gay/lesbian Catholics, but without members, there can be no Dignity.

Also brought up was how such a small group can put on a fundraiser. One suggestion was that Affirmation, Mishpachat Chaverim, Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, and Dignity go together on a

fundraiser. The Jewish group Mishpachat Chaverim has broken the ice and shown that all mentioned can play harmoniously together, so all should be able to work together for a common cause. It is something the groups concerned will have to talk about.

It was a full evening, with good topics and discussion.



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◆ ASK DOCTOR D

SLAPPING TRADITION? — SILLY!
By Demian, ED.D.

Q. Aren't gay and lesbian marriages or unions a slap in the face of tradition? — A.H., Tacoma, WA

A. Those who believe that same sex marriages are "a slap in the face of tradition" have not looked very close at tradition.

Historian John Boswell's discovery of ancient same-sex marriage ceremonies has occasionally been reported in gay newspaper accounts (and in **PARTNERS: The Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples**, August 1988). The Yale professor is well for his book Christianity, Social Tolerance and Homosexuality, which won the 1981 American Book Award for History.

Based on an extensive review and analysis of centuries-old liturgical documents, Boswell has more recently that Christian marriage rites between members of the same sex were conducted as early as the 4th century, long before heterosexual ceremonies became widely performed in the 11th century.

Heterosexual marriage started as a civil ceremony concerned with property exchange. Church rites developed later continued to emphasize progeny and worldly success.

Gay marriage rites, on the other hand, appear to have started as a religious ceremony and were based principally on love. And not just "platonic" love. The gay rites make clear that the relationships would include an erotic dimension, says Boswell.

Both men and women were married using these rites, though evidence for lesbian unions is not as geographically widespread nor as ancient.

That gay unions were comparable to heterosexual marriages is made clear in several ways:

Early legal documents acknowledge inheritance rights of same-sex partners. The gay rites appeared in liturgical manuals—together with those for heterosexual marriage—under the heading Gamos, which means marriage.

In slaviv-speaking villages, one of the women partners had to agree to perform a share of the "men's" work, but never had to have sex with the men.

The rites typically invoke the names, love and martyrdom of saints Sergius and Bacchus, who are clearly identified in church documents as male lovers.

In this century, anthropologists have observed gay marriage ceremonies in Albania and in rural areas of Greek and Slavic speaking countries. Local residents unapologetically equated the ceremony to a heterosexual marriage.

Surprisingly, the gay marriage rites are among those ancient texts explicitly authorized by the Roman Catholic Church for present day use. In fact, Boswell says the rites are still used in some isolated communities, but declines to say where for fear the tradition would be undermined.

Demian has a doctorate in education (Ed. D) and is co-publisher/co-editor of Partners: The Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples. Send your questions about gay and lesbian relationships, for use in future columns, to Partners, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109.

◆ LET'S TALK LEATHER

by Dustin Logan

The weekend of April 7 & 8, 1990, saw the 4th International Ms. Leather contest held in San Francisco, California. There were 12 leatherwomen from different areas in the U.S. and Canada competing for the title. Contestants were judged in personal interviews, leather attire, personality and attitude, and sexual fantasies which were enacted for the audience.

The winner was Gabrielle Antolovich, Ms. Southern California Leather.

Gabrielle and the first 3 IMSLs (Judy Tallwing-McCarthy, Shan Carr, and Susie Shepherd) have all committed to be here in Omaha for "Fantasy '90", July 20 & 21.

Memorial Day weekend in Chicago, Illinois, will be the 12th International Mr. Leather contest. Over 50 men from all over the world are expected to compete for the title currently held by Guy Baldwin. Weekend packages can be purchased for \$75.00. You can charge your tickets by calling (312) 878-6360 or for further information, write IML, 5025 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL, 60640. The host hotel for the weekend is the

Executive House. Reservations may be made by calling 1-800-621-4005. Be sure to state that you are part of the IML weekend to get the special room rate of \$59 per night for 1 to 4 people.

"Fantasy '90 — A New Decade of Unity in Leather" will be in Omaha soon. The weekend of July 20 & 21 will be a benefit for the University of Nebraska Medical Center Viral Syndrome Clinic and the National Leather Association.

The cost for the weekend package is \$25.00 (\$30.00 after July 4.) Friday evening, July 20, is the registration/cocktail party. Saturday the 21st is the picnic, held at the Carter Lake Warehouse. At the picnic there will be seminars and demonstrations on various types of safe leather and S/M sex. Also at the picnic will be game booths and leather, rubber, and erotic art booths all designed for men AND women.

Saturday evening at The Max will see the male and female title holders, and special guests — over 24 already — speaking, dancing, and performing their sexual fantasies live on stage.

This event is being promoted in every state in the country with the help of "The Leather Journal", "The National Leather Association", and "Drummer" magazine.

Registration forms are available at The Max and The Diamond. The weekend event is co-sponsored by the Leather Journal.

The next meeting for volunteers will be May 9, at 6:00 p.m. at The Diamond. If you would like to help put this event together, please show up. We need your support.

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COALITION FOR GAY/ LESBIAN CIVIL RIGHTS

by John Taylor, Chair

For the past eight years, the Coalition has focused efforts on education and political action. We have seen many successes, including State General Fund support for a statewide AIDS education program and the recent anti-discrimination bill passed by the Legislature dealing with HIV infection.

At its February meeting, the Coalition Steering Committee decided that it was time for us to begin the process of expanding our agenda for the coming years. To that end, the Coalition has decided to sponsor a MONTHLY SOCIAL EDUCATION EVENT. Current plans are to have this event the first Saturday evening of each month from 7 - 10 p.m. The events will be in a smoke and alcohol free environment.

The first of the events will be held from 7 - 10 p.m. on May 5, 1990, at the Cornerstone, 640 North 16th, Lincoln. The May 5 gathering will focus on local gay and lesbian talent and will include readings and performance by poets, writers, actors, and musicians of their own or others' works. Throughout the evening, time will be set aside for general socializing and talking. There is no cover charge for the evening, but a free will donation to cover expenses is asked.

We encourage persons who would like to participate in performing on May 5th to drop us a note at P.O. Box 94882, Lincoln, NE 68509, describing what you would like to do. There is a ten minute time restraint on all performances. As time allows, we will schedule those who contact us. If the requests exceed the time available, the Committee will schedule another evening of local talent.

The focus of future events will include health issues, chemical and alcohol dependencies, mental health, gay and lesbian history, music, literature, drama, poetry, film,

legal issues, and self awareness/self defense. Any person who has ideas for future events should drop us a line with suggestions.

NEWS FROM THE MONARCHS

Whew! What a night! Cleaning out the Closet has taken on new meaning! Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of those who participated in Closet Ball! Thanks Sponsors, thanks Candidates, and a special note of thanks to Guy, Rick, and Pete for a job well done.

Don't miss the Introduction of the Candidates for Emperor X, Empress X, and Athena X coming up on Thursday, May 10, at The Max. Official campaigning starts following their introduction.

Mark your May calendar for Memorial Day, Monday, May 28. ICON is again sponsoring a picnic! Proceeds from this year's picnic go towards bringing the Names Project Quilt to Nebraska October 21 and 22. As usual this picnic will feature the "Gay/Lesbian Games." The picnic will run from 12 Noon to 5 p.m., and the admission, \$6.00 per person, will cover beer and pop. Pack a picnic basket, grab some suntan lotion, load up your car with friends, and come on out and join us for an afternoon of fun and relaxation.

To keep with the Coronation theme, "1990: The Start of a New Wave", the Monarchs have chosen The Wave of Time for the theme of their Stepping Down Show on June 3 at The Max. Join us on The Wave of Time as we float through history. All three royal families will be featured in this show. Who knows what the evening will bring. Only Time will tell!

Coronation is just around the corner. Start making your plans now to attend three big nights: Friday, June 8 at the Airport Ramada Inn — the Out-of-Towners/Monarchs' Show; Saturday, June 9 at the Warehouse — Coronation 1990; and Sunday, June 10 at The Max — The Victory Show. Organizations who have not yet received packets of information regarding Coronation should contact a Monarch immediately. We hope that every organization in the community will be represented.

The Board of Governors of The Imperial Court of Nebraska meets the first Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at The Max. The community is invited to attend.

MCC HEADLINES

by Carla P.

April was busy, busy, busy! The workshop by AIDS survivor Rev. Steve Pieters drew forty participants who learned of Pieters' four year bout with AIDS and steps he took to combat it. His was a message of life and hope. God is greater than AIDS! Sunday's Worship Service drew over 65 to hear Pieters again speak. This time he talked on how neither he nor anyone else could "rescue" those who are HIV challenged. However, he could tell them that God is with them, and that they must take an active role in seeking healing. He encouraged those who are care-givers and friends to the HIV challenged to "be with" those they love and to actively affirm that we can all be "joyfully alive."

The second week in April we were busy with a Good Friday Service, a 30 Hour Prayer Vigil, the final rehearsals on the Easter Cantata, the Ecumenical Sunrise Service, and the Easter Morning Worship Service.

In May and June, MCCO will be providing information and the necessary forms for Nebraskans and Iowans to participate in the Family Registry sponsored by the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) in Washington, D.C. HRCF established the Registry to "increase the visibility of lesbian and gay families in the media, in the halls of Congress, and in state legislatures." It is their hope that the Registry will help to build "support for domestic partnership laws and changes in federal law to end discrimination against lesbian and gay relationships." HRCF defines FAMILY as "a person's primary and most important affectional and personal support system of close relationships."

Information will be available at the Memorial Day Picnic sponsored by ICON on Monday, May 28; at the Pride Parade Picnic in Turner Park on Saturday, June 23; at the MCCO Office; and at the bars. Or you can write HRCF, 1012 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005. There is a \$10.00 fee by HRCF for being listed on the Family Registry.

MCC "Night Out" will be at Gilligan's on the first Friday of the month, May 4. Join us for an evening of fun.

As always we invite you to join us for worship. MCCO meets every Sunday at 10:20 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at 420 South 24th Street. Please join us this week!

LOCAL NEWS

GAY/LESBIAN AWARENESS AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

March 25 - 30 were designated as Gay/Lesbian Awareness Days at Iowa State University in Ames. The event, sponsored by the ISU Gay and Lesbian Campus Organization, focused on "Family" in all its meanings.

The event included talks by Karen Thompson who gained prominence in her fight to gain visitation rights to her disabled lover, Sharon Kowalski; Adele Starr, founder and first president of the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays; a film "Parents Come Out"; and talks by members of the Gay Lesbian Campus Organization.

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SUPPORT THE NAMES PROJECT

Books, buttons, and tee shirts displaying the NAMES Project Quilt are on sale at the Nebraska AIDS Project Office. Support the Quilt Project financially and show your support at the same time.

MAX NEWS

Life's a Bitch...and she's back. Yes, the outrageously funny Bonnie Bitch returns to the Max Sunday, May 13th, at 9:30 PM. Always a Max favorite, the Bitch is bringing with her one wicked looking Drag Queen, Miss Hurricane Summers, this is one show you won't want to miss.

But, before the Bitch takes the stage, the Gay Bowlers' Benefit is Sunday May 6th. The likes of Dorian, Gloria, Phoebe, Katrina Anne Marlow and the Muff plan to send the bowlers off in grand style.

The Introduction of Candidates for the titles of Emperor, Empress and Athena of

the Imperial Court of Nebraska will be held at the Max on Thursday, May 10, at 9:30 PM

Miss Gay Nebraska America follows Bonnie Bitch on Sunday, May 20th. That night Muffy Rosenburg steps down from a very successful reign and the new Miss Gay Nebraska America will be crowned. Congratulations, Muffy, and good luck to all the contestants.

The following weekend is the Memorial Day Holiday and Sunday night will be an extra night of dancing with Larry D. Also be sure to watch for the Bartender Shot Specials all month long.

The Max would like to congratulate Miss Gay Nebraska USA, Dorian Drake, and Miss Max VI, Viktoria Towne, for representing Nebraska at the Miss Gay USA finales in Louisville last month. Both Dorian and Viktoria did an excellent job. Bravo!!

Looking ahead to June, the Stepping Down Show for the reigning Monarchs of the Imperial Court of Nebraska will be June 3rd at 9:30 PM. Join us to bid farewell to Joe, Felice and Carla.

P.A.C.T. DISBANDS

We regret to report that People of All Colors Together has temporarily disbanded. We hope that this worthwhile organization will soon be active again.

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NEW GROUP FOR OMAHA WOMEN



Omaha Women is the sister organization of Omaha Men. It is intended that both branches promote unity between Women and Men in the Lesbian/Gay community by sharing common origins. Our constitutions require joint functions and common activities to help inspire this unity.

Members have discussed a women's freedom to express herself as a potential theme for the organization. At this point however, the exact direction is undetermined and we are seeking additional input and support. If you are interested in helping focus Omaha Women, write us at: Omaha Women - OMEN, P.O. Box 3706, Omaha, NE 68103-0706.

NEW GROUP FOR OMAHA MEN



Monday February 26th, 1990 a mysterious T-shirt appeared on several men in attendance at a local leather night. That was our debut night as an emerging organization in the Omaha area. Most organizations have a membership based on a specific interest area and the same is true for Omaha Men. We are an organization of men interested in masculinity and the masculine image. We are not

a leather club, but our members frequently wear boots, levi's and occasionally leather.

Our purpose is to provide an alternate fellowship that can promote and support the Gay/Lesbian and Bi community. Our support of the community starts with the banding together of the numerous unrepresented masculine proud men scattered throughout the community. Most of us have no avenue of input into the direction of the community, as we do not belong to the traditional organizations. Whatever support develops beyond this is to be determined by the membership in the future.

Later, we hope to plan events with groups from other communities with similar interests. There has been a strong interest in out-of-bar activities as well.

For further information about Omaha Men write: Omaha Men - OMEN, P.O. Box 3706, Omaha, NE 68103-0706.

LESBIAN/GAY SUPPORT GROUP

By R.J.

Tuesday Evening at 7:30 PM saw the weekly gathering of the Lesbian /Gay Support Group at MCC-Omaha. This informal group meets once a week to discuss issues and to lend support to those in the group for and problems they may have.

However, this group is NOT a therapy group. It is a support group of persons who meet one on one in a positive supporting group of like people with like problems.

While the support group is affiliated with and uses the facilities of MCC Church, the group is autonomous. Those who wish to attend MCC are more than welcome. Many in the group are members of, or attend MCC. But they pressure No one to attend.

The group has two moderators, Mr. John X and MS Mary Y (Standing joke, folks, alludes to a radio program.) Everything said is in the strictest of confidence. Nothing goes beyond the group. For those with itchy tongues, might suggest one read the Letter Of James, chapter one— Oh heck, read the whole letter, it'll do you good.

The support group does have a topic for each evening, but this is for starters, only. The topic is not carved in stone, and many times we end up discussing another issue or issues, important to someone in the group.

MISHPACHAT CHAVERIM UPDATE

by Gary

Mishpachat Chaverim (a family of friends), Omaha's gay/lesbian Jewish organization, has continued its regular monthly events.

The March event was a Purim costume party, a Jewish tradition. Members and guests dressed up as various characters from the Biblical Story of Esther, and in some totally non-religious costumes, too. This was another chance for members of other gay/lesbian religious groups to experience a bit of Jewish custom, through the courtesy of Mishpachat Chaverim.

April brought Passover, and with it a full-blown Passover Seder. Members only (and significant others) were invited to the Seder, due to space limitations. It was a wonderful experience, as members and s.o.'s recited English and Hebrew, ate the traditional Seder foods, and settled down to a delicious meal of roast lamb with all the (Kosher) trimmings.

The most exciting recent event affecting the group was the agreement of the Jewish Press — the local "mainstream" Jewish newspaper — to print information about Mishpachat Chaverim. There was a brief discussion regarding whether there was community support, and whether the organization needed a "sponsoring rabbi" to be listed. Both were found, and the first article was published in late March.

Although the May event is not firmly set at this time, Mishpachat Chaverim members talked about having a discussion group on recent articles and books relating to Judaism and Homosexuality. The organization plans to be involved in the gay/lesbian Ecumenical Service for Pride Week, and hopes to join up with Kansas City's gay/lesbian Jewish group for a summer event. There has also been talk of a summer picnic with other Omaha gay/lesbian religious organizations.

Mishpachat Chaverim welcomes Jewish gays and lesbians in the area to become active members, and also welcomes all friends to share in our events. For more information about Mishpachat Chaverim, phone (402) 551-0510.

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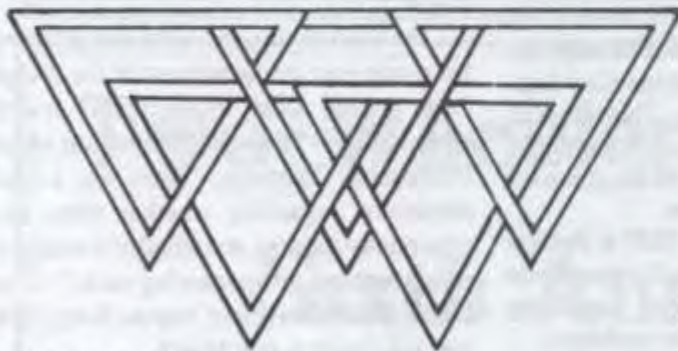
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Tuesday, May 1

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(Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors)
W. Dale Clark Library, 15th and Douglas
Meeting Rooms 2 & 3, 7 pm

Wednesday, May 2

Lincoln P-FLAG AIDS Support Group
7 pm, Call 435-4688 for location

Sunday, May 6

New Voice Steering Committee
MCC-Omaha, 420 S. 24th, 4 pm

Monday, May 7

Imperial Court of Nebraska
Board of Governors Meeting
The Max, 1417 Jackson, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 9

Fantasy '90 Planning Meeting
The Diamond, 712 South 16 St., 6 pm

Thursday, May 10

Submission Deadline! Articles, art,
classifieds, ads, etc. must be
received by this date for June issue.

Sunday, May 13

P-FLAG/Omaha, 3 pm
First United Methodist, 7020 Cass
East Wing, Education Room 108

Dignity: Mass, 7 pm
St Johns Lower Level Creighton Campus

Monday, May 14

AIDS Interfaith Network Prayer Service
St. Cecelia's, 701 N. 40th, 7 pm

Gay/Lesbian Student Organization, UNO
Milo Ball, Board Room, 3rd Floor, 7 pm

Tuesday, May 15

Coalition for Lesbian/Gay Civil Rights
St Marks, 13th & R, Lincoln, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, May 16

Metropolitan Club, 6 pm
Call for information, 449-9377

Lincoln P-FLAG AIDS Support Group
7 pm, Call 435-4688 for location

Saturday, May 19

"Zoo Day"

MCC's Annual Trip to Henry Dorley Zoo
Meet at MCC, 420 S. 24th, 10 am

Sunday, May 20

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha
Congregational Forum, 1 pm
420 S. 24, Omaha, NE

Omaha AIDS Candlelight Vigil
St. Cecelia's Cathedral, 7:30 pm
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Lincoln Interfaith AIDS Network
For More Information Contact:
Br. Larry O'Toole, 558-3100, ext 43,
Tim Timmons, Lincoln/Lancaster Health
Department, 471-8065

Affirmation/Lincoln
Write for time and location
PO Box 80122, Lincoln, NE 68501

Tuesday, May 22

Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays
"Books II, AIDS, Medicine,
and Miracles"
Lincoln, 7:30 pm, Call 435-4688

Thursday, May 24

NAMES Project Quilt Committee
Fundraiser
Stage Show by "The Material Girls"
Panic, 18th & N, Lincoln, 9 pm

Sunday, May 27

Dignity "Gathering"
Call 895-2856 for info

Monday, May 28

MEMORIAL DAY!!

Imperial Court of Nebraska
Memorial Day Picnic, 12 noon - 5 pm,
Location to be Announced

Lincoln AIDS Interfaith Network
Healing Service, 7 pm
St Marks Episcopal, UNL Campus, 13 & R

Saturday, June 2

NAMES Project Quilt Committee
Fundraiser Beer Bust & Barbeque
Panic, 18th & N, Lincoln, 3 - 7 pm

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday

Metropolitan Community Church
420 South 24th, Omaha
Worship Services: 10:20am, 7pm

The Max
1415 Jackson
Shows at 9:30pm

Monday

Alternate Test Site, 7 to 10pm
Nebraska AIDS Project
3624 Leavenworth, Omaha

River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsal
Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church
1023 North 40th Street, 7pm

Tuesday

Gay/Lesbian Support Group
MCC-Omaha, 420 South 24th
345-2563, 7:30pm

Thursday

Alternate Test Site, 7 to 10pm
Nebraska AIDS Project
3624 Leavenworth, Omaha

UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Org
Room 342, Nebraska Union, 8pm
University of Nebraska/Lincoln

Friday

Adult Children of Alcoholics
MCC-Omaha, 420 South 24th
346-0561, 6:30pm

Gay Alcoholics Anonymous
Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41, Omaha
345-9916, 8:15pm

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● AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL

Omaha and Lincoln's annual AIDS Candlelight Memorial Service will be Sunday, May 20, 7:30 p.m. at St. Cecelia's Cathedral in Omaha. This is the fifth year Nebraska has joined the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial Service.

The first AIDS Memorial Services were held in San Francisco, New York, and Los Angeles in 1983. By 1989, Candlelight Memorials were held in over 180 cities in 32 countries, including Poland, Czechoslovakia, Argentina, Australia, Israel, Japan, Rwanda, Thailand, and Uganda.

The AIDS Memorial Services are not only a time to mourn our dead, but also a time to fight for the living. The Candlelight Memorial's message is that the sick are not guilty, the dead are not forgotten, and that the country and the world must recognize and fight the growing crisis.

● STEVE PIETERS, AIDS SURVIVOR

"Do you believe in fairies? Well I do. And a lot of good fairies and a lot of other good people are dying of AIDS. I'm here to tell you that we need to do just like the audiences used to do when Peter Pan would turn to them and say 'Tinker Bell is dying because nobody believes in fairies anymore. You can save her. If you believe in fairies, clap your hands.' We need to believe in Fairies and we need to let them know that we believe in them."

This message echoed throughout the messages given by the Reverend Steve Pieters, Director of AIDS ministry for the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan

Community Churches, during his visit to Omaha April 7, 8 and 9. Over and over Rev. Pieters said "You can live with AIDS. It doesn't have to be a fatal disease. It can be a chronic, manageable disease but you have to be a participant in your own healing. You can't sit back and wait to be rescued. You have to create the conditions for healing to happen in your own life."

"...BE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THEIR OWN HEALING."

Steve Pieters knows from his own personal experience the pain and fear of being a person with AIDS. In 1982 he was diagnosed with "Pre-AIDS". By 1984, he had developed two forms of terminal cancer, Kaposi's Sarcoma (KS) and Stage IV Lymphoma, and was told he had only six months to live. He was treated with an experimental anti-viral drug whose use has since been discontinued because it is generally ineffective in the treatment of AIDS and highly toxic. He has survived major adrenal crisis and recovered from neuro-muscular atrophy of the whole right side of his body. Today, the Reverend Steve Pieters is still HIV+ but he shows no evidence of the disease. He is in complete remission and has been disease free for the last four years.

Why is Steve Pieters a survivor of AIDS? Rev Pieters denies any special attributes or special powers. Instead he says, "It's a miracle. I'm not anybody special and if I've been healed, so can you." He does propose that there are certain characteristics common to long term AIDS survivors and that these characteristics are ones that anyone can attain if they are willing to be an active participant in their own healing.

1) Long term survivors understand and accept the reality of the AIDS diagnosis, but

also refuse to believe that the syndrome is an automatic death sentence. By accepting the reality that everyone will die someday, we strengthen our resolve to live more fully in the here and now.

2) Long term survivors believe they can cope actively with the disease and refuse to succumb to a "helpless-hopeless" state. Prayer, meditation, exercise, good nutrition, proper rest, keeping informed of the latest developments relative to HIV, staying involved, and making sure you laugh everyday are steps toward actively coping with HIV.

3) Long term survivors make appropriate, individualized adjustments in personal habits and behaviors to accommodate living with the disease. Living with HIV may mean examining all kinds of behaviors and attitudes that are keeping you from being the fully alive person that God made you to be.

4) Long term survivors see the physician as a collaborator, and take an active part in decisions related to treatment. There is a sense of personal responsibility for health, and a belief that they personally can influence the outcome of the disease. We are partners with our doctors in creating the conditions for healing and wellness. It is important to find a physician who understands this, and seeks your active participation in decisions related to treatment.

5) Long term survivors show a "commitment to life": there are unfulfilled goals, dreams or unfinished business. Many people with HIV have gone back to school to earn or finish a degree. Some have stayed alive with the hope created by an exciting project that they always wanted to do. Identify your dreams and goals and pursue them!!

6) Long term survivors find meaning and purpose in life and even in the disease itself. It is life-giving to look for the meaning in life, to ask questions like "why do people suffer?" So ask the questions. Try to find answers! It is a healthy pursuit, and you are in good company!

7) Long term survivors have usually had a previous experience beating a life threatening illness, or overcoming difficult situations and events. Many people with HIV who are recovering alcoholics or addicts report that the tools they use to achieve and maintain sobriety have given them excellent coping skills for life with HIV.

8) Long term survivors report the importance of support and information from other



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persons with HIV, and furthermore, are usually involved in active service to other persons with HIV. It is life-giving to be involved with other people, to be a part of a community, to feel you are doing something to help when some people expect you to feel helpless.

9) Long term survivors are assertive, can say "No", and withdraw from involvements when self-care becomes necessary. Now is the time to give yourself those things which feed you emotionally and spiritually, as well as physically.

10) Long term survivors develop an ability to read their body, sensitively care for it, and communicate openly about their concerns. It is important to be aware of the body's signals, and to be assertive about communicating concerns to a health care professional.

Steve Pieters practices these principles but does not claim to be a perfect example. He still smokes an occasional cigarette and eats refined sugar. He avoids red meats and caffeine, and works out in a gym on a regular basis. He gets 7 - 8 hours of sleep each night

and naps 2 or 3 days a week. He is well muscled, relaxed and enjoys a good laugh. All in all, Steve Pieters is a pretty ordinary person, trying to do things that are good for his health. And that is the miracle of his message. An ordinary person has been healed of AIDS. An ordinary person has lived with HIV for 8 years. An ordinary person with HIV is living a normal life. And so can you.

"HIV IS NOT A FATAL DISEASE."

This is the message Rev Steve Pieters encourages us to spread, "HIV is not a fatal disease. When people bring out negatives, counter them with positives."

The media are not eager to cover stories of people recovering from AIDS. A press conference was held during Rev Pieters visit and not one television station or newspaper sent a reporter. No explanation was given but no reporters came. Rev Pieters encourages the whole community to "take every opportunity to spread the word that people are surviving with AIDS. If you get a chance

to talk to the media, let them know that AIDS is not always fatal. Get the message of hope to the people that need to hear it. Encourage them to take an active role in their own healing."

At the same time, Rev Pieters acknowledges that "we must balance our hope with the knowledge that many people will die of AIDS. We must deal with the sick and the dying with compassion, not taking away their hope, not making them helpless, but being with them in ways that matter. We are not responsible for AIDS. We did not create the virus. We did make it easy for the disease to ravage our bodies because we did not take care of our bodies but we did not make ourselves sick. We created the conditions that allowed the virus to work but the parallel of this is that we can also create the conditions for healing."

While in Omaha Rev Pieters conducted a workshop for those that are HIV challenged and concerned others, spoke at the morning service of MCC-Omaha, and was the guest homilist for the AIDS Interfaith Network Healing Service.

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★ GOLDEN THREADS CELEBRATION

The Fourth Annual GOLDEN THREADS Celebration will take place on June 22-24, 1990 at the Holiday Inn in Providencetown, Massachusetts. Lesbians from all over the United States, many from Canada and other countries, will converge in Providencetown to celebrate what they are and their age, whatever that is.

In existence since 1985, GOLDEN THREADS is a worldwide network of Lesbians over 50, and women who are interested in older women — no Lesbian excluded. A contact publication, *GOLDEN THREADS*, is published four times a year.

For more information please contact: Christine Burton, *GOLDEN THREADS*, P.O. Box 3177, Burlington, VT 05401-0031.

★ PITTSBURGH APPROVES LESBIAN/GAY RIGHTS

Pittsburgh's City Council approved an amendment to the City Code which would add Lesbians and Gays as a protected class regarding discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations. Pittsburgh joins Philadelphia, PA, Harrisburg, PA, and nearly 60 other cities which have legislation explicitly protecting the civil rights of Lesbian/Gay citizens.

This bill amends Title VI of the City Code, which already protects against discrimination based on race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, place of birth, sex handicap or disability or use of guide dogs. "Sexual Orientation" is now added to that list.

★ COURT ORDERS VISITATION

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) won a ruling in federal court on March 14 ordering a Pennsylvania county jail to end the policy under which it had denied a lesbian inmate's request that her lover be allowed to visit her.

The warden had refused to allow the inmate visitation with her lover because, as the warden said in denying the visitation request, the prison "can't condone such relationships." The ACLU challenged the practice as a denial of the lesbian's rights under the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment. "We are particularly pleased that, although the court found that prison officials are entitled to great deference in policy-making, the openly discriminatory practice at issue here was struck down as thoroughly irrational", said Nan Hunter, Director of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project.

★ BOYCOTT AIDS CONFERENCE

Washington, D.C., March 20th... The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) will boycott the VI International Conference on AIDS because of the U.S. Government's discriminatory AIDS and gay and lesbian immigration and visitation policies.

In addition, NGLTF is calling on its more than 17,000 members nationwide, as well as other gay and lesbian organizations and individuals, to boycott the conference, scheduled for this June 20-24 in San Francisco, California. NGLTF is encouraging activists to continue pressuring the government to repeal policies.

NGLTF is the first reported national U.S. gay and lesbian civil rights organization to boycott the conference. The Task Force joins more than 35 national and international organizations that have chosen not to participate in the gathering, including the National Association of People with AIDS, the International League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the Canadian AIDS Society, Shanti Project and the Names Project International AIDS Memorial Quilt.

★ SEATTLE APPROVES DOMESTIC PARTNERS

With little fanfare, Seattle on March 1 became the largest city in the country to provide health insurance and other benefits to gay and lesbian city employees and their partners.

The city will self-insure to cover the unmarried partners because its insurance carrier and health maintenance organizations either refused coverage or offered it at a highly inflated rate.

It is anticipated that 300 employees will sign their partners up for benefits.

★ CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC LESBIANS

The Conference for Catholic Lesbians (CCL) is a national organization of women who recognize the importance of our Catholic heritage in shaping our lives, and who seek to develop and nurture a spiritual life which enhances and affirms our Lesbian identity.

The members of CCL invite you to join us at our 5th National Conference over Memorial Day weekend at the Aspen Lodge in Estes Park, Colorado. The theme of this year's conference is "Power and Empowerment". Our keynote speaker will be Mary Hunt, noted theologian and Co-Director of WATER - Women's Alliance for Theology Ethics and Ritual.

The conference registration is \$235, which includes accommodations, meals use of the recreational facilities and the weekend's events and workshops.

For information, please contact Erna O'Shea, Conference Coordinator, CCL, P.O. Box 436, Planetarium Station, New York, NY 10024 or call 212 562-8922.

VOTE MAY 15

★ NATIONAL NEWS

★ NGRA QUAKES AGAIN

Turmoil has again erupted at the San Francisco-based National Gay Right Advocates (NGRA) with the resignation on March 15 of newly hired Legal Director David Bryan. Bryan assumed his position at NGRA less than two months ago. "Things just haven't worked out. It was a mutual decision. There were different ideas about the way to do things" said Bryan.

Bryan's departure once again leaves the agency with no legal director and no staff attorneys to handle NGRA's cases.

NGRA is one of the largest publicly-funded national gay organizations.

★ TOLL FREE NUMBER FOR GAYS MOVING

A new toll free number has been established to provide free and confidential information for Gay Men and Lesbians who are relocating from one city to another. Gay

Men and Lesbians will be referred to a realtor familiar with the local Gay community in any particular metropolitan area by calling 1-800-673-9093. The line will operate from 8 AM -11 PM EST, every day.

While promoting gay businesses, callers will also be helping to fight AIDS because 10% of the commissions generated through the use of this line will be donated to a national organization dedicated to fighting AIDS. Callers can even request that a contribution be made to a specific organization.

★ ROTC WANT MONEY BACK

A student at Washington University in St. Louis may have to repay his \$25,000 ROTC scholarship because he disclosed he is gay.

The school's Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) "disenrolled" senior James Holobaugh last fall after discovering he was homosexual. Holobaugh was scheduled to

be commissioned in the Army in May.

Recently students and faculty have challenged ROTC's discrimination policy at the universities of California, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois and Iowa as well as Harvard, Yale Northwestern and Northern Illinois universities.

Although it is not unusual for homosexual student to be forced out of ROTC, William Rubenstein, a lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union representing Holobaugh, said he had never heard of a case like Holobaugh's.

The ROTC normally asks for its scholarship money back only from recruits who have deceived the military. Holobaugh said he dated women when he entered the ROTC in 1984, and only recently realized he was gay.

Holobaugh was one of the top performers in his ROTC class and even has appeared in national campaigns to lure student into joining ROTC. Holobaugh states he still wants to serve as an Army officer.



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★ WESTERN UNION LOSES BIG

The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) announced it will no longer use Western Union to deliver its "Speak Out" constituent messages to Capitol Hill, a decision that will cost the communication firm \$350,000 this year.

Tim McFeeley, HRCF executive director, said the decision to terminate its relationship with Western Union is based on the company's efforts to overturn a 12 year old San Francisco ordinance which protects lesbians and gays from discrimination.

Western Union is challenging the constitutionality of the ordinance as part of a legal battle that began last year. Armand Ertag sought damages against the company for harassment and intimidation he experienced at work. Rather than address the specific allegations, Western Union has chosen to fight the ordinance.

Last year Western Union earned more than \$80,000 from HRCF's "Speak Out"

program, which delivers pre-authorized messages on lesbian and gay rights and AIDS issues to members of Congress. The program has been expanding rapidly and HRCF anticipated spending \$350,000 for Western Union's services this year.

★ PHYSIQUE '90

The Arcadia Bodybuilding Society is now taking applications from bodybuilders to enter Physique '90, which will be held at the prestigious Hebst Theatre in San Francisco's civic center on Saturday, June 23. Physique '90 is the only lesbian and gay bodybuilding championship in the nation.

Physique '90 takes place the day before the Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade. The contest will provide a preview of the physique competition to be held in Vancouver, BC during Gay Games III. For entry blanks contact Arcadia Bodybuilding Society at 1455A Market St., Suite 221, San Francisco, CA 94103 or call 415 431-6254.

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Attention Artists! Do you have an idea for the cover of The New Voice? Artwork to accompany a story? Cartoons? The New Voice is looking for new ideas for Cover Art and general artwork for the magazine. Contact Sharon Van Butsel 556-9907 or any member of the Steering Committee.

Photographer needs male models. Good physique required. Must be over 18. Serious only. NVA, P.O. Box 31715, Omaha, NE 68131

JASON MIKELL, I miss you. Please call Darryl (415) 647-0754

Typists needed! If you have access to a computer (preferably a PC) and/or a modem, The New Voice needs you! A few hours each month is all that is required. For more information contact Sharon Van Butsel (556-9907) or Pat Phalen (455-3701).

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Information: Classified ads in the New Voice Of Nebraska are \$3.00 for 20 words or less. Each additional word is \$0.20. Ads must be received by the 10th of the month preceding the month you wish your ad to appear.

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Moving to Omaha. Need to find roommate by May 15. I'm not looking for a lover, just a friend. Must be professional, responsible, ages 25 to 45, no smoking, no drinking, no drugs. Must like cats. I am discreet — you also. Contact George 308-286-3309

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AIDS RESOURCES

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Box 80122, Lincoln, NE 68501
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United Methodists for Gay/Lesbian concerns. Meets monthly in Omaha and Lincoln

Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights

Box 94882, Lincoln, NE 68509

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Box 3772, Omaha, NE 68102

Social organization for advancement of gay society.

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The New Voice of Nebraska

Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103

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UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center

UNL Campus, Lincoln, NE 68588 402/472-5644

Nebraska Union, Rm 342 - Meetings (Mail Rm 222)

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Seventh Day Adventist Kinship, Inc.

P.O. Box 31351, Omaha, NE 68131 402/558-1186

Meetings, information, & support for Lesbians/Gays

Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)

Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504 402/435-4688

meets 4th Tuesday

Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103

402/331-5188 or 291-6781

meets 2nd Sunday

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Nebraska AIDS Project

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AIDS Hotline, HIV Testing, Support Groups, Practical Support, AIDS Awareness programs and literature

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402/346-8800 - Dean Pierce (ext 4119)

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University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE

402/559-6202 Dr. Jonathan Goldsmith

Lincoln Cancer Center

64600 Valley Road, Lincoln, NE 68510

402/483-1872 Barb Morton

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402/444-6875

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Brother William Woeger

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100 North 62nd, Omaha, NE 68123

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402/474-3390 Fr. David

AIDS Interfaith Network

1104 North 36th, Omaha, NE 68131

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633 South 9th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508

402/476-8091

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mail: Room 222, Nebraska Union, UNL, 68588

402/472-5644 Rodney Bell II

Committee Offering Lesbian and Gay Events (CO-LAGE)

c/o University Program Council, Rm 200, Nebraska Union,

UNL, Lincoln, NE 68588.

402/472-2454

Programming organization for cultural, social and educational needs of UNL's gay/lesbian community.

Women's Assistance Emergency Fund

Box 82852, Lincoln, NE 68501

Women's Journal-Advocate

Box 82852, Lincoln, NE 68501

Lesbian Support Group

Women's Res. Center, Rm 117, Nebraska Union

University of Lincoln-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588

402/472-2597

Informal weekly discussion group for lesbians

Lincoln Legion of Lesbians

Box 30317, Lincoln, NE 68503

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402/476-2802

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UNL Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae Association, Inc

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Gay Men's Support Group

UNL Counseling Center, Rm 226, Administration Building,

Lincoln, NE 68588.

402/472-3461

Vernon Williams-Director

Confidential Support Group for gay men.

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Alcohol and AIDS issues group 7pm Thursdays, call

Steve at 346-1556 or NAP 342-4233

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha

(MCC)

mailing address: P.O. Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103

service at 420 South 24th Street, Omaha, NE 68103

Sunday worship at 10:20am and 7pm; 402/345-2563

Metropolitan Club

Box 3124, Omaha, NE 68103

402/449-9377

Networking organization of business / professionals

River City Bowling League

402/345-5118 Scott OR 402/493-6118 Charlie

Two Wheelers of Omaha (TWO) Motorcycle Club

PO Box 3216, Omaha, NE 68103

River City Mixed Chorus

Box 315, Omaha, NE 68101

402/341-0763

Volunteer chorus for Gay/Lesbian/sensitive people

UNO Student Group

Box 134, UNO, Omaha, NE 68182-0320

Heidi at 402/391-0694 / Wes or Rick at 402/558-1186

Lesbian and Gay student social/support group

Gay/Lesbian Adult Children of Alcoholics

402/346-0561

Support group for adults raised in alcoholic or dysfunctional homes

Omaha Men - OMEN

P.O. Box 3708

Omaha, NE 68103-0708

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EAGLE - Omaha

c/o Sharon McCartney, 1314 Douglas on the Mall, 8th

Floor, Omaha, NE 68102

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