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"Peace"

Valentine Steirn

OUR TURN views and opinions by staff

NEED SOMEONE?

The New Voice is please to announce a new service for our diversified community. The People Connection is a classified ad section for those looking for that special someone, whether friend, mate, lover, pen pal, or just someone to spend time with. Here's how it works.

To place an ad in The People Connection, just complete the form found in the classified section of the New Voice. The cost of one of these special personal ads is just \$8 per month for 20 words or less (add 20 cents for each additional word). We will assign you a Department Number which will be published with your ad. The responses will come to the New Voice PO Box and we will forward them to you. It's as simple as that. You get to place the ad with complete anonymity.

When you place an ad, be sure to include all forwarding information on the form. This way, we can be sure that you receive all of your correspondence. Your department number will be assigned only to you, so you will receive only the letters written to your specific ad.

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Opportunity exists, but you have to make the first move. One ad could change your life.

ABOUT THE COVER

This bird rests secure in its nest, at peace with the world. This drawing, one in a series by Valentine Stein of Salina, Kansas, represents our Holiday Wish for you and yours. May we all find Peace this holiday season.

The Staff of the New Voice

CONFIDENTIALLY

DID YOU KNOW...there are several support groups which meet four times each month for people who are HIV challenged? The groups consist of people who are diagnosed as having full-blown AIDS, ARC, HIV+, their families, friends, and lovers, along with facilitators. The support groups are a part of the Nebraska AIDS Project's program to confront the virus here in the Midlands.

The group assembles, joining hands, forming a circle. A facilitator then directs us to focus on our purpose in being a part of the group. We then form smaller groups of PWAs, friends and family, and what is referred to as "mixed nuts." Other special interest groups have been formed as the need arises. We close by once again forming the circle and being directed to consider what has happened and to share announcements.

The support group attempts to be open to all. Like the virus, the group is not a gay group, men's group, or any minority group. I have never been present when any topic has been denied, as long as it relates to HIV infection. We are asked that everything said at support group not be taken beyond the bonds of the group.

I recently discussed the disproportionate number of participants to the total caseload at

Jerry Peck

UNO Viral Syndrome Clinic. The consensus of opinion was that many feared being identified as a PWA. Regrettably, in the gay community--and I suspect in the non-gay world--there has been a stereotyping of PWAs. It declares that the only host to HIV are gay alcoholic drug addicts that have been very promiscuous. AIDS is not a moral issue, but a medical and psychological issue which can be made easier by sharing the pain with one another.

The discussion brought out that there are those who don't need this type of support. We had just finished talking about a PWA who had slashed his wrists. If I had a choice of being stereotypical by being revealed as a PWA, or committing suicide, well--there is not much choice.

As a matter of confidentiality, the day, time, and location of these meetings have not been published. The media is not invited, and I have never seen anyone hiding in the bushes with a mini-cam.

If you need support and are willing to give support, contact the NAP office or talk to your physician. Don't try to handle this alone, and if you have family or significant others, let the support group share their load. You are worth the effort!



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Letters to the Editor

November 5, 1989

To the editing staff of the New Voice:

In the last two issues of the New Voice, there has been a plea for writers to cover current events in our Gay Community. I would like to point out that during the last two months there have been a hundred or so kids molested in Omaha. There have been probably a thousand occurrences of sex between minors and adults, and yet the articles that might help someone to stop molesting went unpublished.

It takes a lot of courage to publish articles against child molesting in the gay world, but it is a worth while cause. It is good to report about "Gay Bashing" and social events that happen in our community. There are other events that tear at our community also, like drug abuse, alcoholism, job discrimination, and child abuse.

The question is: Does the New Voice want to address only AIDS issues and fun social events on a regular basis or do the editors want to cover other issues with that same commitment?

An article in the October New Voice condemned the people in Lincoln for not writing about the "Gay Bashing" which resulted in a death. I was glad to read R.J.'s article on the candlelight vigil, in the November issue. At the same time, the Editor was condemning the people in Lincoln for not speaking up. I had three articles for the New Voice on child molesting that went unpublished.

Child molesting is a current and tragic event that affects all of us the same way "Gay Bashing", alcoholism, AIDS, and drug abuse destroy our lives. We should address it with the same commitment.

Sincerely yours,
Mickey R.

Editorial Response

Dear Mickey,

You're right. The articles you wrote about child molesting did go unpublished in recent issues. Why? Simply because we didn't have room to print everything and your articles were among those held for future issues.

We cannot afford to print a magazine with more than 20 pages and we currently receive enough material to fill a 30-page publication. The decisions as to what to include are difficult. Sometimes there's just no good answer.

As I determine which articles will be included I use the following priorities:

- 1) Local News including local events and organizations.
- 2) Letters to the Editor and responses.
- 3) At least one article related to the feature topic for that month.
- 4) Regular Columns.
- 5) AIDS related news.
- 6) National news.
- 7) Feature articles on various topics.
- 8) Poems, essays, art work not related to a feature topic.

So, Mickey, I will make every effort to get your articles included just as quickly as possible, and I do apologize for the delay.

Sharon Van Butsel
Editor

P.S. I guess I've never told you how glad I was that you had the courage to write about child molesting. You see, I was an incest victim and also molested by a stranger when I was 7 years old. My son was also sexually molested. Someday I'll write about the other side of the story. I know that all too well.

This One's For You

Hello, my name is Debra. Once upon a time I had a dream that I might make a difference--that things could be changed--that people could be different and the community closer. Since I have been in office, I have seen many changes in the community. The men and women are becoming closer. A very dear friend of mine expressed that he was so happy to see the women coming out and being active in social activities. He really enjoys the openness being displayed and hopes that it will continue. Thank you all for making it happen. You're wonderful.

I don't know if you've heard, but I have handed in my resignation to the Imperial Court of Nebraska. With the problems in my personal life and the stress that is imposed on monarchs of the court from community members, I cannot give 100% of my time to this worthwhile endeavor. I have many things happening in my life right now that must have all of my attention. I hope you find compassion and forgiveness in your hearts. Sometimes things happen that you have no control over and you must do what you feel is right in your heart.

I regret that I cannot fulfill my commitments. I've learned many things in these past months about the community as a whole and also about individual people. I think it is a pity that people cannot put their negative feelings aside. I regret to say that I have been deeply hurt by friends and disappointed by unchangeable circumstances.

One thing I know is all there is, is change. Without it we cannot grow and become more of what we truly are. When people refuse to change and grow, creativity stops. There is no motivation, no fulfillment and they tend to just exist. This is a sorry place to be. Even though change is the most difficult thing, it is also the most rewarding. Money cannot buy the feeling you get from the accomplishment of it.

I have heard many comments about decisions I have made regarding my Royal Family. I have heard about vulgar comments made directly about me. I attribute these to a hand full of people who are filled with jealousy, fear, and confusion. I must forgive their actions because they have no idea what they are saying. I have done exactly what I believed to be right in my mind and my heart.

-> Debra, page 3

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New Voice Editor:

Like so many who read the New Voice, I too volunteer for NAP. I found the letter from Rich last month to be very disturbing and feel that it begs for a response.

The Nebraska AIDS Project is a relatively new group as social service agencies go. It has experienced a great increase in demand for services, funds and volunteers. I believe the staff and volunteer corps have met the challenges with enthusiasm, concern, knowledge, and professionalism.

While mailings are sometimes a bit late to allow me to fit things into my busy schedule, this is certainly not the first organization I have worked with that has problems keeping everyone informed of every detail every day. As a matter of fact, communications is often listed as a problem within families, business, and social organizations. (If we are really honest, it is an on-going problem for most of us in all parts of our lives. I can think of quite a few groups I've been associated with that can claim this problem.) But the most effective way to implement changes in any process is to be a part of it. If you aren't part of the solution, then you are part of the problem.

As a volunteer with NAP, I have been impressed with the warmth, caring and professional manner of the folks I have worked with--staff and other volunteers alike. We all feel that our time is precious, that we want to

touch others in a special way, and that we want to be appreciated. Patrick has always been considerate of my time when he calls for assignments. Marcy and John wear smiles and share so much, in spite of the stress and emotion they face daily. (I am looking forward to getting to know Barbara as she settles into her new position.) Do I feel appreciated? You bet! Not just by the staff and other volunteers at a once a year formal recognition time, but every time I am allowed to be a part of one of our client's lives.

I don't need someone to tell me how important I am, because I really am not the focal point of our work. Our goal, NAP's and mine, is to help other people feel good about themselves as they live with HIV/AIDS. That is accomplished daily through a variety of activities, including education, testing services and counseling, buddies (aren't they a wonderful bunch?), practical support and just plain "doing whatever we need to do." I am just a small part of this very busy, talented, dedicated, professional organization.

There is another old saying: Try it, you might like it. Thanks NAP, for allowing me to try sharing a bit of me with some very special people, I sure do like it. If you haven't tried it, you might find it a real heartwarming opportunity. I think you will be pleasantly surprised at all you receive when you are giving.

Gratefully,
Kathy England

Debra (continued from page 2)

People think they know what is involved in holding an office, but you don't have any idea until you have tried it.

I think I have accomplished a part of my goal this year and feel confident that your new Athena II, Carla Petersen, will continue on in my place and do an excellent job for the community. Carla is very special to me and she has all my love and support, as do the rest of my Royal Family members, my very close friends, and of course, you, the community. What they need now is your support to help them make the difference. I hope everyone can join together to support our community side by side, in love, unity, and support.

I've never had a family I felt comfortable with until I came to Omaha and met all of you. You have become my family and that can be a great joy and also a great heart ache at times.

Thank you all for all of your support and love.

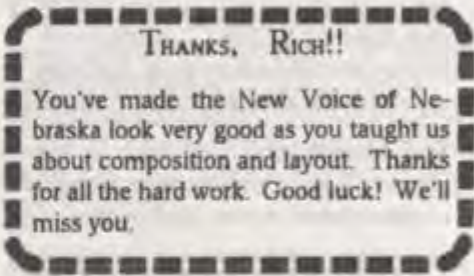
Peace and love always,
Debra

Sex Laws (continued from page 8)

these laws can be interpreted in many different ways. If you have ever had sex with a child under the age of eighteen years of age, then you have probably broken one of these two laws. If you have left a child alone, in your house, where he or she can drink alcohol or see some sort of pornography materials, even against your wishes, then you have already broken these laws.

I was never more shocked during my life, then when I was arrested on multiple counts of these two laws. Please know what danger you are placing yourself in (from criminal prosecution), when you are around children and having desires to have sex with them someday.

If you are currently engaging in sex with someone under eighteen, stop, before it is too late. If you can't stop on your own there is help for you. If you choose to not stop or seek help there are always the police waiting to arrest you.



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Monthly Columns

LET'S TALK LEATHER

Dustin Logan

The 1989-1990 National Mr. Drummer contest was held September 19 through 24 in San Francisco, California. There were 15 regional Mr. Drummers there (14 from U.S., 1 from Canada), vying for the title.

It was a week of very hectic schedules, each day filled with rehearsals, social events, and parties. One evening each of the contestants was auctioned off for dinner with all proceeds going to the S.F. Aids Emergency Fund. Another evening we attended a press party. Each day was filled with at least 2 parties to attend.

The contest itself was held in the Warfield Theatre on Saturday evening to a sellout crowd of over 2500 people.

The contestants were judged on attitude and personality, opening statements, a question and answer session, personal judges' interview, Leather Image, Jock-strap, and presentation of their fantasy. A total of seven judges were used, with the high and low score for each contestant dropped.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by Pamela Stanley (Comin out of Hiding, If Looks Could Kill, etc.).



**BRIAN DAWSON,
MR. DRUMMER 1989-1990**

The M.C.s were former Mr. Drummer Mike Murray, and former I.M.L. Mike Pererya.

Judges included, Ron Zehel--former Mr. Drummer, Guy Baldwin--the current I.M.L.,

Mikal Bales of Zeus studios, Henry Romanowski the first ever Mr. New York Leather, the artist Ettiene, and others.

The result of the contest were as follows:

4th - Dustin Logan - Mr. Great Plains Drummer

3rd - Carl Cliver - Mr. Great Lakes Drummer

2nd - Barone - Mr. New England Drummer

Mr. Drummer 1989-1990 - Brian Dawson - Mr. Southern California Drummer.

For those of you that attended Fantasy 89, you may remember Brian as one of our guests. If you didn't attend, then plan on being there for Fantasy 90. Brian has already committed to be here and help with the festivities and fundraising.

My lover Bob and I were very proud to be in San Francisco as representatives of the Great Plains States.

Next month, I will be focusing on the upcoming International Ms. Leather contest.

Until then, remember play safe!

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The Best Resource

Q: We are organizing a gay couples support group in our area. Are there books we can use for resource and inspiration?

A: Yes, there are now a number of books designed to help lesbian and gay couples build good relationships.

The two best are probably Betty Berzon's Permanent Partners and The Male Couple's Guide to Living Together, by Eric Marcus. Both take a comprehensive look at interpersonal relations as well as practical matters, such as legal planning and money management.

Another excellent resource that is especially good on decision-making and conflict resolution is Lesbian Couples by D. Merilee Clunis and G. Dorsey Green. This broadly inclusive book also discusses how aging, disabilities and racism affect couples. And the authors recently have recorded an outstanding audio tape of the same title.

As suggested by their titles, Berzon's book is the only one of the three that addresses both

gay and lesbian couples.

The three books reflect the professional backgrounds of their authors. Berzon, Clunis and Green are therapists, while Marcus is a journalist. As a result, the women's books focus more closely on emotional matters. Their advice draws on their experience counseling a large number of couples. Marcus, while equally thorough, bases his recommendations on interviews with couples. Personal relationship experience informs all three books.

While not as in touch with the gay community, Tina Tessina's Gay Relationships is still useful. She offers some well-designed exercises that might work well in a group setting.

For detailed legal information, nothing beats A Legal Guide for Lesbian and Gay Couples by Hayden Curry and Denis Clifford. The self-help book includes forms couples can use to create their own documents. While it's still advisable to have important documents reviewed by an attorney, this book

alerts readers to essential legal precautions.

In a more academic vein, Gay Relationships, edited by John De Cecco, includes papers on topics such as how to find and choose a partner, solve problems and maintain a relationship. Most are about gay male relationships.

These books can give you a point of departure, but the very best resource will be the first-hand experience of couples in your group. Your collective experience and support for one another should lead you in all the right directions.

Demian has a doctorate in education (Ed. D.) and is co-publisher/co-editor of Partners: The Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples. Send your questions about gay and lesbian relationships, for possible use in future columns, to Partners, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109. For a complete list of resources for couples, write Partners "Resource List" with a self-addressed, stamped business-sized envelope.



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Features

CHRISTMAS BOREDOM

Do any of you get those Christmas letters that people write and then run off a hundred copies of to enclose in the greeting card? Don't be offended by this if you do that, but I just don't like them. The senders assume that I want to know every detail about the family's accomplishments for the whole year, and I really don't. For example, "we had to put Aunt Maude in a rest home this year and sure hope we can get her out soon." Baloney, they've been waiting for years for the old broad to die and they're afraid the rest home might eat up all her savings that they've been waiting to inherit. "Our son Jimmy is doing so well and we are so proud of him." They ought to be, he brings home everything he steals. "You know how heavy Uncle Joe is. Well he lost quite a bit this past year." The only thing old Joe lost was a kilo when he got caught.

"Our dear little dog Fluffy is going to have puppies and we are excited." Translation:

The damn kids left the gate open again and the bitch got out.

Here's one. "We thought of you when we were toasting a glass of champagne on our fiftieth anniversary." A glass my buns, they drank a whole case and almost got kicked out of Sun City for showing porn flicks in the rec hall.

"Our niece Angela was not feeling too well in August but is back in the saddle again." Oh really. If she wasn't in the saddle so much she wouldn't have had to have another abortion.

Get this. "Our son Bobby is doing so well since he moved to Los Angeles. He plays the organ for a big Church out there." They don't realize it but that little nelly was playing on upright organs long before he left home.

These friends wrote, "we have really made a lot of progress on tracing the family tree, sure is a lot of work." Who the hell cares. They've

been at it for 20 years and are almost back to Adam and Eve.

The card I liked best this year had a footnote on it that said, "We're really sorry, we have been so busy we didn't have time to write our usual letter." Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Don Longmore

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As I sit watching the lights on my Christmas tree blink I can almost match their rhythm to the Christmas music. It is Christmas day and within the week my Christmas tree will be packed away along with many memories which may not surface again 'til next year. As I write, I'm aware that I am 40 days late for the December's deadline for 1988; however, I will surely meet the '89 deadline. Memories are by their very nature, a bit painful. Memories are made from people, places and events from the past. We're not always sure that our present will be as good as our memories would have us believe that our past has been. It takes effort to make each holiday into a pleasant memory.

As I study my tree I see a part of my history come alive. That ol' artificial tree has served me over 15 years. I see the decorations made by a co-worker in 1962, the painted ornaments that my ex-wife did for our first tree in '67, the bell commemorating our son's first Christmas in '75, the knitted candles made by my mother. Every year I add to my tree and to my memories.

I also remember Christmases from my youth. The year we went to my Grandparent's warned that since we had drawn names, not to expect but one gift. I got a second. NO other child got two. My Grandma had got me a set of rubber stamps and letters to print my own comics. When asked why, she said it was because I was special. We never drew names again.

When in the third grade Dad couldn't afford to buy a tree. The tree in the classroom was undecorated on the last day of school and awarded by drawing to someone without a tree. I was so proud as I dragged that used tree through the snow. As I got a block from home, I spotted my 6th grader brother carrying his classroom tree on his shoulder. We argued all the way home as to which tree was best, only to find yet a third tree on the porch. Dad had given in. We learned the joy of giving as we found homes for two extra trees.

The first Christmas after my divorce I determined the memories would be too painful. A

faculty wife let me know that I had no right to deprive myself of whatever joy could be mine at Christmas. I put up my tree and went to a faculty party where the same woman yelled across the entire staff to her husband that she knew that he loved me more than her (and I suspect he did—Oh Joy).

My first Christmas as a father was most special, and I draw from that each year. Our Church choir presented the cantata "Love Came Down." The message is that God is Love, and Love came to earth in the Christ Child. As I reflect on that Christmas this year, I think of the sad part of the Nativity scene. We are told that Mary and Joseph sought lodging at an inn. The inn-keeper declared "No Room!" and shut the door on the greatest gift—Love.

Today, as I write, my thoughts go to the many people that are sadly alone all year long because they have declared they have "No Room" for Love. Their lives are filled with career ambitions, societal expectations, greed, and the list goes on. Just as the inn-keeper turned away love, possibly because it was Jewish, there are people turning away love because it is different—homosexual, or a PWA.

I wish all of our readers Season's Greetings. If you want a Merry Christmas—open yourself up to love—no matter who presents it, or develop the love in yourself for yourself. If you want a Happy New Year, resolve to share that love which you have accepted—attempt to give your love away. If you do these things you will have wonderful Christmas memories—all years to come.

Jerry Peck

ONLY WITH LOVE BENEFIT

On November 11, the Diamond Bar and T.W.O. hosted an appearance by Only With Love, a group from Des Moines, Iowa. The show featured a combination of lip synch and live entertainment done with an enthusiasm and honesty that more than made up for any lack of flashy costumes and sophisticated stage sets.

Part of the funds raised by this performance go to help meet the cost of care of a young woman left in a coma following a cerebral aneurysm with the balance going to help earthquake victims in San Francisco.

This is certainly not the first benefit done by Only With Love. This nonprofit group was formed in January, 1989, to help meet the cost of caring for a friend who had leukemia. They soon realized that the need extended far beyond just one person and the group began its outreach to anyone in the community who has needs that cannot be met by the existing systems.

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M. R. Scott

The last article in this series was focused on the felony assaults or child molesting that would be a felony punishment. This month I will attempt to describe the molesting crimes that would be a misdemeanor. These crimes are usually done in the preparation of sexual contact.

The first law is not widely known about, but is often used by the prosecutor.

The following are copied from the Nebraska State Statutes.

28-805 Debauching a minor; penalty (1) any person not a minor commits the offense of debauching a minor if he or she shall debauch or deprave the morals of any boy or girl under the age of seventeen years by:

(a) Lewdly inducing such boy or girl carnally to know any other person or:

(b) Soliciting any such boy or girl to visit a house of prostitution or other place where prostitution, debauchery, or other immoral practices are permitted or encouraged, for the

purposes of prostitution or sexual penetration; or

(c) Arranging or assisting in arranging any meetings for such purpose between any such boy or girl or girl and any female or male of dissolute character or any inmate of any place where prostitution, debauchery, or other immoral practices are permitted or encouraged.;or

(d) Arranging or aiding or assisting in arranging any meeting between any such boy or girl and any other person for the purpose of sexual penetration.

(2) Debauching a minor is a Class I misdemeanor. (Max. 1 year in county jail or \$1,000 fine, or both)

28-709. contributing to the delinquency of a child; penalty definitions.

(1) Any person who, by an act, encourages, causes, or contributes to the delinquency or need for special supervision of a child under eighteen years of age, so that such child

becomes, or will tend to become, a delinquent child, or a child in need of special supervision, commits contributing to the delinquency of a child.

(2) The following definitions shall be applicable to this section:

(a) Delinquent child shall mean any child under the age of eighteen years who has violated any law of the state or any city or village ordinance; and

(b) A child in need of special supervision shall mean any child under the age of eighteen years (i) who, by reason of being wayward or habitually disobedient, is uncontrolled by his parent, guardian, or custodian; (ii) who is habitually truant from school or home; or (iii) who departs himself so as to injure or endanger seriously the morals or health or himself or others.

(3) Contributing to the delinquency of a child is a Class I misdemeanor.

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Just In time for Holiday Giving, *The Gay Desk Calendar, 1990* by Michael Willhoite from Alyson Press, is available for only \$10.95 from any member of the steering committee of *The New Voice of Nebraska*. Michael Willhoite, popular caricaturist for *The Washington Blade*, has selected his most attractive and witty drawings of personalities from the past and present. In a short essay accompanying each caricature, Willhoite dishes as cleverly as he draws.

This calendar is larger than those published in previous years, not only to accommodate Willhoite's excellent drawings, but also because virtually every day of the year contains an anniversary of births and important events.

If you'd like a copy of *The Gay Desk Calendar, 1990* for yourself and a few copies to use as presents, contact any member of the steering committee. For more information, call Amy Marie Meek at 422-1564.



Community Calendar

1 Friday World-Wide AIDS Awareness Day

2 Saturday People of All Colors Together (PACT) Rap Session. Call 341-4078 for information.

3 Sunday New Voice Steering Committee, MCC-Omaha, 420 S 24th, 4pm. All interested parties welcome.

4 Monday Imperial Court of Nebraska Board of Governors Meeting, The Max, 1415 Jackson, 6:30 pm. All interested parties welcome.

Gay/Lesbian Student Organization, UNO, Milo Ball Student Center, 3rd floor, Board Room, 7 pm. All students welcome!

5 Tuesday ANGLE (formerly BOO), Achieving New Gay/Lesbian Endeavors, W. Dale Clark Library, 15th & Douglas, meeting rooms 2 & 3, 7 pm.

6 Wednesday P-FLAG AIDS Support Group, Lincoln, 7 pm, call 435-4688 for location.

8 Friday Affirmation/Omaha, 7 pm, call 556-7701 for location.

10 Sunday SUBMISSION DEADLINE!! All classifieds, articles, art work, poetry, and letters must be received by this date for consideration for the January issue of the New Voice.

P-FLAG/Omaha, First Methodist Church (northeast entrance), 69th & Cass, 3 pm.

Dignity, St. John's, lower level, Creighton Campus, mass at 7 pm.

11 Monday UNL Task Force on AIDS Education, Conference Room C, University Health Center, UNL, 3:30 pm.

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

13 Wednesday UNL Gay/Lesbian Alumni/ae Assoc, Reunion Meeting Room, 905 N 16th St, Lincoln, 7 pm.

16 Saturday PACT (People of All Colors Together) Christmas Party, 7 pm, call 341-4078 for location.

17 Sunday Affirmation/Lincoln, Write for time and location: PO Box 80122, Lincoln, NE 68501.

Holiday Concert, River City Mixed Chorus, Straus Performing Arts Center, UNO, 66th & Dodge, 7:05 pm. Phone 341-0763 for tickets or more information.

"Toys for Tots," Imperial Court of Nebraska Benefit Show, The Max, 1415 Jackson, 9:30 pm.

18 Monday Gay/Lesbian Student Organization, UNO, Milo Ball Student Center, 3rd floor, Board Room, 7 pm. All students welcome!!

19 Tuesday Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights, Boardwalk, 30th & O, Lincoln, NE, 7 pm.

20 Wednesday Holiday Meeting, Metropolitan Club, 6 pm. Call 449-9377 for location.

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

21 Thursday Gay/Lesbian Jewish Group Chanukah Party, 7 pm, open to gay/lesbian Jews and non-Jews. Phone 291-6781 for information.

24 Sunday Christmas Eve Services, Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 420 South 24th Street, 10 pm.

25 Monday MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

26 Tuesday Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - Lincoln, 7:30 pm. Call 435-4688 for location. Program: Games and Christmas Sharing.

30 Saturday People of All Colors Together (PACT) New Year's Celebration. Call 341-4078 for location.

31 Sunday Two Wheelers of Omaha New Year's Eve Pig-Out Buffet, Diamond Bar.

1 Monday HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

6 Saturday Gay/Lesbian Jewish Group, Discussion session, 1:30 pm, centering on issues of concern to gay and lesbian Jews. Phone 291-6781 for information.

9 Monday River City Mixed Chorus Auditions, 6:30-7:30 pm, Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1023 North 40th Street in Omaha. Phone 341-0763 for information.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday

Metropolitan Community Church
420 South 24th, Omaha
Sunday School, 9 am
Worship Services, 10:20 am & 7 pm

The Max
1415 Jackson
Show at 9 pm

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

Thursday

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

UNL Gay/Lesbian Students Organization
8 pm
Room 342, Nebraska Union
University Nebraska/Lincoln

Nuts & Bolts & Brass Tacks, 7 pm
Pella Lutheran, 41st & Farnam
Call NAP 342-4233 or Steve 346-1556
Alcoholic Anonymous Group dealing with alcohol and AIDS issues

Friday

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

Gay Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:15 pm
Pella Lutheran Church
303 South 41st Street, Omaha
345-9916

Women's Friday Afternoon Gathering
5 to 7 pm
(to foster networks and have fun)
The Club, 116 North 20th Street, Lincoln



Local Organizations

P.A.C.T. NOTES

P.A.C.T. (People of All Colors Together) has had a positive feedback from the national organization and from local clientele. The group is pleased to offer support to people of all colors in the community, and encourages better relationships among people of all races.

Last November, P.A.C.T. engaged in a "Get Acquainted" event with Kansas City-B.W.M.T. The purpose was introductions and discussion of what each local organization is doing. Omaha-P.A.C.T. was very receptive. The out of town guests exhibited ways to attract people to the local chapter. It was a weekend that will be remembered.

This month, P.A.C.T. plans to schedule a rap session on December 2. There will be a Christmas Party held at a couple's house and New Years will be observed.

P.A.C.T. is planning to be recognized as an existing chapter in the eyes of the national association by March, 1990. When this status takes place, there will be a possible first reforming annual held in the spring. The members look forward to growing together and becoming an organization that will serve to better the gay community locally and nationally.

If P.A.C.T. is an organization that interests you, please call 341-4078 for more information.

NEWS FROM THE MONARCHS

Hi again! Yes another month has passed again. Since this letter was written before ICON's "Food For Thought" benefit, We won't be able to give any comment about the show until next month.

We would like to applaud Prince Royal IX, Dean Michon for a job well done on his show "Ten Years Of The Best", a good evening of professional female impersonation.

We regret to inform you Deb Levengood has stepped down from her position as Athena II, due to extreme family concerns. JoJo Morrison, who for the past nine years has given ICON so much of her expertise in special events, organization and love for her community, has resigned from the board due to illness. These ladies we are going to miss, and we owe a big thanks to them. We love you both and best wishes in the future.

With Christmas around the corner, there are those children that won't be visited by Santa, due to illness, homelessness and just without. As with years in the past, ICON will host "Toys For Tots" to help assure these children have a brighter tomorrow. It will be Sunday, December 17th at the Max. Please come and show your generosity.

If you have questions, thoughts that you want to inform us about, please write and let us know you're there.

We're Here For You!
The Monarchs

MR. GAY NEBRASKA UPDATE

Rick Noss began his duties as Mr. Gay Nebraska by attending the All Iowa AIDS Benefit in Des Moines, Sunday, November 5. The benefit, sponsored by the Cornhousers of Iowa, raised several thousand dollars for AIDS.

Several performances were given including Omaha's Laura Grey and Geraldine Scratch 'N Sniff. Rick accompanied Geraldine in a number from Rocky Horror and also addressed the audience on the need for legislation against hate crimes.

Rick continued his political activity Sunday, November 12, by attending a fund raiser for Senator Jim Exon. Rick and Don Randolph met with several persons, including Senator Exon, CeCe Zorinsky, Gubernatorial hopeful Ben Nelson, and City Councilman Steve Tomasek.

When approached regarding his stand on the Hate Crimes Statistics Act of 1989 (S. 419), Senator Exon was noncommittal and saw flaws with the bill. Persons interested in this bill need to continue contacting Senator Exon with their concerns.

Rick has begun work on his major fund raising project—an eighteen month Gay Nebraska Calendar, with photos of Nebraska Men, Women, and Female Impersonators. The calendar will go on sale in the spring.

Rick also plans to get a celebrity to donate a photo and attend an autograph session coinciding with the release of the calendar. It is a lofty goal, but one he hopes will become a reality.

Finally, Rick would like to express how honored he is for receiving the title of Mr. Gay Nebraska, and would like to thank T.W.O. for sponsoring the contest. He also thanks Jeff Wilson, Marge Gargiulo, and Jim Gau for their support and help, as well as the Limited Express for outfitting him for the contest. A special thanks goes out to Rich Handzlik for accompanying Rick to the All Iowa AIDS Benefit.

DON RANDOLPH SPOTLIGHTED BY HRCF

The Fall, 1989, issue of Momentum, a news publication of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, included the following profile of Don Randolph. Mr. Randolph is a member of the Board of Directors of the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

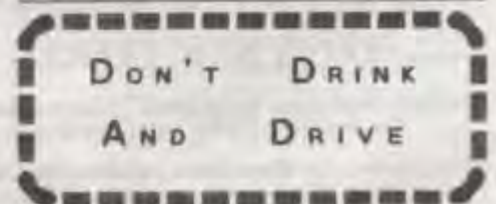
Don Randolph

Gay power has arrived in Heartland, U.S.A., says Don Randolph. He should know. Randolph, 44, is a leading figure in the gay and lesbian and AIDS community in Omaha, Nebraska.

On the HRCF Board for the past three years, Randolph sits on the political development committees. He's an active member of the American Red Cross AIDS Education Coalition of Nebraska, on the board of directors of

the Nebraska AIDS Project, president and board member of the Imperial Court of Nebraska (ICON), and secretary treasurer of ICON PWA, an emergency funding resource for persons with AIDS. Randolph is vice president of administration for a wholesale furniture company.

"What I like most about HRCF is the gratification I get knowing we're at the forefront of gay and lesbian issues around the country," says Randolph.



FOR A GOOD TIME...

Listen girls, the year is almost over and Glo has got some fun for you here at the Max. Let's start with the Miss Gay Nebraska USA Pageant, December 3rd at 8:30 pm with a "Pre-Pageant" concert starring Dagni. After that child, we have my version of the Dating and Newlywed Game, so look out, honey, Glo's got your one thing.

Holidays are for children, and each year ICON presents "Toys For Tots", a benefit to help needy children right here in Nebraska. Please come December 17th and give with all your heart. Which brings us to the New Year and the Max's Annual Blow-out...

So come kiss me and Mr. Max, Todd Vesely, under the mistletoe, but wear your rubber lips. By the way, rumor has it that Todd has got a bag of tricks hidden somewhere on his tight little bod. Which will include a western night for all you Hombres and Hombresses.

My reign as Miss Max is almost over and I have had fun. We at the Max have brought a variety of entertainment from JELLO wrestling to some of the best entertainers from across the U.S. In addition, we have sponsored art shows, puppeteers, and live theatre.

It has been my pleasure to represent the Max, and I would like to thank Bruce, Stosh and all the employees of the Max for all their support. But most of all, I would like to thank you, Nebraska, for being the best.

All My Love
Gloria Revelle
Miss Max '89

P.S. The Max would like to thank Jim Hillyard for a job well done. Welcome aboard Bill Bohannon, BREAK A LASH!

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HOLY UNION TO BE HELD

January 6, 1990, at The Max will be the setting for the Holy Union of Heidi Jeanne Hess and Tammy Duryea. The ceremony will begin at 6:00 pm

Heidi is a student at UNO majoring in journalism. She is politically active and president of the Gay/Lesbian Student Organization.

Tammy is well-known in the community, as

she is one of the elite security officers of The Max. She is planning to pursue a degree in criminal justice.

A reception will immediately follow the ceremony.

Both wish to extend their invitation to friends to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS
HEIDI AND TAMMY
FROM THE STAFF OF THE NEW VOICE

MR. GAY NEBRASKA 1990

Rick Noss of Omaha is Mr. Gay Nebraska 1990. The New Voice announced this last month. As promised, here's the rest of the story.

As announced last month, Todd Vesely, Mr. Max, and also of Omaha was the first runner up. Jeffrey "Brandon" Shukis, Omaha, was the second runner up.

Other contestants were Mark Ent of Lincoln and Jerry Wargler of Omaha. An entrant from Auburn cancelled due to illness.

Contestants spent the afternoon in interviews with the judges. They then made three appearances on stage. The first was a walk around in "Bar Wear" during which a short biography was read. Next came "Beach Wear" and impromptu comments on a subject. Final appearance was in "Formal Wear" and included prepared responses regarding what they would do as Mr. Gay Nebraska.

Mr. Gay Nebraska 1988, Dustin Logan, announced the winners.

Judges were Dick Brown (Mr. Gay Nebraska 1987), Kelly, Reverend Howard, Dustin Logan and Paxton West.

Committee Chairman Craig Otto opened the show and introduced the emcee, Pat Phalen. Between appearances of the contestants the

audience was treated to a wide variety of entertainment. Entertainers included: Empress IX Gabriell, Gospel songs by Stan, Sheza Man from Lincoln, the inimitable Geraldine Scratch & Sniff, Mr. Gay Iowa Gary Mefford, emcee Pat Phalen and Miss Max.

For trivia buffs, there was no Mr. Gay Nebraska 1989. The committee decided to advance the title designation one year since most of the term is spent during the new year.

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U S WEST NEWS REPORTS ON COMING OUT DAY

Terry Sweeney

The Employee Association for Gays and Lesbians, a U S West resource group, was pleased to assist U S WEST TODAY (the company's twice monthly publication with distribution of over 70,000 copies) in covering National Coming Out Day and its significance to employees of U S West. (see inset)

Throughout U S West's fourteen state region, EAGLE encouraged employees to write to the newspaper staff telling their coming out stories and feelings about being a Gay or Lesbian person within a corporate environment. This did not happen without a veil of controversy. In response to previous information printed about EAGLE there has been published negative, homophobic letters to the editor containing the all too familiar rhetoric. However, through a series of meetings with U S WEST TODAY staff, EAGLE members voiced concerns about such negative letters and formulated a communication plan for covering Lesbian/Gay employee issues. EAGLE is encouraged by the supportive and cooperative nature with which U S WEST TODAY has handled their coverage of NCOD and view this as an important step in setting a pace for Gay and Lesbian employees to feel safe and comfortable to come out in the workplace.

Additionally, we are grateful to the New Voice for allowing us to share our success with its readership. If you are interested in forming an employees resource group in your company or would like to have more information about EAGLE, please contact the New Voice with your request.



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in my opinion

Recently we received several "In My Opinion" letters on the significance of National Coming Out Day — and of increasing gay and lesbian visibility in the community and the workplace.

Since we don't have the space to publish them all in their entirety, following are excerpts:

Oct. 11 marked the second anniversary of the gay and lesbian march on Washington, D. C. — one of the largest public civil rights demonstrations ever to occur there. It also was the second annual "National Coming Out Day," designed to increase the visibility of more than 20 million gay and lesbian Americans.

But is it safe to come out at U S WEST? That's the big question. . . . For me it was and is. I have 24 years with U S WEST Communications (PNB) and have built a support network that allows me that luxury. I feel safe in saying that coming out of the closet won't cost me my job. I can't say that it hasn't cost me a promotion. . . . But for the average gay or lesbian employee, based on my personal experience as one of the founding members of the Employee Association of Gays and Lesbians, I would have to say that it's not safe. There is no guarantee in this corporation that you won't be fired, solely on the basis of sexual orientation. —by George Gosselin, U S WEST Communications, Seattle

As a U S WEST Communications employee of 15 years, I take great pride in the fact that my company strives for a pluralistic work environment.

I'm grateful that I can voice my opinion about how National Coming Out Day can enhance this environment. . . .

Statistics show that at least 10 percent of humanity has always been, and will always be, gay or lesbian. If we all had the courage to come out and

proudly be the whole people that we really are, the rest of the world would see that they have coworkers, brothers, sisters, parents, physicians, attorneys and clergy whom they love and trust — and who also happen to be gay men and lesbians.

The consciousness of the planet would be raised. Money would be made available to find a cure for AIDS. We could all get on with the business of serving our customers — who are also at least 10 percent gay and lesbian. — by Elizabeth McFarland, U S WEST Communications, Seattle

Is "coming out" strictly a gay issue? I believe not. Each of us might benefit from coming out — to ourselves, first and foremost — about our feelings of discomfort, misunderstanding or prejudice toward people we perceive to be different from ourselves.

Perhaps, like me, you'll let National Coming Out Day inspire you to search your own heart, examine personal fear, anger or mistrust and make a conscious decision to take the potentially scary risk of accepting, and therefore celebrating, diversity. —by Linda Spiegler, U S WEST Communications, Englewood, Colo.

If the estimates hold true, there are about 6,500 gay and lesbian folks who work for U S WEST.

And most of us don't know who the other 6,499 are.

My own experience is that people fear what they don't know. And most folks think they don't know anyone who is gay or lesbian. Our fears let us abuse people and be abused by people.

Until gays and lesbians come out to our friends and coworkers and neighbors and families and doctors and the media and our company, the abuse will continue. . . .

Coming out is about giving people the truth and trusting they will use it wisely.

There is a widely held belief that abuse is cyclical and learned. We also know that cycle can be broken and new behaviors learned. Coming out is a way to break the cycle of abuse and allow all of us to be whole, healthy people. — by Dawn Tubbs, U S WEST Communications, Seattle

G/L JEWS MEET IN OMAHA

A new organization has formed in Omaha for gay and lesbian Jews. The group—so far unnamed—held its second meeting on Saturday, November 18, and discussed directions to take, upcoming events, and ways to encourage new members.

Two events have been scheduled: Thursday, December 21, at 7 pm, the group will hold a Chanukah Party. The party will be open to gay and lesbian Jews and non-Jews. On Saturday, January 6, at 1:30 pm, the group will conduct a discussion session centering on issues of concern to gay and lesbian Jews.

Current members expect future meetings to include social activities, discussion groups, and spiritual pursuit. Other gay and lesbian organizations in Omaha, including Affirmation (United Methodists) and Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns, are being contacted regarding suggestions and possible future ecumenical gatherings.

For information on membership in the organization, please phone 291-6781 in Omaha.

MCC HEADLINES

Carla P.

This month began with more than 25 MCCers participating in our monthly bar night. The Diamond was the site of our evening out. Watch for us at The Max on the first Friday in December.

More than two dozen MCCers came out on Saturday night for Movie Night at the Church. Torch Song Trilogy entertained the crowd. Movies or games are on the agenda every Saturday night at the Church whenever no other function is scheduled. The fun starts at 7:30. Everyone is welcome.

We were pleased to hold a reception for the director and cast of Boys In the Band following their Saturday performance. Great job! Thanks, Billy! Thanks to all of you who helped make this production a success.

The Choir presented special music several times this month. You might have heard them in the "Food for Thought" show at The Max. On behalf of all of those we serve through the Food Pantry, we extend a thank you to ICON and everyone who made contributions to the show.

Mondays and Wednesdays were set aside this month for Parish Family Groups. Several members and friends of the Church are participating in this time of study and fellowship.

Thanksgiving weekend was a special time for many. The Worship Committee provided us with a special worship service that Sunday. We truly do have much to be thankful for!



HALLOWEEN AT MCC

Mickey R.

Metropolitan Community Church sponsored a Halloween Party on October 28. Everyone had fun all evening. About half of the 30 party-goers dressed up in great-looking costumes. The costume wearers were dressed over a wide range of scary characters.

Darth Vader was there, a 12-year old pirate, and a pair of very unusual flashers. There were several Greek gods, some even wore costumes to the party.

The women's costumes were great, too. We had a lot of cowfolks there (that's cowgirl and cowboy together), along with two of the cutest little pixies you ever saw. I would have to admit for me the Greek gods were the best.

If you missed this year's party...mark your calendar for next year's. Until then I will see you in church.

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RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS CONCERT IS DECEMBER 17

The UNO Bell Tower will be ringing out! The magnificent organ in Strauss Performing Arts Center will be ringing out! The River City Mixed Chorus, under the direction of John Kelly, presents its sixth Holiday Concert, "Ring Out Wild Bells!"

The concert is Sunday, December 17th, at 7:05 pm, at Strauss Performing Arts Center at UNO. Tickets are available from any Chorus member, by calling 341-0763, or by writing Box 315, Omaha, 68101. Buy your tickets early! The Holiday Concert is always a favorite!

Other upcoming concert dates include a performance at 2:00 pm, Sunday, December 10th, in Western Heritage Museum. An event our whole community awaits, the annual Caroling at the Bars, is Friday, December 15th, starting with The Max at 6:30, and The Chesterfield, The Run, and The Diamond after 9:00.

The Chorus held its Halloween Costume Party after rehearsal October 30. As usual, the many members were very creative in their choices of attire. There was everything from sailors to senators, drag to dudes, and all done

with humor and creative flair. First place went to John Coe, who appeared resplendent in black complete with cape and feather head dress. Second place went to KD and Toni, linked together as Macho Slut and Nacho Slut (with a plate full of Tacos on her head including sour cream and fresh guacamole salad). They showered the Chorus with packs of taco sauce. Third place went to Tanith, dressed as a follower of the god Bacchus. She had a tastefully tailored tunic complete with a grape vine wreath on her head and grapes on her shoulders. (There hasn't been this much fresh fruit on a woman since Carmen Miranda quit making movies.) And all you people thought all the Chorus did was make music and act serious! Well, they do that, but they know how to have fun.

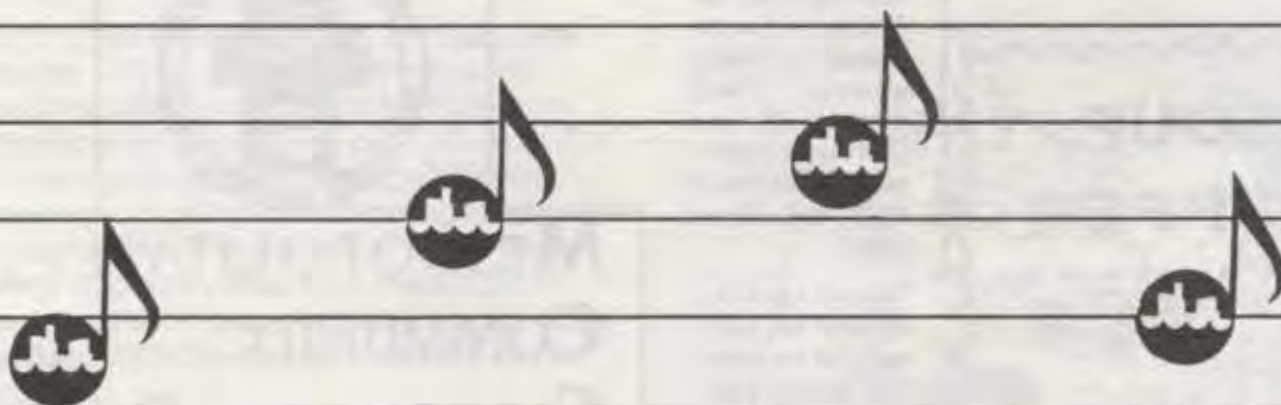
If you want to join the River City Mixed Chorus for its Spring Season, auditions will be Monday, January 8, 1990, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1023 North 40th Street in Omaha. For further information about joining as a singing or non-singing member, call Stan Brown at 341-0763. (The Spring Concert will once again be a joint effort with the Des

Moines Men's Chorus. Last year's concerts in Des Moines and Omaha were a huge success. The men from Des Moines sure know how to show the people from Omaha a good time.)

All of the Chorus wants to extend to you and yours the happiest of Holiday Seasons, and they look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

AMES, IOWA INFORMATION LINE

The GLCO information line is back!!! The information line at 515/ 294-2104 is a recorded message listing Lesbian and Gay activities for the coming months. Following the announcement, callers can leave their name and phone numbers where members of the community can contact them with more information. In the past, the information line has been an invaluable, anonymous source of information, and was often a first contact for newly coming out or out-of-town gays, lesbians, and bisexuals.



River City Mixed Chorus

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Tickets are available through any Chorus Member, TIX, or call 341-0763

ACT-UP/KC ACTION AT WAL-MART

KANSAS CITY, MO — In what was described as the first in a series of actions, 22 people participated in an information picket of the WAL-MART store in Blue Springs, Missouri on Sunday, September 10. In November of 1988, WAL-MART fired one of their assistant managers because of the rumor that he might be gay. The employee, Mike Poynor, has since begun legal proceedings against WAL-MART. ACT-UP/KC organized the picket to help make the public more aware of WAL-MART's discriminatory act. Amidst shouts of "Get out of Blue Springs you fuckin' queers," and "I wouldn't hire a faggot either," demonstrators distributed leaflets, describing the events that lead up to Poynor's dismissal, to shoppers as they drove into WAL-MART's parking lot. One Blue Springs police officer on duty commented that the people from ACT-UP were well-behaved and, without police presence, there probably would have been violence against those picketing. "I never knew anything about this until you people came here today, what WAL-MART did was wrong," one woman remarked as she joined the demonstrators. Recently, there have been

reports of shoppers going to the Blue Springs WAL-MART, filling their carts with merchandise and then telling the clerk they refuse to buy anything from WAL-MART until the company adopts an employment policy that bars discrimination based on sexual orientation. "We intend to keep pressure on WAL-MART and to let the company know that this kind of policy is unacceptable," stated ACT-UP member Carl Hippensteel. Hippensteel also commented that eventually ACT-UP plans to carry this campaign against WAL-MART's policy nationwide. Anyone wishing to contact Sam Walton directly can call him at: 501-273-4000 or write to: WAL-MART Stores Inc. 702 SW 8th St. Bentonville, AR 72716. If interested in more information about ACT-UP/KC's plans concerning WAL-MART call 816-561-8508 or write PO Box 10085, KCMO 64111.

Here are some interesting facts taken from the Gay Book of Lists, by Leigh W. Rutledge, Alyson Publications.

Celebrities Who Have Openly Supported Gay Rights:

1. Edward Asner
2. Patty Duke Astin
3. Lauren Bacall
4. Joan Baez
5. Rona Barrett
6. Carol Burnett
7. Chip Carter
8. Phil Donahue
9. Mike Farrell
10. Henry Fonda
11. Jane Fonda
12. Sir John Gielgud
13. Hugh Hefner
14. Grace Jones
15. Shirley Maclaine
16. Marsha Mason
17. Ethel Merman
18. Bette Midler
19. Paul Newman
20. Richard Pryor
21. Lynn Redgrave
22. Vanessa Redgrave
23. Burt Reynolds
24. Joan Rivers
25. Gloria Steinem
26. Elizabeth Taylor
27. Marlo Thomas
28. Lily Tomlin



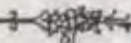
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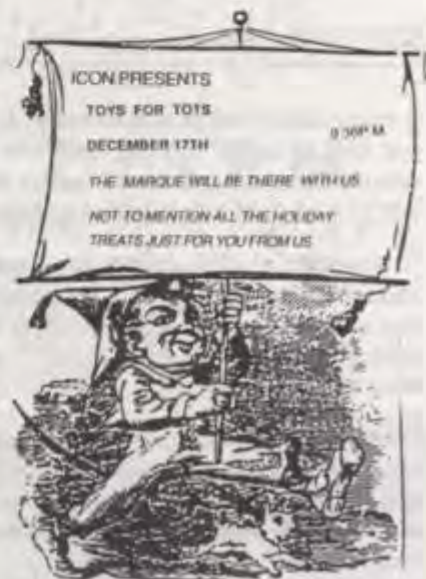


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National Spotlight

NEW MILITARY REPORT DECRIES ANTI-GAY DISCRIMINATION

"I Want You," the old Uncle Sam military recruiting slogan, may one day include gays and lesbians if a recently surfaced, pro-gay military report is any indication.

A new report ordered by the Department of Defense concludes that the American military should reexamine its homophobic policy and consider ending anti-gay and lesbian discrimination. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has called for the immediate implementation of the report to stem the rising tide of court martial and unfair discharges.

NGLTF, part of the Gay and Lesbian Military Freedom Project, has praised the report and called it a validation of what gays and lesbians have known for years: Homosexuals are not welcome in the military, are being severely discriminated against, and are being evicted under malicious and punitive charges.

The unclassified study, dated December, 1988, surfaced recently in a New York Times article, after it was made available by members of Congress, in particular Reps. Gerry Studds (D-Mass./10) and Patricia Schroeder (D-Colo./1).

The report urges the military to end its ban on gays and lesbians. Citing changes in American society's acceptance of homosexuals, the report states the Government will most likely be forced to reexamine its anti-gay policies.

"Our studied conclusion is that the military services will soon be asked by the courts or the Congress to reexamine their policies and practices regarding recruitment and retention of men and women whose sexual interests deviate from the customary."

But the Pentagon has since rejected the report, calling it wasteful, flawed, offensive, and exceeding its mandate.

The U.S. Armed Forces has long held that gays and lesbians who engage in homosexual conduct in the military—or who have a "propensity" to engage in homosexual acts—threaten "discipline, good order, and morale."

"This report is the latest in a long line of studies submitted to the Department of Defense that supports our contention that anti-gay and lesbian policy at the Pentagon is out of touch with reality and right in touch with military bigotry and homophobia," said Sud Hyde, NGLTF Privacy Project director and representative to the Military Freedom Project.

"It supports those valiant soldiers, including Leonard Matlovich, Joe Stefan, Ellen Nesbitt, Miriam ben Shalom, Perry Watkins, and others, who have defended their right to serve their country," said Hyde. "Now the time has come for the military to immediately implement the report's suggestions and terminate its anti-gay policy."

\$20,000 SETTLEMENT FOR ANTI-GAY VERBAL ASSAULT

A major victory has been achieved in a lawsuit filed on behalf of a gay man who was verbally assaulted and refused service by an ARCO A.M./P.M. Mini Mart in Los Angeles.

In November of 1987, Johnny Ray Gearhart entered the market to redeem a winning lottery ticket. The clerk refused to serve him, yelling "Get out of the store, faggot. I don't want to catch AIDS."

Peter Laura, the attorney responsible for the successful settlement award, said "Anti-gay and AIDS-phobic epithets are vicious and hurtful. I am delighted that Johnny will be compensated."

Cynthia Goldstein, Director of NGRA's Anti-Violence Litigation Project, was equally pleased with the result. "The recent increase in violence against the gay and lesbian community, and against people with AIDS, makes this win particularly valuable," said Goldstein. "This settlement warns bigots and bashers that they will pay a stiff price for their prejudice, and that the lesbian and gay community will not tolerate any form of homophobia."

PARENTS FLAG CONVENTION

Society should acknowledge sexuality as normal rather than deny it as we have been doing for centuries, said Dr. Sylvia S. Hacker, Associate Professor at the University of Michigan School of Public Health, when addressing the Eighth International Convention of the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) recently.

In particular, Dr. Hacker derided sex education courses that do little more than describe the "plumbing" of human anatomy and ignore the fact that sexuality pervades nearly every aspect of life. America lags in meaningful sex education, she told the audience of 300 at the Novi Hilton near Detroit, Michigan.

If we are to end misconceptions about sexuality, including homosexuality, Dr. Hacker said, we should acknowledge that sexuality is "normal and good," and that it is far more than intercourse, and includes "holding hands, kissing," and other forms of physical contact between same-gender and opposite-gender humans.

The Federation of Parents FLAG was incorporated in 1982 and has as its main objective offering support to parents, families, and friends of gay men and lesbians, and educating its members and others about issues related to homosexuality. The organization has since grown to more than 80 Chapters located across the United States, Canada, Europe, and Australia.

"This past year has been a year of transition and tremendous growth," Parents FLAG President Paulette Goodman told the audience in her annual report. "We opened our National Office in Washington, D.C., launched our Family AIDS Education Project, and testified at City and County Councils across the land to ensure that gay and lesbian people will have full human and civil rights."

This year's Convention carried the theme "Listening, Learning, Loving," and offered participants 22 workshops. A special Federation Award was presented to Cleve Jones, Executive Director of the NAMES Project Foundation, which coordinates the expansion, tour, and display of the AIDS quilt.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

**MASSACHUSETTS SECOND STATE
TO PASS GAY RIGHTS BILL**

Groundbreaking gay rights legislation has passed the Massachusetts legislature. The bill passed the Massachusetts House April 3 by a vote of 76-72 and received full approval of the Senate on November 6.

After 17 years of being filed, both the Massachusetts House and Senate passed the gay civil rights bill, which will prohibit discrimination against gays in employment, housing, credit, insurance, and public accommodations. The bill will empower the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination to investigate and prosecute cases of anti-gay discrimination. The Massachusetts Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights, a primary lobbying and organizing force for the bill, will continue statewide organizing and public education in 1990 to ensure that the law will be publicized and enforced.

"This is a proud moment in Massachusetts history and a milestone in the national civil rights movement," said David LaFontaine, lobbying director for the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights. "We're excited about the potential of this bill to give impetus to gay and lesbian rights struggles throughout the nation."

Wisconsin passed a gay civil rights bill in 1982. In 1983, in California, a bill introduced by then-state legislator Art Agnos passed in both branches of the state legislature, only to be vetoed by Governor Deukmejian. In 1987, the Connecticut gay rights bill initially passed both the House and Senate only to lose by one vote in the final House vote. This year, Iowa passed a bill through the House, only to have the measure defeated in the Senate. In New York, the gay rights bill has been perennially quashed by the conservative state Senate, despite strong support from Governor Mario Cuomo.

**BWMT FOUNDER MICHAEL
SMITH DIES**

Atlanta—The founder of the National Association of Black and White Men Together (BWMT), died on September 20 due to complications related to AIDS.

Michael John Smith founded BWMT in San Francisco in 1980 in an effort to fight racism in the bars and in the gay community. Within a year there were several other chapters across the country. The organization has now grown to include 20 chapters nationally and two international affiliates.

**JUDGES' CODE MAY BAN
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST GAYS**

The new code of ethics for judges will include a ban against discrimination based on sexual orientation if the National Gay and Lesbian Law Association has its way. Board member Suzanne Bryant testified in Washington, D.C. before the American Bar Association committee which is currently revising the ethics code. Ms. Bryant described the current "epidemic of violence" against lesbians and gay men "who are often reluctant to report crimes because they fear they may, like rape victims, be victimized a second time by the judicial system."

Last February the ABA passed a resolution supporting legislation prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing and public accommodations. Now, the ABA is revising the Model Code of Judicial Conduct which serves as ethical guidance for judges throughout the country. The draft revised code prohibits bias based on race, sex, religion and national origin, but fails to mention sexual orientation.

Testimony at the hearing showed that the justice system is not always impartial when it comes to lesbians and gay men. In 1987, Daniel Wan was brutally beaten and murdered outside a gay bar in Fort Lauderdale. At a pre-trial hearing, Judge Daniel Futch asked the prosecutor, "That's a crime now, to beat up a homosexual?" The judge later said he was kidding, but gay rights groups throughout the country failed to see the humor. Last year in Dallas, Judge Jack Hampton admitted in an interview with the Dallas Times Herald that he had given a convicted murderer a light sentence because the victim was homosexual.

The frightening implications of remarks like these is that gay people are fair game. If the Code Of Judicial Conduct is revised to include a ban against judicial discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, judges will be accountable and may think twice before they fail to provide equal justice under the law.

"(BWMT) surpassed Michael's wildest dreams," said Michael Warner, one of the national co-chairs of BWMT. "...an organization where people are dealing with the racial injustices which pervade our society as a whole and pervade the lesbian/gay community."

**DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL
COMMITTEE APPOINTS
JEAN O'LEARY**

Jean O'Leary, Executive Director of National Gay Rights Advocates, has been appointed to the Resolutions Committee of the Democratic National Committee (DNC). O'Leary is the first open lesbian to have been appointed to the DNC, the governing body of the Democratic Party.

Acknowledging O'Leary's outstanding record on civil rights, Carmen Perez, Vice Chair of the DNC said, "I am particularly pleased that Chairman Ron Brown has appointed Jean to the Resolutions Committee. Those of us who have worked with her over the years know of her deep commitment to the civil and legal rights of all of our citizens. Her appointment assures that we will have a strong voice for human rights on the Committee as well as a strong advocate for the Democratic Party agenda in 1990 and the race for the Presidency in 1992."

Steve Smith, the first openly gay man to serve on the DNC said, "Jean O'Leary's involvement as a member of the Resolutions Committee is well-timed. Her expertise in the national arena, her involvement in civil rights issues, and her understanding of the concerns of lesbians and gay men will ensure that our community is prominent and visible as the Resolutions Committee charts the course of the Party."

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AIDS News

SENATE EXTENDS FUNDS FOR AIDS DRUGS

The Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, chaired by Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA), has approved a three-year authorization for federal funds to help low-income individuals purchase life-prolonging AIDS drugs.

The Low-Income Treatment Assistance Program (LITAP), part of a package of legislative items for the Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989, authorizes \$30 million in federal AIDS drug grants to participating states during the first year. States are required to provide matching amounts.

The grants will assist persons with HIV-related conditions in the purchase of government-approved drugs, including AZT, ganciclovir, alpha interferon and aerosolized pentamidine.

"Senator Kennedy has once again helped thousands of people nationwide who depend on government help for their continued health," said McFeeley.

AIDS BOOK GETS NEW LIFE

Sasha Alyson, who spearheaded the effort to produce *You Can Do Something About Aids*, has announced that donations of paper and printing will make possible a second edition of the book in December 1989.

The first edition of the book, published in June 1988, was subsidized entirely by donations from the publishing and bookselling communities. The first edition went through five printings, and reached an in-print total of over one million copies.

The new edition will carry a \$1 jacket price. Alyson, president of Alyson Publications in Boston and of the non-profit Stop AIDS Project, explained that the jacket price is intended to "provide just enough income that we can keep the book in print as long as necessary, without relying on future contributions."

Paper for the second edition of *You Can Do Something About Aids* has been donated by the Canadian Pacific Forest Products Company. Offset Paperback Manufacturers

will print the book at no charge, and distribution will be handled, also for free, by the Ingram Book Company.

PRESIDENT BUSH NAMES PERSON WITH AIDS TO AIDS COMMISSION

President Bush named two individuals to the National AIDS Commission, including a person with AIDS. The commission will evaluate and affect federal policy for fighting the epidemic.

The appointments of Belinda Mason, president of the National Association of People with AIDS and a person with AIDS, and Dr. David Rogers, a professor at Cornell Medical College in New York City, were praised by AIDS community leaders.

"We are extremely pleased with these appointments, especially with the critical and important perspective brought to the commission by Mason," said Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF). "President Bush is to be commended for his understanding of the need to have the community most affected by the epidemic participate in the development of national AIDS policy."

SEX OFFENDERS GET CLASS

A new program initiated by the municipal court in Tulsa, OK requires that convicted sex offenders attend weekly AIDS education classes. The majority of attendees are expected to be prostitutes and their customers.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

BARS CLUBS & LOUNGES

Omaha

The Chesterfield, 1951 St. Mary's Avenue
The Diamond, 712 South 16th Street 342-9595
The Max, 1417 Jackson 346-4110
The Run, 1715 Leavenworth 449-8703

Lincoln

The Boardwalk, 20th and O Streets 474-9741
The Club, 116 North 20th Street 474-5692
Panic, 200 South 18th Street 435-8764

Grand Island

Christina, 4th and Walnut 308/382-0236

AZT TRIAL

A multicenter AIDS drug trial with more than 3,200 volunteers has shown that zidovudine (AZT) delays progression of disease in certain HIV-infected persons who have not yet developed symptoms. The results, announced by HHS Secretary Louis W. Sullivan, M.D., and Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, follow closely on the heels of the report that zidovudine slows progression of HIV infection in persons with early AIDS-related complex.

The controlled clinical trial, which began two years ago, was conducted in 32 units of NIAID's AIDS Clinical Trials Group. The study has three arms comparing high and low doses of AZT against a placebo in asymptomatic persons infected with HIV. Volunteers for the trial were divided into two groups according to the number of T4 cells in their blood and randomized equally into the three-treatment arms. About 1,300 of the 3,200 participants had fewer than 500 T4 cells upon entry.

Data from the study were reviewed by a Data and Safety Monitoring Board who recommended that the placebo arm of the study be halted for participants with fewer than 500 T4 cells. The study will continue for persons

whose T4 counts are above 500, since the study has shown that short-term risk of developing AIDS is negligible in persons with higher T4 counts.

The Board found that, in those participants with fewer than 500 T4 cells who received zidovudine, the rate of progression to AIDS or severe ARC was roughly half that for participants with fewer than 500 T4 cells who received placebo. Progression to symptoms was about the same in patients receiving either 500 mg per day or 1,500 mg per day of the drug. Toxicities were minimal in both treatment groups. More importantly, with the exception of nausea that occurred in about 3 percent of the volunteers, virtually no differences in side effects were observed in persons receiving the lower doses and persons receiving placebo.

Zidovudine is manufactured by Burroughs Wellcome Co. and is available under the trademark Retrovir. Its effectiveness in extending the lives of persons with AIDS was first announced in September 1986. It was approved in March 1987 for treatment of AIDS patients who had recovered from *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia and patients with advanced ARC.

5TH INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE

Hundreds of protesters delayed the opening of (the) largest AIDS conference yet held. The protesters were demanding more help for those suffering from AIDS.

A top health official estimated that nine times more people will become infected in the 1990's than became infected in the 1980's. Dr. Jonathan Mann, director of the World Health Organization's AIDS program estimated that 500,000 have contracted AIDS and he predicted that the number of cases will double by 1991.

The conference drew about 11,000 researchers to Montreal for the fifth such conference.

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Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights
Box 94882, Lincoln, NE 68509
Advocacy/lobbies for Gay/Lesbian civil rights, educational presentations, newsletter, and cultural programs.

Imperial Court of Nebraska
Box 3772, Omaha, NE 68102
Social organization for advancement of gay society.

Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns
402/733-1360 Cleve

Midwest Transvestite-Transsexual Hotline
206/329-TVTS (8887)

The New Voice of Nebraska
Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103
Monthly magazine for the Lesbian/Gay community.

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
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AIDS RESOURCES

Information and Referral

Nebraska AIDS Project
3624 Leavenworth Street, Omaha, NE 68131
402/342-4233 or 800/782-AIDS (2437) (statewide)
AIDS Hotline, HIV Testing, Support Groups, Practical Support, AIDS Awareness programs and literature.

Veteran's Administration Medical Center
42nd & Woolworth, Omaha, NE 68105
402/346-8800 - Dean Pierce (ext 4119)

Viral Syndrome Clinic
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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Brother William Woeger
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100 North 62nd, Omaha, NE 68123

Open Door Ministry-Lincoln
402/474-3390 Fr. David

AIDS Interfaith Network
1104 North 36th, Omaha, NE 68131

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Nebraska Civil Liberties Union
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402/476-8091 John Taylor
402/346-5025 - Omaha

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201 North 8th Street, Suite 242, Lincoln, NE 68508
402/476-3882 Jim

LINCOLN

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UNL Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association
mail: Room 222, Nebraska Union, UNL, 68588
402/472-5644 Rodney Bell II

Committee Offering Lesbian and Gay Events (COLAGE)
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Women's Assistance Emergency Fund
Box 82852, Lincoln, NE 68501

Women's Journal-Advocate
Box 82852, Lincoln, NE 68501

Lesbian Support Group
Woman'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
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Box 315, Omaha, NE 68101 402/341-0763
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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

Spouses & Ex-Spouses of Lesbians & Gays (SOLAG)
12111 Pacific Street, Omaha 330-1144 for info
A support group that meets the first and third Tuesday

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Support group for adults raised in alcoholic or dysfunctional
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Gay Games III On Track Despite Rumors

Shawn P. Kelly has heard the rumors, which—in the active gay rumor mill—have tainted the prospects of Gay Games III as far away as Paris. Kelly, who served as executive director of Gay Games II in San Francisco in 1986, was hired last September by the Metropolitan Vancouver Athletics and Arts Association as the consulting executive director for Celebration '90, which comprises Gay Games III and the Cultural Festival, scheduled for Aug. 4-11, 1990, in Vancouver, Canada.

"According to the rumors, I'm riding in on a white steed to rescue the Games," Kelly says, "and that just isn't the case."

Kelly was hired after a nationwide search for an executive director, mainly to serve as a "no-man" and confidence builder for the local committee. Before Kelly was hired, the Games were being directed by a steering committee, which lacked a single voice. Kelly's job is to say no and to eliminate any sports that become too expensive to be feasible.

The Games have been experiencing growing pains, especially with the addition of nine new sports. Early registration is already up 50% over 1986, when 3,500 athletes competed in Gay Games II. With

the addition of a cultural festival, which may be funded partly by the Canadian government, Vancouver officials are expecting as many as 20,000 participants and fans for the event.

Representatives from 22 cities and five countries attended Celebration '90's final planning session in October. Officials answered questions and helped dispel rumors of funding problems and negative publicity in the Vancouver community.

"We need to raise \$150,000 over the next nine months," says Kelly of an overall budget that approaches \$1 million. "We need corporations and businesses from across North America—and the world—to help. Hopefully they will respond, but nothing will prevent Celebration '90 from occurring."

Sport codirector Mark Mees says the Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department voted 5-1 to allow Celebration '90 to use city sport venues, thereby clearing the last major obstacle. The opening ceremonies will be held in the indoor 65,000-seat British Columbia Place.

"Vancouver will only benefit from an event of this magnitude," Vancouver city councilor Gordon Price said during an October fund-raiser. "It should be a sense of pride for the local community."

Kelly is confident that a final fund-raising push will collect the needed funds. He isn't worried about the fuss raised by several conservative Vancouver groups. Even Gay Games II in San Francisco received some negative publicity from the community.

"It's going to happen every time," Kelly explains. "In '86 [in San Francisco], they were saying, 'Nobody is going to come to the AIDS capital of the world for this event,' and that just wasn't true. It was a great success."

Vancouver officials are careful not to compare Celebration '90 with the San Francisco event. Gay Games office manager Mary Brookes told the Vancouver community newspaper *Angles* that differences between the two cities have meant finding different ways of doing things.

"I think it would be dangerous to compare [Celebration '90 with] how it was done in San Francisco," Brookes said. "We've got a different culture and a different community. We've got far fewer people and much less money, yet we're putting on an event that is twice the size."

Vancouver native Richard Hague, who is not involved with the Games, says he thinks the Vancouver community has been slow to

respond because many are still in the closet and are afraid to volunteer. "This isn't San Francisco, with Castro Street and so many gays so visible," he explains.

And two of Vancouver's main problems are obtaining volunteers and arranging housing. Currently, 400 volunteers have registered, and officials estimate that 2,000 will be needed by August.

"Very few people from Vancouver have actually experienced the Games, and that is one of our biggest problems," Kelly explains. "It's hard to relate the atmosphere. For a week, the city will be over-



Shawn P. Kelly

run with proud gays and lesbians. It will be a great boost to the community. Our job is to get everybody excited and involved."

Sports Notes: Kelly urges participants to register by the early-registration deadline of Jan. 31, 1990, and also to book housing requests or hotel reservations as soon as possible. For registration, housing, or donation information, contact Celebration '90 at 1170 Bute St., Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6E 1Z6.

The newly formed Federation of Gay Games governing body expects to announce the site for Gay Games IV during the closing ceremonies on Aug. 11, 1990, in Vancouver. The federation said it expected to receive bids from two cities, New York and The Hague.

—Steve Tracy