

# The New Voice

O F N E B R A S K A

## THINGS TO DO:

- Buy Books!!
- P-Flag Meetings
- G.L.S.A. Room 342 Neb. Union
- Call home for \$
- Coalition Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue.
- Laundry (Yuck!)
- Sunday Nites MCC
- Check out Bars!
- (New Voice Deadlines every 15<sup>th</sup>)

STUDY IT

IT'S ONE

Chris-  
472-7211

# Our Turn

View and opinions by **The New Voice** staff.

## Back To School

Fall 1987: transition is on the horizon for many of us; summer is slipping away, as the chill mornings inform us. An impending loss of freedom is felt by some, while others welcome back the familiar, though sometimes hectic pace this time of year brings. Before closing the door on summer, **The New Voice** is highlighting the summer's happenings. Also, several short synopses of Gay/Lesbian organizations are being run (for those of you eager to fill up your social calendar). I hope some of you who feel a twinge of "I'd like to check that organization out," will. As aptly pointed out in an article describing the UNL Gay/Lesbian student group, a major frustration is too few to do too much. A little support can go a long way.

On a personal note, the changes of fall by no means overlook our dedicated staff. The joys of moving were brought back to me as I visited a staff member's new home to discover it looks like the supply room at Super Saver. Another staff member hit the "how will I juggle all this" stress two weeks ago and hasn't looked the same since. For some this may not be a time of change; your calm demeanor is a welcome sight for those of us whose perspective has narrowed.

Enjoy, try not to resist but persist; and a suggestion: be aware of those perhaps on the verge of "coming out" in the next few months. We can make a positive difference for someone else.

Thanks.

--Sandy and Chris



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## Raffle Results

The New Voice Raffle was a success: \$200.00 was raised. Though many of the winners were not present, they are as follows:

Walk-man Radios ..... Lynn, Pat

RCMC Cookbook ..... Chris

Dirt Cheap Gift Certificates ..... L.S., P.T.

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Gourmet Dinner ..... Kelly

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Thank you, everyone, for your support.

--The New Voice Staff

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# Letters

## Jamie Remembered

I'm Jamie's little sister. I just finished reading the July 29 *Lincoln Star* and the July 10 *The New Voice*, the former of which has stirred up my family quite a bit. You speak of prejudice. Think for a moment of the prejudice in a small town!

While I'm certain the *Star* article was intended to show the personal devastation of AIDS, it has hurt the people Jamie wanted to spare the most, his family. Perhaps more consideration and forethought should be exercised before other articles are published.

I would like to share a different perspective, perhaps, than you normally receive regarding Jamie and AIDS.

I loved my Big Buddy. After he told the family he was gay, I had some problems dealing with it. I believe it's the same process as grieving -- shock, denial, and finally acceptance. I urge all of you to give your families some time to reach the accepting stage.

When I was really young, my parents got a divorce; my older sister and Jamie pretty much raised my little brother and me, as my mother worked two jobs to support us with no help from our father. We were poor, but we had love and we made it. That's what's important -- love -- and more important is demonstrating that love. Hugs and saying "I love you" are important to my family, as you may have guessed from knowing Jamie. Don't let a day go by without telling those special people in your life how special they are. No one knows how long they have to live.

If you live with someone, I implore you to make a will. It will save some of the inevitable ugliness. Make your wishes known. Make it legally binding. Let's face it, you are in a high risk group. Make it easier on the ones you love.

Jamie's death made AIDS real to me. I'm straight; I've never done intravenous drugs; I'm not hemophiliac. And AIDS scares the shit out of me! I was at the hospital as much as possible, and I was there the last four days of Jamie's life. I saw what it does to a person.

I watched him struggle to communicate and breathe. I saw how much weight he had lost. I held his hand, wiped his forehead, and hugged and kissed him. I saw how hurt everyone in the smoking waiting room was. I saw the webs of tubes coming out of every opening in his body, plus some new openings. I listened to the alarms go off on his monitors. I saw Jamie's neck, arms, and legs turn purple from lack of oxygen. I saw his eyes rolled back and his neck arched back, just like a baby calf before it dies. Finally, I saw my brother die. But, you know what frustrated me the most? (I said this aloud shortly after Jamie died.) It's the fact that we aren't the last family and friends that will go through this. Like they use to say at the end of role call on Hill Street Blues: "Let's be careful out there."

I'd like to conclude with some words I wrote sitting beside Jamie at the hospital.

Who do I call when things go wrong?

Who wipes my tears away?

Who rocked me to sleep?

Who parted with his shirt when I liked it?

Who taught me how to turn a cartwheel and twirl a baton?

Who encouraged me and was proud of what I accomplished?

Who loved me even when I goofed up?

Who offered me his home when I needed a place to stay?

Who do I cry for now that I realize I'm losing him?

Who's special?

My Big Buddy

I love you and I miss you

Bunches and Bunches.

I'd also like to express my thanks to Michael and his family, Phil, Cindy, Diane, Kara, Monte, Susan, Kelly, Carina, Dave, and to others I know I'm missing. Your love, support, and understanding shown to Jamie, me, and my family proved invaluable.

--Dawn Miller



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## Local Events

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### RCMC Hold "First-Nighter"

It's time to start the fourth concert year of the River City Mixed Chorus! You're invited to **Take A Note**: the fall get-together for new and returning singers and non-singing "friends" is Monday, September 14, at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1023 North 40th Street in Omaha.

Women and men are welcome to sing with the Chorus or to become a supporting "friend." New and former members (those who did not sing this summer) are invited at 7:00 p.m., and members who sang in the summer concert should plan to arrive at 7:30 p.m. The evening will be the first official rehearsal of the concert period, including important information for all members.

You'll fill out a short personal information form, meet other Chorus members, and enjoy refreshments. Music Director Kevin Jones will listen to new singing voices on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 7:00, and the rehearsal will be at 7:30. Also that evening, the "friends" support group will discuss projects for this concert season.

This concert preparation period will have rehearsals Monday evenings, September 14 through December 7. The holiday concert will be performed December 13. Several other events are also planned for this concert period.

For those interested but unable to attend September 14, or for more information, please phone 342-4775, or write P.O. Box 315, Omaha, NE 68101-0315

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### AIDS Prayer Service Scheduled

An Ecumenical Prayer Service for those affected by or concerned about AIDS is being sponsored by the newly organized AIDS Interfaith Network.

These services will be held on the second Monday of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. beginning Monday, September 14 at St. Cecilia's Cathedral, 701 North 40th Street in Omaha. Special music will be provided. A time for fellowship and refreshments will follow.

The AIDS Interfaith Network is a steering committee representing religious groups wanting to serve those affected by AIDS and to work with them to witness to a God of compassion.

For more information, contact Rev. Ginny Wagener, Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries at 341-4155.

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### Winter to Speak at PFLAG

Sara Winter, M.D., Associate Professor of Pathology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, will present information on AIDS at PFLAG on September 22. Dr. Winter attended the Third International AIDS Conference in Washington during June, and will talk about issues from that conference.

In addition to teaching, she is a pathologist at Denver General Hospital and works directly with the Denver PFLAG and Colorado AIDS Project (CAP) support group for families of People With AIDS (PWAs). Dr. Winter spoke in Nebraska last year and was very well received.

PFLAG is looking forward to hearing Dr. Winter's impressions of the most pertinent outcomes of the June AIDS conference and about her work with families of PWAs. PFLAG meets at 7:30 p.m. for rap sessions, followed by the program. Call Jean at 435-4688 in Lincoln for more information.



### Deidra McCalla

Deidra McCalla, singer, songwriter and guitarist, will perform Friday, October 9 at the Crib in the UNL Nebraska Union (city campus) at 7:30 p.m.

McCalla is an inspiring, evocative singer who writes great lyrics and music. She was a featured performer at the Utah Arts Festival, and has appeared at the National Women's Music Festival, the New England Women's Retreat, and the Michigan Women's Music Festival.

This event is sponsored by the Women's Words and Music Committee, University Programs Council, and the Women's Resource Center. Tickets are \$2.50 for students and \$3.00 for non-students. For more information call the Women's Resource Center, (402) 472-2597.

--Jules

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### Coalition Meeting

Again this year, the Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights is sponsoring a casual social event with several Lincoln State Senator's to discuss legislation opportunities September 21, 1987 at the Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, Lincoln. Please join us for coffee, dessert, and spirited discussion.



## Assignment Turns Into Hobby

When Patrick Williams was assigned the task of designing and creating a body sculpture for his Advanced Design class at UNL several years ago, he had no idea his assignment would continue as a hobby and eventually end up on display at the Haymarket Art Gallery.

Patrick decided to create a mask and coordinating body piece using sequins, beads, feathers, ribbons, and antique jewelry. The idea was inspired by the costumes he had seen at Mardi Gras and Rio de Janeiro's Carnival.

The project was well received and through the years he has continued, recently expanding into gloves. According to Patrick, "usually the work is therapy and relaxation; however, I have done some custom work for private clients which required a deadline." His mask collection was used several years ago in the Lincoln General Fashion Show as well as in a window display at a local retailer.

From October 4 through October 25, Patrick's collection will be on display at the Haymarket Art Gallery. Some of the items will be for sale and Patrick will also take custom orders. For additional information, contact Judy at the Haymarket Art Gallery, 475-1061. Patrick says, "To me, one of the exciting things about this 'art form' is that it can be displayed, e.g., on a wall, table or shelf year round, as well as being worn for Halloween, New Year's Eve, Mardi Gras, or for a costume party."

--Heidi

## Under The Boardwalk

### Health Fair Update

The Health Fair is quickly becoming a reality. Set Sunday, October 18, aside on your calendars, for an evening of answers. The night will consist of an informal gathering at The Club beginning at 6:00 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

At 8:00 p.m. we'll move the gathering to The Boardwalk where, in a Donahue-type format, you will be able to ask and get answers to questions on AIDS in Lincoln and Nebraska. A panel of a doctor, lawyers and social workers will be available to give you factual information about you, your health, your rights, and where to find help in Lincoln and Lancaster county.

Remember, education is all we have!!

### You Should Know

On Thursday, September 10, the Boardwalk will be sponsoring a benefit for the national "A Time to Shine" program. Join us for a night of "Oldies Disco" with your favorite DJ, Alan. (And believe me, he knows his old disco.) A two dollar cover will be charged with all monies collected being donated to "A Time to Shine." The organization is sponsoring one thousand PWA's in their trek to the National March

on Washington, October 8 - 12. Relive the 70's with us! More information available at The Boardwalk.

--Michael



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## Coalition Annual Meeting

The Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Right has set its annual meeting for Saturday, October 31, 1987 at the Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, Lincoln. Sue Hyde, Privacy Project director for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has agreed to be the Keynote Speaker for the event.

Because of meal count requirements, **pre-registration** is required for anyone who plans on attending the dinner part of the program. The dinner cost is \$7.50 (more if you can, less if you can't). Vegetarian fare is available to those requesting it. Pre-registration for workshops is **requested** to allow for adequate space. A donation of \$2.00 is requested to cover the cost of the workshop and speaker expenses (more if you can, less if you can't).

Workshops to be offered this years will be: 1:00-2:45 p.m.: Coming Out, Gay Art; 3:00-4:45 p.m.: Privacy Issues (with Sue Hyde), Safe Sex (and the worried well). In addition, there will be a longer workshop from 1:00-4:45 p.m. (with a 15 minute break) entitle PFLAG II.

Again this year, there will be a small bookfair to make gay and lesbian related publications available to you.

Since the annual meeting will be held on Halloween this year, we have decided to adjourn early to allow participants the option of celebrating this holiday. We will therefore not make arrangements for additional entertainment as part of the evening. We will adjourn by 8:30 p.m. For further information, contact the Coalition at P.O. Box 94882, Lincoln, NE 68509.

The Agenda for the annual meeting is

12:30 p.m.	Late Registration
1:00	Workshops
2:45	Break
3:00	Workshops
4:45	Break
5:00	Dinner (Pre-registration required) Organizational Reports Balloting for Council Candidates
7:00	Sue Hyde, Keynote Address
7:45	Reception for Sue Hyde
8:30	Adjourn



## Lambda House Benefit

On August 20, 1987 a Barbecue Benefit was held at Panic Bar. About a month ago the water main that runs in front of Lambda House broke and now they are expected to pay for the repair bill.

The benefit was held from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The charge was four dollars which included sloppy joes, macaroni salad and twenty-five cent draw beer.

Lambda House was able to raise one-hundred dollars towards the cost of the repair bill of the water main, but this is only the "icing on the cake."

Lambda house still needs our support to raise the rest of the money that is needed. I was at the barbecue and gave my contribution. I challenge the community of Lincoln to do the same.

--Chappie

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10:30 TO 2:30

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## Herstory Made in Lincoln

On Saturday, August 15, the doors opened to Nebraska's first feminist bookstore and coffeehouse. The five of us (Liz, Jenny, Pat, Marla and me -- Joy) are thrilled at this opportunity to bring to you (as well as ourselves) the latest in Lesbian and Gay fiction and nonfiction, women's studies, children's literature, Nebraska authors, self help -- the list goes on. And of course, there's jewelry, cards, records, bubble bath and magic wands.



The Common Woman is a shelter from the storm. It's a place to drop by and have a cup of coffee or one of our espresso drinks. And, yes, the sweet tooth is never neglected here, with chocolate croissants, blueberry muffins, brownies, assorted breads and even bearclaws.

If you have a program idea, tell us and we'll see if we can do it. We need your support and your suggestions.

The Common Woman is located at 1065 North 33rd Street in Lincoln.

Coming events include:

**Sept. 25:** Canadian singer/songwriter Heather Bishop. Call 464-6309 for ticket information.

**Oct. 14:** Louise Rafkin, editor of the book *Different Daughters*, will be here to discuss her work and her life as the mother of a Lesbian. This event is co-sponsored by PFLAG and the YWCA.

--Joy





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# Summer in Review

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## What I Did On My Summer Vacation

Welcome back to those returning from summer vacations. **The New Voice** was not on vacation this summer, and to keep you up-to-date on what happened while you were gone, here is a synopsis of various articles appearing in our June, July, and August issues.

If you would like back issues of **The New Voice**, a limited number of copies are available. Call 474-1205 for more information.



## Pride Events '87

Pride Week in Omaha actually spanned two weeks in mid-June this year, with events including:

- a River City Mixed Chorus concert, joined by the visiting Heartland Chorus
- the Midwest Gay Arts Festival
- Sue Fink in concert
- the Omaha Pride Parade
- a Pride Rally, with Rosemarie Walase as Keynote Speaker.

## Remembering Jamie

We were all saddened to hear of the death of Jamie Miller, manager of The Boardwalk bar in Lincoln. Jamie very active in the gay/lesbian community, and his loss was greatly felt, even beyond Lincoln.

His remains were given to the ocean at Seal Point, near San Francisco, by Phil H. and Michael F. It was one of his favorite places.

## ICON Crowns New Royalty

The Imperial Court of Nebraska hosted Coronation VII at The Carter Lake Warehouse on Saturday, June 20. Seven out-of-state courts were represented, along with various groups and organizations were presented to the court, as reported by Jerry Peck.

Dick Brown was crowned as Emperor VII. Reigning alongside is Empress VII Velvet.

## MCC in Lincoln

Carla W. reported the a Metropolitan Community Church would be forming in Lincoln, based on the outcome of a meeting held in early May. The first service was held on Sunday, July 12 at Lambda House, with Pastor Jan Kross of the Omaha MCC, conducting the worship.

## Thank You!

The Imperial Court of Nebraska's response to **The New Voice** needing financial support was heartening; the concurrent response of the community was awe-inspiring. ICON set the stage at its Investiture ceremony July 19 at The Max. An Omaha business-person issued a check to **The New Voice**, challenging individuals and organizations to match it. The result was approximately \$1900 in donations and/or advertising.

## Kelly's Resorts to Panic

A Lincoln crowd went into Panic on Friday, July 24 at 200 S. 18th St. in the capital city. The sight that greeted people on that night was the re-opening of Kelly's as Panic. The bar remodeling is the first major step in a complete rejuvenation of the facilities.

## The Nebraska AIDS Alliance

Kerry Keyser and Jerry Peck both had articles on the formation of a new organization, the Nebraska AIDS Alliance. The organization would be comprised of leaders of other organizations and individuals concerned about AIDS. It would serve as an umbrella organization for all groups, but be legally separate from any one group. Its main purpose is advisory, keeping all groups informed to prevent duplication of efforts and offering assistance to those within each group.

## Lincoln Bars Announce After Hours

As a result of the increase violence south of the Capitol, the Lincoln bars have united to provide a safe alternative: After Hours. The first after hours was held on July 31 at Panic. The next weekend it was held at The Club. After hours are held until 3:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, and will continue to be held at Panic.

## Nebraska Victim Fights Back

Noting the increase in national reports of anti-gay violence, Mark Wojcik wrote an article describing a civil lawsuit filed by Phil D. Rexinger against his four attackers, Edward Holloway, Glen Alfrey, Thomas McKnight, and Tim Irwin. Using their fists and a baseball bat, Rexinger suffered "severe wounds, bruises, contusions, abrasions, and injuries to his face and hands."

The four have been charged with criminal conspiracy; the suit asked for monetary damages to compensate for the pain and suffering from the attack, along with hospital bills and lost wages. Randall T. Smith, the attorney who filed the suit, was confident of the outcome.

# Welcome Back

## Organizations Provide Many Community Needs

The New Voice takes pride in providing the following sample of the many organizations available within the Nebraska Gay/Lesbian community. We hope that you will consider these synopses as open invitations to join or to take a closer look at what these groups do. For a more complete listing of organizations, please refer to the Resource Directory at the back of the magazine.

Whether you're new to our community or are a long-time resident, we hope that you will consider supporting any of these organizations.

### AIDS Interfaith Network

The AIDS Interfaith Network is a steering committee which represents religious groups wanting to serve those affected by AIDS. The Network works with those persons to witness to a God of compassion. We offer our efforts to God in faith that divine love and goodness can overcome all difficulties connected with the AIDS experience.

Therefore, we make available our love, prayer, presence and pastoral skills to all directly or indirectly affected by AIDS. As liaisons between these persons and our respective religious communities, we seek to become more knowledgeable of, and responsive to, these issues and needs.

Members of the Network and their constituents offer services such as pastoral counseling, personal support and practical assistance to persons who have AIDS or who carry the AIDS virus. This same support is offered to their loved ones and care-givers. We also call on the universal human family to deal with the multiple challenge of AIDS in

a spirit of respect for the spark of God within each person. We believe it is compassionate love which best fans that spark into flame.

--AIDS Interfaith Network

### Boardwalk Body Club

The Boardwalk Body Club (BBC)\* is now a reality following an organizational meeting in mid-August. The schedule of thirty-minute aerobic classes was determined by members to be at 3:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday. A third class might be added if at least five potential members are interested in a different time slot.

Members of the BBC can attend either daily class or both classes, according to their needs. The membership fee is \$20 for one four-week session. The first session started on Aug. 19 and goes to Sept. 15. New members are always welcome to participate in a class; adjusted fees are available.

The thirty-minute aerobic classes are designed to condition heart and lungs, tone major muscle groups, and increase flexibility. Some of the benefits of aerobic training include: coordination, endurance, increased ability to burn calories, lower cholesterol levels, increased lung capacity, decreased resting heart rate, and a more positive self-image. Tone-centered exercises give the body shape and develop strength. Recent studies have concluded that shorter periods of exercise give more benefits than longer periods.

Persons interested in joining the BBC are encouraged to contact Paul at The Boardwalk/Club (474-9741). Those wanting to try out a class need only to come with a pair of supportive shoes, exercise clothing, and a readiness to sweat.

\* The BBC and The Boardwalk/Club bars are separate entities.

--Paul

### Lambda House

Lambda House -- Lincoln's Gay/Lesbian Community Resource Center -- can be reached at 474-1205 and is located at 2845 R Street. Its services include a limited social service program, intake and referral to the Gay/Lesbian Community, as well as Lincoln service agencies that include third culture support service activities.

Meetings held at Lambda House include Metropolitan Community Church, which holds worship and bible study at 5:30 p.m. on Sundays. Card games on Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. are open to community members. Sleeping rooms are available to guests of the Lincoln community, friends and relatives. Call Lambda House and ask for Gideon for more information.

### PFLAG Support Group

PFLAG is offering a support group in Lincoln for the families and friends of people who have, or have had, AIDS or ARC. The group will meet in a private home one night a month, to start with, and will be facilitated by Jean Durgin-Clinchard, Arlene Gibbon and Ivan Petit. Arlene is the nurse-counselor at the Lincoln Lancaster HIV antibody test site, and Ivan is the Infection Control nurse at the Veteran's Hospital.

These three people participated in the Kansas City Good Samaritan Project's training program for starting the Lincoln group. The first meeting was held on August 26. Anyone who is interested in attending this group should call Jean at 435-4688, early morning or evenings, or leave a message on the answer phone.



## UNL GLSA

I saw the UNL Gay/Lesbian Student Association listed in *The New Voice* two years ago before I even came to Lincoln. During the first few weeks of classes at UNL, I read an article in the *Daily Nebraskan* and decided to check out the group. It took me a while to get the guts to finally attend a Thursday night meeting, and I was scared shitless walking in alone. Since then I've done a lot for GLSA: handing out condoms in front of the Union, attending countless meetings to push for student funded gay/lesbian events, helping to organize fundraisers, attending Thursday meetings, and trying to sell T-shirts which I designed for the group. I thought getting politically involved was the thing to do during one's college years, a phase one went through.

I believed strongly in what GLSA stood for, and I wanted to make it easier for other gays and lesbians to come out to their parents and friends, and most of all themselves. Coming out to others was easy for me compared to the bitter constant battle within myself to accept myself as a lesbian. Somehow, under all the red tape, publicity, and bullshit just trying to keep the GLSA alive, I forgot the reason why I was in the group. We didn't have time to help the individuals who needed us the most because we were burning ourselves out. Too few people tried to handle too much. I think that we hurt more people with our broken promises than we helped. I also fear we turned into a circus for the media and the rest of the campus to laugh and snicker at.

I still believe in what GLSA stood for; we had good dreams, but it was unrealistic given our resources (few people and little money). I just personally think I could do more

good to raise the campus's awareness by wearing my 'Lesbian and Proud' T-shirt, as well as on a one-to-one basis, than by trying to do it through a group which gay/lesbian students are scared of, and which straights try to ignore.

I don't know if there will be a GLSA this year. There is an office space, a telephone, and a substantial amount of resources: brochures, books, newspaper articles, periodicals, etc. But without human power, it will fold. It is my hope that several students who will know how to realistically keep the dream alive will keep the group going. If you are interested in joining GLSA, call 472-5644 or try the office in room 342 of the Nebraska Union. You will decide the future of the group.

--Vicki Jedlicka

## UNO Creates AIDS Committee

The University of Nebraska at Omaha created an AIDS Education Committee under its Student Government Association during the spring semester of this year. The committee consists of both student and faculty/staff membership. Its main purpose is to educate the UNO community on facts about the disease and its prevention.

The Student Health Offices have worked closely with the committee in the purchase and distribution of

publications on AIDS and safe sex practices. Materials were made available at New Student and Parent Orientation in late July. The Student Health booth reported a good response by students and parents who received copies of controversial publications such as safe sex pamphlets. During this summer, the committee also worked with the Student Health Advisory Board in encouraging UNO administrators to drop the current student health insurance program and go with a more reputable insurance company, Parker & Parker, to insure adequate health coverage for students purchasing such a policy. This new insurance policy will cover traumatic illnesses such as AIDS. The former policy offered through the University would not guarantee coverage for such terminal illnesses.

An even more positive action has taken place with the Student Health Center's permission by UNO officials to sell condoms to students at cost, starting with the fall 1987 semester. A student member of the UNO AIDS Education Committee said that this is a complete change in policy from UNO officials who were opposed to the availability of condoms on campus just a few months ago.

Students who are interested in buying condoms at a reduced cost can purchase them confidentially in the Student Health Office in the Milo Bail Student Center. The staff in the Student Health offices show a great deal of compassion for persons of all persuasions; students.

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## Coming Out

This is the first of three short articles intended to give direction to those newly exploring Gay/Lesbian or Bisexual feelings. Those persons are encouraged to utilize local Gay/Lesbian resources to gain more information and support.

### 1. Moving Towards Being Sexual

"I needed an emotional attachment to complement sex." A gay man found this important in identifying his sexual preference. A lesbian on men and being sexual with them stated, "There's nothing I don't like about them. I just wish they were women." Excerpt taken from *A Way of Love, A Way of Life* by Frances Hanckel and John Cunningham.

Defining one's self sexually is a process begun generally in the teenage years. Often, for Gays and

Lesbians, it is hampered, only to burst forth when given some air. Leaving home offers the bit of fresh air one needs. Backing up, what is the process adolescents go through?

**Strong Personal Relationships:** Friendships are important. Their importance intensifies as one moves towards being a sexual being. Attraction to another's qualities, such as forcefulness, sensitivity, or humor, tends to preclude an awareness of being physically attracted. Allowing time to enjoy the trust and affection of such friendships is a good foundation to build before becoming sexually active.

**Experimenting:** Where to direct one's physical interest -- touching, caressing, kissing -- is an intuitive process. Some people know they are gay at an early age, other's don't. It is not uncommon for a Gay or Lesbian to have had heterosexual sex before connecting with a preference. Others discover a comfort in being sexual with opposite and with same-sex partners; this is termed bisexuality.

**Fantasizing:** This can be a way of defining what one is comfortable with without taking as great a risk. One would tend to pursue the fantasies that most fit one's preference and value system.

**Knowing:** An experience where one "knows" this is for him or her often occurs and is reinforced over time. Gays and Lesbians relate a feeling of being "complete" after owning same-sex feelings. Socializing with Lesbians or Gays may feel more "natural" and less like playing a game one isn't interested in.

Allowing the changes that occur within us makes for more comfortable processing. Trust yourself. Draw on strengths used in making other decisions. By owning and acting on what one is comfortable with, a feeling of self-confidence and renewed self-respect will emerge.

--C.M. Carroll

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faculty and staff at UNO who are also members of the Gay and

Lesbian community need not be afraid of approaching them openly.

The UNO AIDS Education Committee also needs more volunteers. Anyone who is a student, faculty or staff member at UNO, and who is interested, can contact the Student Government Offices in the Milo Bail Student Center in Room 134 at 554-2677.

--Don

### NWU Student Group

The student group at Nebraska Wesleyan University is in the process of reorganizing. If anyone is interested in further information, contact Dr. Mary Smith at NWU.



An illustration of the interior of 'the ANTIQUARIUM book store'. The scene is viewed from an elevated perspective, showing a staircase with a wooden railing leading up to a second level. Bookshelves filled with books line the walls of both levels. The store's name, 'the ANTIQUARIUM book store', is written in a stylized font at the top of the illustration. Below the illustration, the text reads: 'Dedicated to an appreciation of Books, Art, coffee and Conversation' and '1215 Harney St., Omaha, NE'.

# Features

## Cookbook

### Available By Mail

If you missed the cookbook with the magenta cover at the Midwest Gay Arts Festival, it's still available.

Everything from soup to nuts is included in the **Camp Omaha Cookbook**, featuring over 200 recipes by River City Mixed Chorus singers and friends. Recipes include award-winning quiches from the annual "Quiche-Off." The cookbook, a fundraiser for the chorus, features a "campy" nature and is of special interest to our community.

The cookbook is only \$6.00, plus \$1.00 postage and handling, by mail from the River City Mixed Chorus, P.O. Box 315, Omaha NE 68101-0315. The cookbook will also be available at the first rehearsal of the Chorus, Monday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m. at Love Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1023 North 40th Street in Omaha.



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## GODDESSHARVEST

Welcome to the month of Equinox. This is truly the time of the beginning of harvest. As such, I think it is high time that I get some recipes to you that utilize the fruits of the garden. What is even more appropriate is that these recipes are made up of some of the most prolific garden produce: tomatoes, green beans, and zucchini.

The basis for the green bean and tomato salads is a vinaigrette. This dressing is simply made up of red wine vinegar, oil, garlic powder, onion powder, and salt. I use a vegetable or nut oil for this, but if you like the more traditional flavor, olive oil can be substituted.

### Vinaigrette

- 1 1/2 Tablespoons Red Wine Vinegar
- 1 Tablespoon Oil
- 1 Teaspoon Garlic Powder
- 1/2 Teaspoon Onion Powder
- 1/4 Teaspoon Salt

This recipe can be quadrupled if you want to serve it as a dressing for tossed salads, but don't make up too much, as it is best when served right after it has been made.

### Green Bean Salad

- 5 Cups lightly cooked green beans
- 1/2 Cup thinly sliced yellow onion
- 1 can garbanzo beans (Chickpeas)
- 1/4 matzoh meal

2 recipes Vinaigrette

Cook the green beans **lightly** so they still have some crispness. Steaming is probably best. They should be bright green -- not over-cooked dull green. After cooking, rinse them with cold water in a colander.

Garbanzo beans are optional, though they add a nice contrast in texture, and look attractive. Matzoh meal, too, is optional, but it seems to absorb the vinaigrette and hold the flavor onto the veggies.

Make this recipe up at least an hour ahead so it can marinate.

### Tomato Salad

- 3 Cups fresh, ripe tomatoes
- 1/2 Cup thinly sliced yellow onion
- pinch parsley

2 Recipes Vinaigrette

As with the green beans, make this up an hour or two ahead of time so the tomatoes can marinate.

Sounds too good to be true, doesn't it? But these two recipes are simple, attractive, and delicious. They are light tasting, and something different to do with veggies. This vinaigrette is something I use a lot, so you'll see it again in columns in the future.

The last recipe I have to offer is a different twist on the good old zucchini bread theme. It is an excellent complement to salads, and to vegetable soups. It is also an excellent introduction to the herbs

rosemary and thyme, if you haven't been too familiar with them up to this point in time.

### Zucchini Cheese Bread

- 1 1/2 Cups grated zucchini
- 1 1/2 Cup white flour
- 1 Cups whole wheat flour
- 1 1/2 Teaspoons baking powder
- 1 Teaspoon salt
- 3 Eggs
- 1 Cup chopped red onion
- 1 Cup grated cheddar cheese
- 1/2 Teaspoon rosemary
- 1/2 Teaspoon thyme
- 1/2 Teaspoon basil
- 1/4 Cup oil

Bake in a round cake pan for 40 minutes at 400 degrees. Cool slightly but serve warm. Cut in pie shapes and eat it plain or with butter.

## The Christian Gay

### I Am Who I Am (Exodus 3:14, 15)

The title of this article is not from a popular song of today but is a quote from the scriptures ascribed to be of God; it is a response to questioning by Moses as Moses spoke to God at the burning bush.

At the time of this statement by God, Moses was preparing to lead his people out of captivity. Moses had been chosen by God. Moses: born at a time when the Pharaoh of Egypt had ordered every Hebrew male newborn to be killed (similar to the birth of Jesus), set to drift in a basket made of reeds (almost as lowly as being lain in a manger), raised in the house of Pharaoh. He committed murder and fled from Egypt. Moses: born a Hebrew, raised as royalty and destined to be a leader of the people who he helped oppress into slavery. Moses was, for some time, rejected by both his genetic kinsmen and by those who raised him. He was twice an outcast and must have asked of himself, "Who am I?"

When Moses encountered God, and was told to lead the slaves from captivity, he wanted to know who was giving such orders. God's response seems so simple: "I am who I am." "I am has sent..."

My study of the scriptures has led me to believe that the God of of

my creation is very careful in revealing God's nature to those who are created. His response to Moses was not a flippant answer. The pronoun "I" is first person singular. There is no other God, nor was God after any other god. The word "am" is a verb, a word of action. God is the action in all of creation.

Those who have ever studied a language are familiar with the process of conjugating verbs. In high school English we had to learn to conjugate six or eight forms of curious verbs. When I began my study of the Greek of the New Testament, I was shocked to find the need to learn to conjugate the verb "to be" in over 36 forms. The forms for this state of existence would easily fill three pages of this magazine. It was with this study that I began to understand that much of the basis for religion is a determination of a universal state of being, and my state of being, and the relationship of my state of being to the universal state of being.

If God can declare a name of simply "I am," then my greatest goal is to learn to accept me as the "I am" that God created me to be. To borrow from AA, "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference."

I am a Christian. Serenity came when I accepted myself as a homosexual. It took courage to de-

velop from a homosexual being into a gay man. I continue to seek wisdom to determine what actions are because of what I am and what actions are because of what I want to become. As I seek the Christian walk, I continue to come closer to reconciling my "I am" with the "I AM" of my creation.

--Jerry Peck



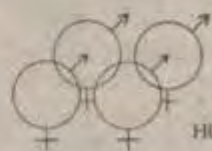
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## PFLAG Booknotes

**Parents Matter** by Ann Muller. Tallahassee, Florida: The Naiad Press, Inc., 1987. \$9.95, paperback, 240 pages.

A quote from David Goldstien (*The Advocate*, 1975) is used by Muller as the lead-in for one of the chapters, and sets the tone for this book.

Few problems we gay people face are as agonizing as our relationships with our parents. Most of us love and wish to be loved by our parents.

Muller writes a well researched book that resulted from her own anger at the dated and outmoded material drawn from Freudian theories which identified the strong mother/weak father as the cause of homosexuality. She attended a support group for parents and found that her readings about homosexuality, before her own research, did not fit the people she met. Neither parents nor the gay children fit the negative images she had read about. She seeks to dispel the false information that surrounds homosexuality by using an objective research methodology, presented in an interesting and highly readable style.

Although there are a number of books available on this same subject, Muller's differs in that she draws evenly from the stories of lesbian daughters and gay sons. It also differs in that she attempted to obtain a representative sample, sixty-one gay sons and lesbian daughters, and ten parents, to interview. Seventeen percent of those interviewed were black. Most were from a one hundred and fifty mile radius of Chicago. Muller's experience with parent groups made her feel that only a small number come to these groups so only three of the parents interviewed were in a parent group. While it is always risky to draw broad generalizations from a limited number of cases, Muller is careful to describe all of the procedures used to come up with her conclusions.

Relationships are the focus, as reported by the children for the most part. In some ways the picture that emerges is not a cheerful one, Muller describes what she calls a "leap of love." By this she means that when a parent learns that a child is gay, they often are able to arrive at a state of being that allows them to say, "I love you no matter what," but then they are never able to discuss it, a form of loving denial. She also states that the parents in the group interviewed seldom passed through stages of growth into eventual acceptance on their own, that some "nudging" needs to occur. She elaborates on this concept of nudging and demonstrates it by quotes from gay people about how they managed to continue to help their parents to grow.

I see this as a very positive book, and one that I strongly recommend to anyone who would understand more about human relationships. You do not need to be gay, or have a gay family member, to appreciate the ideas presented here. Parents matter in all contexts, and sometimes we (parents) don't realize how very much our children care about their relationships with us. We may need to let our children become our teachers at times - nudging.

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# National Spotlight

## Rights for Same-Sex Swedish Couples

STOCKHOLM -- The Swedish Parliament has passed a bill giving lesbian and gay couples the same rights as common-law heterosexual partners.

Gay couples may sign housing leases as couples, regulate the division of property in the event of a relationship break-up, and inherit property from a partner in the absence of a will.

Stig-Ake Peterson, president of the 6,000 member Union for Gay and Lesbian Rights, stated that although this "does not at all fulfill demands for full civil rights for homosexuals, it is a good platform for our continued struggle."

During the same session the parliament passed another law closing gay male saunas and video bars in "an attempt to control the spread of AIDS." Violators of this new law will face up to two years in prison.

--Equal Time

## New Hampshire Proposes Homophobia

Lesbians and gay men in New Hampshire may soon be facing infringements on some of the rights that they have been enjoying. "An awful lot of people are really scared," stated Ellen Munisky of the Citizen's Alliance for Lesbian and Gay Rights, of the three bills currently before the New Hampshire legislature. One of the bills, which would prohibit "all homosexuals" from giving blood (listen up,

lesbians!) was introduced by Republican Senator John Chandler as a means to slow the spread of AIDS.

Chandler was quoted as saying that he would support a bill to allow homosexuals to give blood -- but only if they gave it all. Another bill, introduced by House Member Mildred Ingram, proposes that all lesbians and gay men be barred from becoming foster parents and running day care centers. Ingram says she just wants homosexuals to "keep their filthy paws off the children of New Hampshire." The New Hampshire State Supreme Court decided that such a bill would not be unconstitutional. A third bill proposes premarital HIV tests for everyone.

--Out Front

## Federal AIDS Bill Introduced

On July 30, 1987, Congressman Henry Waxman (D-CA) introduced a bill to provide \$400 million year for AIDS-related counseling and testing with strong provisions establishing federal protection of the confidentiality of test results and guarantees banning discrimination against those who might test positive.

Jeffrey Levi of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force praised the legislation's approach. "Counseling and testing are voluntary, (and) every effort is made to protect confidentiality -- to the point of mandating the availability of anonymous testing. Where those protections might break down, antidiscrimination protections are offered as well."

The Waxman bill has been endorsed by a wide range of health organizations, including the American Medical Association, the

American Hospital Association, the American Nurses Association and the Health Insurance Association of America. "This wide base of support shows that the mainstream of the medical and public health communities support our view that AIDS-related testing should be voluntary and should be without social or legal penalty," Levi stated.

Levi also said that Rep. Waxman "deserves considerable praise for having taken on this complex and controversial issue." He also urged that the public write their senators and representatives in support of the Federal AIDS Policy Act.

--National Gay and Lesbian Task Force



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## Fairness Fund Establishes Hotline

Action Hotline to Generate Mail on AIDS Issues; "New Manhattan Project on AIDS" First Focus

WASHINGTON -- The Washington-based Fairness Fund began operating a new national Action Hotline, beginning in July, to generate thousands of mailgrams on AIDS-related issues to members of Congress. An additional Action Hotline is expected to begin operation shortly. Its focus will be on generating mailgrams on fairness issues such as the fight to defeat Robert Bork's nomination to the Supreme Court, reform of immigration laws to end anti-gay exclusion, lesbian/gay rights, and other issues.

The new Action Hotlines will be featured in major gay/lesbian media advertisements. In addition, the Fairness Fund will be mailing announcements to AIDS service organizations, to gay/lesbian groups and activists and to gay/lesbian business establishments.

Callers will be able to dial, toll-free, 1-800-325-6000 (day or night) and ask for an operator (9184) who will read them three 50-word mailgram messages on AIDS issues that community lobbyists have identified as crucial for Congressional action. The messages will cost \$4.50 and will be billed to the caller's personal telephone number.

Current messages available from the mailgram service call for a "New Manhattan Project on AIDS," a reference to the all-out U.S. effort in the 1940's to create an atomic weapon. Just such a no-holds-barred approach is needed now to combat the AIDS crisis, gay/lesbian activists urge.

The Project's primary goals are to accelerate research, increase drug availability and provide the best care possible for people with AIDS. The Project also supports efforts to promote an effective national AIDS education program and enactment of laws to protect the confidentiality of and prohibiting discrimination against people infected with the HIV virus.

Constituent mail in favor of gay/lesbian issues has historically been scant, said Steve Endean, Executive Director of the Fairness Fund. "Our right-wing opponents successfully exploit the health crisis for political gain, mobilize massive mail campaigns and generate tremendous pressure on legislators," Endean said. "But these same legislators -- even on life and death issues such as AIDS -- receive little or no mail or constituent pressure from the majority of voters in their districts who support our efforts."

Past failures to generate constituent mail on gay/lesbian issues have led many activists to believe that the community is either too "closeted" or too apathetic to play the grassroots role in decisions that affect their lives. However, the Fairness Fund leadership disagrees.

"Many in the gay/lesbian communities live busy professional and social lives, and may not be particularly political or activist-oriented," Endean said. "They are often unsure of when to write, who

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to write, or what to say to their legislators."

The public opinion mailgrams provide a convenient means to reach legislators, the Fairness Fund staff believes. Since the prepared mailgrams can be changed on a regular basis, the strategy ensures timely communication to address rapidly changing legislative situations.

To ensure the most effective, coordinated constituent pressure and to avoid duplicating efforts, the Fairness Fund has secured the help and cooperation of a broad range of community leaders and groups. Prominent among them are the nation's two primary gay/lesbian lobbying groups, the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

The Fairness Fund focuses its attention on "filling the gap" of generating grassroots constituent pressure and mail on AIDS issues and on fairness issues for lesbians and gay men. The Fairness Fund staff has spent several months meeting with community leaders across the country to develop the most effective strategies and raising the funds to undertake the initiative in the most professional manner possible.

"The 800 Action Hotline is a solid first step to more effective grassroots constituent mobilization, and we believe that it represents a strategy that can reach the broadest possible constituency -- gay men and lesbians and non-gay people alike, and both activists and non-activists," Eudean said.

--Fairness Fund press release

## "A Time to Shine"

### National March on Washington Update

The March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights and the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) are proud to

announce co-sponsorship of "A Time to Shine," a project designed to bring People with AIDS (PWAs) to the March scheduled for October 11, 1987. Community leaders in the fight against AIDS have joined with March and NAPWA organizers to ask supporters from coast to coast to participate in giving house parties to raise funds for this cause.

"A Time to Shine" was proposed by Los Angeles AIDS activist Matt Redman. Redman maintains that "it is essential that the government know that PWAs will not simply quietly die while the government's response to this epidemic remains totally inadequate due to fear and bigotry directed toward gay men."

Party plans are already underway in Southern California, San Francisco, Baltimore, New York and elsewhere. A commitment from Shawnee Mission, Kansas is an indication of the broad geographic support for the project. The first "A Time to Shine" party was in Los Angeles on August 9 and featured a new-age "Chrystals" theme; Cheryl Ladd was its honorary host.

To get a kit to organize your own "A Time to Shine" party or for more information about the project, contact Matt Redman at (213) 738-8224.

--National March on Washington press release



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## Campaign Fund Seeks Interns

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Since its founding in 1980, the Campaign Fund has become the 16th largest independent political action committee (PAC) in the United States, and the 39th largest PAC overall. The Campaign Fund serves as a recognized voice of the lesbian and gay community in hundreds of federal political campaigns throughout the nation. It also does extensive lobbying on Capitol Hill, working toward legal and social recognition and protection of civil rights for gay men and lesbians, as well as toward a more responsible federal policy with respect to AIDS.

In anticipation of the departure of one of its interns, and with an increasingly active political and legislative agenda, the Campaign Fund is seeking qualified interns to supplement its office. This program would offer the opportunity to work closely with the Campaign Fund staff on a variety of projects, while learning about the role of government in issues of central concern to lesbians and gay men.

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Interns at the Human Rights Campaign Fund would be expected to make at least a three month commitment, part or full time. A stipend may be available.

If you are interested in an internship with the Campaign Fund, please contact Michael Albert at (202) 628-4160 for application information.

## Gay Finals Rodeo

Gay Rodeo is coming to San Francisco for the first time this fall. The First Annual International Gay Finals Rodeo will be hosted by the Bay Area Chapter of the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association on September 18, 19, and 20. The weekend will not only feature two rodeo performances, but also three dances, dance exhibitions, live entertainment, a country crafts fair, and an awards dinner.

This is the first time the cowboys and cowgirls who scored the best in five regional gay rodeos will get a

chance to compete for top honors at a finals rodeo. The regional gay rodeos are produced every year by state gay rodeo association members of the International Gay Rodeo Association across the west and midwest. Contestants at the regional rodeos accumulate points for their performance and the five women and five men who have the most points in each event for the '86 - '87 rodeo season will be invited to compete in their event at this year's season-end finals rodeo.

Last year the IGRA gave the Bay Area Chapter of GSGRA approval to produce the first IGRA final rodeo this year. The chapter is currently working out the details of the finals rodeo weekend, less than two months away.

The weekend kicks off Friday evening, September 18, at the San Franciscan Hotel, with "California or Bust," a party with live entertainment, social dancing, dance exhibitions, and a casino. A similar party with the theme "Gold Rush Roundup" follows the next evening, also at the hotel. Select country music dj's from across the U.S. will

provide music to two-step to. Additional live entertainment is being planned.

The two rodeo performances are to be held Saturday and Sunday afternoon, at the Rowell Ranch Rodeo Park, located in the picturesque Dublin Canyon off Interstate 580, between Castro Valley and Pleasanton. A shuttle bus will provide transportation between the rodeo grounds and the host hotels.

The Gay American Indians and a trick roper are tentatively slated to perform in the arena between the rodeo events. The Way Out West Band will provide music during the rodeo. Outside the arena, a country crafts fair and exhibition western dancing will also entertain the crowd.

The rodeo events include roughstock (bull riding, bare back bronc riding, wild cow riding, and chute dogging), roping (team roping, mounted break-away calf roping, and roping on foot), horse events (barrel racing, flag racing, and pole bending), and hilarious camp events (steer decorating, goat

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dressing, and wild drag race). The camp events were specially intended for novices who want to try their hand at rodeo. For example, with the goat dressing, each team of two people has to run to their goat, tethered 25 feet away, put a pair of jockey shorts on the animal, and head back to the starting line. The team with the best time wins, if the shorts stay up on their goat.

The weekend-long festivities close Sunday night with an awards dinner and party at the San Franciscan Hotel. Comedian Danny Williams will m.c. the evening and the cast of "Greater Tuna" and the John Gallagher Band will be on hand to entertain.

Businesses can assist with the rodeo in two ways. They can sponsor the rodeo by making a contribution that covers some expense in producing the rodeo program. Those desiring to be rodeo sponsors should call Dennis at (707) 829-0742.

Businesses can also advertise in the rodeo program. Call Triangle Media, Inc. at (213) 590-8518 for further information.

Spectators who are coming in from out of town should contact Adventure Center Travel for their travel and ticket needs. As the official travel agency of the finals rodeo, they are offering specially reduced air fares and low convention rates at the host hotels. Those who make their air reservations with them are eligible to win an expense-paid trip from San Francisco to Australia for two. They can be reached at (415) 654-8411 (in California) and at (800) 522-2838 (elsewhere in the U.S.), 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Pacific Time) only.

Those buying tickets for the weekend's events should call or drop by Stagecoach Western Apparel, at 2191 Market Street in San Francisco, (415) 626-7999.

The Bay Area Chapter of GSGRA is involved in a broad spectrum of activities. Last Spring, the chapter held a playday in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, which involved such horse as pole bending, as well as "on-foot" events like a tug-of-war. Top roper Cindy, who has won the all-around cowgirl award at several of the regional gay rodeos, often leads roping clinics prior to the regional rodeos for those who are interested in learning calf roping on foot. Purely social events, such as potluck barbecues, are also among the group's activities. The rodeo skills of the members vary greatly, and the chapter welcomes anyone with an interest in rodeo, whether as contestant or spectator, horse owner or not. People may call Rob at (415) 827-4301 or Dennis at (707) 829-0742 for further information about the Bay Area Chapter.



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## Use a Condom

John Acevedo, who works as a counselor for the AIDS Health Project at Health Center #1, believes that changing how we experience sex demands new words, as well as new equipment -- a whole long process of "re-eroticizing and re-educating."

Words like "we can't do it without condoms," Acevedo points out, are an automatic downer because gay men traditionally "react strongly to being told 'NO, you can't do that.' We have this history of not wanting to say no." So instead of erecting a latex barrier, he suggests to tell your hunk that yes, anal play would be great and get specific about how much you'd enjoy obliging him. "Because I like you, I want to make sure whatever happens between us stays healthy." If he answers, "I don't care about my health," says Acevedo, "he's sure not going to care about yours."

And he's sure not going to try it with condoms if you confide that "I've got to admit they really turn me off." The concealed message, according to Acevedo, is "Twist my arm, maybe we'll end up bareback after all."

Before even engaging in such conversations, says Acevedo, "I'd want to make sure I'd played with condoms before, masturbated with them, tried at least a few different kinds so that I'm familiar with them. Then I can say 'Let me tell you which kind I like. Brand X would fit really good on you.' You have to know what you're talking about, you've got to practice, you've got to be willing to confront your own fears and resentments."

One big problem, Acevedo acknowledges, is that for most of us, condoms have no erotic connotations; porno stars, for example, never rubberize.

Acevedo insists that there's no reason why a little imagination can't make putting on a condom sexy.

No one is saying that intercourse with a rubber feels better than without one. But people tell him that "It's not as bad as they thought it would be," which is a signal that creativity can expand into an actual plus.

## Addiction Conference Told: "Face Gay/Lesbian Issues"

For the first time, gay and lesbian issues have taken center stage at a major American chemical dependency meeting. Lesbian therapist Ellen Ratner delivered a keynote address on sexuality, intimacy and chemical dependency at the 13th Annual School on Addiction Studies/Second Annual Conference on Mental Health, sponsored in May by the University of Alaska at Anchorage and by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services.

"Chemical dependency is an epidemic in our community," Ratner told the 500 psychologist social workers and other mental health professionals from across the U.S. "At least one in ten of your clients is homosexual and they deserve the same quality care that you provide to heterosexuals. Pretending they are straight is not a treatment; it's a mistreatment," she added.

Lesbians and gay men are likely to fail on conventional treatment programs, according to Ratner. She explained that few gay people are able to talk about relationships, sex, fear of AIDS, gender identity or other key issues in a hostile and unaccepting environment.

In one-to-one treatment an insensitive or unexperienced therapist may project that same feeling of homophobia or criticism. The end result, said Ratner, was a failure in treatment and often a worsening of the patient's addicted disease.

Treatment programs for lesbians and gay men must help change addictive behavior, restore a sense of worth and treat the underlying disease. "But they must also prepare a gay or lesbian person to survive in a hostile, predominantly straight world and to remain sober and proud despite the prejudice they encounter," she added.

Confidentiality is a key issue in any chemical dependency program. It becomes crucial when dealing with gay people, according to Ratner. "Because there is so much discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, records and charts must be coded and kept on a very limited-access basis. AIDS-related hysteria means that medical records are particularly sensitive," she said.

Ratner based much of her advice on her experience in setting up Pride Institute, the nation's first inpatient facility devoted exclusively to treating gay men and lesbians with alcohol or other drug dependencies. She also serves as president of the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation and is a long-time activist in health issues. Her remarks were delivered during the keynote speech and in three other presentations at the conference held in Anchorage from May 18 through May 22.

Ratner has compiled an extensive list of resources for lesbians and gay men struggling with addictions, as well as for the mental health professionals treating them. Referrals, materials and information are available by calling Ratner or a member of her staff at Pride Institute. She can be reached at 1-800-54-PRIDE (in Minnesota, Alaska or Hawaii at 1-612-934-7554). The telephone number is staffed 24 hours a day by trained counselors.

--Van Vechten Medical Information

## ACLU Publishes Docket of Sexuality Cases

The Lesbian and Gay Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union has just published the first national, annotated list of pending cases involving AIDS, sexual orientation, or consensual sexual activity.

The publication, titled the **National Docket of AIDS and Sexuality and the Law Cases**, is the first ever compiled in this subject area. "I think it will be an extremely useful and important tool for lawyers handling such cases and for interested persons trying to keep up-to-date on the rapid developments in this volatile legal arena," said Nan D. Hunter, director of the national ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project.

The 133-page **Docket** lists more than 120 cases. Each case summary includes a detailed description of the issues presented in the case, its status in court, and lists the name, address, and telephone number of the attorney handling the case. The summary also includes citations for published opinions and the court file numbers. The **Docket** also lists sample pleadings which are available from the ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project.

The **National Docket** includes all the known pending cases as of June 1987 -- not only cases of the ACLU Project and ACLU affiliates, but of all the gay and lesbian legal rights organizations, as well as cases being handled by private attorneys. It includes cases involving discrimination against heterosexuals as well as gay people, such as custody cases involving sex outside of marriage and firings. The AIDS-related cases cover the gamut of discrimination issues, including employment, family law, and criminal law.

"The compilation was an enormous job that's taken about a year to complete," said Hunter. "We will publish an updated docket each year. We hope that as more people realize that this resource exists, more attorneys will contact us when they file new cases."

The **Docket** is available for \$10 per copy, plus a \$2 postage and handling charge, from the ACLU Literature Department, 132 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036. Checks should be made payable to the ACLU Foundation.

## Clinical Trial Opportunities Available for Persons with AIDS

The AIDS Action Council has been working with officials at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) to increase the dissemination of information regarding the availability of clinical trials across the country for anti-AIDS drug evaluation programs. The AIDS Action Council is a national organization representing over 300 AIDS service providers throughout the United States and has been a powerful force in Washington on behalf of AIDS education, policy and funding.

The AIDS Action Council has learned that many spaces are available in over 15 drug trials presently approved for study in 19 AIDS Treatment Evaluation Units (ATEUs) throughout the United States. People with AIDS are urged to contact the closest ATEU to determine what drug evaluation protocols are underway and to find out whether they are eligible to participate in these drug trials.

### ATEU Listings

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## The Flit Side of the News

If the media insist on the relevancy of sexual orientation to a news story, they might as well be fair about it. Taking a recent issue of the *Star*, and adhering to the fairness doctrine, the following lead paragraphs come to light.

- The judge who awarded damages to seven fundamentalist families offended by public school textbooks said Tuesday the confirmation of allegedly heterosexual Robert H. Bork to the U.S. Supreme Court could play a key role in the case.
- A slow-moving nonsexual storm dumped more than 7 inches of rain on parts of Nebraska early Tuesday.
- An autopsy shows that Kenneth Lee, of undetermined sexual orientation, was struck 11 times by shot from shot-guns fired by lawmen (all of whom were heterosexuals) outside his suburban Omaha home, the Douglas County attorney said Tuesday.
- An apple a day may keep the doctor away but, according to recent research, so might a straight banana.
- ARIES (March 21-April 19): Homosexual individual who performs special services will be placated by flattery.
- Lincoln police, of various orientations, and heterosexual Nebraska Cornhusker football

coach Tom Osborne differed only slightly Tuesday concerning a series of events that led to a Monday night scuffle between heterosexual Cornhusker defensive end Broderick Thomas and presumably straight police officers.

- A week earlier, Morris the non-preferential Cat announced his candidacy for president at a news conference at the National Press Club in Washington.

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--Stefan

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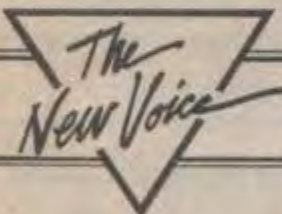
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# Gay/Lesbian Resource Directory

## Nebraska Statewide

- Affirmation of Nebraska.** Box 80122, Lincoln 68501. United Methodists for Gay/Lesbian Concerns. Meets alternately in Omaha and Lincoln, second Friday of the month. ☎ 476-9913.
- Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights.** Box 94822, Lincoln 68509. Advocacy group which lobbies for lesbian/gay civil rights, provides educational presentations, publishes a newsletter and sponsors cultural and political programs.
- Imperial Court of Nebraska.** Box 3772, Omaha 68102. Social organization for the advancement of the gay society. Omaha meeting first Monday of each month, except holidays. ☎ 733-1924.
- Nebraska AIDS Project.** Box 3118, Omaha 68131. Center for information, support, and coordination of AIDS related community efforts. Call in Omaha ☎ 342-4233 or toll-free statewide, ☎ 1-800-782-AIDS.
- The New Voice of Nebraska.** Box 80819, Lincoln 68501. Monthly magazine serving the gay/lesbian community. Staff meets in Lincoln the first Wednesday of each month. ☎ 474-1205 or ☎ 345-2181.
- Presbyterians For Lesbian/Gay Concerns.** Organization meeting scheduled for February 28. ☎ 733-1360 (Cleve).
- UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center.** Room 342 (Mail: Room 222), Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588. Hotline: 472-5644. Social activities, AIDS education project, roommate referral, support groups, and library.
- Viral Syndrome Clinic** University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE. Jonathan Goldsmith, MD, ☎ 559-6202. Ann Lamb, MSW, ☎ 559-4420.

## Lincoln

- Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous.** Group meets every Tuesday and Friday. Call the AA central office for location, ☎ 466-5214.
- Boardwalk Body Club (BBC).** Box 84662, Lincoln, NE 68501. Weekday aerobic classes for gay/lesbian community and friends. ☎ 474-9741 (Paul).
- Capital City Couples.** Organization to promote positive aspects of alternative lifestyle relationships, create stability in those relationships, and to share and socialize with other gay couples. ☎ 423-1374.
- Gay/Lesbian Information and Support Line.** Box 94882, Lincoln 68509. Referral and support phone line staffed by peer counselors. ☎ 472-4697 in evenings.
- Lambda Resource Center.** 2845 R St. Meeting rooms, outpatient counseling, group activities. ☎ 474-1205.
- Lesbian Support Group.** Contact Women's Resource Center, Room 117, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588. Informal discussion group for lesbians; all womyn welcome. Meets weekly. ☎ 472-2597.
- Lincoln Legion of Lesbians.** Box 30317, Lincoln 68503. Lesbian-feminist collective providing a newsletter, confidential referral, and support groups for lesbians. Sponsors cultural and social programs.
- Ministry in Human Sexuality, Inc.** Box 80122, Lincoln 68501. Non-profit agency providing counseling, education, and supportive action for those seeking growth and understanding in the areas of sexuality and relationships. J. Benjamin Roe, Executive Director, ☎ 476-9913.
- New Directions Center.** Short term individual counseling, support groups, classes, and workshops dealing with coming out, relationship issues, parenting. Sliding fee scale. ☎ 476-2802.
- Open Door Ministry.** To provide orthodox spiritual counseling to all people in need at no charge. ☎ 474-3390.
- Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays.** Box 4374, Lincoln 68501. Support group for parents, friends, and relatives of lesbians/gays. Meets fourth Tuesday of the month. ☎ 435-4688.
- Third Culture.** Non-residential subculture dealing with issues such as coming out, social behavior, the gay lifestyle, suicide, and drug or alcohol abuse. ☎ 474-1205 (Pat).
- The Wimmin's Show.** KZUM Radio 89.5 and 99.3 FM. 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. every Sunday.
- Woman's Journal-Advocate.** Box 81226, Lincoln 68501. Monthly feminist publication.

## Omaha

- Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous.** Group meets weekly, Friday at 8:15 p.m. at Metropolitan Community Church, 420 S. 24th St. ☎ 345-9916.
- Gay/Lesbian ALANON.** Group meets weekly, Sunday at 4 p.m. at Lowe Ave. Presbyterian Church, 1023 N. 40th St. ☎ 556-9907.
- Dignity of Omaha.** Providing common bonds through Mass and meetings for gays and lesbians and their friends. Regular Mass second Sunday of the month, 7 p.m., St. John's lower level. ☎ 341-1460 or 345-9426.
- Gay Parents Support Group.** Support group for gay parents who have children. ☎ 553-2308.
- Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon.** Group meets Fridays at 8:15 p.m. at MCC. ☎ 556-9907.
- Lutherans Concerned of Omaha.** Society of gay Christians and friends together to foster within a church climate of understanding, justice, and reconciliation among all women and men. ☎ 592-1209.
- Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha.** Box 3173, Omaha 68103. Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Tuesday evening Bible study at 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday Mid-week Program at 7:30 p.m.; Adult Sunday School at 9:10 a.m. ☎ 345-2563.
- Omaha Business and Professional Club.** Box 3124, Omaha 68103. Networking organization of business and professional persons. Meets third Wednesday of each month. ☎ 493-3343.
- Omaha Meatpackers.** 2116 N. 16 Apt. 8, Omaha 68110. Scott Cruea, secretary. ☎ 341-4233.
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- Parents/Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG).** Box 3173, Omaha 68103. Support group for the parents, friends, and relatives of lesbians/gays. ☎ 556-7481 (Ruth).
- Project CONCERN.** Box 3772, Omaha 68102. AIDS related information. Speakers, brochures, posters, and VCR tapes. ☎ 455-3701.
- River City Bowling League.** Dean Vanderpool, secretary. ☎ 344-3821.
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