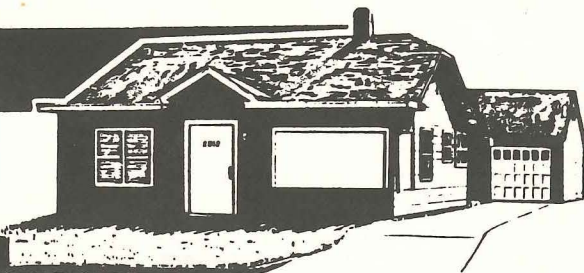


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Around the Corner

HERLAND KEEPS ON TRUCKIN'

OKLAHOMA CITY - Herland volunteers continue to fight the odds with building repairs, etc., etc.; learning all about the ins and outs of a REAL commercial enterprise with building ownership starting from scratch. Herland is still working it out with City Hall and its bookful of city codes, so it appears it may be a while (even yet) before Herland Bookstore is open for business.

Meanwhile, watch for access to Herland's stock of good books at various functions around Oklahoma City and Norman. We'll be setting up the books and records table at the Robin Flower/Nancy Vogl concert and at the Jasmine concert, and we're trying to work out a space at the National Women's History Month festivities in Norman on March 19th. So, watch for us!

For up-to-the-minute reports on the status of the Herland Bookstore and Library call 794-7464.

WANTED: REGISTRATIONS!

SPRING RETREAT DRAWS NEAR

Bookstore or no bookstore, Herland is still alive and well in spirit and energy! The Spring Retreat is planned and ready to go, so make your plans now to spend a relaxing weekend at Boiling Springs State Park in northwestern Oklahoma.

Arrive at 4 pm or later on April 8th and stay until Sunday, April 10th. And, bring all your sporting gear - softball mits, balls, games, fishing poles, and spelunker's hat, etc. for a fun weekend.

The Sisters of Swing will be on hand after Saturday's traditional Pot Luck dinner to entertain us. Don't forget to bring something delicious to share at the Pot Luck.

So, plan to enjoy the pleasant company of lots of wonderful women on April 8, 9, & 10. Pre-register by April 2, and save some bucks. Scholarships and work exchanges are available, but they are in limited supply, so call Laura, the camp director, now at 672-4141.

If you have any requests on what you would like to see presented at a Retreat Workshop, let Laura know. Or, if you would like to present a workshop, give Laura a call at the above number.

Don't hesitate and don't be late. Don't miss out on any of the fun...get your registrations in the mail today!

Upon receipt of your registration form, a map to the campsite and a list of what to bring with you will be mailed to you.

W.A.R. HELPS WOMEN

OKLAHOMA CITY - On Monday, November 15, 1987, a fifteen-year-old Oklahoma City girl walking to school was kidnapped, raped, sodomized orally and anally, mutilated and tortured for 23 hours. The man accused of attacking her was on parole after serving less than five years of a fifteen-year sentence for raping and orally sodomizing a fourteen-year-old Drummond girl.

Outraged by the lenient sentencing and quick parole seen too often in sexual assault cases, women and men of Oklahoma City are organizing a courtwatch program to demand more effective use of the law to stop rape.

Women Against Rape (W.A.R.) is inviting anyone interested in helping to eradicate the crime of rape to attend a 12:30 PM, March 12 meeting at the YWCA at 415 NW 5th.

W.A.R. seeks to:

- 1) Monitor the handling of sexual assault cases by state and local court systems.
- 2) Lobby judges, prosecutors and attorneys for stricter sentencing of convicted rapists.
- 3) Support victims so they will feel safe in confronting their attackers through the court system.
- 4) Demand that the state delay parole for convicted rapists.
- 5) Lobby for more effective laws to stop the crime of rape.
- 6) Through education dispel the various myths about rape.
- 7) Research ways to prevent the crime altogether.

For more information, call 528-0400, 528-8544 (Lynette) or 737-4731 (Caryn).

CHILD ADVOCATES TO SPEAK IN COURT

OKLAHOMA CITY - Oklahoma County has a new Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program which provides trained volunteers who serve as the child's voice in court during abused and neglected cases. The CASA concept is based on the commitment that every child has a right to a safe, permanent home.

The CASA volunteer does three things: 1) Serves as a fact-finder for the judge by thoroughly researching the background of each assigned case; 2) Speaks for the child in the courtroom, representing the child's best interests; and, 3) Continues to act as a "watchdog" for the child during the life of the case, helping to bring it to a swift and appropriate conclusion.

Currently, in Oklahoma County, about 625 abused and neglected children are involved in a court case. In addition, every day another abused or neglected child enters the court system in Oklahoma County. The average length of court involvement and disruption in these children's lives is over two years. Following the success of the Tulsa

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_____ I would like to help at the retreat.

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Pre-registration is \$17-20; Please pay in this range based on your ability.

Upon receipt of your registration form, a map to the campsite and a list of what to bring with you will be mailed to you.

Mail this completed form and your check to:

Herland Sister Resources
c/o Laura, Camp Director
4924 S. Kathy Drive
Oklahoma City, OK 73135

Deadline for pre-registration is April 2, 1988.
For further information call (405) 672-4141.

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County CASA program established in 1985, it is believed the disruption to a child's life will be reduced by 10 months or more in Oklahoma County.

The Oklahoma County CASA program will hold its first volunteer training in March. Volunteers will learn about court procedure, interviewing techniques, the dynamics of abuse and neglect, childhood development and effective advocacy techniques for children. Sessions will be presented by judges, attorneys, caseworkers and other professionals from the child protection field. For more information about the CASA program or to serve as a volunteer, contact Loretta Pecchioni, Program Coordinator, at 841-0456 during regular office hours or write to the Oklahoma County CASA program, Oklahoma County Juvenile Center, 5905 N. Classen, Oklahoma City, OK 73118.

G.A.L.A. BANQUET SET

OKLAHOMA CITY - The 4th Annual Gay and Lesbian Awards banquet will be held at the Habana Inn at 2200 NW 39th Expressway, OKC on Saturday, March 12. Cocktails are at 5 pm and dinner will be served at 6 pm. The awards ceremony will begin at 7:30 pm, with a dance following.

The awards banquet is a black tie affair sponsored by the Metropolitan Community Church to honor women and men who have made significant contributions to the Oklahoma City gay community. Invitation is open to anyone who would like to attend, however tickets are by advance purchase only. Tickets may be purchased at MCC, the Hi-Lo Club, the Bunkhouse, and the Sidekicks. The cost is \$20.00 per ticket which includes dinner.

HERLAND NEWSLETTER AD RATES TO INCREASE

HSR - In an effort to help the Herland Sister Resources, Inc. Newsletter pay for itself, it has become necessary for the Newsletter to raise its advertising rates.

The Newsletter is the second greatest ongoing expense incurred by Herland, and, to date, it has never supported itself. Even with the scheduled increase in advertising rates, the Newsletter will not be able to cover its own expenditures, but it will become less of a burden for Herland's financial resources to bear.

The new rates, scheduled to go into effect on July 1, 1988 will be as follows: Business card, \$15; 1/4 page, \$35; 1/2 page, \$60; and full page, \$100. Discounts on these rates will be given to advertisers who pre-pay ads slated to run after July 1, 1988.

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MARCH 13:
PEGGY JOHNSON OPENS FOR
NANCY VOGL & ROBIN FLOWER

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THE SHARTELS OPEN FOR
JASMINE

AT THE CIVIC CENTER LITTLE THEATER
FOR TICKET INFORMATION CALL 672-6459



ALL HERLAND COLLECTIVE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO YOU

NEXT MEETING:

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 4:30 p.m.
CALL 794-7464 for location

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH SHOWCASE

NORMAN - March is Women's History Month. It is a time to be set aside to reflect on the lives and work of women in the past and to look forward to the opportunities that lie in store for women in the future.

March 19, 1988, Women Who Share, a non-profit group formed recently to promote creative endeavors of women, will present their first annual event: a Showcase of film, art, storytelling and music at Meacham Auditorium, located in the University of Oklahoma Student Union. The showcase celebrates Women's History Month and offers women and men a chance to enjoy the work of renowned women artists, filmmakers and musicians.

"Hour of the Star" shown at 10:30 AM in Meacham Auditorium, is the first feature from Brazilian Suzanna Amaral. This film is the story about an uneducated 19 year-old who moves from the rural north to the big city. This film was nominated in 1985 for an Academy Award for best foreign film.

"Loyalties", shown at 3:00 PM, is a feature debut of Anne Wheeler, one of Canada's most respected and prolific filmmakers. This film is the story of the friendship between two women across cultural and class boundaries. After moving to small town in Canada from an affluent life in England a family's wife and mother feels uncomfortably out of place. She soon develops a close friendship with a native woman who comes to work for them, and as the family's terrible secrets begin to unfold and the reasons for their relocation to this remote region become clear, loyalties are tested.

"Hour of the Star" and "Loyalties" are

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If you are planning to move, and you don't want to miss any issues of the HSR Newsletter, please let us know your new address BEFORE you move. The Post Office will NOT forward the Newsletter, and Herland will NOT change your address without your authorization. Therefore, to insure receipt of the Newsletter fill out and mail us this Change of Address form BEFORE you move. The form may also be used to add a new name to the mailing list.

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part of The Third Wave International Women's Film and Video Festival, organized by Liatrix Media, a sponsored project of Women and Their Work, a Texas-based, non-profit, multidisciplinary arts organization emphasizing the work of women. The first festival is partially funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, Texas Commission on the Arts, and the City of Austin. The Norman portion of the festival is partially funded by a grant from the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Oklahoma.

Lynn Moroney, best known for her interpretation and retelling of Native American sky lore, will tell Tales of Powerful Women at 1:30 PM in Meacham Auditorium. "I like stories of power," explains Lynn. Her repertoire includes sky myths from around the world as well as traditional folk tales and teaching tales. Lynn has performed throughout the United States and Mexico and regaled audiences at universities, festivals and on radio and TV. Her delight at sharing personal tales and having her audience look at their own stories through interior landscapes promises an afternoon of fun and introspection.

Throughout the entire day, representative works of leading Oklahoma Native American women artists will be on display in the Lounge on the 2nd floor of the Student Union.

The evening's activities highlight two extremely talented performers in concert at Meacham Auditorium. Native Oklahoman singer-songwriter Donna DeSalvo will start the evening program at 8:30 PM as the opening act for Sue Fink.

Donna is a talented musician whose various performances in Oklahoma have won her a loyal group of fans. Her renditions of songs by other artists are combined with her own original music reflecting personal experiences. Donna's warmth promises to spark a fire for the high energy talent of California singer Sue Fink.

Sue Fink is "certified outrageous". Her flamboyant personality, energetic stage presence and wonderful voice have entertained audiences from coast to coast and across Europe and the Orient. The 1984 Music Recipient of the Vesta Award given to women who have made significant contributions to the arts in Southern California, she has also received the Mayor's Certificate of appreciation from Los Angeles mayor Tom Bradley. Sue is a performer whose love of life is manifest in her powerful music and her compelling drive to have her audience share her zest.

Festival passes for entire day's events are available for \$12 (advance) or \$15 (at the door). Tickets for each individual daytime event are \$2.50 (advance) or \$3.00 (at the door). Tickets for the Sue Fink concert are \$7.00 (advance) and \$8.00 (at the door). Ticket outlets are: Arts Place II, 20 W. Main, Oklahoma City; Earth Natural Foods, 49th and N. Western, OKC, and 309 S. Flood in Norman; The Galleria, 1630 W. Lindsey, Norman.

For more information about the Showcase call 366-0923 or 360-9857.

DIANE KEATON'S HEAVEN

NORMAN - Diane Keaton's first-ever feature directional effort, "Heaven", makes its Oklahoma premier in Norman on March 20, 1988, at the Hollywood Theater. Screening time is at 12:00 noon.

"Heaven" is a hilarious, yet sophisticated, ironic, yet loving look at the "great beyond." It is a series of interviews with a wide variety of people talking about their conceptions of heaven. Their comments are illustrated by depictions of heaven in film footage from features, television shows and religious programs. Some of the questions, and answers, are decidedly bizarre. The film is a high camp, transcendental roller-coaster ride,

an outrageous collision of fundamentalists, freewheeling visionaries and people-next-door.

Keaton is enormously proud of the feature. "Making 'Heaven' gave me so much satisfaction," she said, "It's the most fun I've had in a long time. But it taught me just how difficult it is to make a movie."

Tickets are available at the following outlets: Arts Place II, 20 W. Main, OKC; the Earth Natural Foods, 49th and N. Western, OKC, and 309 S. Flood, Norman; and the Galleria, 1630 W. Lindsey, Norman. Ticket prices are \$2.50 (advance) or \$3.00 (at the door). The Hollywood Theater is located at 1210 McGee Drive in Norman.

JASMINE COMING BACK TO OKC

That's right! Jasmine is coming back to Oklahoma City, Saturday, April 2, 7:30 pm at the Civic Center Little Theatre.

Jasmine, consisting of Michele Isam and Carol Schmidt, represents a cool classic fusion of jazz and pop genres. Their songs exhibit a passion and sophistication true to jazz yet with lyrical and musical elements of contemporary chart music.

They have shared the stage with such greats as Judy Collins, Joan Rivers, "Doc" Severinsen, and other. Their first recording, "Jasmine," sold over 15,000 copies. January, 1987, marked the release of Jasmine's second album, "Wild Strings," which represents the group's move from jazz to a more integrated pop and jazz sound.

Opening for Jasmine will be the Shartels of Oklahoma City, known also as the Sisters of Swing. They are certainly one of Oklahoma's fastest rising, popular entertainment groups. The Sisters of Swing released their first album, "Fun at Parties," in 1987. As the Sisters of Swing they delight audiences with a "do-wop" style that is certain to set your fingers snapping. As the Shartels they set the stage with a nostalgic air of music from the 40's to the present.

Tickets for this concert are \$8 and may be purchased at the Earth Natural Foods, 49th and Western in Oklahoma City and 309 S Flood in Norman, or you may call (405) 672-6459 or (405) 528-0020. It is suggested that you purchase your tickets early for this concert. This concert will be one of Oklahoma City's best and will probably sell out early.

ADVERTISING AVAILABLE IN JASMINE PROGRAM

Herland Sister Resources, Inc. is printing a program for the Jasmine concert, April 2, 1988, 7:30 pm, at the Civic Center Little Theatre. We invite you to place your ad in this program at the following rates: business card (1/8 page), \$15; 1/4 page, \$25; 1/2 page, \$45; full page, \$75. The program will be printed on 8 1/2 x 14" colored paper, folded.

If you would like to get the word out about your business or service, please call 672-6459, and Barbara will help you.

ROBIN FLOWER & NANCY VOGL IN CONCERT

A versatile and engaging performer, Robin Flower crosses traditional and contemporary, bluegrass and pop, jazz and rock, vocals and instrumentals into a synthesis that is urban acoustic music. Robin, an ace fiddler, mandolinist and guitarist, on tour with Nancy Vogl, presents a bristling raw-energy performance. Stimulating, challenging, and, just plain old fun.

Robin Flower is celebrating the release of her 4th album, *Babies with Glasses*. Featured on the album are highly original music and lyrics in songs about babies: love, nuclear war, sex, South Africa, personal struggle, and the universe and cats, to name a few.

Nancy Vogl's mastery of acoustic steel-string guitar-picking is something to contend with. Certainly, not many could match her skill, let alone excell. Her insight into economic, social and political history infuses her work with an extra intelligence.

Nancy's first solo effort produced an album, "Something to Go On." Her second album, recorded in Nashville, is rooted in solid country with a little swing and blues.

Peggy Johnson of Oklahoma City will be opening this concert. Peggy has deluged Oklahoma audiences for over three years with her style, musical talent, and original compositions. Having released her own musical cassette, "Time to Do It," Peggy demonstrates that she is on the move; she has been very active in the Women's community, performing at "Take Back the Night" rallies, Herland retreats, and the South Central Women Studies Association Conference.

Be sure to catch Robin Flower, Nancy Vogl and Peggy Johnson in concert on Sunday, March 13, 1988, 4:00 p.m. at the Civic Center Little Theatre in downtown Oklahoma City. Tickets are \$6 and may be purchased at the Earth Natural Foods, 49th and Western in Oklahoma City and 309 S Flood in Norman, or you may call (405) 672-6459 or (405) 528-0020.

SAFIYA HENDERSON-HOLMES

A POETIC DYNAMO

STILLWATER - A very compelling hour was experienced by those who heard the readings by Safiya Henderson-Holmes here last February 16th.

Ms. Henderson-Holmes' poetry spoke of the pain, suffering and anger created by a discriminating society and social system, and the love and comradeship shared by the oppressed trapped in the wake of their injustices. With adamant foreboding, her words apprised those responsible for the proliferation of nuclear weapons and the destruction they will inevitably bring to pass if current attitudes do not change.

The identification that much of the audience felt with the emotions in her work elicited, alternately, both discerning silence and applause. With forceful elegance, clarity and poetic conviction and marked by syncopation and near-perfect rhythm, her various works express what so many of us feel; in a way that others can understand . . . if they would only listen.

Safiya Henderson-Holmes. A woman to watch. And hear. K.L.

Feature Article

AIDS: A WOMEN'S CONCERN By Cindy Irwin, R.N.

Editor's Note: The following article was researched and written by Cindy Irwin, BS, RN, who over the last six weeks has directly contacted numerous sources of information in Oklahoma and across the United States in an effort to bring Herland's readers the most comprehensive and up-to-date information possible regarding women and AIDS. AIDS is a devastating disease, and none of us is immune. The editor suggests you read this article carefully and behave accordingly to protect yourself and others.

The editor wishes to extend her appreciation to Jean Derry of the State Task Force on AIDS for supplying the impetus, as well as some of the resources for this article, and to Jill Waters for typing the final report. A very special thank you goes to Cindy Irwin who followed the proposal through, expending much time and energy to bring us the truth about women and AIDS.

AIDS A WOMEN'S CONCERN

The question of what sexually active women should do to prevent the spread of AIDS becomes more critical daily. Today, more women are dying from AIDS than ever before. Their life spans after diagnosis are alarmingly short when compared to their male counterparts. Children are frequently born with AIDS to mothers who unknowingly carried the virus. Presently, Lesbians remain at low risk, but evidence shows we are far from invulnerable. AIDS affects all women and the choices we make--collectively and individually.

According to the most recent statistics released by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the group that is currently at highest risk for AIDS is heterosexual women between the ages of 17 and 35 (Brownsworth). Women are proportionately the fastest growing group of people with AIDS in the United States (AAPHR). In the three AIDS "capitols" for heterosexual cases; New York, Miami, and Newark, reports of women with AIDS have sky-rocketed nearly 200 times what they were last year. In New York, the count is up to hundreds a week, and AIDS is the leading cause of death for women ages 15 to 40. This increase in female AIDS cases was predicted for several years by some statisticians and scientists. Dr. Mathilde Krim, co-chair for the American Foundation for AIDS Research, repeatedly stated that women are going to bear the greatest burden of the epidemic within the next five years (Brownsworth).

What researchers didn't predict, according to Victoria Brownsworth who cites three studies, was that once diagnosed, women die more quickly, with more illnesses than men. The first study, which Margaret Fischl conducted on Miami residents, showed that the survival rate among women was less than half that of men. Of the 119 women she studied, the life expectancy after diagnosis was 6.6 months; for men it was 14 months. Fischl's findings also showed that women were much sicker, because they had more opportunistic infections than men (Brownsworth).

Dr. Paul Harder uncovered far more devastating data in San Francisco,

while directing a consulting project for the state. Harder examined the life expectancies of 7,074 AIDS patients diagnosed prior to 1987. He found that the women lived an average of only 40 days, while men lived an average of 16 months. The third study conducted by Dr. Rand Stoneburner of the New York City Health Department found that women lived one third as long as men (Brownsworth).

As startling as the statistics are, there are other reasons women need to focus on stopping the spread of AIDS. Approximately half the people with AIDS in many countries are women. Hundreds of women have given birth to infants infected with AIDS (AAPHR). A study released in November, 1987 indicates that in some of America's inner cities, up to one in five pregnant women may be infected, a rate as high as that in parts of Africa where the disease is much more wide spread (Daily Oklahoman). In the United States, ethnic minorities and people of color are disproportionately represented in the AIDS population: 75 percent of women and 90 percent of infants with AIDS are members of ethnic minority groups (AAPHR).

During artificial insemination, the virus has been transmitted to women when infected semen was injected into the uterus (Stewart). Health care and child care are issues of concern. Women comprise a substantial number of intravenous drug users, "the fastest growing risk factor of all new AIDS cases" (Byron). Women in the sex industry, who often have no alternative means of self-support, are excluded from traditional medical, social, and educational services; yet, they are at high risk for transmitting AIDS (AAPHR). Furthermore, many women have been personally affected by AIDS related deaths or illnesses of people close to them.

According to the Women's AIDS Network, lesbians are not at high risk of contracting AIDS at this time unless they use I.V. drugs or have unsafe sexual contact with people in high risk groups. Theoretically, lesbians who carry the virus could infect others, if their vaginal fluids or menstrual blood enter the bodies of their sexual partners (Byron). Evidence of vaginal transmission of the virus from woman to woman has been shown in one case in the U.S. (Marmor et.al.) and in one case in the Philippines (Monzon et.al.). Although AIDS has been slow to permeate the lesbian community, researchers are unsure whether it is just because the disease doesn't appear to have originated in women, or because it is harder for women to spread the disease. No lesbian should assume that just because she only sleeps with women, she is safe from the disease (Pepper).

By mirroring heterosexual attitudes that AIDS is a gay male disease, we make ourselves extremely vulnerable as a community through our ignorance of our refusal to confront AIDS (Pepper). Jo Ann Loulan, in her new book, Lesbian Passion (Spinsters/Aunt Lute, \$10.95) states, "Think what could have happened if only gay men had known what we know now. Because lesbians have the lowest percentage of the population contracting AIDS, we have the unique opportunity to act wisely now, and to keep the incidence of AIDS in our community very low."

Educating ourselves about AIDS is the first step in prevention. Clearly, women cannot ignore these issues which can affect so many aspects of our lives. We need to take a good look at all aspects of how AIDS affects us and how we can prevent the spread of AIDS collectively and individually.

THE DISEASE PROCESS

AIDS is a complex viral disease for which there is currently no known cure. It is caused by a virus identified as HTLV-III (HIV). The virus attacks and can severely damage the body's immune system, leaving the body defenseless against both rare and common diseases, which are usually fatal.

THE EPIDEMIOLOGY

Ten years ago, AIDS was considered an exotic disease, rarely encountered by most people in this country. Today, actual cases have been diagnosed in every state, with over 47,000 U.S. cases. Of those, 3,628 were women; 682 were children under 12 (AISMSR). It is currently estimated that 1-1.5 million people in the U.S. are infected. By the end of 1991, it is projected that 270,000 cases will be reported in this country, with 179,000 deaths (Bowen).

World figures are more staggering. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), there are presently 100,000 known cases and between 5-10 million carriers. The WHO's prognosis is that AIDS will claim 3 million lives in the next five years (Bowen).

In Oklahoma alone, health officials estimate that 4,000 to 10,000 people carry the virus (Killackey). There are 196 AIDS cases with 101 known deaths that have occurred as of November, 1987; twelve Oklahoma women have been diagnosed, disturbingly enough, all since August, (AISMSR).

THE TRANSMISSION OF AIDS

Because the incubation period may be as long as 15 years after infection, it is believed to take years for patterns of transmission to emerge. The upward trend of female cases is a reflection of increased heterosexual transmission, despite what many Americans would like believe. Americans can no longer afford to view AIDS as a disease that afflicts gay men and I.V. drug users. The disease can strike anyone--men, women, and children of any race or social class (Bowen). The virus is found in blood, semen, cervical secretions and menstrual blood.

Most cases of heterosexual transmission involve women infected by their male partners. However, vaginal transmission of HIV from woman to man has been shown in several U.S. studies, and in one reported case, from woman to woman. Infected women must assume that they have the potential to transmit HIV to their partners (Wolfsey).

(Most of the following information comes from a pamphlet, WOMEN NEED TO KNOW ABOUT AIDS, written by Peg Byron for the Gay Men's Health Crisis, Inc., 1986, and from AIDS LIFELINE: THE BEST DEFENSE AGAINST AIDS IS INFORMATION, a pamphlet by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, 1987.)

REDUCING THE RISKS

AIDS IS NOT SPREAD THROUGH CASUAL CONTACT. Being in the same room with a person with AIDS will not "give the disease to someone. You can't get AIDS from: touching, food, sneezes, clothes, sheets, coughing, or from toilet seats.

Risk Factors. You can get AIDS from sexual contact and I.V. drug use if you share needles. The women most at risk are:

- Women who use I.V. drugs and share needles.
- Women with sex partners who use I.V. drugs.

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- Women with sex partners who have had sex with persons at high risk. (I.V. drug users, gay or bisexual men).
- Women who have received contaminated blood or blood products. (Experts believe that blood transfusions occurring after March of 1985 should not transmit the virus as a result of improved screening programs.)

Symptom-Free People Can Transmit the Virus. Not everyone infected with the virus will actually develop AIDS. Most infected people develop antibodies and remain symptom-free. But even when healthy, an infected person is able to transmit the virus to others. This means that infected women, even without the symptoms themselves, can spread the virus to others, including fetuses during pregnancy or at birth. The long-term effects of infection for this group of people are unknown. Some people will develop what is called an AIDS Related Condition (ARC), characterized by mild to severe illnesses.

Symptoms of AIDS. Many of the symptoms associated with AIDS are also present in common, minor illnesses such as a cold, bronchitis, or stomach flu. However, in AIDS, these symptoms are usually persistent or recurrent. The general symptoms associated with AIDS include:

- Unexplained, persistent fatigue.
- Unexplained fever, shaking chills, or drenching night sweats.
- Unexplained and sudden weight loss greater than 10 pounds (not due to dieting).
- Swollen glands (enlarged lymph nodes usually in the neck, armpit, or groin) which are otherwise unexplained and last more than several weeks.
- Pink or purple flat or raised blotches (on black skin they appear darker than the area around them and have a purplish tint) that doesn't go away, on or under the skin, inside the mouth, nose, eyelids, or anus.
- Persistent white spots or patches on the tongue or mouth.
- Persistent diarrhea.
- Persistent dry cough (not due to smoking or minor respiratory ailment).

If you have these symptoms DON'T PANIC! The symptoms of AIDS are similar to many other illnesses. Do seek medical attention at a clinic or by a physician that is familiar with treating AIDS.

HOW WOMEN CAN PROTECT THEMSELVES

The most common source of AIDS among women is intravenous drug use. Traces of blood on shared or rented needles and/or cookers can spread the virus. I.V. DRUG USE HAS NEVER BEEN MORE DANGEROUS! You can protect yourself by:

- If you shoot drugs, get help.
- If your partner has a drug problem, encourage him or her to get help.
- Never share needles, works, or cookers.
- Don't rent-work at shooting galleries.
- Don't use rebagged needles.
- Clean your works by soaking the needle, syringe, and cooker in rubbing alcohol or in a mixture of household bleach and water (One cup bleach to 10 cups water) for 10 minutes and then rinse in running tap water.

Sex without protection with anyone who is infected is very risky. Semen, blood and vaginal fluids can spread the

AIDS virus during vaginal and anal intercourse and possibly during oral sex. Some Safer Sex Guidelines you can follow are:

- Choose sexual activities that prevent blood (including menstrual blood), semen, or vaginal secretions from entering your mouth, vagina, or anus.
- Use condoms. If you use a lubricant, it should be a waterbased one like K-Y jelly.
- Because condoms can come off or break, withdrawal before ejaculation is safest.
- Nonoxynol-9 spermicide with a condom may provide better protection against the virus. If you have an allergic reaction try another brand.
- Use your own sex toys (dildos, vibrators). Clean shared ones with bleach or alcohol, or use condoms and change them after each use.
- Select healthy partners who are not or have not practiced activities that would place them at high risk.

LESBIANS AND AIDS

(Emily Kahn wrote the following: "Safe Sex Guidelines for Lesbians", which appeared in the fall edition of On Our Backs.)

Most lesbians do not have a high risk of contracting or transmitting the AIDS virus at this time. But for lesbians who fit into one of the "high risk" groups, practicing safe sex is a must to prevent further exposure. For lesbians who are at low risk, learning and practicing safe sex is the healthiest way to stay sexually active and prevent AIDS from growing in our community.

LESBIANS AT HIGH RISK FOR AIDS

- Lesbians who share needles or any other paraphernalia (spoons, works, syringes) when using I.V. drugs. This is the single most important risk category for lesbians.
- Lesbians who have had sexual contact with: Men who have been actively gay or bisexual since 1979, people of either sex whose sexual histories are unknown, people who are hemophiliac, or who have received blood transfusions between 1979 and 1985.
- Lesbians who have received blood transfusions or blood products between 1979 and 1985.

LESBIANS AT LOW RISK FOR AIDS

- Lesbians who have been monogamous with a partner since 1979.
- Lesbians who have been celibate and received no blood transfusions or blood products since 1979.
- Lesbians whose sexual partners have not been at risk since 1979.

AIDS experts are advising lesbians who believe that they run the risk of either contracting or transmitting the disease to follow safe sex guidelines:

SAFE LESBIAN SEX. Massage, tribadism (body to body rubbing), social kissing voyeurism, mutual masturbation, sex toys which are protected by condoms or cleaned and dried thoroughly between each partner's use, S/M activities that do not involve exchanging bodily fluids, and virtually any other activity that does not require sharing or contact with bodily fluids.

LOW RISK LESBIAN SEX. French kissing, cunnilingus with a latex barrier, genital or anal contact with hands or fingers while wearing surgical latex gloves, genital or anal contact with hands or fingers when neither partner has cuts, scratches, or sores on their

hands or genitals, and external water sports.

UNSAFE LESBIAN SEX. Unprotected cunnilingus (especially during menstruation since menstrual blood is currently considered to be the same as any other type of blood), any type of blood exchange, unprotected oral/anal contact, unprotected hand/vagina or hand/anal contact, urine or feces in the mouth or vagina, and sharing sex toys that have come in contact with bodily fluids.

WHERE CAN I TAKE THE HIV VIRUS ANTIBODY TEST? Certain specific AIDS antibodies tests can help you find out whether the AIDS antibodies are present in your system. Call your local health department and ask where you can get an AIDS antibody test that will be as specific as possible to your concerns. If you live in Oklahoma City you may prefer to call the AIDS Referral Line at 525-2437.

PREGNANCY AND AIDS VIRUS

Infected women without symptoms themselves can spread the virus to infants during pregnancy or delivery and possibly through breastfeeding. Pregnancy also can increase an infected woman's chances of developing AIDS, since it naturally lowers the immune system. Women at risk for AIDS who are considering pregnancy should talk to a counselor. Taking the AIDS antibody test is often recommended in this case, but that choice should be weighed carefully. Women may prefer to delay pregnancy until more is known about perinatal and maternal transmission (Byron).

CHILDREN WITH AIDS

Children with AIDS do not pose a risk to other children or adults. Of the 30,000 AIDS cases reported to the CDC, none of the family members has developed AIDS as a result of household contact. Children don't spread the virus through toys, spoons, bottles, dishes, biting, touching or playing. These children need care and affection, not isolation (Byron).

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

No cases of AIDS have been reported due to artificial insemination, but the virus has been found to have been transmitted to women when infected semen was injected directly into the uterus. (Stewart, et.al.) Sperm banks have been advised to test all donors for the AIDS antibody. If you are planning pregnancy for donor insemination, the following suggestions may be helpful.

- Do a risk-assessment of your donor and use semen donors not at risk.
- If you want a gay man as a donor give priority to those who have been in monogamous relationships since 1977 and whose medical and sexual histories indicate lesser risk of infection.
- Donors who have used I.V. drugs may be in poor health regardless of

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AIDS risk, and should also be carefully screened or ruled out. -Ask your donor to have himself tested for the AIDS antibody. There is a slim possibility that a person carrying the virus may have a negative antibody test. Therefore, the test should be done twice prior to insemination with a period of 3 to 6 months between tests (Women's AIDS Network).

HIV TESTING

There is currently no test for AIDS. The HIV or antibody test shows whether someone has been infected with the virus. You may want to take the test if you are considering pregnancy or want to know if you are infectious (Women's AIDS Network).

Alcoholism and birth control pills, among other factors may cause a false positive result. The test may have another problem that needs consideration: discrimination. Some insurance companies refuse applicants once a positive test result is known. The military now tests recruits and rejects those who test positive. And employment discrimination is a growing threat (Byron). Various airlines do not allow persons with HIV disease to fly (AAPHR).

The Women's AIDS Network suggests you make sure anonymity is guaranteed, and that your results will not be reported on your medical record or anywhere else. However, in Oklahoma, recently passed legislation makes it mandatory for laboratories and testing sites to report positive results to the Oklahoma State Department of Health. According to Dr. Harkins, at the State Health Department, the information remains confidential, unless the infected person is unwilling, after counseling, to notify endangered third parties or trace contacts. This new legislation raises many complex medical, ethical and legal issues.

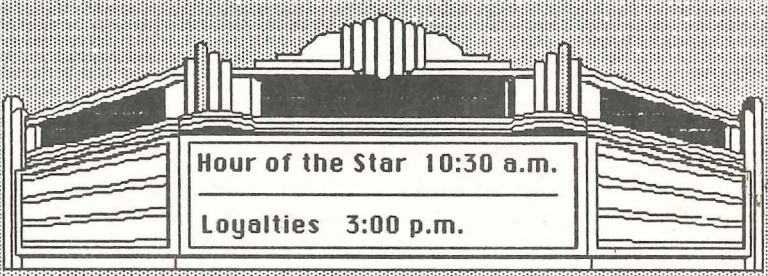
The American Association of Physicians for Human Rights (AAPHR) advocates Education and counseling as the primary tools for control of the epidemic. They recommend in their position statement, "the increased availability of anonymous testing programs is essential for maximizing voluntary participation. HIV testing must be available on a voluntary and confidential basis, with informed consent, counseling and access to health care services to be successful". They stress patient education/counseling aimed at voluntary compliance with behavior change and self-notification of partners. The AAPHR concludes that "the only currently available solution to halting the spread of HIV in a democratic society is providing each individual with information which enables them to eliminate behaviors placing themselves or their partners at risk" (AAPHR).

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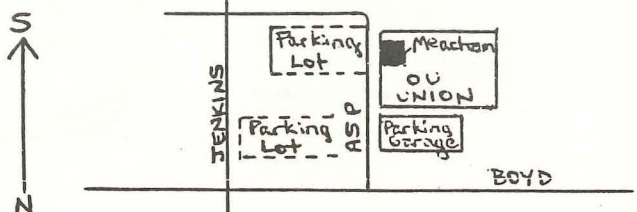
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BALANCE SHEET
December 31,

COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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December 31, 1987 and 1986
and for the Years then Ended

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUE AND EXPENSES
AND CHANGES IN GENERAL FUND BALANCE
December 31,

ASSETS	1987	1986
Current Assets:		
Cash in bank and on hand:		
General Fund	\$ 1,535	\$ 1,028
Money Market Mutual Fund -		
Building Fund	579	
Accounts receivable, including		
pledges to Building Fund	413	375
Inventories	1,562	1,039
Prepaid postage	14	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	4,103	2,442
Building Fund - Non-Current:		
Cash in bank		186
Money Market Mutual Fund		1,119
		1,305
Property and Equipment, at cost:		
Land	20,000	
Building and improvements	15,240	
Furniture and fixtures	389	389
	35,629	389
Less: Accumulated depreciation	112	
	35,517	389
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$39,620	\$ 4,136
Current Liabilities:		
Current maturity of long-term		
debt (net of deferred interest		
of \$3,142)	\$ 175	
Trade accounts payable	7	
Sales tax payable	29	139
Due to consignors	50	14
Deferred income:		
Gift certificates outstanding	75	60
Prepaid advertising	104	110
Pledges	110	
TOTAL CURRENT		
LIABILITIES	550	323
Long-term Debt:		
Note payable (secured by mortgage		
on land and building), net of		
current portion	31,325	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	31,875	323
Fund Balances:		
General Fund	3,445	2,508
Building Fund	4,300	1,305
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	7,745	3,813
	\$39,620	\$ 4,136

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION December 31,		
	1987	1986
SOURCES OF FUNDS		
Funds from operations:		
Excess of support and revenue		
over expenses	\$ 937	\$ 845
Add depreciation expense not		
requiring outlay of funds	112	
	1,049	845
Long-term debt	31,325	
Increase in Building Fund	2,995	1,305
Decrease in Building Fund		
investments - non-current	1,305	
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS	36,674	2,150
APPLICATION OF FUNDS		
Building funds invested		1,305
Land and building acquired	35,240	
Furniture & fixtures acquired		389
	35,240	1,694
NET INCREASE IN		
WORKING CAPITAL	1,434	456
WORKING CAPITAL -		
Beginning of Year	2,119	1,663
WORKING CAPITAL -		
End of Year	\$ 3,553	\$ 2,119
ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN WORKING CAPITAL		
Increase (decrease) in current assets:		
Cash (including building		
fund cash)	\$ 1,086	\$ 91
Accounts receivable	38	375
Inventories	523	165
Other	14	
	1,661	631
Increase (decrease) in current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term		
debt	175	
Trade accounts payable	7	
Deferred income	119	170
Other	(74)	5
	227	175
INCREASE IN WORKING		
CAPITAL	\$ 1,434	\$ 456

	1987	1986
SUPPORT		
Contributions	\$ 3,341	\$ 1,876
Donated services & materials	214	1,264
	3,555	3,140
REVENUES		
Programs	3,763	5,033
Gross profit from bookstore sales	1,281	678
Library	86	81
Advertising sales	935	560
Other	120	286
	6,185	6,638
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE	9,740	9,778
EXPENSES		
Programs	2,286	3,987
Operating expenses - Bookstore	2,292	1,767
Newsletter	2,682	1,948
Administrative and general	1,543	1,231
	8,803	8,933
NET EXCESS OF SUPPORT &		
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	937	845
GENERAL FUND BALANCE -		
Beginning of Year	2,508	1,663
GENERAL FUND BALANCE -		
End of Year	\$ 3,445	\$ 2,508
STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUE AND EXPENSES		
AND CHANGES IN BUILDING FUND BALANCES		
December 31,		
	1987	1986
SUPPORT AND REVENUES		
Contributions	\$ 2,037	\$ 656
Fundraising programs	1,484	835
Interest income	76	2
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE	3,597	1,493
EXPENSES		
Soliciting costs	76	
Fundraising programs	244	188
Insurance, taxes and fees on		
building	282	
TOTAL EXPENSES	602	188
NET EXCESS OF SUPPORT		
AND REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	2,995	1,305
BUILDING FUND BALANCE -		
Beginning of Year	1,305	
BUILDING FUND BALANCE -		
End of Year	\$ 4,300	\$ 1,305

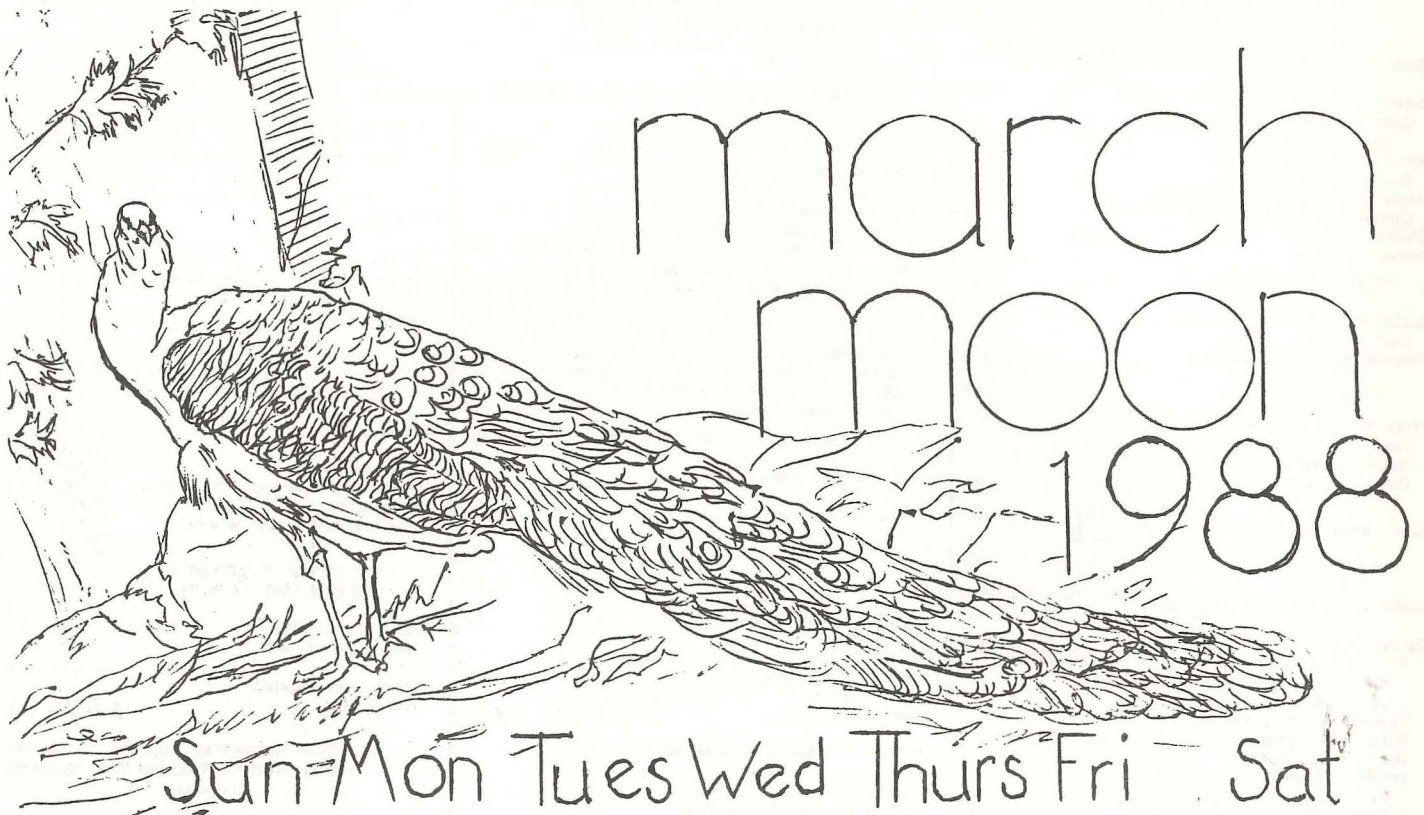


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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
					First Quarter Moon	SEND RETREAT PRE-REGISTRATION IN TO LAURA AT HERLAND!
27	28	29	30	31		

A Herland Calendar

Listing events sponsored by various organizations; presented as a community service by † Herland.

Around the Country

GAY LUTHERANS CERTIFIED FOR ORDINATION

BERKELEY - Three openly gay Lutheran seminarians have been certified for call and ordination in two separate but related actions by Lutheran church authorities. The students were certified by their respective synodical bodies prior to the merger of those bodies into the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

On December 9, 1987, the faculty of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, on behalf of the American Lutheran Church (ALC), voted to approve Joel Workin for certification, the first step in the ordination process. Workin was a member of the ALC and is openly gay. He was approved unanimously without comment along with a slate of other ALC candidates, by the faculty.

On December 11, 1987, the Professional Preparation Commission of the Pacific South-west Synod of the Lutheran Church in America (LCA) also voted unanimously to approve openly gay candidates Jeff Johnson and James Lancaster, both LCA members.

Since the ALC and LCA were part of the merger which formed the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) on January 1, 1988, these three candidates were commended for ordination in the new church upon satisfactory completion of seminary work and the receipt and acceptance of a valid call from a congregation or agency of the church.

"The real difficulty," observed Lancaster, "will be locating parishes willing to accept openly gay ministers." A call from a parish or church agency is a prerequisite to ordination in the ELCA.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE AGENDA CHALLENGED

DES MOINES, IOWA - The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) strongly challenged the failure of a national feminist conference to address lesbian rights issues. A national Women's Agenda Conference held in Des Moines on January 22-24, 1988, and endorsed by most major feminist groups failed entirely to address lesbian and gay issues. During the Conference, NGLTF staff lobbyist Peri Jude Radecic repeatedly questioned the exclusion of lesbian/gay concerns and pressed for their recognition.

"It was clear that lesbians were not a welcome agenda issue," said Radecic. "The word 'lesbian' was never voluntarily spoken or written by workshop moderators, panelists or conference speakers during the entire weekend."

Radecic noted the irony of the Agenda's failure to raise gay/lesbian issues at a time when all Democratic contenders have stated their support for lesbian/gay civil rights. "For the first time in American history, all Democratic candidates have gone on record with NGLTF to endorse gay/lesbian rights. Now is not the time for any segment of the civil rights community, especially the feminist movement, to back away from the critical battles our community is fighting. This conference was indeed a step backwards for lesbians."

Radecic raised lesbian issues in several workshops and addressed the closing plenary with a statement criticizing the conference's silence. In her statement to the plenary, Radecic noted that the 1977 Women's Conference in Houston had clearly endorsed a lesbian rights plank, and indeed was continuing to work on lesbian rights issues. Said Radecic, "The signal in 1977 at the Houston Conference was clear: lesbian rights are part of the women's agenda. The signal in 1988 in Des Moines is befuddling--11 years later, lesbian rights are no longer present in the feminist agenda."

The Women's Agenda Conference was sponsored by 43 feminist and women's organizations including the National Women's Political Caucus, the Older Women's League, National Council of Negro Women, Business and Professional Women/U.S.A., Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund. The Women's Agenda Conference was an attempt to shape public policy priorities for the 1988 elections.

COUPLES, INC. SUPPORTS GAY FAMILIES

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LOS ANGELES - According to Couples, Inc., the National Organization for Family Diversity headquartered here in Los Angeles, support for the recognition of gay families is growing. The organization cites the following examples:

- The American Civil Liberties Union has called for full recognition of lesbian and gay relationships, with marriage for those that want it.

- The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Lesbian Rights Project have joined together to work on legislation and legal issues regarding families.

- The National Gay Rights Advocates and Lambda Legal Defense are pursuing several major couples' rights issues in the courts.

- The Democratic Party in California has included recognition of domestic partners in the state party platform and has called for the National Democratic Party to include our recognition in the national platform.

Couples, Inc. plans to continue to work for full legal and social recognition of gay relationships. They are starting a project to identify those agencies, organizations, and companies that recognize gay families and to condemn those that do not.

Couples, Inc. recognizes that our society and governments do not accept gay relationships and that some same-sex couples can not publicly support Couples, Inc., but they assure such couples that their mailing list is kept totally confidential and is only available to members of the Executive Committee. It is used to inform the listed families and individuals of issues, events, and services of interest to same-sex couples and gay families, and will not be sold or loaned to anyone, but will be destroyed before it is turned over to anyone for any reason. Couples, Inc. invites you to join them by calling them at 213-550-7549 or writing to: Couples, Inc.; P.O. Box 13323; Los Angeles, CA 90013-0323.

Next month in the HSR Newsletter:
- An Interview: Barbara Cleveland
Talks About Herland

Potpourri

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HOMOPHOBIA ANNOUNCED FOR MAY 1988

The first Conference on Homophobia Education will be held in Washington DC from May 20-22, 1988 at the National 4-H Conference Center. It will be a small working conference for approximately 150 leaders in the field of homophobia education. The work of the Conference will be to exchange strategies and resources for development and distribution of resources on homophobia, and to plan for a larger, public conference in 1989.

The Conference planners have identified nine areas in which homophobia education now occurs or should occur: religion, public health, formal education, the media, art (broadly defined), politics, community organizations, psychology, and law. The program for the first conference will focus on the first four areas listed, and the planners are inviting leaders in those fields.

The Conference is being organized by the Campaign to End Homophobia, a project initiated by the National Organization for Changing Men, and is co-sponsored by the following organizations:

- Unitarian Universalist Association
- Women's Action Alliance
- New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project
- Methodist Federation for Social Action
- Fellowship of Reconciliation Kinheart Program on Sexuality and Homophobia
- National Gay and Lesbian Task Force
- Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force
- Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian and Gay Issues: Division 44 of the American Psychological Ass'n.
- Horizons Community Services, Inc.
- Vermont Coalition for Equality
- Goddard College

The Campaign is based on the belief that homophobia can be reduced through education, and that there is a need to bring together organizations and individuals who have developed educational models and who are committed to reducing homophobia.

In preparation for the Conference, we are looking for assistance in the following areas:

- Identification of print or visual resources on homophobia;
- Identification of individuals and organizations who are involved directly or indirectly with educating others about homophobia;
- Capital contributions to cover Conference expenses.

If you can help us with any of the above, or for additional information about the Conference or any aspect of the Campaign, please contact the National Coordinator, Cooper Thompson, PO Box 819, Cambridge, MA 02139, (617) 868-8280, or contact one of the following regional representatives:

- Jeff Beane, (Los Angeles) 213-274-2644
- Betsy Crane, (Ithaca, NY) 607-273-1526
- Dave Matteson, (Chicago) 312-672-8807
- Gordon Murray, (San Francisco) 415-821-1718
- Pris Prutzman, (New York) 914-358-4601
- John Speaks, (Atlanta) 404-873-5141

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APPLICATIONS FOR NGLTF BOARD POSITIONS
SOLICITED; ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN
SUMMER OF 1988

The Board of Directors of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) invites interested persons to consider serving on the 24-member Board. The NGLTF Board is elected by all Task Force members during elections held in August and September of each year. Any Member of the Task Force is eligible to serve on the Board. Approximately eight seats will be open for election this year.

As set forth in NGLTF's by-laws, the Board is committed to gender parity, racial diversity and geographic representation. All NGLTF board members make a commitment to raise \$2,500 a year for the organization. In addition, members are expected to attend quarterly board meetings held around the country, and to serve on Board committees.

The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force was founded in 1973 to advocate and organize for equal rights for lesbians and gay men in all aspects of society. Today, the Task Force serves as the gay community's lobby at the federal level, and houses several organizing projects on anti-gay violence,

the reform of laws criminalizing gay/lesbian sexuality, gay and lesbian family issues, coverage of gay issues and perspectives in the mainstream media, and combatting AIDS-related discrimination at the federal and local levels. The Task Force also serves as a resource center for the local and state gay organizations.

The NGLTF Board oversees the financial management of the Task Force, and is actively involved in setting policy directions for the organization. All applicants should address their letters of interest to: Peter Fowler, Chair, Board Nominations Committee, NGLTF, 1517 U Street NW, Washington, DC 20009.

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