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E D I T O R I A L

As we look forward to 1984, it might well behoove us to glance back at 1983 and think of where we are and have been during this past year.

There have been some gains during 1983, one in particular, the controversy surrounding Aunt Jemima's appearance at the Lesbian and Gay Pride rally in June. I say *gain* because the Aunt Jemima affair afforded our community the opportunity to confront the insidious disease called racism. We sincerely wish that members of our community continue to deal with this disease and purge themselves of its crippling effects.

There were some losses, too. Portland's lesbian and gay community lost two institutions with the closing of **Wilde Oscar's** and **Dahl & Penne's**. The loss of **Wilde Oscar's** is particularly painful because owner Earl Wright is not planning to open at another location. Wright blamed another disease, homophobia, for the loss of his tavern.

Wilde Oscar's was probably the only tavern in Portland which catered to both lesbians and gay men; it was a place where everyone was comfortable in mixed company. And gay and lesbian artists, too, will feel the loss of a place where they could display their works to a wide audience.

We thank Earl and wish him well.

Jay Brown

A day does not pass that someone working diligently on this newspaper hears from one of our many dedicated readers how much they appreciate what we are doing in the community. We receive cards, letters, cakes, and even money as reward for our hard work and efforts to provide an issue-oriented paper. Unfortunately, the support from advertisers is not as often felt.

For this reason I am making my plea. **Just Out** needs your financial support along with your good wishes to continue to publish the quality you deserve. If you are a business owner, let us show you how reasonable our advertising rates are, and how you can benefit from it. If you are an avid reader, make sure you never miss a copy by subscribing for just \$10.00 for 26 issues. Also as an avid reader, you can mention **Just Out** at all the businesses you support, and to all the people you know who could benefit from advertising with us.

We truly appreciate all of those businesses who have had enough confidence in us to grace our pages. But we still need your help to get more businesses, so please show your appreciation by encouraging every business person you know or do business with to join the people who support **Just Out**, and by supporting those businesses who already advertise.

Renee LaChance

Quotable Quote

The following was the *quote of the week* printed recently in the *Gay Community News*. Sonia Johnson was excommunicated from the Mormon Church for speaking out for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. Johnson is the Citizen's Party candidate for

President. She recently was an unsuccessful candidate for president of the National Organization for Women. This quote is her explanation of plans to combat homophobia had she gained the presidency of NOW.
" . . . I also wanted to put a lot of resources

into really good public education . . . You know — 30-second spots like the Mormons do. I wanted to begin changing the view of lesbians and gays in this country. I wanted people to see lesbians and gays in all kinds of situations . . . At the same time that we were

looking legislatively I wanted this two-layer thing to go on, because it seems to me such a perfect chance to hit at the basic bigotry in people . . . the fear of what's different. The insistence that everybody be alike."

LETTERS

Not Christians who promote 'sellabration'

To the Editor:

It is difficult to be Gay and Christian, but there are such people. It is interesting that the Gay community on the whole is as prejudiced against Christians as Christians on the whole are prejudiced against Gay people. I was dis-

mayed to see this prejudice supported in your editorial in the last issue.

It is not Christians who promote a 'sellabration' at Christmas time. It is the secular society trying to celebrate a religious holiday in

which they do not, at root, believe. During advent, Christians are hard at work trying to reclaim the spiritual meaning of Christmas. It is a time of hope and renewal for us, and many of us also are dismayed at the com-

mmercialism apparent in the larger society. I wish you would consider this before blaming the commercialization of Christmas on Christians.

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