

Free rides for "spirited" drivers

'Tis the season when holiday "spirits" can get the best of even the most sober drivers — but there is an alternative to driving home drunk.

Beginning December 22nd, people who find themselves staggering from their favorite bar or restaurant with car keys in hand can call CareCab and get a free ride home compliments of Physicians and Surgeons Hospital CareUnits.

This free community service is available through January 2nd nightly from 7 pm to 3 am as a community service of the Physicians and Surgeons Hospitals CareUnits, a chemical dependency treatment facility.

When you call the Hotline at 227-3766, you will not be lectured on the evils of demon rum or even eggnog. Instead, you will be asked your name, the address you are calling from and where you want to go.

"It's that easy," says CareCab spokesperson Julie Murphy, Community Services Coordinator at the CareUnits. "All we ask is that you be picked up from a public drinking establishment such as a bar or restaurant and that you be going home."

"We don't pick up from private parties. It's

the responsibility of the host or hostess to see that their guests get home safely. That's a little harder for a bar or restaurant owner. Mileage is limited to within a 20-mile radius of Downtown Portland.

"We are sponsoring CareCab campaigns in 50 cities throughout the U.S.," says Murphy. "This is our way of bringing attention to the serious problem of drunk driving in this country."

This is the fourth year the Newport Beach, California based CompCare has sponsored a CareCab campaign.

"If we can save one life this year, we will consider our CareCab campaign a success."

Portland's CareCab campaign is part of a nationwide campaign sponsored by Comprehensive Care Corporation, parent company of the Physicians and Surgeons Hospital CareUnits. The Hotline will be staffed by volunteers from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Woodland Park Hospital and CareUnit Alumni.

"Realistically, we know people are going to drink and drive during the holidays," Murphy continues. "It happens every year. But by offering CareCab, maybe some people will think before they drive home drunk. Tough new laws may make the alternative worse: spending tonight in jail."

Old Dykes Home Project starting

Ever thought about who will take care of you when you are old? A group of women here in Portland have and they are forming an on-going organization to work toward the establishment of a multi-care retirement program designed primarily for elderly lesbians.

The idea of an Old Dykes Home Project has been kicked around for years but is finally being taken seriously. A meeting has been

scheduled for January 22, in the back room of Old Wives Tales Restaurant at 4 pm. A vote will be taken to approve a Purpose Statement and an Organizational Structure. Community input is necessary so those interested in working on a program to take care of the aged women in our community should not miss this meeting.

Cross country ski lessons for women offered

Instruction in beginning cross-country skiing and winter survival skills for women will be offered by Women's Wilderness Institute Northwest. Saturday lessons begin on January 28, 1984, followed by sessions on February 4th and 11th. The Sunday series starts January 29, 1984, with subsequent lessons on February 5th and 12th. All sessions take place from 9 am to 3 pm on Mt. Hood.

Experienced instructors teach basic cross-country ski techniques, paced to the skills and abilities of beginning skiers. Classes are limited to ten women.

Orientation for both series or anyone interested in the winter activities of Women's

Wilderness Institute Northwest will be held Wednesday, January 25, 1984 at 7:30 pm at the Multnomah County Library, Main Branch, 801 S.W. 10th, Room D. The orientation will cover ski equipment and clothing necessary, details of the instruction course, carpooling arrangements, and questions about the series.

Cost of each 3-day series is \$45.00. Participants provide their own ski equipment and lunch.

Interested women should contact Women's Wilderness Institute Northwest at P.O. Box 14743, Portland, OR 97214, or call 239-6896 for further information and registration forms.

Echo Theater holds auction

by Renee Cherry

On Sunday evening, December 3, Do Jump Dance Theater, one of the new resident schools of the Echo Theater, held a successful auction. This auction was one of the first public gatherings to be held inside the old theater building at 1515 SE 37th since 1926, when the Echo closed its silent movie house doors.

The auction began at 6 pm and had both a silent and an oral auction. Cindy Kilgore of Kilgore's Auction Services out of Dundee, Oregon, had the honor of calling bids.

Those present picked up some fine items at very inexpensive prices like four lift tickets at Mt. Hood Meadows for a mere \$45.00; a pasta and sauce dinner for four by Pasta a la Carte was stolen for \$8.00; one night of child-

care for up to four children went for \$75.00; two nights for two at the Waves Hotel in Cannon Beach would have tickled your fancy for just \$45.00. In addition there were full body massages, dancing lessons, mime or magic at your next party, meals from a variety of restaurants and tickets for various performances about town.

There were over 85 items on the oral auction list and approximately 30 on the silent auction list. The majority of the higher priced items were not sold because of the high minimum bids set by their owners. One such item was the autographs of all four Beatles with an asking price of \$1000 by private collector Gregg Weed.

The most actively bid item of the evening was the limo service courtesy of Oregon Limousine (Mike Clay) which sold at \$45.00.

These products and services were all donated to help the Do Jump Dance Theater raise money for their first production, *Atlantis*, which will be performed at the Echo Theater next February.

Quote of the Month

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— Mike (Vancouver, WA)



Mike's former Portland home.

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