

Gay Lit, a new beginning

There are issues within Gay Liberation upon which there is no consensus even among gay men. This fall, the Red Rose School will be offering a course entitled: *Literature on the Fringe: Cutting Edge Issues of Gay Men*. The course will begin Monday, October 15, 1984, at 7:30 p.m. It will meet for eight consecutive Mondays, at the Friends

Meeting Hall, 4312 SE Stark. Terry Miller, who taught a course entitled: "Themes in Contemporary Gay Male Literature" two years ago for the Red Rose School, will be leading the course.

The Red Rose School is a non-affiliated left oriented organization whose motto is "Continuing Education for Activists." There are no tests or grades. Tuition is a low sliding scale, \$10 to \$20 in advance, \$15 to \$25 the first night. Tuition covers printing, publicity and hall rental. No one will be excluded for inability to pay.

This course is an effort to create a supportive non-divisive atmosphere in order to discuss issues which are frequently controversial within our community. These topics include: Gay Money; AIDS and Promiscuity; The State of the Movement — Leadership and Journalism; Man/Boy Love; Sado-Masochism and Feminism and Pornography.

The course will rely heavily on fictional materials as well as Dennis Altman's book *The Gay Liberation of America*. Among the authors are Wallace Hamilton, John Faery, John Preston, Gordon Merrick, Renaud Camus and Allen Ginsberg.

Class members will decide how many of the issues to tackle, and in what order. A suggested reading list and a variety of photocopied materials will be provided. Readings will not be required, but discussion will center around the issues as they are treated in the readings. Catbird Seat, Looking Glass and 23rd Avenue bookstores have all been notified of the reading list. Should the class decide to discuss Feminism and Pornography, perhaps the film, "Not A Love Story," or the violence against women in the media slideshow by WAVPAM (Women Against Violence in Pornography And Media) will be used.

Hopefully, if male gay liberationists could develop a "line" on these issues, a dialogue with other communities and interest groups could be entered into more effectively. This would be a step in that direction. To register in advance, send checks payable to New American Research Institute, 2129 SE Ladd, Portland, OR 97214. For further registration information, please call 232-0199.

Chance, Weinreich co-direct Phoenix Rising counseling

Phoenix Rising recently announced the appointment of Patricia J. Chance and Robert Weinreich as co-directors of its counseling service. Chance and Weinreich are splitting the duties of the job between them; they jointly supervise the counseling staff; Chance has assumed administrative duties and Weinreich administers Phoenix Rising's extremely successful Tuesday night program.

Both Weinreich and Chance are community activists of long standing and have both been members of the Phoenix Rising Counseling staff for some time. Both are also in private practice.

In private practice Weinreich and Chance have primarily worked with lesbians and gay men.

"My professional interests," Chance said, "are in working with adult children of alcoholics, incest survivors and children living in lesbian and gay households."

Chance received her MSW from the Portland State University School of Social Work. Currently she is also a therapist for Our New Beginnings, a halfway house for women in the criminal justice system.

Weinreich says his goals involve, "Working on personal growth." His personal goal for Phoenix Rising "is to provide an environment for the growth of the gay community; to provide high quality professional counseling services."

Weinreich received his doctorate in psychology at the U.S. International University in San Diego and while there organized a peer counseling program at the San Diego Gay and Lesbian Center. The Phoenix Rising Tuesday night program, which Weinreich administers, is similar to the program he organized in San Diego.

The basis of the Tuesday night program, Weinreich said, "is to develop communications skills and self-awareness." The groups are facilitated by paraprofessionals (peer counselors) who have experienced the program and are then trained by the professional staff to lead the Tuesday night groups.

"The existing program, the Tuesday night groups," Weinreich said, "afford an opportunity for lesbians and gay men to grow socially in a safe environment."

Patricia Chance and Bob Weinreich are both active on the Phoenix Rising Speakers Bureau. They have also participated in the Gay Radio Show on KBOO.



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Rep. Katz to hold community meetings

Vera Katz, State Representative (D-Portland) will be holding two town hall/community meetings during the month of October. The first meeting will be on Thursday, October 18th, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Friendly House Senior Center (in the N.W. Service Center) at 1819 N.W. Everett, Portland. The second meeting will be held on Thursday, October 25th, from 7:30-8:00 p.m. at the Chinese Baptist Church at 1938 S.E. Ladd in Portland. Issues for the next legislative session will be discussed. Members of the community are invited to attend and participate in these open-forum style assemblies. There will be coffee and doughnuts for refreshments.

Representative Katz has served in the Oregon House of Representatives for six terms. She has served as House Chair of the Joint Ways and Means Committee and as a member of the E-Board, the state's budget committee.

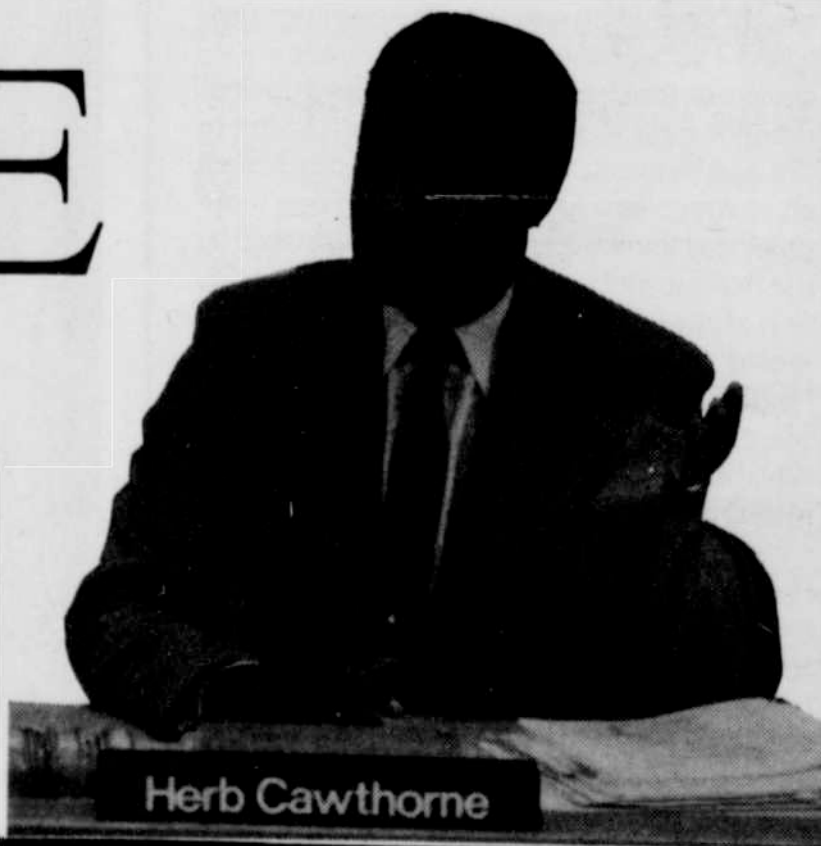
Since 1973, when she was first elected to the House of Representatives, she has sponsored and worked for legislation to prohibit discrimination on the basis of "sexual orientation in housing, employment, credit and public services." Katz was responsible for the only vote to ever reach the Oregon House or Senate floor that would have prohibited such discrimination.

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