hoenix rising foundation

a lesbian/gay service center

Dr. Raymond M. Berger sees himself as part of a positive, important expansion at Phoenix Rising.

Best known for his work with older gay men, Berger, 35, joined the Phoenix rising staff five months ago. He brought a list of credentials and experience with him that have made him a valuable asset to the organization and its clients.

In addition to its individual and couple counseling services, the organization is forming enrichment activity programs. Workshops will deal with substance abuse, smoking addiction and skills for social situations. A "well-developed" incest survivors workshop has become part of the program, Berger said.

Gay and Gray Workshops have been an important priority for Berger. A support group is forming as a result of the workshops and Berger urges interested lesbians and gay men to call Phoenix Rising at 223-8299.

Berger authored Gay and Gray: The Older Homosexual Man, published in 1982 by University of Illinois press and reprinted in paperback in 1984 by Alyson Press. He won the Evelyn Hooker Research Award for the book from the Gay Academic Union in 1982. It is currently available at some local bookstores.



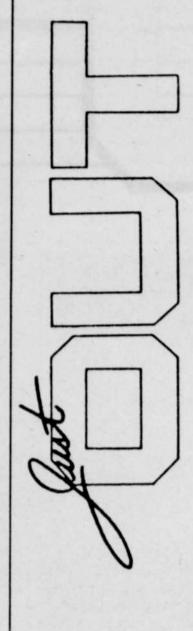
Berger has published over 30 articles about social work practice, aging and gay and lesbian issues. He is listed in the 1985-86 volume of International Authors and Writers Who's Who.

Since his arrival at Phoenix Rising from the University of Wisconsin School of Social Work, Berger has also helped organize a retreat called Northwest Men in the Woods at Breitenbush Hot Springs. From Nov. 8 to 11, gay men will have an unprecedented opportunity to discuss "a whole range of issues."

Berger's professional status and experience has helped him fit into the fabric of professionalism that characterizes Phoenix Rising.

"We're not individual entrepreneurs," Berger commented. "We're able to review our cases with other professionals. It makes for real quality service." Alright, already! All you folks who have been bugging Just Out to publish your fiction, your poetry, your literary art, have we got a deal for you. The January issue of Just Out will be devoted entirely to your contributions.

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