

# NEWS

## Lesbian Community Project Update

by Cathy Siemens

### LCP Receives Grant!

LCP submitted a grant proposal, requesting funds for a full-time temporary (6 months) organizer, to the Chicago Resource Center. The check arrived in the mail June 30th awarding the full amount \$6,750. We put Cathy Siemens to work July 1st. She'll be working on the Fall Conference and other Lesbian Community activities. Cathy can be reached at 238-0135 or 233-9079.

### New Conference Dates

Because of a potential conflict with the

Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur, we've changed our conference dates to November 8th and 9th. Be sure to mark your calendars. We'll see you there — on the Portland State Campus.

### Conference Planning

Committees are now forming to work on specific aspects of the conference. Do you have skills or interest in publicity, workshops, caucuses, child care, new games? We are also soliciting proposals for workshops. Call LCP now to get involved, 233-9079, 238-0135.

### Newswatch:

*AIDS anxiety & homophobic backlash*

The news has been quite alarming lately — the Supreme Court upholding Georgia's Sodomy Laws, a California petition, garnering more than 640,000 signatures, might lead

to the quarantining of suspected AIDS patients, and a ruling that employers have the right to fire workers they suspect might contaminate co-workers with AIDS.

How are we, as Lesbians, affected by all this? LCP feels like it's time to start talking among ourselves about these issues. How do we feel? What do we think? What do we need to do? We'd like your input. Call us. Watch for upcoming events.

Special thanks to the Portland Front-runners for their generous donation of \$94.00 — one-half of the proceeds raised by their 1986 Stonewall Commemorative run. The other half went to Phoenix Rising.

The July Lesbian Forum on Young Lesbians, ages 14-21, was a great success. These young women showed remarkable spunk and sense of humor as they shared their experiences being both "out" and closeted in high

school. Sometimes supportive, sometimes painful and scary. Many of the young women told their coming-out to parents stories. Even as adults, many of us are still faced with this dilemma. The Lesbian Community Project hopes to include young Lesbians in the November conference. We can ill afford a generation gap.

### Mailing list

The LCP mailing list continues to grow. Contact us to get your name on. Our mailings are discreet. Also, if you move, please give us a change of address. Now that we use bulk mailing, the P.O. doesn't forward or return letters.

## A Woman's Place hit by robber

On Monday, July 14 at approximately 2 p.m., A Woman's Place Bookstore was robbed at gunpoint. No one was injured. At the time of the robbery there were 15 women browsing in the store, yet the robber felt safe enough to draw a gun and ask the volunteer for the money in the till. He made off with approximately \$180 in cash. Minutes later the police were dispatched. One police car arrived at the store, while another was cruising the neighborhood looking for the culprit.

While scouring the neighborhood women recovered the weapon and the robber's jacket which he had discarded while making his escape. The police took the items as evidence.

## AIDS is preventable

by Claudia L. Webster

AIDS Is Preventable is a major theme of the new education program at the Oregon State Health Division. There is much known about AIDS, or Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome, in relation to what causes it, its transmission, and how to avoid exposure.

In December 1985, Robert O. McAlister, Ph.D. and Claudia L. Webster joined the staff of the Oregon State Health Division as the AIDS Program Coordinator and AIDS Health Educator, respectively. The educators are available to assist in community education

programs.

At the present time, there is no cure for AIDS. But we think that AIDS can be controlled in Oregon if people learn about protection from the virus and make personal life choices to prevent exposure. The prevention program is based on education with first emphasis with the groups at highest risk of exposure to the AIDS virus. Work has already begun with many gay organizations in Portland, Salem and Eugene. The educators are very interested in working with as many gay organizations as possible to disseminate accurate information on AIDS transmission and prevention.

AIDS is spread by a virus called Human T-Lymphotropic Virus III (HTLV-III) or Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). This virus preferentially infects the T-helper lymphocyte. In some persons, the infection leads to reduction of the T-helper cell population, thus impairing the cellular immune system; Infections and cancers can thus more easily proliferate in the body. The HTLV-III virus is carried in body fluids such as blood, semen and vaginal secretions. Other body fluids, including saliva, have also been shown to occasionally contain the virus.

Since we now that the virus which causes AIDS is carried in blood and semen, people can make personal choices to avoid exposure. Prevention of semen being shared is possible by safer sex practices. Many gay organizations are offering workshops on safer sex practices.

AIDS IS PREVENTABLE is the message. To get this information out will take a major effort, not only from the Health Division, but from all community organizations, gay and straight.

## "Out of the Closet" pays off

"Out of the Closet", the Gay/Lesbian thrift store opened by Phoenix Rising Foundation to benefit all non-profit organizations in our community, announces the first quarter disbursements.

Checks were issued to Cascade Aids Project, Phoenix Rising, Metropolitan Community Church, Portland Gay Mens Chorus, and Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, in

amounts ranging from \$5.00 to \$374.00 per organization. The size of payments is determined by the quantity of merchandise donated in the name of each organization. All donations are tax-deductible.

The store was operating for two of the three months in the first quarter with several one-time expenses.

Still needed are a cash register, use of a truck one day a week, and volunteers to staff the store. Call Fred Menard at Phoenix Rising — 223-8299, if you can help or have any ideas to share.



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### FEATURED ARTISTS

Queen Ida and the Bon

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voice of the great southwest" ◀ Bob Moses,

jazz drummer from boston ◀ Mr. B., blues and

boogie-woogie piano ◀ Yat Sing Music Club, chinese

classical music ◀ Krishna Bhatt & Zakir Hussain, north

indian ragas ◀ Inty Raymi, south american folk & contemporary

◀ The Love Congregation, gospel choral ensemble ◀ Puck Fair,

eclectic celtic flute, bodhran & piano ◀ Michéal O'Domhnaill, Triona Ní

Domhnaill & Skip Parente, traditional & original celtic music ◀ Phranc,

feminist singer-songwriter ◀ Connie Kaldor, canada's vibrant singer ◀ Seattle Taiko

Drummers, traditional japanese percussion & acrobatics ◀ Phoung Phan, cambodian folk

dance & music ◀ Hester Street Klezmer Band, hot yiddish jazz ◀ Ken Butler, "hybrid"

string instruments ◀ Mara Stahl, storytelling, puppets, masks ◀

Kevin Shay Johnson, political singer-songwriter ◀

Dave Barrett, storyteller

### FESTIVAL PREVIEW!

Rare jazz films at

Berg-Swann

Auditorium

August 21

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### SATURDAY

August 23, 1986

11 am to Dark

University of Portland

5000 N. Willamette Blvd.

### TICKETS

Advance \$10.50/At the gate \$12.50

Senior Citizens \$5/Children under 12 free

Tickets available July 22 at Earl A. Chiles box office University of Portland, Artichoke Music,

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