

Community moves

Thomas Koberstein assumes the post of Executive Director of Cascade AIDS Project on September 8. Koberstein received the nod from the CAP Board of Directors after a two-month search precipitated by the merger of CAP and CHESS/PAL Project earlier this year.

A Dominican priest for seven years, Koberstein is a native of Minneapolis and a graduate of the University of Minnesota. With a background which includes administration, education and pastoral duties, Koberstein has been described as a "person who can bring people together."

Koberstein replaces Brown McDonald who served as Executive Director of the Cascade AIDS Project for two years and who had been the interim Executive Director since the organization merged with CHESS. McDonald, a member of the Board of Directors of the National AIDS Network and a pioneer in the fight against AIDS in Oregon, plans to remain active in the community as an organizer and educator.

Keeston Lowery, veteran gay rights and community activist, becomes administrative aide to Portland City Commissioner Mike Lindberg on September 15. Lowery follows in the footsteps of City Commissioner Margaret Strachan, who worked for Commissioner Lindberg in a similar capacity several years ago.

Lowery, Chair of the Right to Privacy PAC, has served on many community-based boards and commissions including the Metropolitan Human Rights Commission, the Portland Police Bureau's Cross-Cultural Committee, the Board of Directors of Portland Town Council and the City Nights Group.

A native of Arkansas, Lowery was reared in a family where politics dominated dinner table conversation and he says he has been involved in politics ever since.

His new job in city government will involve "constituent building and organization," Lowery asserts.

PWAs form LIFE LINK

Two Portland men, both living with an AIDS-related condition, have teamed up to form a new support service for others like themselves. LIFE LINK, dedicated solely to persons living with AIDS, ARC and/or any other life-threatening condition, was incorporated by Jim Case and Darrell DuBois in early August.

As its first fundraising activity, LIFE LINK will present a three-day appearance in mid-November by holistic counselor and teacher, Louise L. Hay. Currently, in Los Angeles, Louise L. Hay facilitates a weekly gathering of more than 300 people — PWAs, their lovers and relatives and friends, nurses and hospice workers.

Ms. Hay will give a 2-day workshop and an evening lecture while in Portland November 13-16. Tuition is \$110 before November 1 and \$130 thereafter.

Case and DuBois have vowed that all funds generated by LIFE LINK activities will go directly to services and assistance for people diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses. "None of the money will go to salaries," chorus LIFE LINK's founders.

For further information write LIFE LINK, PO Box 02681, Portland, OR 97202.

CAP Bike-a-Thon winner raises \$2,400

A Portland hospital employee who works with AIDS patients raised and collected \$2,400 in pledges for the Cascade AIDS Project Bike For Life.

Winning a vacation for two to Honolulu was Linda Lopes of Portland, a phlebotomist at St. Vincent's Hospital.

The one-week vacation, which includes airfare and hotel accommodations, was donated to CAP by Vista Travel Service. Wayne

Boulette, Vista travel consultant, awarded the prize August 22.

"It really hasn't sunk in yet. I'm still in shock," said Lopes, who is planning to make the trip in February.

"I work with AIDS patients all the time in my job. I just wanted to raise money for AIDS research," she said.

More than \$17,000 in pledges have been collected, with the goal of \$25,000 within range, said Erik Ettlin, chair of the Fundraising Committee.

Lopes collected seven pages of pledge signatures with 21 names per page. She rode her bike in the 35-mile class.

PAC fetes Goldschmidt and Paulus

On August 21, the Right to Privacy PAC sponsored a benefit for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Neil Goldschmidt.

In his remarks to the gathering, Goldschmidt reiterated his support of gay rights, and cited an abortive recall campaign mounted against him after he, as Portland mayor, proclaimed Gay Pride Week in 1977. Goldschmidt referred to recent setbacks to gay rights as "medieval," and vowed that his administration would "deal with it [gay rights] and move on to other issues." He also said he would back the ACLU lesbian/gay rights bill next year.

Goldschmidt foresees Oregon taking the lead in developing new trade and industry, and in the process, evolving a more vital society. Referring to the people of Oregon, Goldschmidt claimed, "We have the resources to lead. This is not South Dakota." He added, "I don't want to lead a mediocre state."

A collection was taken to be sent to organizers in California fighting the LaRouche initiative which would deny employment rights and allow quarantine of PWAs and

those suspected of having AIDS. "For better or worse," said Goldschmidt, "we are affected by California politics. We need to stop this down here, before it washes up here."

This month, the Right to Privacy PAC is sponsoring a wine reception for long-time gay/lesbian rights supporter and Republican candidate for governor, Norma Paulus. The event will be held on September 25.

The Right to Privacy PAC characterizes Paulus as a "strong and consistent supporter of gay/lesbian rights throughout her political career." In 1973, as a state representative from Salem, Paulus was a major and vocal supporter of Oregon's first gay rights bill, the first to narrowly fail passage in the Oregon house of Representatives.

In May of this year, Paulus reiterated her support of gay/lesbian rights and added that if elected governor, she would support broad legislation to prohibit discrimination against gays in housing and employment.

Right to Privacy PAC invites the entire gay/lesbian community to meet Norma Paulus at a \$15.00 per person reception at the Sivers Center of American Plaza condominiums at 2310 SW First Avenue from 5:30 to 8:00 pm, September 25, 1986. Tickets are available from the PAC and at the door.

MCC plans AIDS Vigil of Prayer

The Universal Fellowship Of Metropolitan Community Churches has declared a 50-hour worldwide vigil of prayer for AIDS and the crisis this disease has created. MCC Portland is planning a full schedule of events for the vigil, September 5 through September 7. The focus of prayers, special worship services, workshops, and speakers will be on the disease and not on the lifestyle of any individual or group of people.

The local church, located at NE 24th and

Broadway, will remain open for the full duration of the vigil, beginning with a 7:00 pm worship service on Friday and ending at 9:00 pm Sunday, after the regular evening worship service. Additional worship services are scheduled for Saturday morning and evening, and Sunday morning.

Workshops on such topics as AIDS prevention, families of AIDS patients, and support for AIDS patients will be presented throughout the weekend.

For further information, call the church (281-8868) and watch the electronic and print media.

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