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letters

Film festival inaccessible

To the Editor:

While the Lesbian Film Festival was a success, it was not accessible to ALL women. During the beginning stages of this event, the planners were informed that the 5th Avenue theater was accessible. Less than a month before the event we were told that it wasn't. At this point we tried everything to make it accessible but it was impossible. We tried to locate another theater but, given our timeline, it could not be done.

We extend our sincere apology to all women who could not attend the Lesbian Film Festival because of inaccessibility. We have learned a great deal from this experience and are taking steps to increase our awareness around these issues.

In June, LCP will sponsor a workshop on accessibility and adaptability. We have petitioned PSU to make the theater accessible, and we have written to film distributors strongly encouraging captioned films.

If you are interested in next year's Lesbian Film Festival please join our committee at LCP by calling 223-0071.

Sumitra Red Wing
Film Committee, LCP
Portland

Gail will need our help

To the Editor:

We were delighted to read your wonderful April cover story on Gail Shibley. As Oregon's first openly lesbian or gay legislator, Shibley's presence in the legislature will greatly contribute to educating other legislators about the inequities facing the lesbian and gay community. Many legislators who have no opportunity to interact with an out lesbian or gay will meet and work with Shibley. Consequently, their overall impression of the lesbian and gay community will be favorably enhanced.

In order to keep her seat, Shibley will need to run for re-election in the fall of 1992. In order to win, Shibley is going to need the support and commitment of every one of us who realize that it is in our own best interests to keep her in Salem. We encourage all lesbians and gays to spread the word. Name recognition is everything. Tell your friends and associates about the terrific lesbian in the legislature. Learn about Shibley's political perspective and impress it upon others.

And when election time rolls around, find it in yourself to participate. Encourage your friends to volunteer time and to contribute money to her campaign. You will find that Shibley's presence in the legislature will improve the quality of life for us all.

To contact Rep. Shibley, write to her or call her at: 367 State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310; 378-8864 or (800) 327-7389.

Jocelyn B. Somers
Kathleen MacNaughton
Portland

Support Shibley

To the Editor:

Thank you for a well-written and researched article about Gail Shibley, our new Oregon legislator and OUT lesbian. I've known Gail for a number of years and agree enthusiastically with your profile of her as bright, articulate, and diverse in her knowledge and skill. She has the courage of her convictions to be the legislator we have always wanted.

Gail is one of a handful of OUT lesbian and gay legislators in this entire country. Her actions are being watched by many eyes, friendly and not so friendly. There is enormous potential for a heated campaign of hate and bigotry to unseat her in the 1992 election. I'm developing my own personal strategy to help assure Gail Shibley that being OUT is not a political liability.

First, I can be OUT to more friends and work colleagues. Knowing that Gail took her chances gives me a little more courage to take chances of my own. Second, I know I'll be involved in Gail's campaign at a level higher than I've ever committed. Third, I plan to track and talk about the legislation that she becomes involved in.

There's a motto in my workplace that says: "If you always do, what you've always done, you'll always get, what you've always gotten."

Gail Shibley is a difference in what we've always done.

Linda Nelson
Portland

RATS want to be clear about accounting

To the Editor:

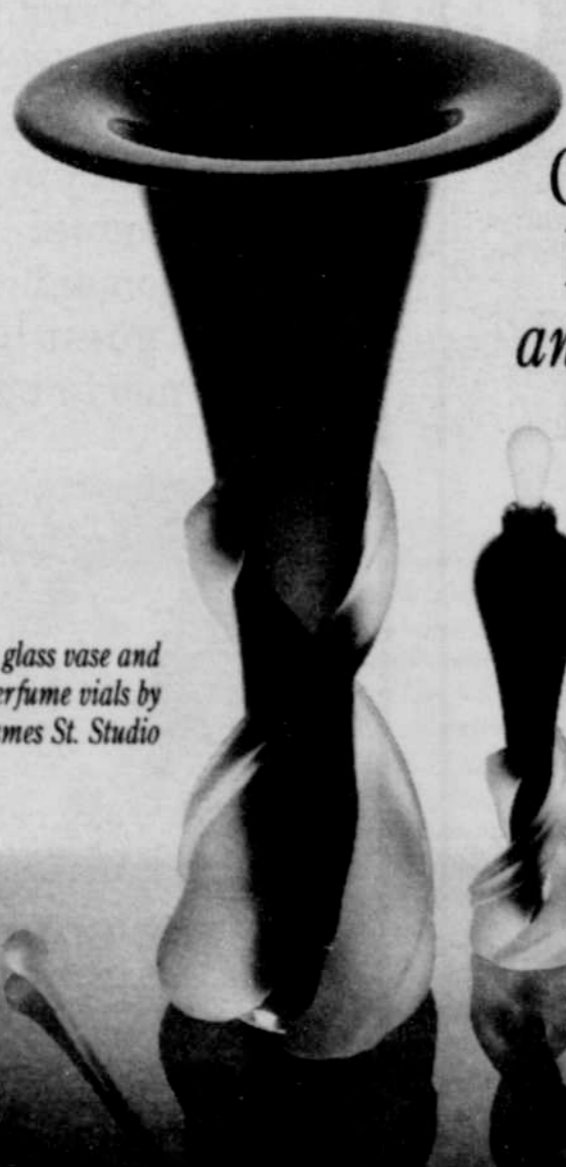
While RATS is not required to make public its assets, we are offering this information in order to lay to rest the lies that have been put forth by members of ACT UP/Portland, Inc.

ACT UP/Portland officially dissolved January 16, 1991, and reorganized as RATS. All remaining assets of ACT UP/Portland were transferred intact to RATS.

Furthermore, at no time has there been misuse or misappropriation of cash or merchandise for personal gain. When ACT UP/Portland was an open group, financial statements were available to all members and were distributed monthly in meetings. At no time have the assets of ACT UP/Portland exceeded \$2,000.

As of January 16, 1991, the assets of ACT UP/Portland included: \$775 in merchandise; \$603.85 in checking account at Security Pacific Bank, proceeds from merchandise sales from Oct. 1990 to Jan. 1991.; \$517 grant money from MRG-\$250 of this was returned to MRG and the remaining MRG funds were used to distribute the January newsletter.

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