

Oregon Medical Association refuses to oppose Death with Dignity Act

The annual gathering of the Oregon Medical Association House of Delegates refused to consider resolutions urging the OMA to oppose the Oregon Death with Dignity Act. Delegates were informed by the OMA House Reference Committee that many members support the Act, and that many more believe the OMA should allow voters to decide the issue. The delegates did approve a resolution calling for a committee to review the literature, opinions and recommendations of other medical organizations and to "report its findings to the physicians of Oregon to heighten their awareness and enhance their clinical skills in this important area of medicine."

The OMA decision follows an Oregon Supreme Court decision which denied a challenge to the Act's ballot title, clearing the way for the Death with Dignity campaign to begin collecting signatures.

The Oregon Death with Dignity Act would allow dying patients in the final six months of a terminal illness the right to request medication to end their own life. The Act would allow the patient's family and physician to be present when the medication is self-administered.

Supporters of the Act must collect 66,771 valid signatures from Oregon voters by July 8 to qualify for the Nov. 8 ballot. For more information about the Oregon Death with Dignity Act, call 1-800-866-5948.

New face on national art board

Tee A. Corrine, artist, writer, and independent scholar, has been elected to a 3-year term on the national board of the Women's Caucus for Art, an organization of working artists, critics, curators,



Tee A. Corrine

art historians, teachers, administrators and students. Corrine's special interests include minority representation, disability issues and increased communication between artists and art historians. Corrine's work has been exhibited regionally and nationally, and she has curated Women's History Month and AIDS awareness shows. Currently, she writes for *Feminist Bookstore News* and *Lambda Book Report*.

SOC PAC fights back with cable TV program

SOC PAC has announced that it will begin its own community access cable program, "...And Justice for All." The venture is part of the group's communications plan to defeat the Oregon Citizens Alliance's anti-gay ballot measures. The program will air twice a month, on the second and fourth Wednesday at 7 pm, on Tualatin Valley Community Access Channel 11. The first edition

of the show aired May 18. Topics included introductions and histories of both sides of the issue and in-depth analysis of the legal ramifications of the OCA's discriminatory measures.

New queer youth court chosen

Kelly and Geoffrey Alan were elected to the positions of Rosebud XVIII and Thorn XVIII at the annual Rosebud and Thorn pageant held at The City Nightclub on March 26. They will preside over the longest established teen-age court system in the United States.



Thorn XVIII Geoffrey Allen and Rosebud XVIII Kelly.

Rosebud XVIII Kelly, whose real name is Nathan Bartle, is 20 and has been doing drag for five years. Like many gay and lesbian youth, Kelly has spent time living on the streets with no permanent home. He is off the streets now and is looking for full-time employment.

Thorn XVIII Geoffrey Alan, whose real name is Geoffrey Johnson, is 18 and is currently working with a computer software company. Alan plans to attend beauty school next fall.

Gay Pride in Salem

The first Frank Roberts Social Justice Award will be presented to Gov. Barbara Roberts and, posthumously, to Sen. Frank Roberts at this year's Gay Pride celebrations in Salem. The theme this



George Eighmey and Gov. Barbara Roberts

year is "Out on the Capitol Mall." Sen. Tricia Smith (D-Marion County), Rep. George Eighmey (D-Portland) and Oregon Labor Commissioner Mary Wendy Roberts are scheduled to appear, along with musical guests Kate Sullivan and M.K. Menard. The event, sponsored by The Coalition to End Bigotry, will feature information booths, food and entertainment.

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