



dressed in a different color T-shirt to form a family rainbow.

To top off parade night, dance fanatics had a choice of parties to attend: the Lesbian Community Project's and Code Blue's. LCP added a Las Vegas-style casino this year, and both parties included drag shows as part of the evening's entertainment.

At the Dyke March on Friday night, many women arrived early and spent the time catching up with old friends and making new ones. During the march, a favorite chant was "We're dykes, don't touch us, we'll hurt you"—one that was popular at the March on Washington, D.C., the previous year.

Afterwards, the Lesbian Avengers and friends treated the crowd to a fire-eating display, inviting women from the crowd to join them in this act of derring-do.

From the Dyke March it was a short walk to the Pride Street Dance. From techno-pop to industrial to oldies rock, the dancing was intense. Probably the best part of both the Dyke March and the street dance was the freedom some felt to get down to basics (fashion-wise) and the freedom others felt to watch them!

There were many activities happening during pride weekend. Oregon Sexual Minority Youth

Network held a dance and workshop. First Unitarian Church held a special Pride Service which included music by Bridges and soloist Mark Acito. The Portland Gay Men's Chorus held their final downtown concert of the season. And as if that weren't enough, there were private parties all over town!

Needless to say, many of the 52 runners who took part in the Stonewall Run were tired before they began. According to organizers, the event went smoothly, except for one short detour taken by some of the run leaders. In spite of the setback, one of them, Wayne Guest of Seattle, went on to

win the first place medal in the men's division. The name of the winner in the women's division was unavailable at press time.

Pride weekend was a lot of fun, and, despite the organizers' late start and rocky times, it was a weekend to remember. Once again the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, transsexual and transvestite communities gathered to reaffirm our interconnectedness and celebrate another year.

*A meeting to critique this year's event will be held 5:30 pm Wednesday, Aug. 3, at the Multnomah County Library*

