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letters

Stop narrowly defining our movement

To the Editor:

In the Nov. 4 issue of *Just Out*, Lee Coleman writes, "Right to Privacy failed the gay community." He calls the Right to Privacy endorsement of a yes vote on Measure 16 a blunder, as it destroyed any chance for an anti-Measure 13 statement from the Catholic bishops. While I have strong feelings about some of Right to Privacy's work, their endorsement of yes on 16 is not a "failure" to a "gay community" ravished by AIDS, cancer and other terminal illnesses. While I may or may not agree with the particulars of this specific measure, Lee's comment that Measure 16 is a "non-gay issue" suggests that none of us in the gay and lesbian community will ever want to consider the option of assisted suicide.

What exactly is a non-gay issue? Lesbians and gay men are parents, children, wage earners, commuters, unionists, people of color, urban, rural and members of AARP. The environment, health care, taxes, quality education, jobs, parks

and light rail all affect the "gay community." The extent to which we have not yet realized this reality is the extent to which we *cannot* call ourselves "community." I wish that Right to Privacy would have taken *more* positions on more ballot measures, including Ballot Measure 8.

Finally, Right to Privacy did not make Catholic bishops do, or not do, anything—the bishops did what they wanted, they did that in which they believe. They believe in their right to completely control our bodies (whether or not we are Catholic), from birth to death. Get it? The issue of our right to do as we please with our own bodies is not confined to the bedroom. It is related to reproductive rights and the right to death with dignity. We must stop narrowly defining our movement as one in which our primary focus is what we get to do with our genitalia. We must start talking about it in terms of how we will be treated (and treat others) in our entire, multifaceted, whole, rich, diverse and complete lives, including that part of life called dying.

Kathleen Saadat
Portland

TRANSITIONS



Touched the lives of many

Upon first meeting, Susan Gregg could be awesome. She was confident, articulate, comfortable and powerful. She had an easy laugh. There was nothing shy about her. Getting to know her better revealed a depth of understanding, compassion and gentleness. She was a very loving, caring, giving person.

Her range of interests and intelligence on eclectic topics was an unending surprise. But what she valued most was freedom; honest, caring people; and her companion animals.

She had a passion for music, computers and emotions. She was a joyful sensualist with a delightful sense of humor.

She touched the lives of so many people in countless ways, without ever realizing how many of us loved and cared for her. We will miss Susan more than words can say.

Born on Nov. 7, 1950, Susan died Oct. 30, 1994. Because of the suddenness of her death, there may be those who need to be in touch with the person closest to her. It was impossible to notify all of her friends in time for the service, held on her birthday. You may call Nina at 284-5987.

CAP model dies

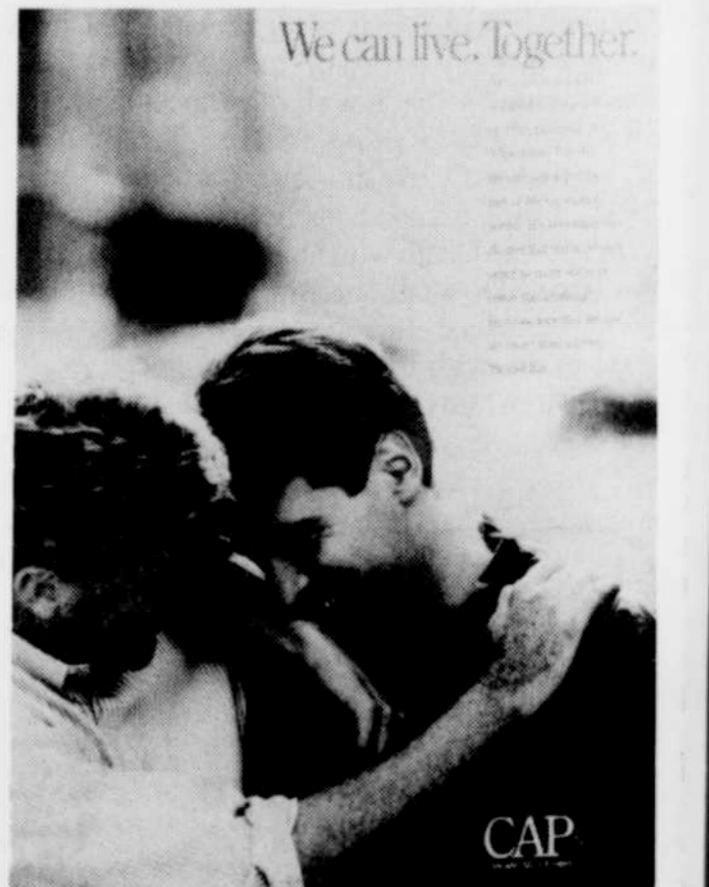
David Duncan Bryson died Oct. 30, 1994, of complications of AIDS. He was 34. An international model for 10 years, Bryson had relocated

to Seattle, where he was active in many charities. Bryson began modeling in Seattle in 1980. He worked in London for many years through the Gavin L.B. Robinson Agency. While living in Portland, he appeared in the controversial Cascade AIDS Project ad campaign "We Can Live Together."

Bryson was buried in a private ceremony at Lake View Cemetery in Seattle. At his request a public memorial service was held, also in Seattle.

Bryson is survived by his partner, Sean T. McCurdy, and their dog, Scotty Macson, both of Seattle; his mother, Natalie E. Bryson, of Silverdale, Wash.; his father, William M. Bryson, and his wife, Nancy Bryson, of Bremerton, Wash.; his sister Elizabeth A. Bryson and her husband, Ted Peterson, of New York City; his sister Muriel A. Taylor and her husband, David Taylor, of Anchorage, Alaska; his brother William M. Bryson Jr. and his wife, Sheri M. Bryson, of Chico, Wash.; his sister Rebecca J. Bryson and her husband, Fred Marchand, of Bellingham, Wash.; his brother James H. Bryson and his partner, Brent, of Portland, Ore.; as well as by six aunts, three uncles, 12 cousins, four nieces, and a nephew.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Seattle AIDS Support Group, 303 17th Ave. East, Seattle, WA 98112, or In Touch, 127 Broadway East, Seattle, WA 98102.



David Bryson (right)