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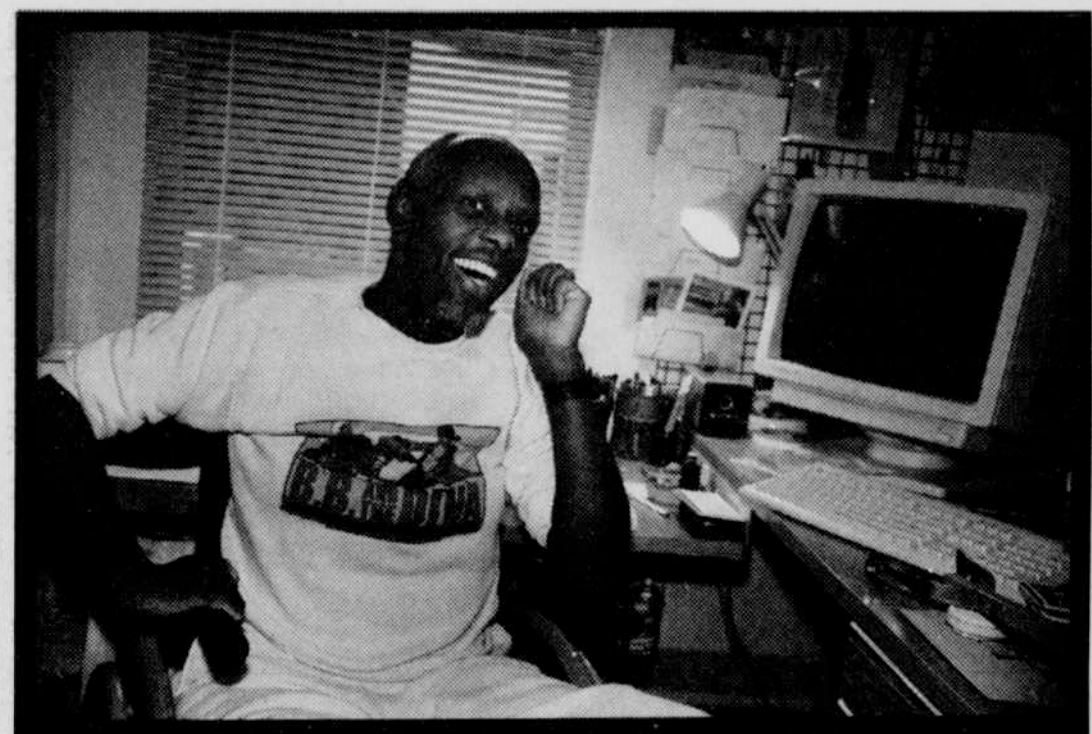
Long-term activists/organizations are recognized for behind-the-scenes contributions

by Inga Sorensen

So many people in our community do so much, but it's rare for us to stop and acknowledge those folks who really represent the outstanding yet often very ordinary, in-the-trenches work so many of us do. This is one of those times where we do pause to recognize those contributions," says Susan Leo, chair of Pride Northwest Inc., organizer of Portland's Pride Parade and Celebration.

the African American community. Kinnard is also a founding member of Black Lesbians and Gays United (which no longer exists) and served on the Portland Town Council board (predecessor to Right to Privacy). He is a graphic/layout designer for *Just Out* and *The Scanner*. Over the years, Kinnard has consistently initiated communication between divergent communities.

Ric Leonetti, a driving force in Southwest Washington's gay and lesbian community for many years. He is publisher and editor of the gay newspaper *Vancouver Voice*, organizer of Saturday in the Park, now in its third year as Vancouver's Pride Celebration, and media director for Evergreen AIDS Response. As an out and politically active gay man involved in the gay court system, he has brought consciousness of gay men and lesbians to the



Rupert Kinnard

Pride Northwest has announced the 1996 recipients of the annual Spirit of Pride Awards, which honor people or organizations who have volunteered time and energy to raise awareness of queer people in a variety of communities throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington.

Leo says this year five individuals and one organization have been selected from nominations submitted by community members at large. The recipients will be honored at the Lesbian and Gay Pride Rally on June 22 in Waterfront Park. The honorees are:

Marguerite Brodie, who is described as a tireless worker—often behind the scenes—in the peace and justice movement, women's movement and the gay and lesbian community. Brodie has worked for years with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and was active in 1994 with the No on Hate political action committee.

Margaret Butler, the student co-director of the University of Oregon's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance. During the past year she has built the program, which initially had no staff, into an active campus organization. She is also implementing a mentoring program for sexual minority youth in order to offer support during initial stages of coming out.

Rupert Kinnard, a founding member of the Portland chapter of Brother to Brother, which builds bridges between gay and bisexual men in

larger Vancouver community during a time when many remained in the closet.

Margaret Deirdre O'Hartigan, the founder of the Filisa Vistima Foundation, which works to obtain medical and legal assistance for transsexuals. O'Hartigan has been a highly visible and vocal advocate for the trans community. The foundation is a resource for anyone interested in learning more about trans people.

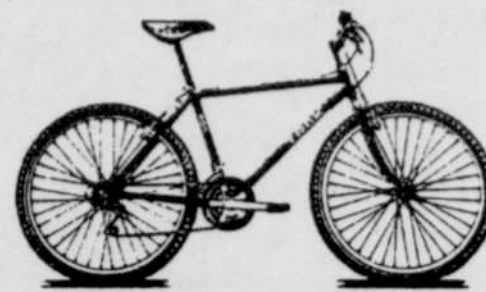
Lambda Community Center Association, an organization that exemplifies the capacity of people within the sexual minorities community to join together under difficult circumstances and be a force for positive growth in larger surrounding

communities. LCCA plans to open a community center to be named after Roxanne Ellis and Michelle Abdill, a Medford couple who were murdered in December. Ellis and Abdill were out lesbians who were extremely active in local religious, business and civic organizations as well as lesbian/gay community social and political activities.



Marguerite Brodie

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