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## LOCAL news

### PROCEEDS FROM DINNER BENEFIT SMYRC

An estimated 300 people turned out for Phoenix Rising Foundation's fourth annual Jack Abele Award Dinner held June 19 at the Portland Hilton.

The event celebrates the life of Abele, who helped found Phoenix Rising, one of the few counseling centers nationwide specifically designed to serve the needs of sexual minorities.

Jawea Mockabee, Phoenix Rising's fund development director and chair of this year's event, says more than \$3,000 was raised via the silent auction that preceded the dinner.

"I'm totally impressed with the community's response for donations of items," she says. "Local businesses and artists were quick to answer the call, and we are grateful for their generosity in supporting this fund raiser."

Proceeds from the dinner will support the Sexual Minority Youth Recreation Center, a drop-in center for queer youth. For more information about SMYRC, call 872-9664.

Women who complete the training are asked to commit to working with the Portland Women's Crisis Line for 24 hours per month for at least six months.



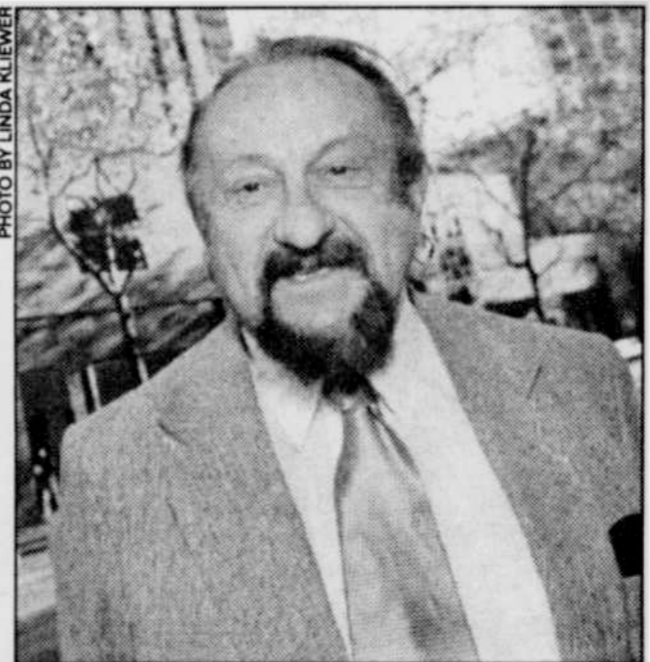
The deadline for applications is Aug. 31. Practicum students are encouraged to apply, and credit is available.

The Portland Women's Crisis Line is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, funded in part by the United Way.

For further information and an application, contact Renee Sanchez at 232-9545.

### QUEER MORMONS CONVERGE ON ROSE CITY

Affirmation, an international organization of gay, lesbian and bisexual Mormons, will hold its 20th international conference Sept. 4 to 7 in Portland.



Bob Smith

Scheduled speakers include: Chris Kimball, law professor at Boston University, who will discuss same-sex marriage; Bob Smith, co-chair of the Multnomah County Aging Commission, who will discuss aging in the gay and lesbian community; Cindy LeFever, an outspoken Mormon feminist and writer, who will analyze church teachings; and Allison Bingham, director of Affirmation's Youth Referral Services, who will chair a presentation about the needs of sexual minority youth in the church.

Saliva Sisters, a three-woman singing act from Salt Lake City, will perform, as will the Portland Gay Men's Chorus. The conference closes with a brunch cruise on the Willamette River.

For more information, call Affirmation's Portland conference phone line at 288-2037.

### PWCL SEEKS FEMALE CRISIS LINE VOLUNTEERS

Openings are still available for the Portland Women's Crisis Line September training for volunteer crisis intervention counselors.

In order to qualify, volunteers must be female, at least 16 years of age, and committed to ending domestic and sexual violence.

The training is 46 hours, spread over a three-week period.

### OUR HOUSE ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS

On July 22, Our House of Portland's board of directors announced the appointments of Allyson Jenkins as executive director, and Amy Gerver as director of development.

Jenkins will plan, develop and direct the day-to-day operations of the 10-bed AIDS-care facility, while Gerver will focus on fund raising and grant writing.

Before joining Our House, Jenkins was Assistant Administrator for Mt. Saint Joseph Inc., where she also served as director of social services. She holds licenses in both social work and nursing home administration.

Prior to joining Our House, Gerver, a certified public accountant, was Director of Leadership giving for Loaves and Fishes Centers Inc. Her experience includes fund-raising projects for Oregon Public Broadcasting and field coordination for several political campaigns.

Our House of Portland is a private, non-profit organization that provides a supportive living environment for individuals with AIDS.

Located at 2727 S.E. Alder St. in Portland, the organization has approximately 40 employees and more than 200 volunteers. For more information, call 234-0175.

### RTP AND BRO MERGER A NO GO

The Right to Pride board has voted to continue as an independent organization committed to political and legislative advocacy on behalf of gays, lesbians and bisexuals in Oregon.

Katherine Tennyson, co-chair of RTP, says her group wanted to explore the possibility of a merger between RTP and Basic Rights Oregon, but the organization could not come to a meeting of the minds regarding the end result of a consolidation.

"RTP will look for ways to work cooperatively with Basic Rights Oregon to further our mutual goals, however, a merger just did not make sense at this time," Tennyson says.

RTP is Oregon's oldest gay rights organization. It has been active in Oregon politics for more than 15 years.

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