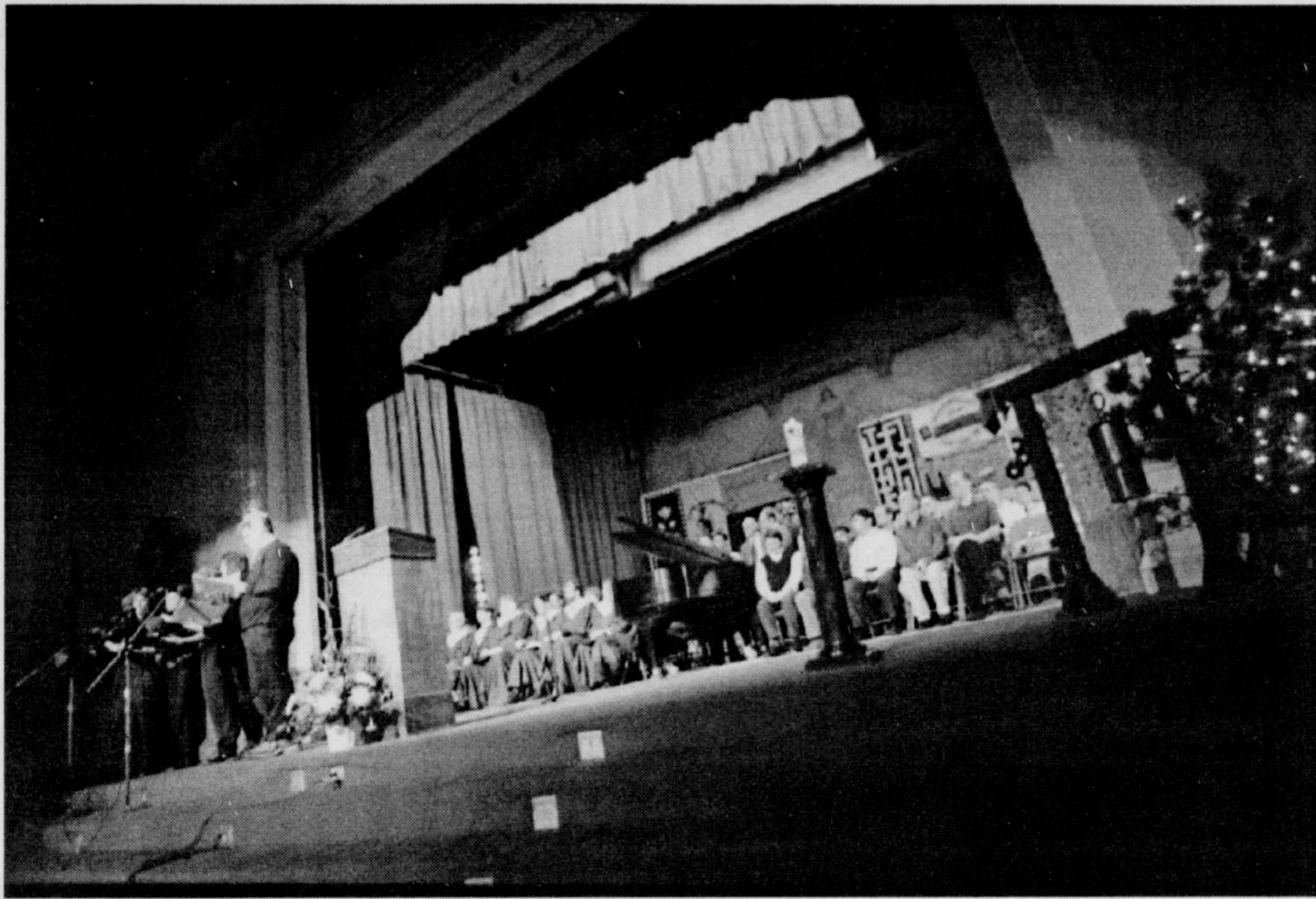


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Left to right: The Speech Choir of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Corvallis, Metropolitan Community Church of Portland's Sanctuary Choir, and Portland Gay Men's Chorus performed on World AIDS Day, Dec. 1, at the Scottish Rite Center

EDITORIAL

BY DEBBY MORGAN

Calendar clarion

Just Out's calendar editor talks about recent changes and offers tips to make the calendar and community resource sections even stronger

When is the Queer Fans of Metallica Moshpit Extravaganza taking place? Why isn't my sexual minority skydiving group's phone number listed? Why doesn't *Just Out* feature the groups and events I want to see? What is that calendar editor doing, anyway?

Similar questions may pop up in the minds of our readers, and *Just Out's* Out & About calendar and Outreach section should reflect the diversity of the queer community's myriad interests. However, as the calendar editor, I need your help to ensure this happens.

Both the Out & About calendar and the Outreach resource section are compiled from voluntary submissions sent in by folks like you. If the groups or the events in which you participate are not featured, ask the organizers to submit information to us. It's easy, costs nothing and is a valuable community service.

You may have noticed changes taking place recently in the center pages of *Just Out*. Volunteer opportunities have shifted to the classified section, near job opportunities. Bulletin Board submissions now run for a maximum of two months. We have reorganized the Outreach section to make it easier to find the groups you are looking for, wherever you live. The dated calendar remains as informative and fun as ever.

As a free community publication, we do not have the resources for outreach and follow-up to check if listings are still current; we rely on group organizers to update us on changes. We understand that it is frustrating to call a number that is incorrect; it can also be alarming for the person

answering the phone to discover that he or she is the contact for the Lesbian Spice Girls Fan Club!

We needed to clean house and provide up-to-date information to our readers, so we cut the listings that had not been renewed by their expiration dates. If you notice a group you belong to has disappeared from our list, tell the organizer to drop us a line (provide full contact information and a short description of what the group does) and we will gladly put it back.

To submit, simply mail, fax, e-mail or bring the details to the office and we'll take care of the rest. The deadline for submissions is 15 days prior to publication, so try to send dated events three to four weeks in advance to ensure inclusion.

Our commitment to providing relevant information to our readers is stronger than ever. We will continue to list events and groups free of charge in the Out & About and Outreach sections. We will continue to publish resource listings for six months or until the next scheduled expiration date (in May or November), whichever is sooner. The calendar will continue to feature events of specific relevance and interest to the sexual minorities community.

I dream of having so much Out & About and Outreach stuff submitted that I routinely run out of space in which to put it. Yes, I know, my fantasy life could do with a boost, but go ahead and make my day!

Oh, one last thing: If anyone ever hears of a Queer Fans of Metallica Moshpit Extravaganza, send me an invitation—I'd love to go.

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