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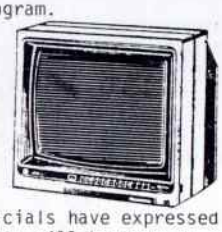
TUNE IN TO DONAHUE JANUARY 10

by T.R.M.

An upcoming debate on gay rights at SMU may focus national attention on a Dallas dispute.

Slated for a January 10th broadcast, the Phil Donahue television program will focus on the efforts of the Gay and Lesbian Student Support Organization (GLSSO) to gain recognition from Southern Methodist University. Representing the GLSSO is former co-chair Leslie Cooper. Anti-gay spokesperson Ted Brabham, a former member of the SMU Student Senate, has also been invited to appear on the program.



SMU officials have expressed concern that Brabham will be seen as representing the University's position. SMU President Donald Shields publicly disassociated the University from Brabham.

"I can understand why SMU is concerned," explained Professor Campbell Read, faculty advisor to the GLSSO, in a telephone interview with Dialog.

"Ted Brabham is very flamboyant and southern. He shoots his mouth off and makes allegations without any rational basis. He has been an embarrassment to the university. He shows a lack of preparation for questions. He is unreliable."

SMU officials first sought to distance themselves from Brabham this past fall when Brabham sent an antigay letter to local SMU alumni along with a mailing by the Alert Citizens of Texas, an antigay group. Brabham's letter was written on SMU stationery.

Dialog asked Professor Read whether it was fair to include Brabham as an antigay spokesman.

"In a sense, it is fair," Read replied. "Brabham has been active all along in opposing the GLSSO. He orchestrated the opposition this October (when the SMU Student Senate voted 16-15 not to recognize the group).

"He has led the opposition. He reflects an attitude, although flamboyant and boorish, that is typical of much SMU student thinking."

Read noted that Brabham's antigay attitudes reflect the arguments made against the GLSSO at SMU. "Brabham has made a number of accusations against the GLSSO that simply have not come to pass, such as that the group would try to spread homosexuality among the other students or would force their own sexuality on the rest of the campus. That simply is not true."

Read explained that another reason given at SMU to oppose the GLSSO was that, if recognized, it would be a public sounding board for the University.

"That's just false," explained Professor Read. "No groups do that. The University recognizes over one hundred student organizations, including a Muslim student organization, the Young Republicans, the Young Democrats, and the Young Americans for Freedom.

"None of these groups speaks for the University," Read noted. The GLSSO has had fifty to sixty members, more than many officially-recognized SMU student groups, Read added.

In another sense, Brabham's presense on the Donohue show is also fair to SMU, Read argued. "Both President Shields and the SMU administration have failed miserably to provide any education on this issue. SMU cancelled a debate on gay rights last year and never rescheduled it. They are at least guilty of inaction in losing an opportunity to provide information on the gay issue. They seem totally petrified about this issue."

During the pretaped Donohue program, Donohue notes that Mr. Brabham did not represent the University's administration.

Read added that he was not sorry to see Brabham appear on the program instead of another SMU student leader.

"SMU may be embarrassed at his lack of good grammar on the program. But it is easier to judge people who are boorish and insensitive and to see their reasons. It is harder to see the same reasons behind a person who speaks well and wears a coat and tie. President Shields or (student body president) Homer Reynolds may say that they're only

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FIERSTEIN COMES TO DALLAS

Harvey Fierstein, Tony award winning actor/playwright, will visit Dallas Saturday, January 21, 1984, on behalf of the Community Arts Foundation of Texas. Mr. Fierstein wrote and starred in the long-running Broadway hit Torch Song Trilogy for which he won the 1983 Tony Awards for best play and best male performer and more recently was the playwright who adapted the film "La Cage aux Folles" into the musical of the same name currently on Broadway.

DGA President Mike Stewart has been asked to be a member of the Dallas welcoming committee.

Community Arts Foundation of Texas (CAFT), which will host Mr. Fierstein's visit, is a Dallas-based non-profit corporation dedicated to encourage and support those visual and performing artists who need and want to work in a gay context and to provide a forum for events of high artistic quality which deal with gay theme material. CAFT is the only foundation in America whose sole purpose is to develop a comprehensive gay arts program. It is for this reason that Don Baker, CAFT's general manager, believes Mr. Fierstein has agreed to make this his first appearance outside New York or California.

Mr. Fierstein will appear at a series of events which are now in the planning stages, with details to be announced in the near future. Call 521-6166 for more information.

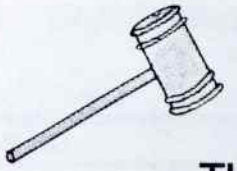
TWO NEW BOARD-MEMBERS ELECTED

Five Board members were chosen at the December general membership meeting of the DGA. All five were elected by acclamation after brief presentations to Alliance members. Reelected for one-year terms were Tony Anthony, now serving as Director of Publications; Bill Nelson, DGA Vice President and Director of Community Affairs; and Mike Richards, Director of Speakers' Bureau and Programs.

Newly-elected Board members are Ray Anthony and Mary Franklin. Ray Anthony has been active in establishing the Hispanic Task Force, as part of the DGA minority outreach program. He has also been active in the DGA's membership program and in the political action committee.

Mary Franklin has previously been active in the Publications Department, Gay Unitarians, and GRACE, a coalition of gay religious organizations. Specific Board positions for new and continuing Board members will be determined at a retreat in early January 1984.

Outgoing Board members include Davey Jones, Director of Operations, who served on the Board for two years, and John Thomas, Director of Membership for three years.



THE GAVEL RAPS

by Mike Stewart, President of the Dallas Gay Alliance

Recently I've had opportunities to meet with officials of the local and federal governments and candidates for office at all levels of government. Dr. Edward Brandt, Assistant Secretary for Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, candidly confirmed what we've sensed for some time. There is a high degree of acceptance of gay people and genuine sensitivity to gay issues at the institutional level, but still much work is required to educate the general public where resistance remains firm.

Dr. Brandt also agreed working with representatives of gay organizations on health matters had been personally very beneficial and educational. Gay organizations around the country have made much progress toward achieving equal rights for gay men and lesbians simply by meeting with elected and appointed officials. Those individuals have learned much about us and our concerns, and certainly many have changed their minds on gay issues. We have achieved that level of acceptance and understanding and, frequently, unqualified support, through the efforts of relatively few representatives of the community.

Only through the efforts of all gay people can we expect to educate the rest of society. Obviously, minds can be changed, and I believe most citizens will accept and understand gay people once they've been educated. Most of us see that understanding to some degree within our social or professional networks. If we can expand those networks by being as honest and open as is comfortable for us, to include more co-workers, more neighbors, more family, more friends, and more associates, eventually we'll reach everyone with the truth! Then all gay people can live in the peace, happiness, and love that comes from understanding and acceptance.

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doing what most students want, but what are their reasons?

"It is not totally unfair in that (Brabham's) irrational and demogogic homophobia and insinuations were actually used in the Student Senate debate. These reasons are partly representative of the thinking of many SMU students.

"It's probably ironic," mused Read, "Brabham will probably pop up some day running for office in East Texas. He'll say he was on television opposing gays. He'll probably never say what a fool he made of himself."

Joining Cooper and Brabham on the Donohue program on January 10th, Channel 5 at 9a.m., will be Rev. Oscar McCloud of the National Council of Churches and Rev. Troy Perry, a founder of the Metropolitan Community Church. They will discuss the recently-deferred attempt by MCC to join the National Council of Churches.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In January 1984 The Chronicle of Higher Education will also include a long article on the SMU gay rights issue.

QUOTABLES . . .

by Phil Johnson

"The White People's Committee to Restore God's Laws is not embarrassed to admit that we endorse and seek the execution of all homosexuals . . ."
----White People's Committee to Restore God's Laws

"To use "God," the American flag, and the emotionally charged cry to "Save Our Children" in an effort to deny employment, housing, and public accomodations to the whole segment of our population because of their personal sexual preference is outrageous."
----Abigail Van Buren a/k/a "Dear Abby"

Giving It Away

by Melodie Alexander

What to do with the 10,000 T-shirts you pick up at every race? I use them as gifts. My very first T-shirt now belongs to a womyn who lives in Philly. I'm sure that every time she wears it, she remembers me and the time we spent together.

My triathlon shirt is now with a womyn in Boston who knows what hell I had to go through to earn that sucker and how much I care about her to have given her a part of me. The T-shirts are our medals for all those cars and dogs we dodged, for the times we just didn't want to go out that door and run, and for the pain of that last 50 yards of the race when you throw in a kick to knock two seconds on your time.

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REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

Education Dept.

by Tom Hatfield

As we enter a new year, the DGA Board of Directors will meet in retreat to plan the next six months for Alliance efforts. One area that will continue being addressed is all aspects of health as it affects our community, and the DGA's focus on health includes more than AIDS.

The Education Department will be working with health officials to meet the concerns of our community. We are currently caucusing with the Dallas County Health Department on a VD screening clinic in the Oak Lawn area. More information will be available on these discussions at the January 9th meeting of the general membership.

Board members also recently met with officials from the National Institutes of Health to co-sponsor a symposium for primary health care physicians and allied health workers. This symposium would be held in Dallas in mid-May 1984.

Social Justice Dept.

by Melodie Alexander

It has now been six months since you elected me to the Board of Directors. In those six months, we have had 16 cases where action was taken confronting police harassment, job discrimination, and racial discrimination on a person-to-person level. I went to court with a lesbian regarding police harassment and called employers regarding job discrimination against a transvestite. Eight more cases were handled by phone calls just letting the mugging victim or harassed person know there are people who care, who know gay lawyers, and who will stand by them.

One sad thing, though, is that only one of the people we worked with belongs to the DGA. After many hours spent with an individual, giving him/her information on where to get legal assistance, writing letters, and doing anything to help a gay in trouble, after it's over, that's it. They never join the Alliance. As a gay activist, I don't expect a "thank you," but I do expect people to give back to the gay community what they get from it--FREEDOM. And freedom doesn't come without a fight. We can't do it alone.

Civic Affairs Dept.

by Michael Milliken

Momentum continues to build as the political climate heats up in anticipation of the 1984 Election Year. The PAC has specified dates for some of the events. There will be candidate screening sessions February 7th through 16th. Candidates' Night and DGPC endorsements will comprise the program for the March 12th DGA general membership meeting.

Assistant Chair Dave Lewis is coordinating information with various groups around the country in preparation for the Republican National Convention in Dallas this coming summer.

Many of the diverse activities of the political action committee for this year are featured in the special articles appearing in this issue of Dialog. However, a great number of volunteers are needed in order to accomplish the goals of these activities on so many different levels and in so many different directions. Please examine your commitments and interests in the near term, and let us know where you can be of help by filling in and returning the volunteer form on page 6 in the enclosed envelope. For more information, contact me at 522-3507 or Bill Nelson at 521-8919, and join us at the DGA offices any Tuesday at 7:30pm.

Membership Dept.

by Charles Dutton

Membership Department Chair John Thomas reminds Dialog readers that the names and addresses of DGA members are held in confidence. Under no circumstances are membership lists given to organizations or individuals for private use. Occasionally, Alliance members will receive mail from organizations which have first received approval to use the DGA mailing list from the Board of Directors. Even in those instances, the envelopes and addresses have been processed by the Alliance's trustworthy Mail Committee.

The organization requesting access to our mailing list is usually an ally of the Alliance such as the Turtle Creek Chorale or Community Productions. Discretion will always be used in determining eligibility for a solicitation to our members. Thus, we shall not fear that the names we have collected in the cold nor the addresses shouted in our ears in the din of disco music nor the telephone numbers scrawled on the scratchpad might be read by critical eyes.

Publications Dept.

by Tony Anthony

For those of you who remember reading about a survey from the Publications Department, take heart. The project will hopefully become a reality shortly after the first of the year.

I'd like to extend well-deserved recognition to the individuals who have worked in the Department the past six months, the contributors and production staff, who under the watchful and ever-competent editorial guidance of Bill Nelson (the younger, who never attends meetings but did manage to make the DGA Christmas party) produce Dialog each month. (It's really the only social outlet these poor folks have, and their dedication is almost without measure.) And, of course, I thank Phil Johnson and the Mail Committee members who meet at Phil's Place every month to stuff and lick without rest. If you'd be interested in volunteering for Dialog delivery to bars and businesses (two spots remain), Dialog production or the Mail Committee at Phil's Place, call the DGA office at 528-4233.

List of Elected Officials

Here are the names and addresses of elected officials who presently represent Dallas area citizens at the city, state, and national levels of government.

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Dist. 10 State Senator Bob McFarland
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DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE COMMUNITY CALENDAR 1984

JANUARY FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED
8 DGA HISPANIC TASK FORCE meets at 1pm. Ricardo Medrano, speaker. For information, call 522-4000. AFFIRMATION (Methodist) meets the 2nd Sunday of every month. Call 521-6769 for information. GAY UNITARIANS meet the 2nd Sunday of every month at First Unitarian Church, Preston at Normandy at 7:30pm.	**9** DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE **General Meeting** **7:30 - MCC - 2701 Reagan** GAY STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP of NTSU meets every other Monday at 8pm in the SUB. 817/788-3333.	**10** PHIL DONAHUE SHOW--SMU's Gay/Lesbian Student Support Organization debates the flamboyant, anti-gay Ted Brabham. Channel 5, 9am. PEGASUS, a gay business & professional organization, 8pm in the Normandy Chapel, First Unitarian Church. P.O. Box 190326, Dallas 75219. DALLAS AREA WOMENS POLITICAL CAUCUS meets at the First Unitarian Church at 7:30pm.	**11** Communic **8:00 - DGA Of**
15 FRONT RUNNER DALLAS meets every Sunday at 8am at Winfrey Point on White Rock Lake for an easy 2-mile run. HOLY TRINITY CC of Dallas, 4402 Rosedale. Service at 11am. 827-5088. GAYLINE meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 7:30pm. P.O. Box 19085, Dallas 75219. 748-6790.	**16** **Board Meeting** **7:30 - DGA Office**	**17** **Civic Affairs Dept.** **(Political Action Steering Committee)** **7:30 - DGA Office, 3409 Oak Lawn #205** DIGNITY DALLAS meets at St. Peter Apostle Church on Woodall Rogers every Tuesday at 7:30pm.	**18** Communica **8:00 - DGA Off** Membershi **9:00 - NEW ME** LESBIAN RIGHTS NOW office ls at 8pm. OAK LAWN VOLLEY each Wednesda Recreation Ce
22 DGA HISPANIC TASK FORCE meets at 1pm. Larry Bagneris, speaker. For information, call 522-4000.	**23** **Open Board Meeting** **7:30 - DGA Office** All committee chairs and interested persons invited to provide input. 528-4233. **DIALOG Deadline**	**24** **Education Dept.** **7:30 - DGA Office** **Civic Affairs Dept.** **(Political Action Steering Committee)** **7:30 - DGA Office, 3920 Cedar Springs** OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday at MCC from 7-9pm. Musicians needed. 351-6697.	**25** Communica **8:00 - DGA Off**
29 **DIALOG Production** **2812 Fairmount at Cedar Springs** **871-8711 or 750-8041** **12:00 NOON** MCC of Dallas, 2701 Reagan. Services at 10:30am, 12noon, 7:25pm. MCC Orchestra & Chorus rehearses every Sunday at 9:30am.	**30** **Board Meeting** **7:30 - DGA Office** GAY/LESBIAN ALLIANCE OF DENTON (GLAD) meets the 1st Monday of every month.	**31** **Civic Affairs Dept.** **(Political Action Steering Committee)** **7:30 - DGA Office** DIGNITY DALLAS meets at St. Peter Apostle Church on Woodall Rogers every Tuesday at 7:30pm.	**1** DALLAS GAY REPUE Call 521-9638 Communica **8:00 - DGA Off**
5 LISTEN TO LAMBDA WEEKLY EVERY SUNDAY 12:00 NOON ON KNON 90.9 FM	**6** **Board Meeting** **7:30 - DGA Office** OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS meets every Monday in the MCC Social Hall at 7pm.	**7** **Education Dept.** **7:30 - DGA Office** **Civic Affairs Dept.** **(Political Action Steering Committee)** **7:30 - DGA Office** TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Tuesday of every month. Center for the Community, 2412 Lipscomb (near Page) in Fort Worth at 8:30pm. 817/571-6977.	**8** Communica **8:00 - DGA Offi**

ns Dept.)ept. 11 559-2166. NS meet at 7pm. information. RY SOCIETY Call Jerome for info.	**5** DGA BENEFIT 9 P.M. Presented by COURT OF THE SHOOTING STARS STUDIO 4 6752 Shady Brook Lane Located east of Central Expressway, north of Northwest Highway, just past Sterlings and Steak and Ale. Telephone 696-9071 for table reservations.	**6**	**7**
ns Dept.	**12** Social Events & Fund Raising Depts. (Combined Meeting) 7:30 - DGA Office DIALOG Dinner For Writers & Staff. 750-8041 TURTLE CREEK CHORALE rehearses each Thursday at the Midway Hills Christian Church at 7:30pm. 368-5500.	**13**	**14** Social Justice Dept. 9:30 AM - Olympia Diner
ns Dept. ept. 7:30 RS RECEPTION FORCE meets at rd Wednesdays TEAM practices the Reverchon at 7pm.	**19** Social Events & Fund Raising Depts. (Combined Meeting) 7:30 - DGA Office, 3920 Cedar Springs DALLAS GAY GOP meets at 7pm. Call 521-9638 for the location and other information about this new group.	**20**	**21** Social Justice Dept. 9:30 AM - Olympia Diner HARVEY FIERSTEIN (Torch Song Trilogy) will visit Dallas on behalf of the Community Arts Foundation of Texas. For information, call 521-6166.
ns Dept.	**26** Publications Dept. 7:30 - DGA Office INTEGRITY D/FW meets at 4008 Wycliff the last Thursday of the month. Covered dish dinner, program. Call 522-6305. MCC ORCHESTRA & CHORUS practices every Thursday at 6:15pm.	**27**	**28** Social Justice Dept. 9:30 AM - Olympia Diner LESBIAN RIGHTS COFFEE HOUSE - last Saturday of the month at 7:30pm at the NOW office.
NS meet at 7pm. information. ns Dept.	**2** Social Events & Fund Raising Depts. (Combined Meeting) 7:30 - DGA Office DIALOG Mail Committee Phil's Place 821-1653 Bring an appetite!	**3**	**4** Social Justice Dept. 9:30 AM - Olympia Diner
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PROJECT '84

PAC PLANS PROJECT '84

by Bill Nelson, DGA Vice President

Four years ago, the activist gay community in Dallas was challenged, electrified, and expanded by PROJECT '80. This series of workshops, planning sessions, and political events put the gay community into the political spotlight. The hard work of those involved in PROJECT '80 has served us well ever since.

This year, building on the traditions and following the example of PROJECT '80, PROJECT '84 intends to raise our political movement to new levels of sophistication. Since the days of PROJECT '80, our Voter Identification List has grown to over 5,000 and has been computerized. This base of information means that our ability to communicate with Dallas' gay voters has never been better.

The goals of PROJECT '84 are essentially the same as were those of PROJECT '80: to get gay voters to their precinct meetings to (1) elect gay delegates to the Senatorial District Conventions (and on to the State Convention), and (2) pass a resolution this year calling for additional funding for AIDS research and patient support services.

What is new about PROJECT '84 are the refinements. This year, 18 precincts have been targeted for a special push. Large detailed maps of these precincts have been acquired by PAC, and the location of voters sympathetic to the cause of gay civil rights have been indicated. We now possess the visual proof of our voting strength.

But PROJECT '84 goes far beyond merely organizing the existing knowledge. In each of those precincts, Precinct Organizers and Assistant Precinct Organizers are being appointed who will seek out and assist gay voters in their immediate neighborhood. By comparing our voter list with their knowledge of their neighborhood, it is thought that our voter strength in those precincts can double. PROJECT '80 attacked the problem of structuring the mass anonymous gay vote. PROJECT '84 enjoys the luxury of refining and concentrating on territory with which we are already quite familiar.

The Political Action Committee of the Alliance is in charge of coordinating the activities of PROJECT '84. The PAC meets every Tuesday at 7:30pm in the Alliance offices. Membership on the committee is open to anyone, and knowledge of politics is not a prerequisite. The PAC has a large range of jobs which require varied expertise, and anyone is more than welcome to participate.

PAC TARGETS PRECINCTS FOR 1984

by Michael Milliken, Chair, Steering Committee, DGPC

During past elections, the PAC (the nickname for the Steering Committee of the Alliance's political action committee, the Dallas Gay Political Caucus) has concentrated its efforts and observed the results of the elections specifically in the Oak Lawn area and near East Dallas precincts. This "targeting" of certain precincts resulted mainly because the gay community was perceived to live and party in those areas, with a few exceptions.

As one of the first steps in what has become PROJECT '84, the PAC decided to utilize the computerization of the Voter Identification List to verify this perception. The counts supplied from the computer did support the perceptions but gave greater importance to some precincts and brought several precincts into consideration that had not been examined before, such as one in North Dallas and one in Far North Dallas. The computer counts have been further substantiated by proportional numbers of newly registered voters in the PAC registration drives of June, August, and October 1983. (See the precinct map on Page 8.)

A priority list of the top-ranked 18 precincts was developed using not only the number of voters on the list but also a percentage to the total registered voters in each precinct. This information is much more valuable than just an interesting numbers game. It became the basis for the precinct organizing project, a true "grass-roots" effort starting at the neighborhood level. The ranking of precincts indicated the specific Democratic and Republican Precinct Chairs to identify and with whom to work for goals at the precinct conventions, and it identified the precincts which might be best represented by politically interested persons who also happen to be gay.

Although only 18 of the precincts in Dallas have been targeted for special attention, the Dallas Gay Political Caucus continues to work in the political arena to secure the best possible environment for all gay people.

PRECINCT ORGANIZERS NEEDED

by Bill Nelson, DGA Vice President

It may well prove to be true that the success or failure of PROJECT '84 will rest squarely on the shoulders of those persons appointed as Assistant Precinct Organizers. These women and men and the people they contact will consitute the mass of the voter turn-out that is so important to our credibility as a political force.

The job of the Assistant Precinct Organizer (APO) is really quite simple. He/she will be assigned a small area immediately surrounding his/her home and will receive a list of voters in our ID files who live in that small area. The APO will be asked to confirm the presence of those voters and also to seek out new people in that area.

It is thought that each APO will probably already know where the gay people are in their assigned area, but until now they had no way of knowing if they were a part of our communications network. The APO will be able to register those gay voters who need it and can update our computer when people move in or out.

Because the responsibilities are so wide-spread, the workload of the APO will be quite modest. Much of the "leg work" of seeking out the gay voter will have already been accomplished by previous knowledge of the neighborhood and when the time to communicate directly comes, ten phone calls should be about all that any APO will need to make.

Although the process sounds simple and perhaps a bit undramatic, the effect on our political clout will be enormous. It will also personalize and humanize the DGPC's get-out-the-vote efforts. We will be able to better provide answers and explanations to the thousands of women and men who make up the gay bloc vote.

If you would be interested in becoming an Assistant Precinct Organizer, fill out the enclosed form in this issue of Dialog or call the Crossroads Market at 521-8919 and leave your name and number. A member of PAC will get back with you and arrange to send you an APO Handbook which completely explains what is being asked of you.

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Mail to DGA, BOX 190712, DALLAS, TEXAS 75219

PROJECT '84

BE A PRECINCT CHAIR

by John Calhoun

How can you join the leadership of the Democratic or Republican Party during this Presidential election year? Become a Precinct Chair! Each voting precinct has a Republican and a Democratic precinct chair who represent their respective political parties to their precinct's voters, attend party meetings, support their candidates, and judge elections. Precinct chair candidates run for election on the May 5, 1984 party primary ballot. The filing deadline is February 6th, and the two-year term begins in mid-June.

The Dallas Gay Political Caucus (DGPC), the political action committee of the DGA, is seeking precinct chair candidates who support (1) gay and lesbian rights and (2) their political party. Candidates need not be openly gay (or even gay) to receive DGPC endorsement. Candidates are encouraged in any precinct and are especialy needed in the DGPC-targeted precincts. Democratic chairs in precincts 1120, 1189, 1191, 2290, 3304, and 3386 need replacement because the present chairs are not running for another term or are unsupportive. No Republican chair is known to be pro-gay rights; precinct 1213's chair position has been vacant for several years.

For more information on how you can further the cause of gay rights in this important political office, call the DGPC Political Action Steering Committee Chair Michael Milliken at 522-3507.

by Dave Lewis, Assistant Chair, Steering Committee, DGPC

The National Gay Task Force (NGTF) has announced 84 AND COUNTING, a national voter registration drive. This project will be conducted by NGTF in conjunction with local lesbian and gay political, social, and religious groups around the country. The primary goal of 84 AND COUNTING is to register one million new gay and lesbian voters by Election Day 1984. As part of 84 AND COUNTING, NGTF also plans to provide educational material on the positions and records of the candidates.

584 GAY VOTERS WANTED

by Ray Anthony

The ongoing work of the DGPC's voter registration committee will increase in momentum in the following weeks. We need help, and we need you! It is a great way in which to work for the gay rights movement and to meet many new people.

The deadline for individuals to register for eligibility to vote in the May 1984 primaries is April 5th. Our goal is to register 584 persons before that date. We will be contacting every gay organization, bar, and business to set up dates for a voter registration drive in their particular setting.

If you are a Republican, Democrat, or Independent, you are needed and welcome to join our endeavor. At the next PAC meeting, there will be a calendar listing several dates, times, and locations for registration drives. Please review this list and sign up to staff one or more of these drives. These registration drives will be flexible and designed to draw volunteers who have limited time, but are still willing to work toward our common cause, the cause being 584 new registered voters for PROJECT '84.

As a means of gaining information on the positions of the 1984 Presidential candidates, NGTF has joined with four other national gay/lesbian organizations to develop a questionnaire and briefing paper for candidates. The other organizations involved are the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the National Coalition of Black Gays, the Gay Rights National Lobby, and the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs.

The questionnaire raises issues of major concern to gay and lesbian voters, including support for passage of the national gay civil rights bill, elimination of the exclusion of gays from military service, ending discrimination based on sexual orientation in immigration, the Equal Rights Amendment, and funding for AIDS research. The five organizations are also asking candidates to pledge that they will provide equal opportunity for gay men and lesbians in government programs and employment.

According to the briefing paper accompanying the questionnaire, "the direction of our efforts has shifted beyond seeking acceptance by the rest of society to a clear demand that we as American citizens must be involved in the decisions that affect our lives . . . In this Presidential campaign, our agenda includes not only protection against anti-gay/lesbian bias in the public and private sectors, but also the broader questions of access to the government that represents us, inclusion in the government's decision-making process, and responsiveness to the larger concerns we face as a minority group and as a community."

Locally, the DGPC will integrate the PROJECT'84 voter registration project (described elsewhere in this Dialog) into NGTF's 84 AND COUNTING effort. In developing the questionnaire which DGPC will mail to candidates in all 1984 races, the national Presidential questionnaire was used as source material.

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NAME: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____ Apt. # _____ CITY & STATE _____ ZIP _____

For household membership:

OLD ADDRESS (if changed) _____ SECOND NAME: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

May we call you? __YES __NO HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

Do want to be on our mailing list? __YES __NO

__Check here if you do NOT want $2.50 from your dues to go to the Political Action Committee.

__ Enclosed is my check payable to DGA.

__ Charge to my __VISA __MASTERCARD number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Interbank Number (MASTERCARD only) _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Mail to DGA, BOX 190712, DALLAS, TEXAS 75219

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE

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Check One:

__DIALOG SUBSCRIPTION ONLY	5.00
__ACTIVE	15.00
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__ACTIVE DGA & NGTF	25.00
__ SUSTAINING	50.00
__ORGANIZATION	100.00
__LIFETIME	1000.00
__PLEDGE	_____/month

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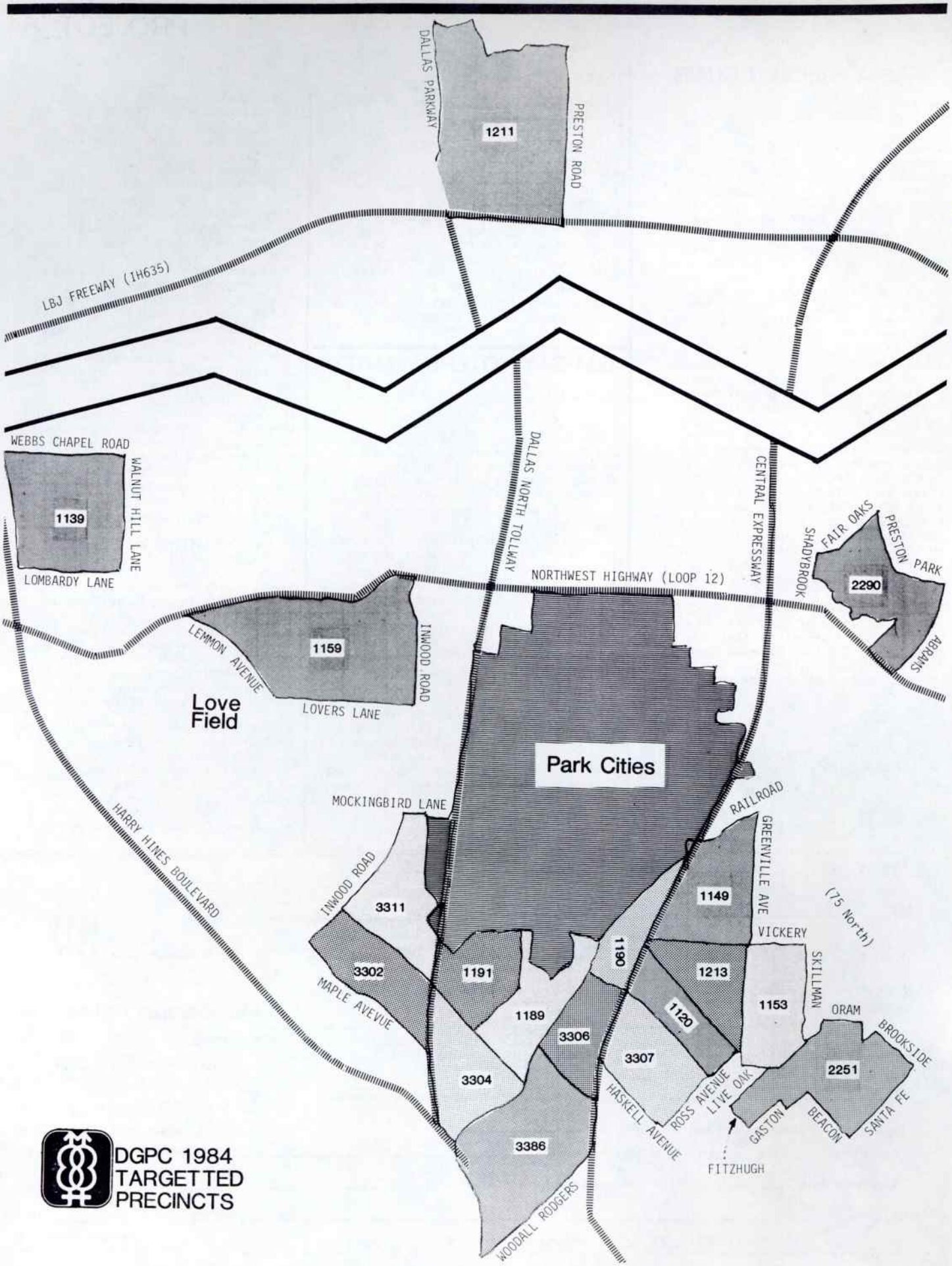
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TRIBUTE TO TERRY TEBEDO

by Alan Ross

During the DGA Board Retreat in January, the Directors decided that the time had come to honor one of our members who has given more than 100% of his time and energies on behalf of the civil and equal rights of all gay people.

Terry Tebedo will be so honored at a dinner on Thursday evening, February 16th at 7:00 PM at Crackers Restaurant, 2621 McKinney.

Dedicated to the pursuit of gay rights and his efforts to raise funds for these endeavors, Terry has reached into his own pockets for money to offset many expenses of the DGA. Ticket prices for the dinner and tribute have been set at $40 per person which includes the dinner and a $25 donation to the DGA.

Active in the DGA since 1978, Terry first became Vice-President of the Alliance. Then in 1980, he was elected to the Board of Directors. Due to his new business with Bill Nelson, the Crossroads Market, Terry left the Board in June, 1983, to pursue the retail business. But his efforts and dedication have never stopped. From being a founding member of Razzle Dazzle Dallas to organizing the National March on Washington in 1979 and establishing good relations between the gay community, the Dallas Police Department, and City Hall, Terry continued to work for all gays in

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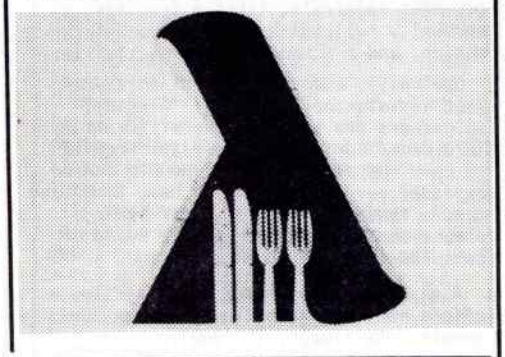


SPEAKERS BUREAU

by Tony Anthony

Recently, Mike Stewart and Reverend Don Eastman from Metropolitan Community Church fulfilled an engagement for the DGA Speakers' Bureau. They conducted a question and answer session before a Human Sexuality class at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Per Director Mike Richards' request, the instructor forwarded student evaluations by the class and the results were, to say the least, interesting.

Overall, feelings toward gays were favorable by two to one, with responses ranging from at least a heightened awareness to very supportive of gays as individuals and as a movement. Negative comments were generally based on religious beliefs and biblical interpretation. And there are still some who dislike gays out of prejudice and ignorance and would clearly like to see us closeted or nonexistent.

Many in the class welcomed the opportunity to see gays as individuals and acknowledged that preconceived notions of gays were shattered. Several expressed an interest in hearing from lesbians as well. Equally interesting were the responses from gay students in the class. They expressed feelings of heightened awareness as gays and appreciated the positive and very public representation. And several students expressed a desire for more information and additional appearances.

That the speakers were able to put aside stereotypes, present a positive and diverse image of gay life, and raise the conciousness of at least two-thirds of the class is certainly to the credit of Stewart and Eastman...and to the Speakers' Bureau. It's further proof of what one-to-one contact in an educational forum can do. The Speakers' Bureau could prove to be our best outreach program to the straight community, with a world of future forums open to us.

GAY PRIDE WEEK

Approximately 175 men and women attended the first organizational meeting for this year's Gay Pride activities in response to a letter of invitation to 180 gay organizations and businesses. The meeting was held at the Sundance on January 15th. After the Pep Band of the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band entertained the crowd, Alan Ross of the Alliance opened the meeting and remained as moderator. Kathy Jack, treasurer of the Dallas Tavern Guild, presented a proposal for three large events: Gay Pride Week in June, an August 17th "21.06 Celebration", and a Texas Gay Freedom Celebration in September. After questions fielded from the audience were answered concerning the proposal, motions were made, discussed, and voted on. Motions that passed were to celebrate National Gay Pride Week June 23-30, to observe the 21.06 decision on August 17th, and to hold a state-wide Texas Gay Freedom Celebration from September 15th through 23rd.

Perhaps the most controversial issue of the meeting was to move the traditional Gay Pride Parade from a June date to the September celebration. After two motions were voted on, the majority opinion was to have a large parade in September. However, a smaller-scaled march will be under consideration for June.

The final decision of the meeting was the creation of a Steering Committee made up of Gary Monier, president of the Dallas Tavern Guild; Judith A., immediate past president of the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band; and Mike Stewart and Alan Ross of the Alliance.

This Steering Committee is to form a planning committee for 1984 Gay Pride activities made up of at least 15 representatives from actively involved organizations and businesses. This committee will then meet to begin planning events. Their ideas and suggestions will be taken to an open forum to be held on February 5th at 2p.m. at the Old Plantation. This forum is open to all interested individuals, organizations, and businesses. If you would like to become involved with the planning of these events, this forum should be attended.

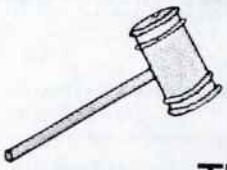
BENEFIT FOR DGA

by Alan Ross

Since mid-October, the Imperial Court of the Shooting Stars has been trying to present a benefit show for the Alliance. Times and locations have been announced and printed several different times, but for various reasons the show had to be cancelled. The Court and I hope that you have not been too inconvenienced by these cancellations. But now, the show will go on. Our friends, Ray Martin and Kathy Jack, will host the show on Thursday, February 9th, at The Unicorn at 4125 Lemmon Avenue. Showtime will be 10p.m. Kathy has promised her full support with the Court to provide a program of live performance, comedy, and impersonation. She is determined to outdo the DGA-produced show we held last March at The Unicorn. She'll have to pay a small fortune for the DGA dancers from our show.

Many gay people are not familiar with the Court system, and the Courts are a vital part of our community. The Courts had their beginning several years ago in San Francisco. Courts are now set up throughout the country, and their sole purpose is to present benefit shows for worthy organizations. There are two Courts in Dallas, The People's Sovereign Court and the Imperial Court of the Shooting Stars. The Imperial Court has as its leaders Empress Brandi Roberts and Emperor Ray Gregg.

You are encouraged to attend this benefit to support the Alliance and to show your support for the Court and The Unicorn. The tips the performers receive and the door's cover charge will be donated to the Alliance. Table reservations can be made by calling The Unicorn at 521-4666 Wednesdays through Sundays.



THE GAVEL RAPS

by Mike Stewart, President of the Dallas Gay Alliance

GAY COMMUNITY CENTER

Dallas' first community center! The concept may sound new, but actually it only formalizes many existing services of the Dallas Gay Alliance. The component of the proposed center that is new is a physical space to be used by community organizations and dedicated office space for certain DGA services.

At the January retreat, your Board of Directors decided that since we now have sufficient office space to house a community center, the time is right to establish Dallas' first gay community resource center. The proposal is still a "working" concept and subject to revision and improvement, so your input is very important to the success of the center.

Initially, the center will organize and promote existing services of the Alliance such as legal, business, and medical referrals, information dissemination, counselling referrals, voting information and registration, committee involvement, the Speakers' Bureau, and AIDS projects.

Future services will include a Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Screening Clinic, tourist information, housing and employment referrals, library services, a community bulletin board, car pool information, and a schedule of bar activities.

Obviously, a key element of this project is volunteer staffing. Already, volunteers are staffing the office at 3920 Cedar Springs on Saturdays from 12 to 6pm. Hopefully, that schedule can be expanded very soon. If you have time (and want a fantastic view of Cedar Springs), please contact a member of the Board or call 528-4233 and leave a message.

A gay community center for our city offers many opportunities to serve our people. As always, it requires your support and input to ensure success.

WE WANT YOU!

by Bill Nelson (the elder)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! The Communications Department is seeking people who are available to staff the office at the Gay Community Center on a regular basis. We hope to have the center open daily from noon to 8 PM. Volunteers will be expected to work one day per week, but not necessarily for the full eight hours.

Duties of the volunteers will include greeting visitors and providing information in person and on the phone, making calls to local apartment complexes to find out what kind of apartments are presently available, phoning local employers about employment opportunities, referring inquiries to the appropriate DGA department, and continually updating the community calendars.

Anyone interested in donating time to this important community service should contact Bill Nelson at the Crossroads Market at 521-8919.

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Dallas, in Texas, and in the country. He was very much involved with our fight against the Texas House Bill 2138 that would have set our movement back decades. Furthermore, Terry was active in setting up the national organization that we now know as the Federation of AIDS Related Organizations (FARO).

But Terry does have a few weaknesses that will come out during a "Can We Talk?" session that will take place during the tribute. We will all share numerous stories of the plight of a gay activist in everyday life. We know that Terry's friends and members of the gay community will want to share in these stories as well as show our gratitude for an outstanding leader in the gay rights movement.

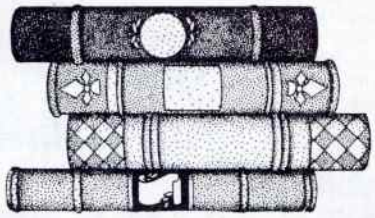
A reply form is included in this Dialog that can be returned to us in the postage pre-paid envelope, or tickets are available in the Gay Community Center (DGA Office), 3920 Cedar Springs and at the Crossroads Market, 3930 Cedar Springs and 1929 Greenville Avenue.

Plan now to attend this important DGA event and honor one of our finest members.

Books Needed

by Bill Nelson (the elder)

With the opening of the new Gay Community Center, there is an immediate need for gay books to create a lending library and reading room. DGA members are requested to bring any books which they want to donate to the Center or to drop them off at Crossroads Market. The books will join the collection of



national publications which the Communications Department is accumulating. In a few months, Dallas gays who plan to travel to a distant city will be able to read an up-to-date publication from that city. All donations and suggestions will be appreciated.

KRUEGER MEETS WITH GAYS

by The Editor

On Friday, January 20th, U.S. Senate candidate Bob Krueger appeared to discuss his candidacy with members of the Alliance. This meeting was arranged by President Mike Stewart and the Krueger campaign staff in early January and announced as a public forum for questions and answers. Bill Nelson, Peter Brooks, Michael Milliken, Mike Richards, Stewart, and I attended.

This was the first meeting by Krueger with any gay political group in Texas. Krueger declared himself to be an economic conservative with liberal civil rights credentials. He also lost a very close race with U.S. Sen. John Tower in 1978, prior to which he served in Congress as a West Texas Representative. President Carter appointed him as a special trade ambassador to Mexico in 1979. He was a professor of English literature and dean at Duke University prior to entering Democratic politics in Texas.

Krueger insisted that he was anxious to have tne DGPC endorsement, that he would support the gay civil rights movement if elected, that he has hired gay persons in the past, that he has the best chance of defeating U.S. Rep. Phil Gramm in the general election, and that he will appear in person or by representative at the March 12th Candidates' Night.

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REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

Education Dept.

by Mary Franklin and Tom Hatfield

In establishing our new community center, our department has been requested to set up a lending library and reference books dealing with gay and lesbian themes. We have, in the past, had some books available and now want to expand the collection. If you have any materials you would like to donate, please bring them to the DGA office or drop them off at the Crossroads Market. If you want to borrow a book, all we ask is that you return it promptly so that it will be available for others.

In our first Department meeting, we discussed a "Community Forum" meeting to be held once a month on a night other than our general membership meeting date. We have ideas for a number of topics. If you have suggestions or requests for topics, let us know, and we will try to cover as many as possible. Any topic will be considered and all are welcome. Specific dates and topics will be announced as finalized.

We have changed meeting dates and will be meeting at the DGA Community Center, 3920 Cedar Springs, on the first and third Thursday of each month, at 7:30 p.m. We need your input, so come and join us.

Social Justice Dept.

by Melodie Alexander

When a crime is committed against you by those who are responsible for protecting you, the pain and rage are even greater.

The recent report from a National Gay Task Force Hearing on Police Practices told of many such incidents. One which was very upsetting was from Indiana. The incident began when a police patrol car followed two men as they drove from a gay bar to a nearby diner. As one of the men opened his car door to get out, a police officer approached him and, without so much as a word, banged his head against the steering wheel, dragged him out of the car, and assaulted him. Stunned by what was happening and afraid that he would suffer even worse beatings if he hit back, the victim did not resist. In the attack, his arm was pulled out of its socket.

Both men were hauled off to jail without any explanation of the charges against them, where they were repeatedly subjected to homophobic epithets.

The victims filed a complaint against the arresting officer, who received only a mild reprimand and a change of police duties.

That was Indiana. In Dallas, similar things are happening. A woman arrested outside a gay bar was asked what she was doing in a place like that. She was pretty. Hadn't she tried men? And didn't she believe in the Bible?

A gay man who was mugged off of Cedar Springs called an investigator in the Crimes Against Persons Division of the Dallas Police Department. He was told on the phone that "that sort of thing always happens to those queers down there."

If you should have any problems with police harassment or know of anyone who does, please let me know. You can leave a message at Crossroads Market or the new Dallas Gay Community Center where the new DGA office is located.

Publications Dept.

by Tony Anthony

At the recent board retreat, responsibilities and goals for the Publications Department were outlined. Responsibility for the production and mailing of Dialog continues, along with the responsibility for publishing brochures for other departments within DGA.

Additional column topics were discussed for future issues of Dialog, and it was suggested that Dialog might offer space, regularly or occasionally, for creative efforts by DGA members. If you'd be interested in having your poetry or short prose published at some time in the future, please contact Tony Anthony or Bill Nelson (the younger), the phantom editor.

While the Publications Department is fortunate to have many individuals who give of their time and talents, we always have room for more. If you'd be interested in working with the Dialog staff or joining the group that meets at Phil's place for an evening of fun, folding and occasional fantasy, please feel free to do so. Check the Dialog calendar for meeting times and locations or call Tony at the DGA office.

If one of your many talents happens to be sales ability, we want you! One of our goals is to increase advertising revenue in Dialog, so if you'd be interested in selling ad space to individuals and businesses, rest assured the Publications Committee will greet you with open arms.

Communications Dept.

by Bill Nelson (the elder)

The Clark Kents of the DGA, the Communications Department, meet in the DGA phone booth at 3920 Cedar Springs at 8 PM every Wednesday. Although presently mild mannered reporters, it will not be long before they burst forth as the superpersons this department is famous for producing. The DGA Board of Directors, in their semi-annual retreat, dished out assignments to this department that make those Perry White dreamed up seem like duck soup. The defenders of truth, justice and the American way will still be responsible for the monthly posters and publicity surrounding the events of the DGA (no small job in itself since most other departments have many plans for future activities), and the Lambda Weekly radio program will continue to be broadcast each Sunday at noon on KNON. Direction was also given to develop another project to have signs on DART buses for the month of June, and the DGA Collection, a selected group of gay books in each Dallas Public Library branch, will continue to be an emphasis of this group.

Two completely new projects to be addressed by the Communications Department will be:

(1) ASCERTAINMENT '84 - A project to get input from members of the DGA and local gay leaders about the direction of the gay rights movement and the role DGA will play in it, as well as a method to get into the offices of local straight community leaders to discuss gay issues.

(2) GAY COMMUNITY CENTER - This department will have a major role in organizing and coordinating the varied activities projected for the center.

Anyone possessing the potential for superhuman activity is invited to join us in the phone booth each Wednesday. Severe allergies to fragments of former planets will not restrict you from receiving a warm welcome.

List of Elected Officials

Here are the names and addresses of elected officials who presently represent Dallas area citizens at the city, state, and national levels of government.

CITY

Mayor Starke A. Taylor
District 1 Councilman James Hart
District 2 Councilman Paul Fielding
District 3 Councilman James Richards
District 4 Councilman Dean Vanderbilt
District 5 Councilman Craig Holcomb
District 6 Councilwoman Elsie Faye Heggins
District 7 Councilman Max Goldblatt
District 8 Councilman Fred Blair
District 9 Councilman Jerry Rucker
District 10 Councilwoman Annette Strauss

Letters to City Council members may be addressed c/o City Hall, 1500 Marilla, Dallas, Texas 75202.

STATE

Governor Mark White, State Capitol, Austin, Texas 78711

Dist. 2 State Senator Ted Lyon
Dist. 8 State Senator O. H. Harris
Dist. 9 State Senator Chet Edwards
Dist. 10 State Senator Bob McFarland
Dist. 16 State Senator John Leedom
Dist. 23 State Senator Oscar Mauzy

Letters to state senators may be addressed to: Texas Senate, P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

Dist. 98 State Rep. Gwyn Clarkston Shea
Dist. 99 State Rep. Bill Blanton
Dist. 100 State Rep. Sam Hudson
Dist. 101 State Rep. Anita Hill
Dist. 102 State Rep. Patricia Hill
Dist. 103 State Rep. Steven D. Wolens
Dist. 104 State Rep. Ray Keller
Dist. 105 State Rep. Charles Gandy
Dist. 106 State Rep. Carlyle Smith
Dist. 107 State Rep. David Cain
Dist. 108 State Rep. Al Granoff
Dist. 109 State Rep. Bill Hammond
Dist. 110 State Rep. Paul Ragsdale
Dist. 111 State Rep. Jesse Dean Oliver
Dist. 112 State Rep. Bill Ceverha
Dist. 113 State Rep. Lee Jackson
Dist. 114 State Rep. Fred Agnich

Letters to state representatives may be addressed to: Texas House of Representatives, P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78769.

FEDERAL

President Ronald Reagan, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500
U.S. Senator John Tower, 176 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510
U.S. Sentor Lloyd Bentsen, 703 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510
3rd Dist. U.S. Rep. Steve Bartlett, 2419 Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515
5th Dist. U.S. Rep. John Bryant, 1111 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515
6th Dist. U.S. Rep. Phil Gramm, 1116 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515
24th Dist. U.S. Rep. Martin Frost, 1238 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515
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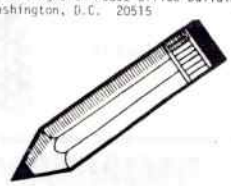

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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FEBRUARY
MARCH

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GAY UNITARIANS meet the 2nd Sunday of every month at First Unitarian Church, Preston at Normandy at 7:30pm.

AFFIRMATION (Methodist) meets the 2nd Sunday of every month. Call 521-6769 for information.

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DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE

General Meeting

7:30 - MCC - 2701 Reagan

VALENTINE RAFFLE

GAY STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP of NTSU meets every other Monday at 8pm in the SUB. 817/788-3333.

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(Political Action Steering Committee)

7:30 - DGA Office

VALENTINE'S DAY

DALLAS AREA WOMENS POLITICAL CAUCUS meets at the First Unitarian Church at 7:30pm.

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METROPLEX REPUBL at 7pm. Call tion and other

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FRONT RUNNER DALLAS meets every Sunday at 8am at Winfrey Point on White Rock Lake for an easy 2-mile run.

HOLY TRINITY CC of Dallas, 4402 Rosedale. Service at 11am. 827-5088.

GAYLINE meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 7:30pm. P.O. Box 19085, Dallas 75219. 748-6790.

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Board Meeting

7:30 - DGA Office

DIALOG Deadline

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(Political Action Steering Committee)

7:30 - DGA Office

DIGNITY DALLAS meets at St. Peter Apostle Church on Woodall Rogers every Tuesday at 7:30pm.

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8:00 - DGA Offic

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9:00 - NEW MEM

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2812 Fairmount at Cedar Springs

871-8711 or 750-8041

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Open Board Meeting

7:30 - DGA Office

All committee chairs and interested persons invited to provide input. 528-4233.

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Civic Affairs Dept.

(Political Action Steering Committee)

7:30 - DGA Office

OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday at MCC from 7-9pm. Musicians needed. 351-6697.

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8:00 - DGA Offic

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MCC of Dallas, 2701 Reagan. Services at 10:30am, 12noon, 7:25pm.

MCC Orchestra & Chorus rehearses every Sunday at 9:30am.

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Board Meeting

7:30 - DGA Office

GAY/LESBIAN ALLIANCE OF DENTON (GLAD) meets the 1st Monday of every month.

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2701 Reagan

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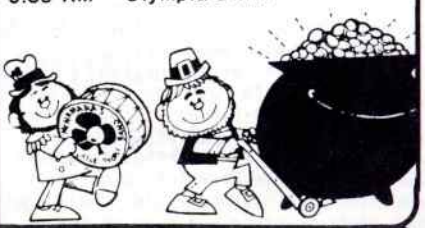
ns Dept.	**15** Social Events & Fund Raising Depts. (Combined Meeting) 7:30 - DGA Office, Health & Education Dept. 7:30 - DGA Office	**16**	**17** Social Justice Dept. 9:30 AM - Olympia Diner 
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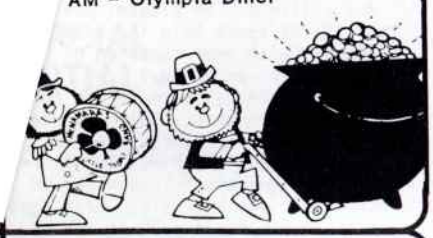

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MORE REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

Fund Raising Dept.

by Alan Ross

This department has been quite busy preparing for the challenge given by the Board of Directors at their retreat last month. The Dallas Gay Alliance is solely a volunteer organization, whose financial support must primarily come from the membership. Although one's yearly membership covers many of our expenses, including Dialog, we have to seek further funding to allow this organization to operate. We must continually reach out to our members for additional funds. And we must seek funds from outside sources to help us reach our goals and focal points.

In this issue of Dialog, there are several events announced for the month of February that need your support and participation--especially the Pledge Program whereby you can make a monthly contribution to the Alliance. I urge you to help meet the challenge the Board has given me. This is an election year, and the expenses throughout the next few months are going to be staggering. The Political Action Committee will be sending out thousands of letters to those on our voter ID list urging their participation to help PAC with the May primaries and November elections and urging them to vote for our endorsed candidates. This requires thousands of sheets of paper with an equal amount of envelopes, plus the printing and postage. It is crucial that money is received to help PAC with their financial needs this year.

Two other projects need financial support at this time. Our office space on Cedar Springs will be used to its fullest as a Community Center for the gay community of Dallas. Funding for many of its services is necessary so that that the Center can operate efficiently with brochures, printed forms, books for the library, and miscellaneous office supplies. At the same time, we need funds to make the space look a little better. We have a marvelous opportunity to be a much bigger and better service to our community by having an attractive space at which our community can congregate. We don't need a Cadillac; we'll settle for a Ford, but right now we look like an Edsel. Besides needing funds to do this renovation, we need donations of building materials, such as lumber, paint, lighting, and two 220-volt window air conditioners for the Community Hall. We need people who can offer their services with carpentry and electrical work as well as volunteers to help us paint walls and ceilings. So please, won't you help the Alliance help the entire gay community with your donation of money, materials, or energy?

A tentative date has been set in April for an Out-of-the-Closet Sale. On Saturday the 14th, we will be trying to sell those items of clothing, furniture, and junk you have been intending to do something with but never did. Well, get that stuff together and save it for us. In the March issue of Dialog, we will announce the location of the sale and where you can dispose of your items in advance. If for some reason you need to give us your things before then, contact me through the Alliance office or through the Crossroads Market. We can provide space in the office if you need it sooner. So, here is a way you can help us without spending any money and finally clean out your closets, storeroom, and garage.

Social Events Dept.

by Steve Weast

The Social Events Department will be meeting on the first and third Thursdays of each month at the Alliance office. Events for the next six months include membership beer busts and another Gay Day at Wet 'N Wild in late spring or early summer. In addition, a special event will be held in observance of National Gay Pride Week in June.

Membership Dept.

by Charles Dutton

The Membership Department greets its new matador Director Ray Anthony with a hearty "Ole!" On January 18th aficionados crowded the Membership Bullring, also known as former Chair John Thomas' living room, to see Señor Anthony face off with the bullish foe known as homophobia. Among those who may be seeing red in the coming months are enemies of the Alliance who take delight in seeing a decrease in our ranks.

Ray, founder of the Gay Hispanic Task Force, asked long-time amigos from the department to stay on for more blood and sand. Among the picadors returning to the ring are Mike Gordon, myself, and the now venerable John Thomas, who has doled out much hospitality to Membership's gay caballeros. In recognition of this fact, Senor Gordon generously offered his casa for our next meeting. Join us this month as we say "VIVA ANTHONY, VIVA DGA!"

Civic Affairs Dept.

by Mike Richards

"Homosexuality endangers the public's health, causes increased crime and threatens to destroy the foundations of our culture. Homosexuality is deviant, pathological social behavior.

"We support laws against homosexual conduct and homosexual proliferation in our community. Texas House Bill 2138 , presented to the 68th Texas Legislature, is one such law.

"Join us in the fight against homosexuality. Spread the news. Write or call us for more information. Contact your elected officials--local, state, national. Express your opinion today. We need your help and financial contributions to continue the endeavor."

Friends, the above three paragraphs are some of the propaganda espoused in a brochure "THE GAY PLAGUE: Homosexuality and Disease" that is currently being widely distributed in Dallas by ACT (Alert Citizens of Texas). By our inaction we will let these people decide our future. If you do not wish this to happen, then it is time for you to get involved with PROJECT '84!!!

First, let me say how excited I am being the new Director of the Civic Affairs Department. I have been involved with the political action committee for four years and served as Co-Chair of PAC with Joe Mosley. During the past four years, I have seen the influence and respect of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus increase tremendously not only within the Dallas gay community and political community, but also in the entire state of Texas and even nationally. I pledge to you that I will do my best to continue that tradition! I would like to personally thank

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BOOKENDS

The Color Purple

by T.R.M.

(Alice Walker, The Color Purple, Washington Square Press, 1982, $5.95 paperback)

American literature has so far paid little attention to poor, black, illiterate lesbians. Alice Walker's third novel The Color Purple may change that.

The Color Purple is organized around the letters of a fictional Southern woman named Celie, a poor, black, ugly, semi-literate woman, as she describes herself. Over several decades her letters--some to God, some to a long-absent missionary sister--relate the changes of her life.

Celie's life is not promising. Her stepfather beats and rapes her. He leaves her twice pregnant and both times takes away her child. As a teenager, now sterile, she is bargained away as a wife and servant to an indifferent widower. Her dowry includes her own clothes, some linens, and a cow. Says her stepfather as he bargains her off his hands:

"She ugly. He say. But she ain't no stranger to hard work. And she clean. And God done fixed her. You can do everything just like you want to and she ain't gonna make you feed it or clothe it. Fact is, he say, I got to git rid of her. She too old to be living here at home. She can take that cow she raise down there back of the crib."

As in her other works, Alice Walker's men, either black or white, are drawn unflatteringly. That Celie could care only for another woman is hardly surprising after her mean-spirited, self-ish, often brutal stepfather, husband, and stepchildren.

Celie's eventual salvation is her husband's one-time mistress Shug Avery, a black singer whom Celie nurses back to health. Celie's sexual awareness and her relationship with Shug are based very little on any political consciousness, but greatly on her very personal experiences. Through Shug, Celie sets out on her own emotional and personal resurrection.

The Color Purple is related through Celie's letters, written in Southern black dialect. The letters are sometimes funny, sometimes very sad, and always very personal. At dialect, Alice Walker is a master.

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At age 39, Alice Walker is already a leading contemporary American author. Her earlier works include ten books, among them Meridian which was published in 1976; Revolutionary Petunias & Other Poems, a book of poetry which won the Lillian Smith award; and a 1981 collection of short stories You Can't Keep A Good Woman Down. Her latest work is In Search of Our Mothers' Gardens: Womanist Prose.

Walker's poems, essays, short stories, and her three novels draw heavily on her own experiences. She was one of eight children in a poor, black family from Eastonton, Georgia. After attending Spelman College in Atlanta and Sarah Lawrence College, she worked as a civil rights worker and a teacher. Later, she served as a contributing editor to Ms magazine.

Her works have previously brought her numerous awards. The Color Purple won both the American Book Award for 1983 and the Pulitzer Prize.

Sports

Pumping It

by Melodie Alexander

Let's talk about body building--the weather's too weird to talk about running. The diehards are going to be out there running anyway.

I've been into body building for about six months now. I began when I started training for my first triathlon.

I work out at the YMCA downtown with a "real" body builder. Before he showed me the "right" way, I was pumping 35 lbs. with each hand. Now it's 20 lbs., and I'm shaking like a leaf. What I'm getting to is the amount of weight you lift will give you a certain amount of mass, but doing a full range of motion with a weight you can handle 10 times-rest-10 times will really build you with definition. If there is any way that you can get a "real" body builder to show you all the correct ways to pump iron, you will see balanced results. Of course, every part of your body will "burn" for at least the next 24 hours. "Burn" is a term for the pain in the worked muscle when you want it there because it is the indication that it's growing and that you are doing the lifts correctly.

CIVIC AFFAIRS DEPT.

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Bill Nelson, past Director of Civil Affairs and new Director of the Communications Department, for his efforts putting PROJECT '84 together. I would also like to express my appreciation to Michael Milliken for his past and future assistance as the Chair of PAC. Last and surely not least, I would like to thank Dave Lewis for serving as the Assistant Chair of PAC. The help of these three energetic men will make my job much easier.

In the January issue of Dialog, much of PROJECT '84 was outlined. To put it into effect, we need VOLUNTEERS now! Only your involvement will ensure PROJECT '84's success.

Of immediate need are volunteers for voter registration and Precinct and Assistant Precinct Organizers. Ray Anthony has resigned as the person responsible for voter registration due to his election to the Board. Peter Brooks has volunteered to assist with voter registration and the precinct organization projects on a temporary basis. Should you be interested in either of these projects, please leave a message for Peter or me at 528-4233.

If you are interested in furthering and preserving our civil rights, we invite you to participate in the political action committee meetings every Tuesday at 7:30pm in the Dallas Gay Alliance Community Center, 3920 Cedar Springs.

LAWYERS CAUCUS ON GAY RIGHTS

The gay caucus of the American Bar Association was founded in 1971 as the Subcommittee on the Rights of Gay People. Upgraded to a full committee, the group is part of the ABA's Section on Individual Rights and Responsibilities. Twenty lawyers (all ABA members) officially serve on the Committee, and it can draw on the services of many others at need. The primary goal of the Committee is to obtain passage of a resolution supporting gay rights by the ALA's House of Delegates, in effect the Congress of the legal profession in the U.S. The resolution currently pending would call for national, state, and local legislation prohibiting discrimination in housing, employment, or public accommodations on the basis of sexual orientation.

Passage of the resolution would be a powerful boost for the cause of gay civil rights. Endorsement for gay rights by the nation's most prestigious legal association would do a great deal toward defusing the issue and making it a "safe" position for legislators to adopt. The ABA's passage in 1973 of a resolution calling for the repeal of state "sodomy" laws proved highly influential in securing the repeal or judicial invalidation of several existing statutes (fewer than half the states now have "sodomy" laws on the books, and they affect less than a third of the U.S. population).

Consciousness-raising about gay issues within the legal profession is the long-term goal of the ABA Committee on the Rights of Gay People. Plans are now being made for a seminar on gay civil rights at the ABA's next annual convention, to be held in Atlanta in August. Lawyers interested in helping with this project, or any other work of the Committee, should write to it c/o the Section on Individual Rights and Responsibilities, American Bar Association, 1200 Elm Street, Washington, DC 20036. Organizations desiring speakers on the topic of gay rights within the legal profession should also write to the Committee at that address.

BE ACTIVE! JOIN A DGA DEPARTMENT

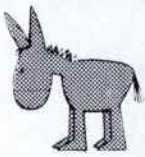
Democrats & Gay Vote

Gay rights issues dominated presidential politics in December, barely three months before the first presidential primaries of 1984.

Democratic hopeful John Glenn, an Ohio Senator, refused to endorse civil rights legislation protecting gays from discrimination in housing and employment. His action later cost Glenn the support of his New York coordinator, Manfred Ohrenstein, minority leader of the New York Senate.

In a written statement, Ohrenstein said that Glenn's refusal to endorse gay civil rights "called into question his otherwise superb record on civil and human rights." The New York Democrat regretted that Glenn was involved in "a prolonged debate on lesbian and gay rights, an issue that has broad-based support within the national Democratic Party."

Glenn refused to change his anti-gay rights stand even after meeting privately with several prominent gay rights supporters, including Virginia Apuzzo, Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force.



Ohrenstein's resignation leaves the Glenn campaign without any prominent campaign supporters in that state. Ohrenstein's district in New York City includes numerous gay voters.

By contrast, other major Democratic candidates have taken a more positive stand on gay rights, although not all have been very specific or visible in their support. Taking some stand in favor of gay rights have been former Vice President Walter Mondale, U.S. Senators Gary Hart, Alan Cranston, and Fritz Hollings, former U.S. Senator George McGovern, and civil rights leader Jesse Jackson. Only ex-Florida Governor Reuben Askew has joined Glenn in refusing to take a supportive stand toward gay civil rights.

Glenn's recent decision may be a costly one. In New York, candidates must gather signatures in each congressional district for the presidential primary. The procedures are complicated. Failure to garner enough signatures in each district results in a candidate being dropped from the primary ballot and forfeiting a chance for that district's national convention delegates. Without Ohrenstein's expertise and contacts, the Glenn campaign will be hard-pressed to qualify for the ballot in many districts.

Glenn's decision not to back gay rights may also be costly to the Ohio Senator in several other Democratic primaries in March 1984, such as those in Massachusetts, Florida, and Illinois where large numbers of gay voters are expected to turn out. Because of campaign fund-raising and spending limits, volunteers and voter turnout efforts will be especially critical in this year's presidential primaries.

Glenn's campaign has also faced other problems in recent months. After an early rise in the polls and considerable media attention, Glenn has slipped behind Democratic front-runner Walter Mondale in fund-raising and polls. In most primary and caucus-convention states, Glenn's organization is viewed as far behind the Mondale efforts.

In Texas, national party convention delegates will be picked from precinct caucus meetings and later party conventions in the Democratic race. Precinct level meetings are slated for May 5th. A presidential endorsement for the race is expected from the Dallas Gay Political Caucus PAC at the March 12th general membership meeting of the Alliance.

CRANSTON AND GAYS

In honor of Gay Pride Week 1983, Senator Alan Cranston of California and Democratic Whip of the Senate, issued the following:

"On this important week for our nation's gay community, I renew my commitment to opposing all forms of discrimination.

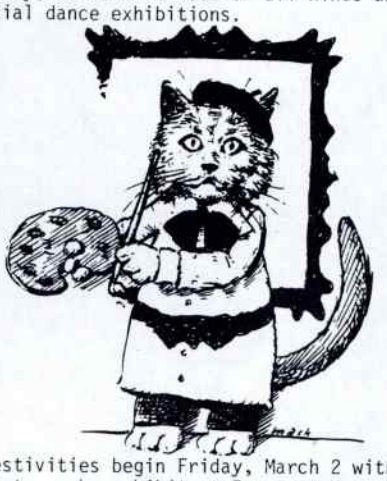
"In 15 years as Senator from California, I have consistently fought for legislation that would guarantee the civil rights of gay men and lesbians.

"As the only announced Presidential candidate to become a co-sponsor of the National Gay Rights Bill and as a leader in the effort to increase federal support for research concerning AIDS, I am continuing to work for legislation aimed at prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation."

ARTS FESTIVAL

March 2 marks the opening of the eighth annual Arts Festival sponsored by Bethany Presbyterian Church. The yearly event is a weekend celebration for the whole community, showcasing the talents of a variety of local artists.

This year's festival will carry out the theme "Kaleidoscope of the Arts" with a craft show and sale featuring pottery, weaving, stained glass, bookbinding and jewelry, as well as food of all kinds and special dance exhibitions.



Festivities begin Friday, March 2 with a photography exhibit at 7 p.m. and concert at 8 p.m. followed by a reception. Events are also scheduled for Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5, with an appearance by the International Folk Dancers highlighting the final day.

Church spokespersons stress that the event is for the community and all are welcome. Bethany Presbyterian is located at 4523 Cedar Springs Road.

QUOTABLES . . .

by Phil Johnson

In a 1979 commencement speech, Dr. C. Everett Koop, President Reagan's Surgeon General and a foe of equal rights for women and gays, warned that gay rights would lead to the production of "100,000 homosexual and lesbian test-tube babies to give the gay movement more political clout."

"Gay and lesbian people are entitled to equal rights and full participation in the social, political, and economic life of the country."

----Senator Edward M. Kennedy

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PLEDGE NOW!

by Alan Ross

Last April, the Membership Department, under the leadership of John Thomas and with the help of Steve Weast, began a very successful Pledge Program for DGA members. Striving to reach $100.00 per month, our membership went over that amount, and our monthly pledges now total $275.00. I want to thank John and Steve for establishing this pledge system and for the maintenance of the program. The Fundraising Department has now taken over the responsibilities of this project.

Many of our members must maintain a low profile or do not have the time to work on committees or be active in the Alliance, but want to help us with month-to-month expenses. And many of our active membership and Board members pledge monthly as they understand that there are many expenses we accrue each month, such as stamps, return postage, envelopes, and Dialog supples that must be paid along with brochures, rent and utility bills.

Why should you pledge? So that you can consider yourself as much of a member as an active member, or that you, as an active member, can realize that the expenses of a volunteer organization are difficult to meet. In addition, there are special attractions to the program. For as little as $5 per month, the first three months of a pledge will serve as your membership dues. During the year, there are several events to which you are given complimentary tickets or special discounts on DGA items. In addition, we provide pre-paid envelopes to mail the monthly pledge checks. Of course, your 20¢ stamp will save the Alliance 38¢.

Use the printed form in this issue of Dialog and check the method and frequency desired and return it in the envelope enclosed. MasterCard and Visa are available to those contributors not wishing to mail checks. I hope that many of you will take the time to fill out this form. By doing so, you will be helping us help you in reaching our goals of equal rights and stopping AIDS. We need you now as a monthly contributor.

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THE RETURN ENVELOPE

by Alan Ross

Enclosed in this issue is a postage paid return envelope. Throughout this issue are articles discussing a number of ways that you can use this envelope, either to attend the Terry Tebedo Tribute, join the Pledge Program, contribute to PAC for the upcoming primaries, or to contribute to the DGA office renovation fund. One or all of these projects are extremely important for you and for the Alliance. Please take a few moments now to fill out the necessary forms you wish to participate in, write your check or mark the MasterCard or Visa form, and send them to us in the prepaid envelope. Please designate on your check the project to which you are contributing. You can further help by using your own 20¢ stamp on the envelope; that will save the Alliance 38¢ on return postage.

GREATER DALLAS MUSIC FOUNDATION

The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band is holding a gigantic raffle to help send the Band to the First National Lesbian and Gay Band Conference in Los Angeles this June. If all 200 tickets are sold, the top prize will be $5000. Many other awards will also be presented.

"Then, of course, the Band could join Houston and the other ten bands in Los Angeles," commented J. Jacobs, the newly elected President of the Greater Dallas Music Foundation.

Tickets are $100 each and may be obtained from any Band member or by calling 351-6697. The benefit will be held at one of the local clubs at a time to be announced.

"Those interested in joining the Band should come aboard now to meet the eligibility requirements for the free trip to Los Angeles," Jacobs added.

Other newly elected officers for 1984 are Charles Dunham as Librarian, Bobby Patten as Treasurer, Rosemary Williams as Secretary, and Nancy Vinyard and Barrett Burris as Members-at-Large. Judith A., past President, was elevated to the position of Honorary Chair of the Board, with full voting rights, for her meritorious service.

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BOARD MEMBER PROFILE:

MARY FRANKLIN

by T.R.M.

Newly-elected DGA Board member Mary Franklin will be co-chairing the Education and Health Department this year. She recently talked about herself and her plans in a Dialog interview.

Before being elected to the Board of the Alliance in December 1983, Mary had been active as President of the Gay Unitarians in Dallas. Her work in Gay Unitarians led to forming GRACE, a coalition of Dallas-Fort Worth area gay religious groups.

"GRACE got together accidentally," Mary explained. "It started when last year's Gay Pride Week organizers said they would like to have an ecumenical service. My Unitarian group wanted to know if any other groups would be interested. So we scheduled a pot luck dinner and invited several other groups. Sixty-eight people came to our first meeting!

"All together, there are nine gay religious groups that are involved in GRACE. These include Dignity, a Catholic group; Integrity (Episcopalians); the Methodist Affirmation group; a women's Affirmation group; Lutherans Concerned; and the Fort Worth groups. As of last year, there is even a gay Jewish organization here for the first time. We're all real proud that it has happened."

Mary continued to explain that GRACE is still active. "At Thanksgiving we had another pot luck dinner. Then for some events like the play 'Mass Appeal', we're considering buying out the house for one night for our group.

"The networking with GRACE has been just phenomenal. Its strongest points have been the support and the learning and the accepting that go on.

"GRACE has pulled people from all over the Dallas and Fort Worth area. For a lot of people, it helps just to talk it out more and to find out what other groups are doing. The National Unitarian church is completely in favor of gay civil rights, but gay people in some other churches don't have that support and comfort. They may never have, but we're still making some small strides at least."

Before she moved to Dallas, Mary was less active in gay organizations in her home state of New York.

"I was vice-president of my college gay group on Long Island," she said. "But where I was living on Long Island, it was sixty miles in either direction to get involved--either to go to New York City or to the other end of the island. Also I was a family person. I have a sixteen-year-old daughter, and my family and church life is very important to me. I just didn't have that much time to get involved."

Coming to Dallas was not something Mary had planned on. "A friend of mine (in Texas) had been calling me every week for a year to get me to come down here. But in New York I didn't know anything about Texas at all. I didn't know whether there would cactuses or trees in the front yard," she said.

"But I did know I'd been real miserable in New York. We were working sixteen to eighteen hours a day with our jobs. One day when my friend called, I just said send us a paper, and then we moved.

"I think now that I was looking for a rainbow when I moved down here," she reflected, "but we've been building our own."

Mary moved to Dallas two and one-half years ago. "For me," she explained, "it felt like a whole new world. I felt free. It was important not having to worry about being a gay woman for the first time. I could be out for the first time in my life. I have my own business here, a residential housekeeping service, so I don't have to worry about losing my job. There's no way I would ever give this up for the big business world again."

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Moving to Dallas also led Mary to become active in church and community work, she said. "When we came down here, we didn't know anybody at all. We just had to get more active!

"I did go to some DGA meetings when I came to Dallas, but I didn't join right away. Now that I'm on the Board, I'll be a co-director this year with Tom Hatfield of the Education and Health Department.

"There are quite a few things that I want to implement this year. First of all, we need to update some of our brochures--on women's issues, on drugs, and on sexually-transmitted diseases, not necessarily just AIDS. I hope that we can continue to broaden our scope.

"I also hope that I can help make women relate to the fact that they and the Alliance have causes together," she added.

"This year the Alliance is also planning to open a clinic for sexually-transmitted diseases at the DGA headquarters," she continued. "We don't have a date yet, but the Health Department has apparently already approved this. The clinic will be open two evenings a week initially, so STD screenings will be available here in Oak Lawn."

Finally, Mary noted, "we'd like to open up a gay library, for the first time, also at the DGA office. My Dialog article this month is about the library. Don't forget: we'll be asking for donations."

HARVEY MILK KILLER PAROLED

Dan White, convicted killer of San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone, was paroled earlier this month in California only five years after the crime shocked San Francisco and the nation.

White's parole came after the U.S. Department of Justice decided not to charge white with violating the 1968 Civil Rights Act in the double slaying. The Reagan administration's decision cleared the way for White's release.

The parole decision has been protested by current San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein and by other members of the Board of Supervisors, San Francisco's city council. Thousands of other California citizens also wrote to protest White's parole.

White's conviction in the Milk-Moscone killing was for voluntary manslaughter, not first-degree murder. As a result, White was sentenced to a maximum of seven years and eight months. California law specifies that a prisoner can be released after serving two-thirds of a sentence with good behavior.

The double slaying and subsequent trial shocked Californians and the national gay rights community generally. Milk had been the nation's most prominent openly-gay elected official. Both Moscone and Milk had opposed White politically when White was a member of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors.

White's legal defense was that he had lost control of his emotions and resulted in his "diminished capacity," partly due to political pressures and to the high sugar content and "junk food" content of his diet. After White's conviction, a defendant's plea of diminished capacity was forbidden by the California legislature as a legal defense.

His conviction on a lesser charge than first-degree murder touched off riots in San Francisco and ruined the political career of the local District Attornev. who was blamed by many voters for the verdict.

Moscone's murder elevated Dianne Feinstein to the mayor's post, to which she was reelected in November 1983. Milk was replaced by Harry Britt, another openly gay candidate who was appointed to Milk's seat. Britt subsequently won reelection.

White was released in Southern California, not in San Francisco, where his family still resides. His future plans are as yet unannounced, although some sources speculate that White may emigrate abroad.

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DGPC CANDIDATES' NIGHT - MARCH 12

by Mike Richards

OH NO, IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!! Obtrusive yard signs, bumper stickers, buttons, and all that campaign rhetoric. Then there's the pushy gay activists: "Are you registered to vote? Do you wish to receive DGPC mailings? Do you know where to vote? Have you voted?" On and on and on!!! Pushy, I say.

Well, get ready...here we go again! It's time for Candidate's Night. Remember, that's the night when we, the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, listen to and question candidates that are seeking the DGPC's endorsement. So get your calendar out and make a date with the DGA's Political Action Committee, the Dallas Gay Political Caucus: March 12, 1984, 7:30 pm at the Metropolitan Community Church. This is your night to be responsible for protecting your rights as gay men and lesbians.

Over the past few months, the Steering Committee of the DGPC has formulated candidate questionnaires to fit the individual races, mailed out the questionnaires to all candidates in both the Republican and Democratic parties, and has been screening candidates in the Dallas Gay Community Center since February 14th. Screening of candidates will continue through March 1st.

On March 6th, the Steering Committee of the PAC will meet to analyze the returned questionnaires and the responses of the candidates that attended the screening sessions. At that time the Steering Committee will vote on recommendations to present to the general membership at Candidate's Night for your consideration of endorsement.

This year, it was felt that candidates for certain offices which directly affect the lives of gays and lesbians would also be required to appear before a screening panel of the PAC, or attend Candidate's Night to be eligible to receive the DGPC's endorsement. Other offices that do not have such a direct impact over our lives would only have to return the DGPC questionnaire to be considered for endorsement.

In the past, some candidates that received the DGPC endorsement did nothing to help the gay rights movement accomplish its goals. This was the basis for more requirements for receiving our endorsement. In addition, some of the DGPC-endorsed candidates were the subject of gay-baiting by candidates who had sought the DGPC endorsement themselves.

The Steering Committee feels the requirements this year to be elegible for DGPC endorsement are one way to hold candidates accountable to their gay and lesbian constituents.

At the Steering Committee's request, a sub-committee of gay lawyers formulated questionnaires for the judicial candidates. The lawyers' sub-committee will make its recommendations to the PAC for all judicial races. Their recommendations will be presented to the full membership at Candidate's Night.

Candidates attending Candidate's Night will be allowed a 3-minute presentation, and the membership will have the opportunity to question each candidate. Then candidates will be excused, and PAC will inform the membership of its recommendations. At that time the general membership will have the opportunity to make motions to endorse specific candidates.

March 12th is an extremely important night for the gay and lesbian community of Dallas and of Texas. The DGPC will endorse candidates who will ensure that our rights as gays and lesbians are not endangered; that funding of research for the cause and cure of AIDS is adequately addressed, as well as health care for persons with AIDS; and that discrimination based on sexual orientation will hopefully be outlawed.

You, and every member of the Dallas Gay Alliance, are a member of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus. It is up to you to ensure the candidates endorsed March 12th will address the gay rights issues. Only you can make sure that happens. Attend Candidate's Night and vote for the best candidate. It is your responsibility.

PRIDE III '84

by Alan Ross

The Steering Committee for 1984 gay pride activities has adopted the name Pride III:84. This committee represents 18 organizations and 5 businesses in the Dallas gay community. Mike Stewart, DGA president, serves as one of the three chairpersons of this committee along with Judith Jones of the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band and Gary Monier of the Dallas Tavern Guild. The committee presented their activity recommendations to a community open forum at the Old Plantation on February 5th. These recommendations were unanimously accepted by those attending the forum.

Pride III:84 represents the three major events to be celebrated in Dallas this year. Pride I will be our observation of National Gay Pride Week June 23-30. Entertainment events will take place during the week, highlighted by a memorial service on Wednesday, June 27th to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the Stonewall riots. Sporting events will be held on the weekends with the climax of the week's activities to be on Saturday, June 30th with Razzle Dazzle Dallas.

Pride II will be held August 17-19 to commemorate Judge Jerry Buchmeyer's decision to overturn Sec. 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code. Activities for the weekend will start with a cocktail party at 4001 followed by a banquet at a major hotel on Friday, August 17th.

Pride III will be the week of September 16-23, which will be a Texas celebration

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WE GOOFED

by The Editor

The February 1984 Dialog ran an article concerning Democratic Presidential candidates, specifically including John Glenn and the gay vote. That article mistakenly stated that the PAC Steering Committee of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus would endorse a Democrat for President.

In fact, the DGPC Steering Committee has stated that it will most likely make no recommendation concerning a presidential endorsement. Furthermore, the DGPC never limits candidates considered for endorsement to the Democratic party. The DGPC is impartial and has endorsed candidates from all major political parties.

BENEFIT FOR DGA

On the deadline date for the March Dialog, a spectacular DGA Benefit Show was being planned at the Old Plantation on March 23rd. Unfortunately, the show bar burned down in the early hours of February 21st. Although there were approximately 50 people in the bar at the time, there was only one minor injury. Owners Frank Caven and Dennis Weir, both DGA members, have stated they will rebuild the OP in the same location on Cedar Springs.

In the meantime, the date and location of the benefit have not been established. A separate announcement has been inserted into this month's Dialog. We hope you will join us at this benefit.

THE GAVEL RAPS

by Mike Stewart, President of the Dallas Gay Alliance

Recently a flyer was distributed in the Oak Lawn area that accused the Alliance of being "divisive" and "seeking to confuse and destroy." That's pretty strong language and it's not even the result of differences over a political candidate, which is usually the cause of such charges against the Dallas Gay Alliance. This is over Gay Pride activities!

As most of you know, your organization has taken an active role in planning activities to share and celebrate our pride as gay men and lesbians during June, August and September. Community meetings were held in January and February, and steering committee meetings began following the January community meeting--all well-publicized and open to the public. All community organizations have been invited to participate and almost all have agreed to do so. The unity and cooperation within the community evident during the past two months obviously disproves any charge of divisiveness. You can be proud of your organization's involvement in the planning process. The events scheduled to commemorate Stonewall and the August 17th decision on 21.06, and the 2nd annual Texas Freedom Festival in September will give Dallas' and Texas' gay men and lesbians many opportunities to celebrate the progress we've made as a community and, even more importantly, as individuals.

As for an organization that "delivers what it promises," I think the Alliance's record of achievements during eight years of progress for gay citizens in Dallas speaks for itself. We've registered and educated thousands of voters, we've planned and participated in hundreds of educational projects, we've been recognized as one of the strongest and most effective local gay organizations in the country. We've been at the forefront of educating the gay and non-gay community on AIDS, we've taken a leadership role in legal and legislative areas. We've attempted to meet social needs of gay people, and we've recently established Dallas' first Gay Community Center. The list goes on and on--eight years of solid progress because members of the Dallas Gay Alliance cared...and worked, and contributed, and planned, and believed, and gave and gave and gave! You and other members of this community decide who delivers.

THANK YOU

by Alan Ross

The first two months of 1984 have been successful for the Fundraising Department, as we have raised a total of $2872.25 from four fundraisers for DGA. The very lively show at The Round-Up on January 25th brought us $664.00 from the cover charge. We want to thank Tom Sweeney, owner; Tom Davis, manager and performer; Bill Huber, who emceed the show; as well as all the staff of The Round-Up for their donations to the Alliance. We always appreciate the contributions and interest those "cowboys" take in our efforts.

A special thanks goes to Brandi Roberts of the Imperial Court of the Shooting Stars for the benefit show at The Unicorn on February 9th. (Yes, it did finally come off.) The proceeds of the evening totalled $1003.00, which included a $50.00 donation from manager Kathy Jack and $300.00 from owner Ray Martin. Thank you, Kathy and Ray. We love you.

The Valentine Raffle at the February general membership meeting brought in $135.00, which was given to the Dallas Gay Political Caucus. Thanks to all who attended the meeting and for buying tickets for "Cocktails for Two" at Moondreams and an azalea plant, which was won by Michael Milliken, and a Champagne Brunch for Two at Bentley's. The brunch was won by visitor Tom Wetzel of Houston (but he is an ex-Dallasite).

The Terry Tebedo Tribute was successful and fun. Terry, upon arriving late, was given a beautiful corsage of pink roses. It looked lovely on him. A total of $1045.75 was added to our treasury from this event. We appreciate the 36 friends of Terry who attended this salute to him with a special thanks to those who donated $305.00 but were unable to attend.

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REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

Health & Education Dept.

by Tom Hatfield

The Health/Education Department still needs any books with a gay or lesbian theme. Our lending library is growing, but this will only continue with your assistance. If you have just one book laying around, bring it to the Gay Community Center or the Crossroads Market. If you're looking for gay-oriented reference books or something new to read, stop by and browse through the gay library.

We are planning new community forums and need your input regarding topics that would be of interest to you. Come to out next department meeting or call and leave a message at 528-4233 or 827-9766. We want to hear from you. We plan to have the first forum in late April, so watch for further information.

As of the March Dialog's publication date, we have not been able to work out some of the necessary details for the VD screening clinic. We are continuing to work with the Dallas County Health Dept. to get this needed service into the Gay Community Center.

We meet every other Thursday each month at 7:30 pm in the Gay Community Center. If you want to help get information on the gay lifestyle out to the rest of the community, come and work with us. Your input will be welcome.

Publications Dept.

by The Editor

All members of the Publications Department have been extremely busy lately in their established tasks. The Dialog staff had a difficult time getting together in late February to produce the March Dialog. But success is apparent thanks to Tony, Tom, Dave and Mikey. Please note that Dave and Mikey have been up to their ears in candidate screening lately with no time for their private lives, much less Dialog. And our fearful liason Tony has found his warped life even more confused by having to type most of the articles in this Dialog. (I am never sure when Tony comes out of the fog, or if he creates it.)

Despite his handicaps, Tony has been meeting with a professional preparer of surveys who also is an active Alliance member. Together they are creating a detailed survey for the Dialog readers and a survey card for a targeted week of on-the-street surveys.

This issue has been, as always, stuffed by the loving hands of the folks who meet at Phil's place. The Publications Department will report again next month.

Social Justice Dept.

by Melodie Alexander

In its 1981 report on police practices, the United States Civil Rights Commission made the following statement: "Although homosexuals presently do not enjoy the protection of federal civil rights laws accorded to racial minorities and women, this does not prevent cities and police departments from taking steps to remove hiring barriers and to ensure that police services are provided in a fair and unbiased way and that all members of the community are treated with respect regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation. One step that could be taken to minimize the confrontations that commonly take place between the police and the homosexual community is the hiring of gay police officers."

Despite this recommendation, the International Association of Chiefs of Police continues to endorse the following resolution:
"Whereas, the life-style of homosexuals is abhorrent to most members of the society we serve, identification with this life-style destroys the trust, confidence, and esteem so necessary in both fellow workers and the general public for a police agency to operate efficiently and effectively; now therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Chiefs of Police ... endorses a no hire policy for homosexuals in law enforcement."

I can only hope that after reading this more of you become gay activists to educate this group and groups like them.

Membership Dept.

by Charles Dutton

STAR DATE: March 1-9-8-4. The following humanoid activity has been dutifully noted by Captain Ray Anthony while orbiting the spacecraft MemberShip:

Crewmen Mike Gordon and Joe Davisson have procured a volunteer to assist in contacting Alliance members as they approach renewal time to prevent anyone being lost in space.

A new membership brochure is in the research and development stage. Launch date for the mission is late spring. To insure that the new brochures are not carelessly hurled toward the ground to become space junk, a professional designer has volunteered his resources so the pamphlets will fly into the hands of aliens to the DGA cosmos.

Meanwhile, one of our new spacemen noted recently that some people on their first cruise through that cosmos may not be getting the right stuff. "Some of us might feel as if we are tumbling through a spacewalk, untethered to the tenets of the Alliance," he went on to say. Thus a new members' orientation will soon be blasting off toward the black hole of homophobia.

Those of us onboard the MemberShip also congratulate one of our own, a veteran of many of the early pioneering missions: John Thomas. Although physically earthbound, Big John recently ascended to the vice presidency of our spacey colony. May the Force be with you, John, as you discover forbidden planets.

OUT OF THE CLOSET SALE

As previously announced in the February issue of Dialog, the Fundraising Department is holding an "Out-of-the-Closet" Sale on Saturday, April 14th. This early announcement is to remind you to save all those old things you need to get rid of

for our sale. A space in the Alliance office is being reserved for items that you must get rid of now. Mary Franklin brought in a fur coat for the sale, which was last seen on Tom Hatfield. Hopefully, he will return it as soon as the evenings are warmer.

Providing the weather is good, the sale will begin at the side of Crossroads Market and will continue around the building in the parking lot to our own backdoor. If the weather is bad (as often happens to our outdoor events), we will still be able to have the Sale in meeting rooms of the Community Center.

So help us by donating all those useless items in your closets and storerooms. Anticipating a large turnout from classified ads in all newspapers, we hope to have a large amount of clothing, furniture, and things to sell. We will also be needing volunteers to help with sales that day, so please call our office at 528-4233 and leave your name and telephone number so we may call you.

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DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1984

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED
11 GAY UNITARIANS meet the 2nd Sunday of every month at First Unitarian Church, Preston at Normandy at 7:30pm. AFFIRMATION (Methodist) meets the 2nd Sunday of every month. Call 521-6769 for information.	**12** DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE General Meeting CANDIDATES' NIGHT 7:30 - MCC - 2701 Reagan '84 PROJECT	**13** Civic Affairs Dept. (Political Action Steering Committee) 7:30 - DGA Office DALLAS AREA WOMENS POLITICAL CAUCUS meets at the First Unitarian Church at 7:30pm.	**14** Communic 8:00 - DGA Of METROPLEX REPU at 7pm. Cal tion and oth
18 PRIDE III:84 OPEN FORUM at The Round-Up Saloon, 3924 Cedar Springs at 2pm. Everyone is invited to discuss the 1984 activities. Membership Dept. DGA Office at 2pm. NEW MEMBERS RECEPTION 3:30pm at the DGA Office. GAY HISPANIC TASK FORCE meets at 1pm. For location call 522-4000.	**19** Board Meeting 7:30 - DGA Office DIALOG Deadline	**20** Civic Affairs Dept. (Political Action Steering Committee) 7:30 - DGA Office DIGNITY DALLAS meets at St. Peter Apostle Church on Woodall Rogers every Tuesday at 7:30pm.	**21** Communica 8:00 - DGA Off LESBIAN RIGHTS NOW office ls at 8pm. OAK LAWN VOLLE each Wednesda Recreation Ce
25 HOLY TRINITY CC of Dallas, 4402 Rosedale. Service at 11am. 827-5088. FRONT RUNNER DALLAS meets every Sunday at 8am at Winfrey Point on White Rock Lake for an easy 2-mile run.	**26** Open Board Meeting 7:30 - DGA Office All committee chairs and interested persons invited to provide input. 528-4233. GAY STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP of NTSU meets every other Monday at 8pm in the SUB. 817/788-3333.	**27** Civic Affairs Dept. (Political Action Steering Committee) 7:30 - DGA Office OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday at MCC from 7-9pm. Musicians needed. 351-6697.	**28** Communica 8:00 - DGA Off
1 GAY HISPANIC TASK FORCE meets at 1pm. For location call 522-4000. MCC of Dallas, 2701 Reagan. Services at 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, and 7:15 pm. MCC Orchestra & Chorus rehearses every Sunday at 9:30am.	**2** Board Meeting 7:30 - DGA Office TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Tuesday of every month. Center for the Community, 2412 Lipscomb (near Page) in Fort Worth at 8:30pm. 817/571-6977. GAY/LESBIAN ALLIANCE OF DENTON (GLAD) meets the 1st Monday of every month.	**3** Civic Affairs Dept. (Political Action Steering Committee) 7:30 - DGA Office DIGNITY DALLAS meets at St. Peter Apostle Church on Woodall Rogers every Tuesday at 7:30pm.	**4** Communica 8:00 - DGA Off
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ons Dept. AN SOCIETY meets -9638 for loca- information.	**15** Publications Dept. 7:30 - DGA Office	**16** DIALOG Dinner For Writers & Staff. 750-8041	**17** Social Justice Dept. 9:30 AM - Olympia Diner BAKE SALE 3920 Cedar Springs HISPANIC TASK FORCE GARAGE SALE at the Crossroads, Throckmorton at Cedar Springs. 10am-6pm. Again on Sunday.
ns Dept. FORCE meets at 3rd Wednesdays TEAM practices the Reverchon at 7pm.	**22** Social Events & Fund Raising Depts. (Combined Meeting) 7:30 - DGA Office, Health & Education Dept. 7:30 - DGA Office INTEGRITY D/FW meets at 4008 Wycliff the last Thursday of the month. Covered dish dinner, program. Call 522-6305.	**23**	**24** Social Justice Dept. 9:30 AM - Olympia Diner LESBIAN RIGHTS COFFEE HOUSE - last Saturday of the month at 7:30pm at the NOW office.
ns Dept.	**29** DIALOG Mail Committee Phil's Place 821-1653 Bring an appetite!	**30**	**31** Social Justice Dept. 9:30 AM - Olympia Diner
ns Dept.	**5** Publications Dept. 7:30 - DGA Office Health & Education Dept. 7:30 - DGA Office TURTLE CREEK CHORALE rehearses each Thursday at the Midway Hills Christian Church at 7:30pm. 368-5500.	**6**	**7** Social Justice Dept. 9:30 AM - Olympia Diner VOTE! 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM DISD, DCCCD, & Dallas City Council Districts 6 & 8
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ESDAY	**THURSDAY**	**FRIDAY**	**SATURDAY**

THERE'S THE GLITTER

MARCH 1, 1984
Early.

DEAR DIARY,

Has this ever been a day...and do I ever have to hurry to let the DGA membership know about the BIG show at Studio 4 on March 22. Now let's see, I have my coffee and cigarettes near me, and yes, plenty of correction tape.

To begin with, the burning of the Old Plantation left the Alliance with a benefit show without a home, so our good friends, Ray Martin, owner, and Michael Hopper, manager, of Studio 4 came to our rescue. They are really great people and tremendous supporters of DGA.

So "D", we're ready to get the show on the road, with East Dallas meeting Oak Lawn and Cliff in North Dallas. Are they ready for us?

Now to get hold of the fabulous Jimi Dee. You know him as Dallas' own Diana Ross. Unbelievable entertainer. And you know who else Jimi is contacting? Well now, none other than Naomi Sims, Tasha Kohl, Carmen Del Rio (remember her from our show last year at The Unicorn?) and probably a few other special guests. And maybe even DGA's own Heartbreakers (or will they want to be the Supremes that night?) might be there. Who knows until we all get there at 10:00 that night. Could it be that Alice Phallus, large lady that she is, will get herself up Central Expressway in the brand new white Cadillac? Four door, you know...very difficult to get in the back seat of a two door with dresses on. Of course, Tony bought a new black "dressing room on wheels" for the Heartbreakers. It can certainly be expensive to be fun and gay.

Now don't forget to remind the Alliance that the show is at Studio 4 at 6572 Shadybrook, in the Twin Bridges Shopping Center (behind Sterlings on Northwest Highway) at 10:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 22. And also, remind them to call in advance for table reservations (or directions) at 696-9071.

Now, it's off to the printers, then to Phil's place to stuff Dialog.

Until later...
Alan

P.S. "D", let's have a reminder and free drink coupon attached, to be cut off and taken to the show that night. OK?

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MORE DEPT. REPORTS

Fund Raising Dept.

by Alan Ross

Each month this department tries to encourage our membership to take part in social events, pledge programs, bake sales and such. It is important to the Alliance that we have fundraising events for our membership, and it's important that we call on the gay community to raise additional funding needed for the various projects we are working on. Every non-profit organization must go through this. It is essential for us to continually be asking for donations by direct appeal or through participation in fundraising events. We do not like to have to ask for financial help, but we must. Please join us in our social events as they are planned for your entertainment. Join the Pledge Program to help offset some or our monthly expenses. Help our Political Action Committee with a donation for their expenses at they prepare for the upcoming primaries and elections. They can put any donation to good use to help you.

Several upcoming events of note, besides the Bake Sale and Benefit Show in March and the "Out-of-the-Closet" Sale in April. We're also planning a show for April similar to the DGA-produced show presented last year. Tickets will be made available in April for a night at Theatre Three in May for the production of "Sister Mary Ignatius." May will also be a first for us with a Drag Queen Mud Wrestling event and a hilarious show set for May 16 at the Snake Pit.

Plan now to attend these fun events and give us your support. We need you.

Communications Dept.

by Bill Nelson

The Communications Department has recently produced three brochures for the Alliance--"Gay Community Center," "How To Get Involved With DGA," and Communications Dept.--DGA"--and is presently working on two additional publications. We are also trying to decide whether we prefer recommending that the Alliance sponsor more bus signs for the month of June or whether we would prefer ads in The Dallas Morning News and Dallas Times Herald.

"Lambda Weekly" is a continuing project of this department, and members of the committee broadcast each Sunday at noon on KNON 90.9 FM. Interviews scheduled for this month are primarily with leaders of other groups in our community and up-to-date reports of interest to gay women and men in this area.

The Communications Department meets every Wednesday night at 8 pm in the Gay Community Center. New members and visitors are always welcome and are generally greeted with unrestrained enthusiasm.

Civic Affairs Dept.

by Mike Richards

The Civic Affairs Department is currently screening candidates for the up-coming May 5th primary. Committee members are also actively registering voters in front of the Gay Community Center every weekend and at most of the bars. Over 600 people have been registered or re-registered in the last several weeks.

Other projects the PAC is currently working on are precinct organization (to help get out the gay vote), looking into the possibility of staffing an information booth at the Republican Convention and holding a reception for gay Republican delegates and updating the DGPC Voter ID files.

All the above projects need your input. After Candidate's Night, PAC will need volunteers to help staff our endorsed candidates' campaign offices. We will also need volunteers to work on our phone bank and many other projects.

A date has not been set, but sometime in April the PAC will hold a "How to attend your Precinct Convention meeting." This will be an important meeting to familiarize you with the new rules on becoming a delegate to the precinct, senatorial, and state conventions.

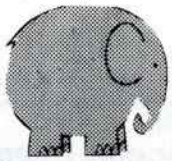
How do you get involved? Come to the Gay Community Center and volunteer. It is a great way to meet new friends and at the same time help to dispel the myths regarding homosexuality by working in campaign headquarters and getting to know our straight friends.

Metroplex Republican Society News

The Metroplex Republican Society (MRS) announced that regular weekly meetings will now be held at the 1st Unitarian Church, 4015 Normandy at Preston, Education Bldg. Room 3, 7 pm every Wednesday.

One of the main projects of the group has been a registration drive with a goal to register 1,984 individuals prior to the November 1984 elections. In its relatively short existence, MRS has already registered over 200 new voters.

Members also have been attending "candidate nights" throughout the city with initial interest focused on the U.S. Senate race where Republicans Phil Gramm, Rob Mosbacher and Ron Paul will meet in the May 1984 primary.



Other projects will include candidate screening and fund raising events. The MRS will also be working with other clubs to set up a booth at the Republican convention which is being held in Dallas this coming August to promote and inform the party of the special needs of one of the nation's largest minorities.

The MRS, at a special meeting, elected Stan Aten as its first Chairperson. The organization also selected J. Jacobs as its Secretary/Historian and Ric Richards as its Treasurer.

Those interested in joining MRS should call 521-9638 or attend the next meeting. Discretion can be maintained for those concerned.

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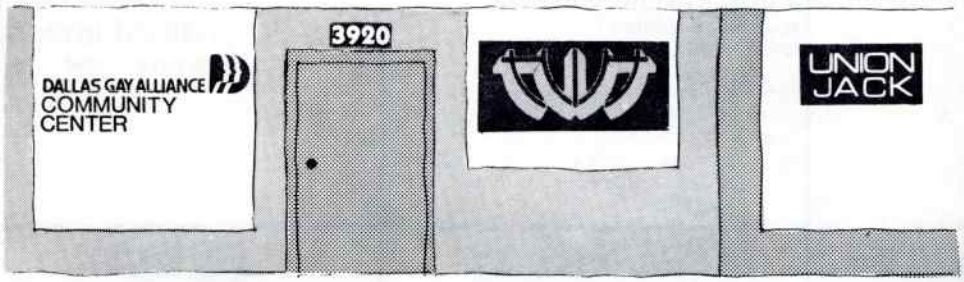

BUY SOME BUNS!

by Alan Ross

On Saturday, March 17, a Bake Sale will be held in front of the DGA offices at 3920 Cedar Springs. Proceeds from this sale are designated for the Dallas Gay Political Caucus to help with expenses in the upcoming May primaries. We are asking that our membership donate home-baked goods for this sale and bring the goodies to the office before 11 that morning. Our last Bake Sale brought in $250 for DGPC and with little effort from our contributors. Please help us by spending an hour or so in your kitchen and bringing your cakes, cookies or pies down to the office. And, of course, if you can't bake, come on down anyway and buy someone else's baked goods. We need you one way or the other.

Clipping Service Available

The Alliance has subscribed to a local clipping service for the past few months and is now offering the collected articles to DGA members to be read at the Alliance office or to be copied. The clipping service consists of all gay-related printed articles in the local media.

PRIDE III '84

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of our freedom from 21.06. The Texas Freedom Festival will begin with the Big Event sponsored by the Dallas Tavern Guild on Sunday, September 16th, followed during the week by bar and athletic events, the Texas Command Performance at the Majestic Theater, and possibly the Human Rights Campaign Fund dinner. The year's activities will come to a gigantic close with the Texas Gay Pride Parade on Sunday, September 23rd. The parade, which at an earlier community meeting was moved from June, will be the largest ever in Dallas' gay history, and plans are being made to extend the length of the parade route.

All organizations and businesses are being urged to plan their own activities during these three major events. Any sponsored activity will be included in all publicity. Publicity deadlines are: May 15th for June events, July 15th for August events and August 15th for September events.

THANK YOU

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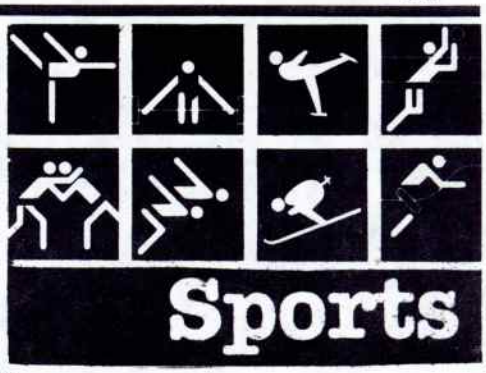
An additional $581.86 has been raised to begin our renovation of the DGA offices. These donations have come from Board members and one active member. The money has been used to paint the walls and ceilings of the meeting rooms. Also, Bill and Terry have been very generous with donations of a sofa, coffee pot, pictures, punch bowl, and a lot of their special coffee, and probably many things I can't think of now. Michael Parkey and Peter Brooks donated three large, white oriental lanterns to cover the bare bulbs in the large meeting room, and that was a definite improvement. In addition, one member and a non-member have donated an electric typewriter and some metal desks and tables. And Jim Henson of Dallas Climate Control did some necessary repairs and turned on the gas for the heating units. Thank you all for your contributions to our offices and the Gay Community Center.

The Dallas Gay Alliance has some very dedicated contributors and workers, and a "thank you" does not seem adequate enough to all of you. But I hope that you know how much we appreciate your dedication to us as we continue to grow.



BEING BUTCH

by Melodie Alexander

I am amazed at the number of women friends I have that have told me that they read my article in Dialog. The Social Justice?-- "Oh! Do you write that too?" They are reading the sports article. What a bunch of dykes!

It is different when I think about it. I have Saturday morning breakfast with the guys, but only one talks sports with me. The one who works out with weights talks politics. Now I'm as political as the next, but I'd much rather talk the merits of diet, pyramid weight training, and running mileage. And if we talk shoes, I'd be there for hours. When I go to Jugs, that is where I get opinions on what will build up the arms faster, nautilus vs free weights. Perhaps I had better start having breakfast at Jugs.

I hate running and I hardly know a runner who doesn't. It's really only that first mile that's the object of our dislike. In that first mile, the body temperature starts to go up to warm the leg muscles and loosen you up. It's always in that first mile that I question my sanity. The last mile is an act of celebration and egotism. "How great I am and what a jock! How many other dykes can do this?" I guess running is like anything else -- that first step is the hardest.

P.S. It's a bitch to be butch.

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BOARD MEMBER PROFILE:

Ray Anthony

by T.R.M.

Recently elected to the DGA Board of Directors is Ray Anthony. Ray has been active in the DGA for over two years, serving in both the Membership and Civic Affairs Departments. He also served in the AIDS Action Project and helped to organize the Alliance's Gay Hispanic Task Force.

"When I was first involved with the DGA, basically I was just coming out of the closet," Ray recounted in a recent interview with Dialog. "Joining the Alliance was an incentive for me since that was the time of the Don Baker 21.06 case in the news.

"At that time, the DGA was really the only gay organization that was speaking out in the press in favor of gay rights. They were the only ones who were talking about gay rights and gay pride instead of gays being perverted."

Joining the Alliance was an important step for Ray personally, he explained. "Ever since junior high school, I was always involved in organizations at school and at church. Being gay then made me feel sort of sad. I felt respected personally, but being gay, I also felt that I wasn't in touch with myself. When I came out, the DGA was there for me to put my energy into."

When Ray joined the Alliance, he started to be involved first with the political action committee. "I'd been out of town at school in Arlington (UTA) and came in on the weekends to work on the PAC. I spent about six months with the PAC and really enjoyed it completely--registering voters and working on the questionnaires."

Ray was also active in the Membership Department, then chaired by John Thomas, and also in the Oak Lawn Counseling Center's AIDS Action Project.

"John Thomas has just been so instrumental in my life," Ray explained, "and I can't say how much I owe to him. He got me involved in the Experience Weekend and has been very supportive and given me a lot of direction."

Ray's DGA work later led him to found the Gay Hispanic Task Force as part of the Alliance's outreach efforts.

"I'd been involved in the DGA for about two years last October when we first founded the Gay Hispanic Task Force. Actually a series of things happened.

"I'd attended a meeting of the Gay Pride Association for planning Gay Pride Week, and someone said that the DGA didn't have any Hispanic members--that it was just a button-down group of white men.

"Then later I asked about minorities at an Alliance meeting. Mike Stewart said that if minorities wanted to be involved, they were always welcome in the Alliance.

"So I said, 'OK.'"

The task force's first meeting was held last October, with five people present. "We met first--five of us at my apartment. We all felt very enthusiastic about forming a group," Ray said. "Now we have forty members."

Why hadn't there been a gay Hispanic group formed earlier in Dallas?

"Maybe it just wasn't time," Ray answered. "After all, the DGA itself has only been active since 1976. Now gays as a group can feel confident and able to come out. Now that the gay rights movement was in full swing, it was just the right time."

The task force has dealt with a variety of gay Hispanic concerns, Ray says, including the personal concerns of its members. "When we first met, we asked each other if we felt discriminated against. Most of us felt, no, not really, as Hispanics. But some of us felt more comfortable approaching an Anglo in a bar rather than another hispanic. Maybe it was the fear of being rejected in our own community. I think we all felt like we needed some camaraderie and sense of identity and awareness and community.

"Since then we've been growing as a group and having some growing pains. We've been asking the question of who we are, what we are, and where we've been going. Are we going to be a purely social group or what?"

So far the task force has started several activities, including a Christmas dinner at Herrera's with Ricardo Medrano and Nora Linares of the Texas Democratic Executive Committee as speakers. "We also had Robert Rios from SMU and Victor Solis, a straight broadcaster from Channel 5, and Larry Bagneris from the GPC in Houston."

When Ray isn't working in community groups, he stays busy with other activities. "I love to go to the movies. I have a younger brother in Fort Worth that I love to visit. And I love to go running outdoors and to read. I just love to be with people."

Continued Ray, "I'm also a Christian, and I happen to be Catholic. I've been a member of Dignity before, and I'm interested in Integrity and what it is doing. Personally, my Christian beliefs are very important to me.

"I feel that I can be gay and a Christian. If I died today and had to account to my Maker for my life, I wouldn't feel the least bit ashamed at all.

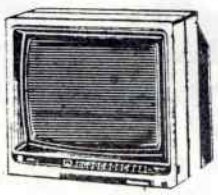
"Right now I'm real excited about what I'm involved with in my life now. I've changed from social work to going into private industry, in training and development. I really do feel truly responsible for my life and for what I'm doing. I feel now that I'm really in control of my own life!"

GAY FOCUS ON CABLE TV

by Michael Milliken

"Gay Politics: A Vision" is the latest program produced by the cable community access group Gay Focus and will be aired again on QUBE Cable Channel 9 in March.

Taking its title from the theme of the Dallas Dinner Committee's fundraiser benefitting the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the AIDS Lobby Project in November 1983 at the Fairmont Hotel, the program features National Gay Task Force Executive Director Virginia Apuzzo; U.S. Representative Bill Green, a Republican from New York City; and interviews with several local activists. Original music written for the event is sung by the Turtle Creek Chorale.



Play dates and times were not available from Warner-Amex by this Dialog's production dates. Please check other publications and notices for these listings.

Meetings Evaluated

With this column, we begin a monthly report on the Evaluation sheets collected at the end of each general membership meeting. For those of you who've wondered what becomes of the information, the comments are tabulated and reviewed, and often programs are derived from suggestions submitted.

Responses regarding the February meeting came from 26 of those in attendance. 21 indicated they were DGA members, four were non-members. Most found the meeting to be well-prepared and educational, constructive and professional in tone. 21 felt the overall meeting flow was smooth with five finding the proceedings uneven. On the question regarding the raising of gay consciousness, results were "yes" 2-to-1.

Response to the evening's program was very positive. Most found the balance between the Valentine's Day segment on "What is this thing called love?" and the very informative presentation of tax information to be an enjoyable mix.

Those noted as deserving of special compliments for their participation that evening were Phil Johnson, Mike Stewart, Tony Anthony, Joe Desmond, Bill Nelson and John Thomas.

Several topics for future programs were suggested including children of gays and gay parenting, information on police relations and crime in the community, gay retirement or nursing centers, and on a related note, growing old gracefully.

Take a minute or two to complete the evaluation sheet after this month's meeting. Your comments are valuable and they will be appreciated.

DIALOG

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DGPC Endorses Medrano

by Mike Richards

Saturday, April 7th, the special election of City Council Districts 6 and 8 will be held along with the election of Dallas County Community College District and Dallas Independent School District Boards of Trustees.

The DGPC voted to make only the endorsement of Robert Medrano for the DISD Board of Trustees Place 8 position. Medrano's

opponent, Victor Bonilla, also sought the endorsement of the DGPC. Mr. Bonilla's questionnaire was positive on sensitivity toward the recognition of the rights of gays in the DISD. The decision to endorse Mr. Medrano over Mr. Bonilla was heavily weighted by the established record of Medrano's support of the rights of gay teachers.

Trustee Places 4 and 5 are also up for election. Incumbent Richard Curry has no opposition in District 4. The incumbent for District 5, Robert Hester, has two opponents, R. B. Brown and Pat Sylve.

The DGPC made no endorsements in the DCCCD election. Districts 2 and 5 are up for election. Both districts extend into Oak Lawn: District 5 from Irving in the west and District 2 from the northwest corner of the county through Farmers Branch. District 2 has two candidates, Robert Fanning and James Smith. Incumbent Bob Bettis for District 5 has no opposition. In telephone conversations, Fanning and Bettis were supportive of issues but all three candidates declined to seek the DGPC endorsement.

In the Special City Council Election to fill the vacant seats created when Elsie Faye Heggins and Fred Blair resigned to run for County Commissioner, only the three candidates for District 6 requested the DGPC endorsement. Dianne Ragsdale, Leo Chaney, and Bill Forest appeared before the Steering Committee of the DGPC, but only Forest appeared at Candidates' Night. All three candidates were supportive of gay rights issues. The DGPC made no endorsement in this particular race.

The DGPC encourages everyone living in these districts to vote on April 7th. Even though the DGPC only made one endorsement, it is your responsibility to vote!

To be eligible to vote in the April 7th elections, you must have been registered 30 days prior. April 6th is the deadline to be registered to vote in the May 5th Republican and Democratic Primaries.

PAC NEEDS FUNDS

by Alan Ross

We desperately need the help of our membership to contribute to our political arm, the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, for the upcoming May primaries. Now is the time that you can help with the expenses we are facing...the telephone bank and printing and mailing of thousands of endorsement cards to our voter ID list are just two of the largest expenses we must pay within the next month.

DGPC needs for you to match the funds we received at the March 23rd benefit at Studio 4, in which $2769 was raised by some 375 people, the majority of them non-members. A $5 donation from each one of our members

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Endorsements for May 5 Primary

The Dallas Gay Political Caucus, the political action committee of the Dallas Gay Alliance, made the following endorsements for the May 5th Primary Election at the March general membership meeting:

Lloyd Doggett(D)	U.S. Senate
John Bryant(D)	U.S. Representative, 5th District
John Henderson(R)	State Railroad Commissioner
No Endorsement(D)	State Representative, District 100
David Cain(D)	State Representative, District 107
Jesse Oliver(D)	State Representative, District 111
Fred Blair(D)	County Commissioner, District 3
John Vance(D)	Sheriff, Dallas County
E.L. McMillan(D)	Constable, Precinct 8
Mike McKool(D)	County Party Chair

JUDICIAL OFFICES:

Howard Wilson(D)	Assoc. Justice, Court of Appeals, 5th Dist.
Josh Taylor(D)	Judge, 303rd Family Dist. Court
Fred Tinsley(D)	Judge, Criminal Dist. Court #4

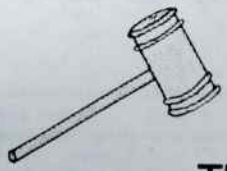
PRECINCT CHAIRS:

Roger Albright(D)	#1149
Joe Mosley(D)	#1189
Al Calkin(D)	#1190
Don Baker(D)	#1191
Stan Aten(R)	#1191
Marcus Lerro(D)	#1213
Judy Solganick(D)	#2254
John Calhoun(D)	#3302
Douglas Barnett(D)	#3304
Don Maison(D)	#3307

WARNING NOTICES were voted to be placed on State Representative Bill Ceverha (R), District 112, and Precinct Chair Mrs. Alvis (Schautze) Carter (D) Precinct 1120, for their public anti-gay statements and/or actions. Specifically, Ceverha introduced legislation last year to revive and strengthen Texas Penal Code Section 21.06, the so-called "sodomy law."

TOWN HALL MEETING

Termed a "Town Hall" meeting, the DGPC will again present a public workshop on how to attend a precinct convention at 7:30pm on Tuesday, April 10th, in the Gay Community Center, 3920 Cedar Springs. Representatives of the Democratic and Republican Parties will be on hand to give information about the precinct, senatorial, and state conventions.



THE GAVEL RAPS

by Mike Stewart, President of the Dallas Gay Alliance

Foundation for Human Understanding

Over a year ago, your directors voted to establish an educational foundation that hopefully would meet the Internal Revenue Service's requirements for 501 (c)(3) Status. That classification allows individuals to make tax deductible contributions to organizations and had been denied the Alliance due to its political activities. The name selected many months ago was The Foundation for Human Understanding, which certainly is our primary goal--understanding and acceptance. The Foundation was incorporated and following many hours of preparation and consultation, the application for 501(c)(3) Status was filed.

As you may know, dealing with the IRS can be frustrating and draining and an organization with a stated purpose of funding educational projects for the gay community was certainly not going to pass through the process easily. But months later, the hard work paid off!

Last month we received notification that our application had been approved by the IRS. This means a vehicle now exists in our community that can receive your tax deductible contributions and fund educational projects of the Dallas Gay Alliance and other educational programs.

I want to acknowledge the efforts and dedication of the women and men who made this possible. Your community thanks you!

OLCC PLANS DRUG PROGRAM

The Oak Lawn Counseling Center recently announced the formation of a group program for people with dependency on alcohol and/or chemical substances. Cited by OLCC Executive Director H.P. "Howie" Daire as a "direct response to a pressing need in the community," the help group will be assisted and facilitated by two members of the center's professional staff.

Group meetings are held Monday and Thursday nights at 7 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Counseling Center, 3409 Oak Lawn. A fee of $10 per group session will be charged each participant. For further information on the program dealing with stopping dependency, contact the center at 528-2081.

DGA MEETS SISTER MARY

by Alan Ross

Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You is a funny and unique play by Christopher Durang...and it's not to be missed. DGA has tickets available now for two performances benefitting the Alliance May 9 and 16 at Theatre Three. Use the return form and envelope in this issue of Dialog to order by mail or purchase tickets at Crossroads Market, 3930 Cedar Springs, for either performance.

The plot centers around "a nun teetering between pious lunacy and lustful celibacy who teaches her elementary school charges her giggly personal version of church dogma. Ex-students, now grown and renegade, return to school to tell Sister Mary her teachings don't work. Her response is astonishing, malignant and damnably funny. Sister Mary... has a curtain raiser, The Actor's Nightmare, where dramatic rules go as blithely awry as Sister Mary's conscience." For one viewer's observations, see the review by Dave Lewis also in this issue of Dialog.

Tickets, priced at $11, include the performance and a reception afterwards at the theatre. Tickets purchased by mail will be available for pick-up at the Crossroads Market or at the box office the evening of the performance. Don't pass up this opportunity to see this wonderfully funny play and to socialize with members and friends of DGA on either May 9 or 16.

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REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

Health & Education Dept.

by Mary Franklin

The Health and Education Department has many goals. We spoke of the library in the last Dialog. We still are in search of books.

This month we have produced a gay women's sexually transmitted disease brochure. It has gone to print and should be on the shelf within the month.

Brochures are an important contribution to Health and Education. We are planning to work with the Hispanic Task Force on a bilingual AIDS brochure.

If any of the above items interest you or you would like to know more about our department, join us at our meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7:30pm in the Gay Community Center or call the Alliance office at 528-4233.

Operations Dept.

by Terry Tebedo

Exciting things are happening at the Gay Community Center and the responsibility of working out the logistics falls on the Department of Operations. Buck Massey, former Director of Operations, got us through the initial opening and it's now up to the rest of us to continue to give this building a real reason to be called the center of the gay community. Office space is currently being used by the Dallas Gay Alliance, This Week in Texas and the Foundation for Human Understanding, the educational affiliate of the DGA recently awarded tax deductible status.

Additional space houses a Gay Archives assembled by Phil Johnson. The collection includes gay related materials dating back many years as well as recent issue books and periodicals.

Volunteers staff the Community Center regularly to answer questions and give referrals. Four very special people who help in this area are Jim Jenkins, Chuck Jarvis, Bobby and Cary. Others have donated items or services badly needed and greatly appreciated. Thanks go to Dave Fisher for two air conditioning units, Ken Frese for paint and lights, Jim Henson of Dallas Climate Control for heater repair, Bob Montonge for phone installation, Alan Ross for carpeting, William Waybourn and Craig Spaulding for shelving and a brochure rack, and J & M Residential Cleaning for shoveling out our mess.

Future plans include bi-weekly movie nights, social functions, health services, and more complete referral listings. As always, all of this will only be successful with your interest, participation and support. Call 528-4233 or drop in at 3920 Cedar Springs to be a part of this historic phase of the DGA.

Civic Affairs Dept.

by Mike Richards

The Steering Committee took action on the night following the March general membership meeting, Candidates' Night, to plan strategies for the approaching elections. Specifically, operating the DGPC phone bank, organizing the DGPC mailouts and leafletting, working in candidates' campaigns on their phone banks and mailouts, registering more voters before the April 6th deadline, and organizing precincts to get-out-the-vote. Plans were also made for the Town Hall meeting on April 10th at the Gay Community Center to inform people on how to attend their precinct/senatorial conventions and the new rules of the two parties.

All this means more volunteers are needed NOW to help on these important jobs. If your are interested in any of the above projects, call me at 528-4233 or stop by the Dallas Gay Community Center at 3920 Cedar Springs.

Social Events Dept.

by Steve Weast

Social Events is planning to make reservations as a DGA group to view the Shogun exhibit at the new Dallas Museum of Art. Titled "The Shogun Age: The Source of Japanese Traditional Beauty," this exhibit contains more than 20,000 items amassed by 20 generations of the Tokugawa Shogunate.

We are tentatively planning to visit the museum the evening of May 24. The exact time and ticket information will appear in the May issue of Dialog. Those interested in going with the group should contact Steve Weast or Alan Ross as soon as possible because there will be a limited number of tickets reserved for this event.

Social Justice Dept.

by Melodie Alexander

Warm weather is coming and so are the muggers. Two muggings behind JR's in the back parking lot, harassment on the sidewalk on Cedar Springs, a mugging near the Upper Crust (the building), and one mugging in the parking lot at Studio Four. And don't forget our MCC Minister Don Eastman was stabbed outside the Hidden Door.

Please walk in groups to your cars when you leave a bar.

If you do get attacked, try to remember everything you can about the attacker(s) appearance. Letting Citizens On Patrol, DGA Social Justice, the gay media, and the Dallas police know as much about these criminals as possible will help the entire community to look out for them.

Publications Dept.

by Tony Anthony

Activity continues in the Publications Department on a variety of fronts. In spite of our editor's poorly timed vacation, this issue of Dialog was completed with the always appreciated efforts of Dave Lewis, Michael Milliken, TRM, Melodie Alexander and, of course, all the others who contributed articles. And, as always, the absolutely tireless fun bunch at Phil's place stuffed each envelope and sealed it with a kiss.

Work continues on the survey in the very capable hands of Mike Stone. What began in concept as a membership survey has been expanded to cover a broader segment of the community. In actuality, two surveys will be produced. One, a detailed questionnaire to gather information from DGA members as well as other organizations in the community. And another, a brief random sampling survey card to be completed at locations throughout the community during a targeted period.

The information gathered could be invaluable for providing insight into how our organization is perceived and what areas of involvement best serve the needs of the community and DGA.

If you would be interested in working with survey distribution or tabulation, keep an eye on this column for future progress reports and announcements. And, of course, volunteers are always needed and welcomed for Dialog production or Phil's mail committee. Due to the transient nature of the Publications Department, check the Dialog calendar for meeting dates and locations, or call Tony Anthony at the Gay Community Center, 528-4233.

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GAY UNITARIANS meet the 2nd Sunday of every month at First Unitarian Church, Preston at Normandy at 7:30pm.

FRONT RUNNER DALLAS meets every Sunday at 10am at Winfrey Point on White Rock Lake for an easy 2-mile run.

AFFIRMATION (Methodist) meets the 2nd Sunday of every month. Call 521-6769 for information.

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Membership Dept.
1st & 3rd Sunday at 3pm
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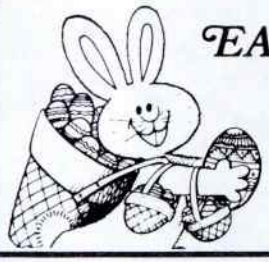

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DIALOG Production
2812 Fairmount at Cedar Springs
871-8711 or 750-8041
12:00 NOON

HOLY TRINITY CC of Dallas, 4402 Rosedale. Service at 11am. 827-5088.

MCC of Dallas, 2701 Reagan. Services at 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, and 7:15 pm.

MCC Orchestra & Chorus rehearses every Sunday at 9:30am.

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MONDAY

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DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE
General Meeting
7:30 - MCC - 2701 Reagan

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Board Meeting
7:30 - DGA Office

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Open Board Meeting
7:30 - DGA Office
All committee chairs and interested persons invited to provide input. 528-4233.

DIALOG Deadline

GAY STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP of NTSU meets every other Monday at 8pm in the SUB. 817/788-3333.

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Board Meeting
7:30 - DGA Office

TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Tuesday of every month. Center for the Community, 2412 Lipscomb (near Page) in Fort Worth at 8:30pm. 817/571-6977.

GAY/LESBIAN ALLIANCE OF DENTON (GLAD) meets the 1st Monday of every month.

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DGA Benefit

ROUND-UP SALOON
3912-14 CEDAR SPRINGS, DALLAS

TUESDAY

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Civic Affairs Dept.
(Political Action Steering Committee)
Town Hall Meeting

'84 PROJECT

7:30 - DGA Office

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Civic Affairs Dept.
(Political Action Steering Committee)
7:30 - DGA Office

DALLAS AREA WOMENS POLITICAL CAUCUS meets at the First Unitarian Church at 7:30pm.

DIGNITY DALLAS meets every Tuesday at 7:30pm. Call 330-1063.

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Civic Affairs Dept.
(Political Action Steering Committee)
7:30 - DGA Office

OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday at MCC from 7-9pm. Musicians needed. 351-6697.

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MORE DEPT. REPORTS

Fund Raising Dept.

by Alan Ross

As you can probably see by reading not only this issue of Dialog, but also the past several issues, this department has been extremely busy planning fundraising events for our membership and for the community. We urge you to support these events, as an incredible amount of effort goes into the planning and execution. Besides the events announced in this issue of Dialog, we're also planning another benefit show when the Old Plantation reopens in May. Plans are under way for a major attraction, with entertainers from Dallas and Houston. No date has been set.

Also, we've recently started to plan a community event for Gay Pride Week in June. Working with a country/western theme, we will be featuring the Dena Kaye show. Since this will be a major undertaking, many volunteers will be needed to make this event a success for the community. We will soon be finalizing all details and we will be asking for your help with this community-wide event.

Communications Dept.

by Bill Nelson

The Communications Department continues to meet regularly every Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Gay Community Center and the projects continue to flow forth. We are averaging one brochure per week and, thanks to this department, the word is getting out that the DGA is hard at work acting as the advocate for gay people on many fronts. The latest brochures are "$$ and DGA" and "How to Avoid AIDS" which deals with reducing risks. We are also beginning work on a pamphlet entitled "What Every Dallas Teacher Should Know About Homosexuality."

We are also happy to take partial credit for a jump in Alliance new memberships since many of them are coming in on the backs of flyers that have been distributed throughout the community by members of this department. All Alliance flyers now incorporate a membership form. We believe that there are many people in the community who would support the Alliance with a membership if they are just reminded frequently enough or if the form passes before their eyes at the right time.

It should never be forgotten that this is the department that produces Lambda Weekly, the gay radio hour, every Sunday at noon on KNON 90.9 FM. The program consists of news of the community, interviews and music that you are not likely to hear on regular radio programs.

Anyone interested in working in this area of the Alliance should come to the meetings on Wednesday night or call Bill Nelson at the Crossroads Market at 521-8919.

Membership Dept.

by Charles Dutton

As workmen removed the charred splinters of what was known as the Old Plantation, the Membership Department hurried into action across the street at DGA headquarters to rescue about fifty individuals from limbo, a situation which has enflamed a number of the rank and file.

While ignoring diversionary false alarms, chair Ray Anthony used his fire hose to douse the burning issue by determining why so many members who have renewed continue to receive renewal notices or fail to receive Dialog. Mike Gordon, Mike Stone, and yours truly pumped their energies into investigating the numerous letters recently received by our department concerning the snafus.

Mr. Stone devised a flow chart to determine just what needs to happen to prevent members from fuming over this smoldering issue. Mr. Anthony announced he was seeking a meeting with DGA computer operators to explore possible changes in procedure which would speed the time between renewal and first time memberships and receipt of Dialog, preferably at the correct address.

JOIN A DGA DEPARTMENT

It's a dirty job...

DRAG QUEEN MUD WRESTLING

by Alan Ross

Thanks to a few twisted minds, we are planning a major fundraising effort with a Drag Queen Mud Wrestling event on Wednesday, April 25 at the Snake Pit. This is definitely a "first" for DGA. Plans for this event are still in the working stages as to who entertainers for the show will be prior to getting serious with the mud. But we can unfortunately count on the Heartbreakers who made their first appearance in public at the recent benefit. Perhaps this will be their finale and they'll go back into the closet...or wherever they came from.

Details of this show will be announced at the April membership meeting, or you can call the Alliance office for details at 528-4233. It will be fun for all and we hope you plan to attend.

NIGHT AT THE ROUND-UP

by Alan Ross

A special entertaining evening benefitting the Alliance is planned for May 7 at the Round-Up Saloon. Details of this event will be announced at the April membership meeting. Tom Davis, manager of the Round-Up, is planning quite a large affair with buffet and live entertainment. As always, we're hoping for a large turnout from our membership. Plan now and mark your calendars for this benefit and support a business that is extremely supportive of you, the DGA membership.

DALLAS CLIMATE CONTROL

526-7507

Jim Henson, Owner

ELECTION HOTLINE

528-4233

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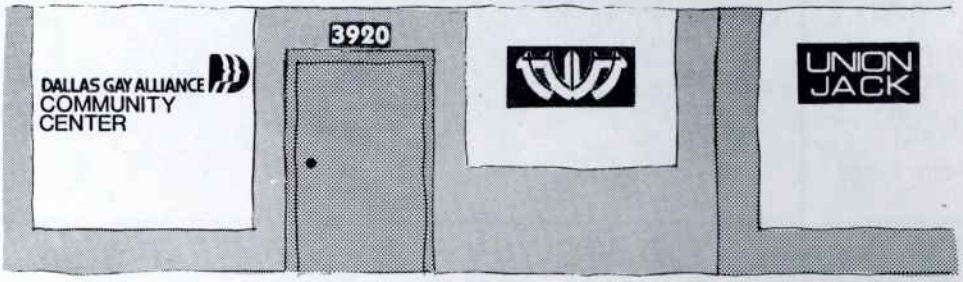

SISTER MARY VISITS BIG D

by Dave Lewis

Sister Mary on sodomy:
"Sodom is where they committed acts of homosexuality and bestiality in the Old Testament, and God, infuriated by this, destroyed them all in one fell swoop. Modern day Sodoms are New York City, San Francisco, Amsterdam, Los Angeles...well, basically anywhere the population is over 50,000. The only reason that God has not destroyed these modern day Sodoms is that Catholic nuns and priests live in these cities, and God does not wish to destroy them. He does, however, give these people body lice and hepatitis."

Sister Mary on astrology:
"It is a sin to follow your horoscope because only God knows the future and He won't tell us."

A partial list of people who are going to burn in hell:
"Christine Keeler, Roman Polanski, Zsa Zsa Gabor, the editors of After Dark magazine, Linda Lovelace, Georgina Spelvin, Big John Holmes, Brooke Shield, David Bowie, Mick Jagger, Patty Hearst, Betty Comden, Adolph Green"

Are you on this list? Do you lie awake at night wondering how many angels can dance on the head of a pin? Are you bothered about the fate of the babies in limbo? Do you doubt the Virgin Birth? If so, then join us at Theatre Three as Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You on May 9 and 16. Sister Mary... was written by Christopher Durang whose hysterical look at physcotherapy, Beyond Therapy, was performed at the New Arts last year.

It is a campy, fun look at the twisted world of institutional religion and parochial schools. An Obie winner, Sister Mary... played long runs in New York and California.

Meetings Evaluated

This month's response to the general meeting evaluation sheet came from 27 members and three non-members. Most felt the meeting featuring candidate appearances and DGPC endorsements was educational and well-prepared, while several indicated proceedings were motivating though lengthy. All responding felt the business meeting was constructive and professional, and the overall flow streamlined for the most part. The vast majority of those responding felt their gay consciousness was raised.

Many expressed appreciation for the candidates in attendance and several individuals received special compliments. John Vance, Democratic candidate for Sheriff, Mike Richards, Mike Stewart, Michael Parkey, Michael Milliken and Jack Crout all received recognition, as did PAC, the Lawyers Subcommittee, the meeting planners and those presiding. Bill Nelson the younger, Editor of Dialog, received a compliment which was offset by one respondent's comment that "he talked too much."

Some of the topics suggested for future programs included gay businesses and the community, financial planning and dealing with depression. Please take a minute or two to complete the evaluation sheet after this month's meeting. Your comments are valuable and they will be appreciated.

by Melodie Alexander

Here's a tip on getting a muscular stomach--use an overhead bar, one that can support your weight and is high enough so that your feet will not touch the floor when you are hanging from it. Grab the bar with both hands and just raise your knees up to chest level. Try not to let your body swing back and forth as you raise your legs. Raise them ten times, then drop down to the floor. After no more than than 60 seconds of rest, do another ten knee raises. Not only are you putting maximum stress on your abs', but you are also doing a full body stretching exercise at the same time. Hanging from that bar stretches all your body at once.

BAND BILLS BIG BASH

The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band, under the direction of its new conductor, John Hail, will present a Spring Musical Extravaganza at the Maple Lawn Elementary School located at 3120 Inwood Road on Saturday, April 7th, at 8pm.

"Billed as a 'Fun Concert,' your community band will feature specialty numbers by the group's Flag Corps and by the Flying W," announced J. Jacobs, Band President. "Show tunes and marches will also be presented. So come on out and support your band as well as having a great evening of entertainment."

John Hail was recently selected as the new Conductor of the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band at a special meeting of the band's Board. "Hail's credentials are superb," commented Harold Van Prooyen, the group's Vice President. "He has over 11 years of experience, plus he holds two degrees, one in arranging and another in conducting."

"If you loved the band in the past, you'll go wild this Spring. If you've never heard the band, get ready for a real treat," concluded Van Prooyen.

__ NEW MEMBER __RENEWAL __ADDRESS CHANGE

NAME: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____ Apt. # _____ CITY & STATE _____ ZIP _____

For household membership:

OLD ADDRESS (if changed) _____ SECOND NAME: _____

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May we call you? __ YES __ NO HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

Do want to be on our mailing list? __ YES __ NO

__ Check here if you do NOT want $2.50 from your dues to go to the Political Action Committee.

__ Enclosed is my check payable to DGA.

__ Charge to my __ VISA __ MASTERCARD number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Interbank Number (MASTERCARD only) _____

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Mail to DGA, BOX 190712, DALLAS, TEXAS 75219

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE

Membership Categories

Check One:

__DIALOG SUBSCRIPTION ONLY	5.00
__ACTIVE	15.00
__HOUSEHOLD (2 people)	25.00
__ACTIVE DGA & NGTF	25.00
__SUSTAINING	50.00
__ORGANIZATION	100.00
__LIFETIME	1000.00
__PLEDGE	_____/month

(minimum pledge - $5)

DGA BENEFIT BIG SUCCESS

by Alan Ross

A very successful DGA benefit show was held at Studio 4 on March 23, thanks to many great people. $2,986.00 was raised by a large, enthusiastic crowd who was entertained by the special talents of Jimi Dee, Naomi Sims, Lady Shawn, Tiger Lil, Alice Phallus, Riki Rousseaux and Mahogany. And the nervy, nervous talents (?) of our very own DGA members, Tony Anthony, Tom Hatfield, Bill Travis and Richard Sink, who gave everyone a new definition of "drag".

Five merchants are to be thanked for their donations to this event: Crossroads Market, Friday's Florist, Half the Sky Bookstore and That Special Blend for the doorprizes, and A Floral Adventure for a floral arrangement that was part of our recognition of Kathy Jack, manager of The Unicorn, for her support to DGA and the gay community.

Several businesses and organizations pledged a total of $900.00 to us, we appreciate their support. And a special thanks is gratefully extended to Studio 4 owner Ray Martin, manager Michael Hopper, DJ Gaylen Zant and the entire staff for their support of this event and for being very attentive to the needs of the evening. And we thank Studio 4 for their additional pledge of $100.

Thank you all for a memorable evening.

OUT OF THE CLOSET SALE

by Alan Ross

This will be our final offer to help you get your house in order with your contributions to our Rummage Sale. We really need your junk...and we know you all have something you need to get rid of. Not only will this help you, but the sales will benefit the Alliance. Baked goods are needed as well, and we do quite well with a bake sale if we have plenty of goodies to sell. So get into your kitchens and bake something marvelous!

The Sale will be held on Saturday, April 14, at the side of Crossroads Market, 3930 Cedar Springs. In case of rain, we will still be in operation at the meeting room of the Gay Community Center, 3920 Cedar Springs. Donated items (except baked goods) should be at the Center no later than Friday the 13th, so that we can separate and mark all the items. Space is available at the Center now for those of you who need to bring your junk now.

YOUNG GAYS ORGANIZE

An organization has been established for the purpose of providing young gay people with an alternative source for socializing and peer support. Gay/Lesbian Youth Alternative was created to meet the social and support needs of young people 18-25 through parties, field trips, speakers, movies and more. Anyone interested is invited to attend the Thursday meetings at 7:30pm in the Gay Community Center or contact Bobby at 528-4233 for more information.

THANK YOU PAC'ERS

by Michael Milliken

Even though the elections have not taken place yet, I would like to relay the appreciation of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus and the Steering Committee to everyone who has worked so hard and well already. I do not want to miss anyone, so it would be difficult to list you all by name. But a special thanks goes to the members of the subcommittee that developed the Dallas Independent School District Board of Trustees questionnaire and the Lawyers Advisory Committee that developed questionnaires, screened judicial candidates and made recommendations to the Steering Committee.

The groundbreaking questionnaire developed for the DISD candidates by Dr. Harryette Ehrhardt, Bill Nelson (DGA Director of Communications) and others has been sent to many organizations for their use as a model. Although DGPC has not been strongly active in the DISD Board of Trustees elections in the past, many members of the Steering Committee urged greater involvement this year.

Besides those candidates endorsed by DGPC, the Lawyers Advisory Committee was supportive of John Hill (D) for Chief Justice, State Supreme Court; Shelby Sharpe for Associate Justice, Supreme Court Place 2; Kerry Fitzgerald (D) and Walter Boyd (D) both for Associate Justice, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3.

Lawyers Bill Nelson (Dialog editor) and Jerry Birdwell of Birdwell and Associates, as well as King Solomon, Charles Stewart, Peter Brooks, and others were instrumental in developing the specialized questionnaire, screening those candidates and advising the Steering Committee with their personal knowledge about many candidates. A very special thanks to Jerry Birdwell for hosting the Advisory group in his law office library.

To all of these people and everyone who has assisted in any way...thank you. And now we need your help some more for the many tasks remaining to assure the election of the DGPC endorsed candidates. Call and come by the offices.

BIG APPLE BIAS BAN BOPS SALVATION ARMY

New York City Mayor Ed Koch recently warned the Salvation Army that they would lose their city contracts unless the group adopted a no-bias hiring policy toward gays.

At present the Salvation Army has about 10 contracts with New York City, valued at more than $4 million, to provide daily services to the city's poor. Under Koch's earlier Executive Order 50, groups doing business with the city must pledge, in writing, not to discriminate in hiring because of "sexual or affectional preference."

If the Salvation Army refuses to adopt a no-discrimination policy by June 30, its contracts would be given to other religious and nonprofit groups. Several other religious agencies have already signed an anti-discrimination pledge with the city including the Catholic Archdiocese of New York and the Jewish Board for Family and Children's Services.

Said Mayor Koch, "The City has high regard for the work of the Salvation Army, but there can be no exception to Executive Order 50. If the city were not to follow this policy, we would be creating a new discrimination."

Koch noted that religious groups in New York were free to practice in any way they wanted. But, he said to receive public contracts, they must comply with all city laws.

The Salvation Army subscribes to a conservative interpretation of the Bible regarding homosexuality. While the group's New York director denied that the Army practiced discrimination, he conceded that gays might be denied jobs in some city-funded programs such as day care centers.

Overall, the $4 million in city contracts amounts to only a small part of the Salvation Army's $114 million operating budget in New York City.

CALIFORNIA GUV NIXES GAY RIGHTS BILL

California's GOP Governor Deukmejian disappointed gays earlier this month by vetoing an anti-discrimination bill earlier passed by California's legislature.

The bill, called AB-1, would have changed California law to bar discrimination against gays in hiring or employment for businesses with five or more employees. Religious and nonprofit groups would have been exempted.

Deukmejian explained his veto only in a brief message after waiting nearly two weeks after the bill's passage in the legislature. The Republican governor stated that there was no "compelling show of need" for the anti-discrimination measure.

Under California law, the governor could have vetoed the bill, signed it, or allowed it to become law without his signature. Deukmejian's 1982 Democratic opponent, Los Angeles mayor Tom Bradley, had pledged to sign such a bill.

The bill's supporters criticized Deukmejian for giving in to fundamentalists and conservatives. San Francisco Assemblymen Art Agnos, a Democrat, vowed to re-introduce the measure until it passed, and said Deukmejian had given in to "Bible-thumping bigotry."

The anti-discrimination bill had earlier passed the state Senate on a 22-to-16 vote and the Assembly 42-to-35. The legislature's votes were generally split along party lines with most Democrats supporting the measure and all but a handful of Republicans opposing it.

The bill's sponsor, Assemblyman Agnos, had pledged that the bill would "lift California out of the Dark Ages as far as homosexual people in this state go." The measure had been introduced five times since 1975 by Agnos. It passed this year due to a massive lobbying effort by gays and human rights supporters. Only Wisconsin now has such a statewide anti-discrimination bill.

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DGPC NEEDS ASSISTANCE

by Michael Milliken

By the time you receive this Dialog, the 1984 Democratic and Republican Primary Elections will be over, and we most likely will be headed for runoff elections for several of our endorsed candidates. The need for volunteers and money will be just as great as for the Primary Elections.

As has been noted here before and elsewhere, the Dallas Gay Political Caucus (the political action committee of the Alliance--DGPC) has been busy with precinct organizing, mail-outs, leaflets, hand-outs, phone banks, and trying to satisfy candidate needs. Several precinct and senatorial convention planning sessions have taken place. Almost all of this work, including the best-ever printing of the endorsement list and bulk mail handling, was done personally by the Director of DGPC, Mike Richards (in addition to running the Gay Community Center). The man is a dynamo!

We will probably have had a demonstratively significant impact on the vote totals in a few precincts, despite the meager amounts of money and volunteers that showed up at DGPC. Those of you who have contributed in time and/or money are to be congratulated for being among a select few.

Civic Affairs Dept.

More than ever, Mike Richards and I had to make some difficult decisions on how best to use the very limited resources available this year. Apathy and preclusionary commitments to non-political or personal projects seem to have taken hold of most of the gay community. Very few recognize that the freedoms we now enjoy are vulnerable to attack and could be easily withdrawn. An example is the banning of sexual conduct in the baths in San Francisco. As has been forecast by many, further action could spread to the limitation of other aspects of gay lifestyles, such as the bars and health clubs that have prospered in the gay community. How easily this could happen in Dallas, Texas when compared with San Francisco, California.

If you agree that the rights of gay people need to be protected, please make a donation of time and/or money to the efforts of the DGPC.

MAY 14th MEETING ON CRISES

by Bill Nelson

The program for the May general meeting is "Helping a Friend Through a Crisis: You Can Do It!" and will be presented by a speaker from the Dallas Suicide and Crisis Prevention Center. Crisis is something which touches all of our lives, and the Crisis Center has a presentation which can help us all deal more effectively with recognizing and helping friends and family in times of personal crisis. Serious crises are not always associated with a specific event, but the characteristics are recognizable, and help can begin before serious developments arise. This program promises to be both interesting and educational.

Additional features at this month's meeting will be a health break with demonstrations and suggestions about how to improve fitness and health without major commitments of time and energy. This presentation will be a regular feature of our meetings in the future with our three local fitness businesses providing the speakers and demonstrations. This month's suggestions will be from Aerobics To Go and should be both lively and entertaining.

Another regular event at our meetings has been the "short subject" presentations by members about aspects of the gay lifestyle. This month the topic is "Coming Out Stories" and, if the past is any indication, this should be a very interesting part of the evening.

We hope that you will plan to attend this month's meeting and will try to bring along a friend who is not a member. The program is varied and interesting, and new faces are always welcome at Alliance meetings.

HANCE IS ANTI-GAY

Gay rights became an unexpected last-minute issue in the Democratic U.S. Senate primary when U.S. Representative Kent Hance opened a television ad campaign attacking his opponents for supporting federal civil rights protection for gays.

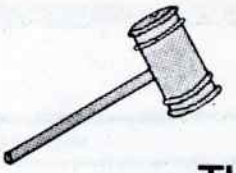
Hance, a conservative West Texas Democrat, reportedly trailed behind his two opponents Bob Krueger and Lloyd Doggett in preprimary polls. Hance's TV ads also raised the illegal alien issue, causing an angry reaction from Texas hispanic groups.

Hance's opponents, front-runner Bob Krueger and Texas State Senator Lloyd Doggett, both oppose discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Supporters of Krueger and Doggett denounced the new ads as reflecting desperate political tactics.

The anti-gay ad campaign is apparently intended to win Hance a spot in the runoff election for the Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate. Under Texas law, if no candidate wins a majority of votes in the first primary, a runoff election is held between the first- and second-place finishers to decide the nomination.

IF YOU WERE ELECTED AS A DELEGATE TO YOUR SENATORIAL DISTRICT CONVENTION AND HAVE NOT BEEN CONTACTED, PLEASE CALL MIKE RICHARDS IMMEDIATELY AT 528-4233.



THE GAVEL RAPS

by Mike Stewart, President of the Dallas Gay Alliance

Originally my May comments were to be very personal. I've been reading The Male Couple, and I wanted to share some thoughts about that book and my feelings about the importance of our relationships. (Thanks M.)

But plans change to meet current demands! Your June 1984 membership meeting is extremely important. Every six months--in December and in June--you elect five directors to serve one-year terms on the DGA Board of Directors. Following the June elections, the Board selects officers--President, Vice-President, and Treasurer--and presents their names to you in July for ratification. Since one director whose term does not end until December 1984 has announced intentions to resign in June 1984, you will soon have six vacancies to fill. And soon after filling those vacancies, your President and Vice-President will be selected.

Please don't take your role in this process lightly. You determine the Alliance's course during the next six months, the next year, and in future years. And, to a significant degree, you determine the future of our movement and our community.

This is my third reminder of the importance of these semi-annual elections, but this is probably the most important election in recent years. Make your wishes known and encourage qualified people to be available for office. Our future depends on it!

And next month . . . let's get personal.

ATTEND DGA OPEN HOUSE

by Steve Weast

On Sunday, May 13th, the Alliance is sponsoring an "open house" at the Gay Community Center, 3920 Cedar Springs Road, from 2-4pm. This date coincides with the DGA's eighth anniversary meeting the following night.

The Community Center is open to everyone, and Alliance members and non-members alike are invited to come by and tour the facilities and see what a wide range of services the Center is providing. Leaders of community organizations, as well as civic leaders, have been invited to attend the May 13th open house.

REPORT ON GPW 1984

by Alan Ross

Plans are underway for an exciting 1984 Gay Pride Week, beginning Saturday, June 23rd with a Little Feather Productions concert. The following day, the DGA will coordinate a community event with a country western theme. Tentatively planned is an all-day street fair with organizational and business booths, art exhibits, bake sales, etc. along Throckmorton and Cedar Springs. Later in the afternoon, we are planning to have a band concert followed by an outdoor barbeque, with tickets going on sale after June 1st.

The Alliance will then host the Dena Kaye Show at The Round-Up Saloon beginning at 9pm. Dena Kaye last performed for us at the National Gay Conference in August 1982. Dena is a wonderful performer, and we are excited to have her for our event during Gay Pride Week.

The Turtle Creek Chorale will perform three times during Gay Pride Week at SMU on June 26, 29, and 30. The 15th anniversary of the Stonewall riots will be observed at 8:15pm on Wednesday, June 27th with a commemorative march to Lee Park followed by a non-religious candlelight event marking the importance of the Stonewall riots to all gays. This observance is being coordinated by GRACE. The Dallas Tavern Guild bars will begin special events to celebrate the occasion at 10pm.

Saturday, June 30th will be filled with the All-Star Softball Games, sponsored by the Oak Lawn Softball Association. Two big games will feature the

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REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

Health & Education Dept.

by Tom Hatfield

The Health and Education Department has been running at a crazy pace. We will be offering blood pressure screening beginning on May 13th and continuing on Thursday evenings thereafter from 7-10pm at the Alliance offices.

We will be adding the STD clinic as soon as possible. I am looking for doctors who can help work in the clinic.

The Health and Education Department is meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at the DGA office. Call 528-4233 for more information.

Fund Raising Dept.

by Alan Ross

This is the morning after the Drag Queen Mud Wrestling Event and Show, a DGA-sponsored benefit, at the Snake Pit. For a first-time venture into "tasteful sleaze," the event came off without too many problems. Our very own "Heartbreakers" resurrected themselves as "The Supremes," and later as "The VonEricas" for mud wrestling. Many thanks to Tom and Tony for their great job of emceeing the show. And thanks to Bill and Terry for their part by wrestling in that awful "mud." (We won't go into what the mud really was.) Our very special thank yous to the other entertainers: Tiget Lil, Dion Martell, Kandi Delight, Norma Jean, Racine, Alexis, and the Nasty Nymphos. And, of course, we appreciate and thank the owners of the Snake Pit, Jim and Jon, and the entire staff for hosting this event for the Alliance.

The wrestling event did not raise a particularly great amount of money, the net income after expenses being $359.35. This amount, combined with the net amount raised at our rummage sale of $513.71, brings the the total sum raised by this department in April 1984 to just over $873. Both events were rather new for DGA, and I believe we did well, but we can always do better . . . now that we have the experience. That does not necessarily mean we will be having a second annual mud wrestling event.

The next planned benefit for the Alliance is not until the first Sunday of Gay Pride Week, June 24th. We hope that all of you will support the day's activities that are being coordinated by the DGA and that you will enjoy with us the Dena Kaye Show at The Pound-Up that evening.

JOIN A DGA DEPARTMENT

Communications Dept.

by Bill Nelson

The Communications Department, in addition to cranking out the usual supply of posters, flyers, and brochures (no small task, mind you, but just business as usual for this active department), is concentrating on upgrading the quality of programming for the monthly general membership meetings. Topics recently approved by the Board are June -- Gay Pride Week; July -- Gay Vacation Spots; and August -- Gay Rights on Campus.

There is also a great deal of discussion and work to be done associated with planning for large ads we hope to take out in major area newspapers during gay pride week. And Lambda Weekly, the weekly radio program on KNON (90.9 FM) is a regular topic for discussion since we are responsible for cranking out that production each Sunday.

Anyone interested in joining the Communications Department of the Alliance should just show up at the weekly meeting on Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

Social Events Dept.

by Steve Weast

The Social Events Department will be working on several projects this month. There will be an election night party at the Gay Community Center on Saturday, May 5th beginning at 8pm after the polls have closed. TVs will be set up to watch the election returns, and beer and wine will be available along with non-alcoholic beverages.

And, come to the Open House we are hosting on May 13th at the Center.

On Thursday, May 24th, the Alliance is sponsoring a visit to the Shogun Age exhibit at the Dallas Museum of Art at 8pm. Those who order tickets through the DGA may pick them up at the Open House or at the May general membership meeting.

Membership Dept.

by Charles Dutton

The Membership Department is excited about the new, multi-colored brochure for prospective members which will make its debut at the Open House on May 13th at the Gay Community Center. The brochure, which has been in the planning stages for months, will be a primary tool during the summer membership drive. Other items receiving approval during the department's April 21st meeting were an offer to assist on the survey of Dallas gays and lesbians as well as a specially designed box at the DGA offices for suggestions on improving the Alliance and/or bringing attention to problems concerning addresses or renewal notices.

Membership czar Ray Anthony also took time to pay homage to stalwart Alliance volunteer Mike A. Mike is our man with the computer that keeps a roster of our members and lets us know when they are about to become non-members. Thus, the commitment he has demonstrated month after month to this time-consuming job has had a direct bearing on how well our department does its job. Mike, thank you for the coordination, patience, and helpfulness you've shown us.

Social Justice Dept.

by Melodie Alexander

I am working on assisting the Black and White Men Together (BWMT) to reorganize. As with the Hispanic Task Force, a formal organization has credibility and is often heard whereas individuals sometimes are not. BWMT meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the DGA offices.

I have made two contacts with the national BWMT office and have their support and interest in reviving the organization in the Dallas area.

When a particular group of people are discriminated against, I hope they receive all the support anyone can offer. But I also feel that they must take risks and organize to fight what is happening to them.

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DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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13 GAY UNITARIANS meet the 2nd Sunday of every month at First Unitarian Church, Preston at Normandy at 7:30pm. DGA OPEN HOUSE sponsored by Social Events Dept. at the Community Center from 2-4pm. AFFIRMATION (Methodist) meets the 2nd Sunday of every month. Call 521-6769 for information.	**14** DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE General Meeting 7:30 - MCC - 2701 Reagan	**15** Civic Affairs Dept. (Political Action Steering Committee) 7:30 - DGA Office THE TURTLE CREEK CHORALE SPOTLIGHT '84. Gran Crystal Palace, 2424 Swiss Ave. at 7:30 & 9:15 pm. BLACK AND WHITE MEN TOGETHER meets on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:30pm at the DGA office.	**16** Communica 8:00 - DGA Off Gay Focus EVERY WEDNESDA 9:00 - Warner Am Sr. Mar Ignatius.. again at Theatre
20 GAY PRIDE III FUNDRAISER at the Unicorn at 2pm with a free dinner at 4pm and entertainment until 7pm. 4125 Lemmon at Douglas. Hispanic Task Force 1:00 - Call 522-4000 for Details THE COMMUNITY CENTER GAY RESEARCH LIBRARY is open every Sunday from 1 till 4 pm.	**21** Board Meeting 7:30 - DGA Office DIALOG Deadline THE COMMUNITY CENTER GAY RESEARCH LIBRARY is open every Monday from 2 till 6 pm.	**22** Civic Affairs Dept. (Political Action Steering Committee) 7:30 - DGA Office DALLAS AREA WOMENS POLITICAL CAUCUS meets at the First Unitarian Church at 7:30pm. DIGNITY DALLAS meets every Tuesday at 7:30pm. Call 330-1063.	**23** Communica 8:00 - DGA Offi Gay Focus EVERY WEDNESDA 9:00 - Warner Ame OAK LAWN VOLLEYI each Wednesday Recreation Cer
27 DIALOG Production 2812 Fairmount at Cedar Springs 871-8711 or 750-8041 12:00 NOON FRONT RUNNER DALLAS meets every Sunday at 10am at Winfrey Point on White Rock Lake for an easy 2-mile run.	**28** Open Board Meeting 7:30 - DGA Office All committee chairs and interested persons invited to provide input. 528-4233. GAY STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP of NTSU meets every other Monday at 8pm in the SUB. 817/788-3333.	**29** Civic Affairs Dept. (Political Action Steering Committee) 7:30 - DGA Office THE COMMUNITY CENTER GAY RESEARCH LIBRARY is open every Tuesday from 2 till 6 pm. OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday at MCC from 7-9pm. Musicians needed. 351-6697.	**30** Communica 8:00 - DGA Offi Gay Focus EVERY WEDNESDA 9:00 - Warner Ame METROPLEX REPUBL at 7pm. Call
3 Membership Dept. 1st & 3rd Sunday at 3pm NEW MEMBERS RECEPTION 3:30 - DGA Office HOLY TRINITY CC of Dallas, 4402 Rosedale. Service at 11am. 827-5088. MCC of Dallas, 2701 Reagan. Services at 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, and 7:15 pm. MCC Orchestra & Chorus rehearses every Sunday at 9:30am.	**4** Board Meeting 7:30 - DGA Office GAY/LESBIAN ALLIANCE OF DENTON (GLAD) meets the 1st Monday of every month.	**5** Civic Affairs Dept. (Political Action Steering Committee) 7:30 - DGA Office TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Tuesday of every month. Center for the Community, 2412 Lipscomb (near Page) in Fort Worth at 8:30pm. 817/571-6977. DIGNITY DALLAS meets at St. Peter Apostle Church on Woodall Rogers every Tuesday at 7:30pm.	**6** Communica 8:00 - DGA Offi Gay Focus EVERY WEDNESDA 9:00 - Warner Ame LESBIAN RIGHTS T NOW office 1st at 8pm.
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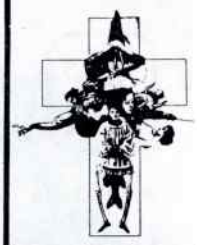

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BOARD MEMBER PROFILE:

by T.R.M.

Former DGA Vice-President Terry Tebedo recently returned to the Board of Directors to head the Operations Department. In an interview with Dialog, Terry recounted some of his experiences over the last half-decade.

Co-owner of the Crossroads Market on Cedar Springs at Throckmorton and two other Dallas-area stores, Terry moved to Dallas from Houston in 1978.

"At the time, I was still commuting back and forth between Dallas and Houston with Bill Nelson (not the Editor of Dialog)," Terry remembered. "We bought a house in Dallas in early 1979. That was when I began to get more active in the Alliance (then the Dallas Gay Political Caucus). I had come to a couple of meetings when I was up from Houston with Bill Nelson. About that time, Anita Bryant was appearing, and we were putting together a Houston anti-Anita Bryant rally which ten thousand people attended.

"That's when I first went to the DGA with Bill. We wanted to make a rally, and there were a lot of questions. I learned then that people want to be involved in the gay movement, although they may not want to make a long-term commitment. What if we had a rally, and no one came? Or what if we had problems in Dallas? What would Dallas think?

"Eventually we decided to ignore it. At the time I was angry because I felt it was necessary to give Anita the same reception in every city in the country. Dallas wasn't an island. Dallas wasn't going to go into terminal shock if gays protested. I really think we missed an opportunity to let people participate," Terry recounted.

Since moving to Dallas, Terry has been continually active in the Alliance, first serving as Vice-President, then in public relations, then as the Board member for social affairs. At present, he is filling an unexpired term as Organizations Department chair.

"My term ends in June, I think," Terry explained. "But I'm really afraid to ask. What I do then depends on if I feel productive and like I'm making a contribution. I hope I don't run out of new ideas and lose steam.

"My own favorite activities in the DGA are the social events. And, looking back, I think they had as much impact as any other thing I did--social events, picnics, canoe trips, sports, parties, parades, and balls. All these give a group a sense of camaraderie, and that's important. You get a feeling that there's a common bond and can share some interests. You can't always get that at general meetings. This gives people some place to enjoy themselves aside from meeting friends in a bar.

"When you think of it, the picnics, parties, and balls raise a large share of the DGA's money. We get about 40% of our funds from our members, and the rest comes from special events, direct donations, and benefits.

All these events help bring in a lot of people that you never see at meetings and rarely out at bars. I really do see a definite need for these functions."

"When I shifted to the Social Justice Department, we had the almost immediate problems of police raids on Cedar Springs bars. Again, that gave some people enough personal concern to set down their martinis long enough to go to a rally at city hall or to a meeting.

"After that, I semi-retired. But here I am again--on Operations! Right now, I'd really like to see the Gay Community Center come to life here, and that's where I'll be headed now."

"I'd like to see more activities which anyone can get into, like a bridge night or a movie night," Terry said. We will have concessions with popcorn and refreshments and a theme. I hope the films can be a continuing fundraiser to help pay for the Community Center."

The new Community Center may also become active in addressing gay community needs, Terry explained. The Alliance is now working on a VD screening

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SPEAKERS: JOIN UP

by Tom Hatfield

The Speakers Bureau was very busy last month. We had five engagements, and people are always wanting us to send a speaker or someone. This demand takes a large amount of volunteers. Frankly, we need help!

Speaking is a rewarding experience, besides sharing our lifestyle as it really is and helping to clear up the fears. You get a bonus by participating: you gain insight and knowledge about yourself.

Most questions are the obvious ones. We offer instructions and guidelines to any and all who volunteer. To be part of the Speakers Bureau, you must be an Alliance member; you can even join to fulfill your dream! We are desperately looking for women and men who can help us.

Remember--it takes all of us to teach the lesson that it is O.K. to be gay.

DGA MEETS SISTER MARY

Tickets may still be available at the Crossroads Market for the May 16th performance of Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You. If you did not see the play on May 9th, I urge you to call the Crossroads Market at 521-8919 for ticket information.

The May 16th performance is at Theatre Three at 8:15pm with a reception hosted by the Alliance in the lobby following the performance. Proceeds from the ticket sales benefit the Alliance.

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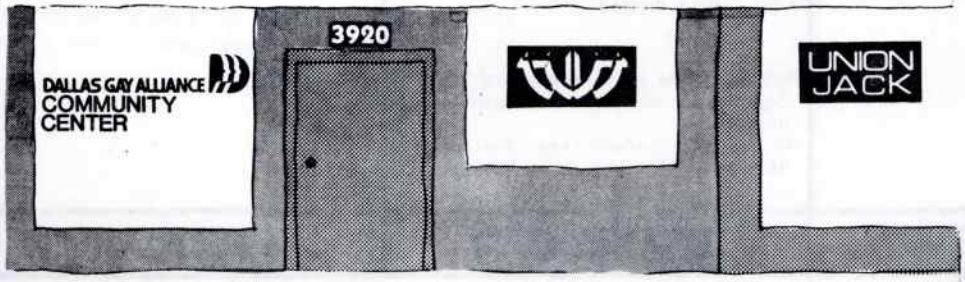

A BREAKTHROUGH IN AIDS RESEARCH

French and American scientists recently announced several potential breakthroughs in their efforts against AIDS. New findings now offer greater hope that researchers will be able to identify the source of AIDS, identify an earlier detection and blood screening method, and possibly even develop a vaccine against the disease.

In April Dr. James Mason, head of the Federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) announced that he believed a French-identified virus was responsible for AIDS.

Mason, a virologist, called the findings "an exciting discovery" and a "significant breakthrough." According to the CDC, 4,087 U.S. cases of AIDS have been reported since the disease was first recognized in 1981. Of these, some 1,758 patients have already died. Other AIDS cases have been reported in Europe, Africa, and the Caribbean.

The latest research stems from the work of French scientists who termed the newly-identified virus "lymphademopathy-associated virus," or LAV.

According to a French research team headed by Dr. E. Vilmer, LAV is a retrovirus -- one which causes the body's normal immune system to weaken.

French researchers indicate that they found evidence of the new virus in 80 to 90 percent of American AIDS patients whose blood samples they tested. They further reported that nearly all Americans with a pre-AIDS disorder had apparently been exposed to the LAV virus.

American scientists have also identified an AIDS-related virus, although at present they are uncertain whether their virus is identical to the French LAV.

The American research was directed by Dr. Robert Gallo and a research team at the National Cancer Institute. Dr. Gallo's work reportedly identified a variant of a human cancer virus in AIDS patients.

Dr. Mason predicted that new results would lead to a diagnostic test for AIDS. U.S. government officials reported that a blood-screening test for AIDS could identify the disease with "essentially 100 percent certainty" and would become available commercially within the next six months.

Reported U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Margaret Heckler: "We should be able to ensure that blood for transfusions is free from AIDS."

Blood transfusions from donors who later developed AIDS have recently been linked to new AIDS cases in at least one instance involving a 38-year-old California woman who received a blood transfusion after unrelated surgery.

Research also suggested the possibility of a vaccine against AIDS. Dr. Mason cautioned that a possible vaccine might take several years to develop. HHS Secretary Heckler predicted that a vaccine would be developed within two to three years, however.

Heckler also recently announced that the U.S government had applied for a patent on the blood-screening process. The blood test, according to American scientists, would also help identify potential AIDS patients much earlier than is now possible.

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Dr. Mason also described a possible treatment for AIDS. He noted, however, that the treatment is now being discussed only in theory. The method is

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A FUNDRAISER FOR G.P. III

by Alan Ross

The Steering Committee for Gay Pride III activities is planning a unique fundraiser at The Unicorn on Sunday, May 20th beginning at 2pm. The purpose is to provide funding for newspaper advertisements in the Dallas Times Herald and the Dallas Morning News on Sunday, August 19th. The Steering Committe decided to advertise the second anniversary of Judge Jerry Buchmeyer's decision to strike down Sec. 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code as unconstitutional in these media as the Republican National Convention opens in Dallas on August 19.

Many activities are being planned for the afternoon of August 20th, including raffles, games, free draught beer, entertainment, and a free dinner. This should be a fun afternoon for all and should give our members a chance to meet many new people from other organizations. We encourage you to attend this function and show your support for this event.

Tne door cover will be $10 that will go directly for the advertisements. Everything else has been donated. Dinner will be served buffet-style beginning at 4pm with entertainment following until 7pm. Pride III T-shirts will be introduced during the afternoon and will go on sale at that time.

The Unicorn is located at 4125 Lemmon Avenue at Douglas.

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As previously noted, the Turtle Creek Chorale will hold their final concert for Gay Pride Week on June 30th at SMU. The climax of this year's Gay Pride Week will be Razzle Dazzle Dallas at the new addition of the Dallas Convention Center. Two levels of this air conditioned facility will be used for dancing, entertainment, and drinking. It should be quite an evening to enjoy.

Additional and complete information on Gay Pride Week 1984 will be printed in the June Dialog. If you are a member of another organization that is planning an event during the week and that organization has not so notified the Pride III Steering Committee, please remember that May 15th is the deadline for publicity for events.

The Oak Lawn Tennis Association is hosting the 1984 Challenge Cup Series at Cole Park beginning at 9am. This is a dual tennis meet pitting the Dallas and Houston tennis teams in singles and doubles competition. The winner takes home a silver cup. Dallas has not won the cup for three years.

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AIDS Insurance Offered

Provident American Insurance Company recently announced the availability of and AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) Medical Expense Policy. It is believed to be the first such policy offered in the nation and will provide coverage to policyholders for AIDS and other diseases or illnesses contracted as a direct result of AIDS.

A full schedule of meetings to present the program will be announced very soon, and the DGA will assist the company in distributing information about the new program. "We've taken responsibility for positive action since the beginning of this health crisis, and its significant this beneficial program was developed in Dallas," stated Mike Stewart, President of the Alliance. "I sincerely hope the need for this type of coverage is short-term. However, until the crisis has passed, perhaps the availability of the coverage will ease some of the anxiety our community has experienced during the past three years."

DGA is the sponsoring organization in the North Texas area. The coverage was developed with significant input from the gay community, including people with AIDS in Dallas.

The first public presentation of the plan will be June 11th at the DGA membership meeting at MCC at 7:30pm. All who are interested are encouraged to hear the presentation. Other meetings will be held later in June, and schedules will be distributed through media and mass mailings.

DGA AIDES DANNY WHITE

by Bill Nelson

Many of you may have followed in the media Danny White's firing by Baylor Hospital because he was discovered to be gay. You, as members of the Alliance, should be aware of the actions that your organization took to bring this injustice to light in our community.

When Danny first came to the DGA with this issue, we immediately put him in touch with an excellent civil rights attorney. The day following his termination, he was accompanied by a representative of the Alliance to a series of meetings with his immediate supervisor, the director of personnel, and the director of public relations for Baylor Medical Center. In those meetings it was clearly established that the issue was one of a general nature that had ramifications for all gay people--especially those employed or considering employment at Baylor Hospital.

With Danny White's permission, the Alliance put into the works its considerable resources developed for such situations. Letters went out to all members of the Dallas City Council, the President, Congressmen, the Governor, and numerous state officials. All of the media, both gay and straight, was alerted. Consequently, major coverage resulted in the Dallas Voice and This Week in Texas. A followup story was run in the Dallas Morning News. WFAA-TV and the Dallas Times Herald covered Danny's story immediately, and he received national exposure through the Associated Press and NBC Radio. Generally, all the media coverage was fair and supportive, and inquiries continue to come in daily from across the U.S.

MEETING ON TRAVEL

by David G.

For your information and entertainment, the Alliance will present a review of gay travel resorts and hot spots at the June 11th meeting at 7:30pm at MCC at Reagan and Brown Streets. Be sure and come and bring your friends who love travel, who dream of traveling, and who may be making their summer plans now. We can help.

Our special travel show will be presented by special visitors from the east and west. Russ Alley, general manager of the Atherton Hotel in San Francisco, and Herb Harris, owner of Top Flight Travel, a Fort Lauderdale travel agency, and a founder of the International Gay Travel Association, will be our speakers and honored guests for the evening.

GPW 1984: Pride I

by Alan Ross

The Pride III:84 Steering Committee has released the scheduled events for Gay Pride Week 1984, officially set nationally for the week of June 24-30, 1984. Dallas, as well as most other cities in the U.S., has selected the national slogan "Unity and More in '84" as its own.

Mike Stewart and I have been very active with the Steering Committee since January, and we are pleased with the events that are planned in Dallas during the fifteenth anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. Dallas will be celebrating on three different occasions this year with Pride I in June, Pride II in August to celebrate the second anniversary of Section 21.06 decision, and Pride III in September with the Texas Freedom Festival. The parade, which has in the past been held in June, will climax the entire 1984 Gay Pride events on Sunday, September 23, 1984.

Even without a parade in June, Gay Pride Week is full of activites that will encourage all gays to celebrate our pride in being gay and observe the anniversary of the evening that those New York "drag queens" stood up to the police and fought for their equal rights.

DGA GAY PRIDE ACTIVITIES:PRIDE I

by Alan Ross

The Alliance will be quite active and visible with several big events planned for Gay Pride Week, June 23-30, 1984. As a community event, we are making plans for a large Street Fair on the first weekend of GPW '84, June 23-24; a Country-Western Hoedown with entertainment and an outdoor barbecue on Sunday, June 24; and we will sponsor the Dena Kaye Show at The Round-Up Saloon on June 24 at 9pm. In addition, the DGA's film series continues on Fridays with "Victor/Victoria" on June 22 and "Some Like It Hot" on June 29, with both these films and "La Cage Aux Folles" being presented on Saturday, June 23 at 7, 9, and 11pm at the Gay Community Center.

The two-day Street Fair is beginning to gain momentum with many organizations, businesses, and artists planning to have booths along Throckmorton and down Cedar Springs Road. Vendors are expressing interest in selling food, drinks, ice cream, flowers, and balloons as well as t-shirts and assorted buttons.

DGA and the Texas Gay Rodeo Association are planning a community event on Sunday, June 24th that is shaping up to be fun for all with a Country-Western Hoedown. The Street Fair will continue on Sunday with the addition of games and fun in back of the Crossroads Market, a hayrack ride (and maybe a stagecoach ride), entertainment, and an outdoor barbeque at 5:30 until 6:30pm. Advance tickets are $7 each and $8 at the gate. A reply form is enclosed for advance tickets. Please return this form in the enclosed postage-paid envelope so we will know how much food will be required. Unless you specify differently, these tickets will be left in your name at the Crossroads Market or at the DGA booth at the Street Fair.

The first weekend of Pride I will end at The Round-Up Saloon with the DGA-sponsored Dena Kaye Show which begins with her first set at 9pm and ends at midnight. Dena Kaye first appeared for the Alliance at the cocktail

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THE GAVEL RAPS

by Mike Stewart, President of the Dallas Gay Alliance

Last month I promised to "get personal" and share some thoughts on relationships. I recently read The Male Couple, an informative study of gay male relationships and how they develop. Even we single (and available) people can benefit from the book!

It is very important that institutions, particularly our bonding and coupling, be fully supported within the gay community and that we ensure support at some point from the total community. Hopefully, understanding how our relationships develop through various stages will lead to increased understanding of the problems faced at each stage. The authors, Andrew P. McWhirter and Andrew M. Mattison, do not claim to have presented the final and definitive study on gay male coupling, but certainly they have provided valuable and helpful information to guide us.

A year ago I experienced the pain of the most important relationship of my life "not working" any longer. A year and this insightful book helped me sort through the debris left by that painful experience. Life is a complicated process, and our bonding and coupling is no exception. I hope the information in this book and in future similar studies will make one complicated process easier to understand. And if it's easier to understand, an important--possibly the most important--institution within the gay community will be stronger.

I don't want our commitment to civil rights, our commitment to education, our commitment to psychosocial services, or our commitment to political activity to ever interfere with our commitment to support and strengthen our bonding--our loving each other. Personally, I'm changing the word "our" to "my" in that last sentence. Now perhaps my priorities will be in the proper order to make things "work" again in a neglected part of my life.

Give that special person a big hug and renew your commitment to the relationship. It's a vitally important component in your life--and our community.

Thanks M! Only the good memories are important today.

by Alan Ross

The Dallas gay community, and the DGA in particular, was treated to "An Evening With Tom" on May 7th. The star, Tom Davis, is the manager of The Round-Up Saloon and had worked many months perfecting this evening of entertainment at The Round-Up which benefitted the Alliance. Country-western singer Dena

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Meet You On Cloud 9

by Alan Ross

This is an early announcement for a special DGA NIGHT showing of "Cloud 9" at the Dallas Theater Center on Sunday, July 22nd. The Alliance will sponsor the entire evening, with the proceeds from the sale of the 150 seats of the "In The Basement" series benefitting the DGA.

Playwright Caryl Churchill's award-winning, wickedly funny comedy was written following a series of workshops which she says were "set up to explore a wide range of sexual politics and experiences; preferences, too."

The resulting play has a comically chaotic plot, enriched by settings of time and place which are delightfully disorienting. The play also is embellished by a bewildering scramble of actors' roles, which allows the company of seven to appear as fifteen different characters, without regard to sex. The casting technique results in some interesting contrasts: the mother in the First Act returns as her own son's male lover in the Second; the governess reappears as her former mistress; and lusty pairings take place constantly regardless of gender.

Plan now to join us at a "Gay Night" at the Dallas Theater Center for this comedy that begins in Africa in the apparently quite gay 1880s and ends 100 years later in the largely liberal life of United Queendom where the characters have aged only 25 years. Tickets will be available at Crossroads Market on June 15th. However, early reservations may be made with the enclosed reply form. Prices for tickets will be the regular price of $12, which will include wine or champagne at a reception following the performance.

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REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

Civic Affairs Dept.

By Michael Milliken

The May 5th Primary Elections were, in many regards, very successful for the Dallas Gay Political Caucus (DGPC)-endorsed candidates. Most were elected outright, and two are in runoffs.

Only two endorsed candidates were defeated in their bid for a slot in the November general election. Fred Blair failed to make the runoff in the District 3 County Commissioner race, as did Edgar McMillan in the District 8 Constable race. All of the endorsed precinct chairs were elected.

In runoffs are Lloyd Doggett in the race for the Democratic nominee for John Tower's U.S. Senate seat and John Vance for Dallas County Sheriff, also a Democratic Primary race.

As was true in last month's department report, this article was written before the June 2nd runoff elections. Ten days prior to the elections, the predictions were that Doggett and Vance would win their respective races, but by very narrow margins. Democratic Party activists are banking on voters hearing about or perceiving the prejudices that have been openly expressed by the two endorsees' runoff opponents.

On behalf of the DGPC, Mike Richards and I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has assisted in DGPC efforts both the primary and runoff elections.

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Fund Raising Dept.

by Alan Ross

As my second year as an Alliance Director comes to an end . . . and I reach the point of having to decide whether to run for another term or not, I find myself thinking back to the various events that the Alliance has sponsored to raise money. I am sure many of you feel we are always trying to "bleed that turnip." Well, yes we are, but we have to continually raise funds so that the DGA can continue to operate. Individual contributions simply do not provide us with enough revenue.

A variety of events have been presented to our members and the community to raise funds in the past year. Some have been extremely successful; some have not. Some events have proven to be really more trouble than they were worth, but we have tried and learned from them all.

Selecting a variety of events can be difficult. We try to plan social functions that raise money so that you will have a good time while contributing to the Alliance treasury. To all of our members and all members of the community, I extend a large "Thank You" for your financial support of the many events that we have promoted. And I thank those people who have presented shows from which the Alliance reaped the proceeds, singling out The Round-Up, The Unicorn, Studio 4, and The Snake Pit. Approximately $8,500 was added to the DGA treasury (after expenses were deducted from the proceeds) over the past five months due to the support of many gay people, many of whom are not Alliance members.

I wish each one of you would take a moment to jot down a few events you would be interested in seeing the Alliance sponsor--something you would support financially or in person. Please use the back of one of the reply forms that I have included in this Dialog, and let us know what you want. Of course, there is also enclosed a postage-paid envelope, or you can use your own 20-cent stamp and save the Alliance 38 cents.

JOIN A DGA DEPARTMENT

Communications Dept.

by David G.

You can find out what you need to know about gay travel hot spots at the June general membership meeting, gays and the media at the July meeting, and gay rights on campus at the August meeting. The Communications Department is designing livelier and more informative programs, and we want your ideas and help on any of the above programs or others you would like to see presented at a future monthly meeting.

Contact Bill Nelson, our Director, or come to the DGA Office at 8pm on Wednesday evenings to meet with the dynamic Communications crowd. We want and need your help.

Thanks to the men of Fitness Exchange for part of our new fitness/health break at the DGA May meeting. This regular feature at our meetings will help you stay healthy, so tell all your friends about good health and our good healthy meetings. Aerobics To Go will assist with the fitness/health break at the June meeting.

Our giveaway gift to some special guest was a big hit at the May meeting. Our June surprise gift for another special guest will have something to do with travel. That's no surprise. Come see what the gift will be and bring a guest who is not a member of the Alliance. He or she could be the winner. The gift will most likely not be an airplane ticket to San Francisco unless we get mighty lucky or strike oil, but it will be a gift someone will be proud to take home.

Membership Dept.

By Charles Dutton

The Membership Department has bid a fond farewell to its director, Ray Anthony, who has moved to Austin. His stated purpose for the move is career advancement; however, the Department knows Mr. Anthony will find our state capital stimulating after business hours, as well. Anthony not only worked as a volunteer and director of the Membership Department, he also founded the Hispanic Caucus of the Alliance. Anthony's democratic methods, hard work, and resilience will be difficult to replace.

Meanwhile, the work of the department goes on. For some time, our chief concern is how is motivate just a few of the thousands of potential members into joining the DGA. As Don Baker commented at the May meeting, "Our greatest enemy is non-involvement." Anyone with an idea on how to make membership in the Alliance more palatable to the hoi polloi, SPEAK UP! Any member of the department will be glad to talk with you.

Social Justice Dept.

By Melodie Alexander

My conception of what social justice is all about is protecting your rights as a gay/lesbian person, getting resource names to you to help in any problems that arise due to your sexual orientation, and being there for you.

Well, as is very apparent by what happened to a gay man who worked at Baylor Medical Center and was fired just because he is gay, this can and does happen to all of us queers. And worst of all, we have no laws to protect us when it comes to sexual preference.

Are you mad? Do you want to do something about it? Get involved with politics--gay politics. Help get us elected. Help get those who support us elected. The laws will change only if we work to change them. There is not a damn thing we can do to protect you in housing, employment, or recourse against police harassment. If there is no legal recourse, help make the laws free us.

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DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE COMMUNITY CALENDAR 1984

MAY

JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED
10 GAY UNITARIANS meet the 2nd Sunday of every month at First Unitarian Church, Preston at Normandy at 7:30pm. AFFIRMATION (Methodist) meets the 2nd Sunday of every month. Call 521-6769 for information.	**11** DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE **General Meeting** **7:30 - MCC - 2701 Reagan**	**12 Civic Affairs Dept.** **(Political Action Steering Committee)** **7:30 - DGA Office** DIGNITY DALLAS celebrates a mass and then discusses gay pride. Call 330-1063 for time and location. OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday at MCC from 7-9pm. Musicians needed. 351-6697.	**13** Communica 8:00 - DGA Offi Gay Focus EVERY WEDNESDA 9:00 - Warner Am
17 **Hispanic Task Force** **1:00 - Call 522-4000 for Details** THE COMMUNITY CENTER GAY RESEARCH LIBRARY is open every Sunday from 1 till 4 pm.	**18** **Board Meeting** **7:30 - DGA Office** **DIALOG Deadline** THE COMMUNITY CENTER GAY RESEARCH LIBRARY is open every Monday from 2 till 6 pm.	**19** **Civic Affairs Dept.** **(Political Action Steering Committee)** **7:30 - DGA Office** DALLAS AREA WOMENS POLITICAL CAUCUS meets at the First Unitarian Church at 7:30pm. BLACK AND WHITE MEN TOGETHER meets on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:30pm at the DGA office.	**20** Communica 8:00 - DGA Offi Gay Focus EVERY WEDNESDA 9:00 - Warner Ame OAK LAWN VOLLEYE each Wednesday Recreation Cer
24 DIALOG Production **2812 Fairmount at Cedar Springs** **871-8711 or 750-8041** **12:00 NOON** FRONT RUNNER DALLAS meets every Sunday at 7am (believe it or not!) at Winfrey Point on White Rock Lake for an easy 2-mile run.	**25** **Open Board Meeting** **7:30 - DGA Office** All committee chairs and interested persons invited to provide input. 528-4233. GAY STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP of NTSU meets every other Monday at 8pm in the SUB. 817/788-3333.	**26** **Civic Affairs Dept.** **(Political Action Steering Committee)** **7:30 - DGA Office** THE COMMUNITY CENTER GAY RESEARCH LIBRARY is open every Tuesday from 2 till 6 pm. DIGNITY DALLAS celebrates a mass and then discusses coming out to your family. Call 330-1063 for time and location.	**27** Communica 8:00 - DGA Offi Gay Focus EVERY WEDNESDA 9:00 - Warner Ame METROPLEX REPUBI at 7pm. Call
1 Membership Dept. 1st & 3rd Sunday at 3pm **NEW MEMBERS RECEPTION** **3:30 - DGA Office** HOLY TRINITY CC of Dallas, 4402 Rosedale. Service at 11am. 827-5088. MCC of Dallas, 2701 Reagan. Services at 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, and 7:15 pm. MCC Orchestra & Chorus rehearses every Sunday at 9:30am.	**2** **Board Meeting** **7:30 - DGA Office** GAY/LESBIAN ALLIANCE OF DENTON (GLAD) meets the 1st Monday of every month.	**3** **Civic Affairs Dept.** **(Political Action Steering Committee)** **7:30 - DGA Office** TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Tuesday of every month. Center for the Community, 2412 Lipscomb (near Page) in Fort Worth at 8:30pm. 817/571-6977.	**4** Communica 8:00 - DGA Offi Gay Focus EVERY WEDNESDA 9:00 - Warner Ame LESBIAN RIGHTS T NOW office 1st at 8pm.
8 LISTEN TO LAMBDA WEEKLY EVERY SUNDAY 12:00 NOON ON KNON 90.9 FM	**9** **General Meeting** **7:30 - MCC - 2701 Reagan**	**10** DIGNITY DALLAS meets every other Tuesday in July. Call 330-1063 for time and location.	**11** Communica 8:00 - DGA Offi

	7 Health & Education Dept. **7:30 - DGA Office** TURTLE CREEK CHORALE rehearses every Thursday at the Midway Hills Christian Church at 7:30pm. 368-5500. GAY LESBIAN YOUTH ALTERNATIVE meets every Thursday at 7:30pm in the DGA Gay Community Center.	**8** **DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE**	**9** TRIATHLON held in Austin. Front Runner participates in 1/2-mile swim, 25-mile bike ride, and 5-mile run, beginning at 7:30am.
)ns Dept. hannel 9	**14** **Publications Dept.** **7:30 - DGA Office** BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS AND CHECKS are sponsored by the Health and Education Dept. each Thursday from 7-10pm at the Community Center.	**15** THE METROPLEX REPUBLICAN PARTY will meet at 8 pm. For more info. call 521-9638. DGA FILM SERIES: "La Cage Aux Folles" at 8pm and again at 10pm at the Gay Community Center. Free popcorn. STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION held in Houston.	**16** **Social Justice Dept.** **9:30 AM - Olympia Diner** FUN AND GAMES CARNIVAL sponsored by La Nuit Chaude. 4001 Parking Lot from 10am until 5pm. (Rain date: June 30). STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION continues in Houston.
ns Dept. hannel 9 TEAM practices the Reverchon at 7pm.	**21** Health & Education Dept. **7:30 - DGA Office**	**22** JOIN THE DGA NOW!	**23** **Social Justice Dept.** **9:30 AM - Olympia Restaurant** **DIALOG Production** **2812 Fairmount at Cedar Springs** **871-8711 or 750-8041** **12:00 NOON** June 23- June 30, 1984 SEE GAY PRIDE WEEK CALENDAR ON PAGE 6
ns Dept. hannel 9 N SOCIETY meets -9638.	**28** Publications Dept. DIALOG MAIL COMMITTEE meets at 6050 Birchbrook Dr., No. 242 at 6:30pm. Bring an appetite! Call 750-8041 or 871-8711 for more information. INTEGRITY D/FW meets at 4008 Wycliff the last Thursday of the month. Covered dish dinner, program. Call 522-6305.	**29**	**30** **Social Justice Dept.** **9:30 AM - Olympia Restaurant**
ns Dept. hannel 9 FORCE meets at 3rd Wednesdays	**5** **Social Events & Fund Raising Depts.** **(Combined Meeting)** **7:30 - DGA Office** TURTLE CREEK CHORALE rehearses every Thursday at the Midway Hills Christian Church at 7:30pm. 368-5500.	**6**	**7** **Social Justice Dept.** **9:30 AM - Olympia Diner**
)ns Dept.	**12** **Health & Education Dept.** **7:30 - DGA Office** MCC ORCHESTRA rehearses every Thursday at 7:15 pm at 2701 Reagan at Brown. MCC CHOIR rehearses every Thursday at 8pm at 2701 Reagan at Brown.	**13**	**14** **Social Justice Dept.** **9:30 AM - Olympia Diner** DALLAS MIRTH AND GIRTH (Chubbies and Chasers) meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at Peppino's Too at 6:30 pm. Contact P.O. Box 170811, Dallas 75219 for more information.
ESDAY	**THURSDAY**	**FRIDAY**	**SATURDAY**

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Hardly. This is an "accurate calendar of 1984 Gay Pride Week events" as of May 28, 1984, when the June 1984 issue of Dialog went to press. Included are events sponsored by the Dallas Gay Alliance and other organizations. Of course, this calendar is not complete, and days and times will probably change. Watch for advertisements in the gay media of Pride I:84 events.

Events with an admission charge are noted with brackets (). The first price is for advance purchase. The second price after the slash / is the price at the door. Razzle Dazzle Dallas has mail order prices and direct purchase prices.

FUTURE EVENTS: PRIDE II - 21.06 FREEDOM CELEBRATION

August 17 - Texas Command Performance, sponsored by the Dallas **Gay Alliance**, at the Majestic Theatre.

PRIDE III - TEXAS FREEDOM FESTIVAL

September 16 - The Big Event sponsored by the Dallas Tavern Guild.

September 23 - Texas Gay Pride Parade.

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE

JUNE

17 SUNDAY

SUNDAY
10:30am & 12:30pm MCC Service: "Who Do You Thrust?" by Rev. Marge Perry. Metropolitan Community Church, 2701 Reagan.
7:00pm Movie Festival sponsored by Gayline at the Gay Community Center, 3920 Cedar Springs Rd.
7:15pm MCC Service: "Free To Be (Life's Great Liberating Encounters)," first of four-part series by Rev. David Day. Metropolitan Community Church, 2710 Reagan.

22 FRIDAY

FRIDAY
8:00pm & 10:00pm DGA Film Series: "Victor/Victoria" sponsored by the Dallas Gay Alliance. Gay Community Center, 3920 Cedar Springs Rd. ($4).

23 SATURDAY

SATURDAY
10:00am-6:00pm Cedar Springs Street Fair sponsored by the Dallas Gay Alliance. At the Crossroads.
8:00pm Teresa Trull/Barbara Higbie Concert sponsored by Little Feather Productions. First Unitarian Church, 4015 Normandy. ($12.50/$15).

24 SUNDAY

SUNDAY
10:30am & 12:30pm MCC Service: "Try It, You'll Like It" by Rev. Marge Perry. Metropolitan Community Church, 2701 Reagan.
10:00am-6:00pm Cedar Springs Street Fair continues at the Crossroads.
2:00pm-7:00pm Country Western Hoedown sponsored by the Dallas Gay Alliance and the Texas Gay Rodeo Association. In the Parking Lot behind the Crossroads Market, 3930 Cedar Springs Rd. Fun & games at 2:00pm, entertainment at 4:30pm, & outdoor barbeque at 5:30pm. (BBQ $7/$8).
7:15pm MCC Service: "Free To Be (Life's Great Liberating Encounters)," second of four-part series by Rev. David Day. Metropolitan Community Church, 2701 Reagan.
9:00pm The Dena Kaye Show sponsored by the Dallas Gay Alliance. The Round-Up Saloon, 3912-14 Cedar Springs Rd. ($2).
10:00pm Fizzle Dizzle Dallas at the Snake Pit, 3136 Routh.
7:00pm, 9:00pm, & 11:00pm DGA Film Series: "La Cage Aux Folles," "Victor/Victoria," & "Some Like It Hot" sponsored by the Dallas Gay Alliance. Gay Community Center, 3920 Cedar Springs Rd. ($4).

SUNDAY

26 TUESDAY

TUESDAY
8:15pm Turtle Creek Chorale Concert at the Bob Hope Theater at SMU. ($7).
7:30pm Dignity-Dallas will celebrate a mass followed by a discussion about coming out to your family. Call 330-1063 for location.

TUESDAY

27 WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF STONEWALL RIOTS
7:15pm MCC Service: Special Gay Pride Honor Service to honor those gay and lesbian persons who have died as a result of oppression and prejudice. Metropolitan Community Church, 2701 Reagan.
7:45pm Stonewall Observance coordinated by GRACE. Commemorative March to Lee Park. 7:45pm from Bethany Presbyterian Church and the Crews Inn; 8:15pm from the Crossroads and MCC.
8:45pm Candlelight Observance of the 15th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. In Lee Park.
10:00pm Celebrations and parties in the Dallas Tavern Guild Clubs. Free drinks for those who turn in armbands worn during the Commemorative March to Lee Park.

WEDNESDAY

29 FRIDAY

FRIDAY
8:00pm & 10:00pm DGA Film Series: "Some Like It Hot" sponsored by the Dallas Gay Alliance. Gay Community Center, 3920 Cedar Springs Road. ($4).
8:15pm Turtle Creek Chorale Concert at the Bob Hope Theater at SMU. ($7).

FRIDAY

30 SATURDAY

SATURDAY
9:00am 1984 Challenge Cup Series sponsored by the Oak Lawn Tennis Association. Dallas and Houston gay tennis teams in competition at Kiest Park in Oak Cliff.
Time to be announced. All-Star Softball Games sponsored by the Oak Lawn Softball Association. Men's Dallas All-Stars vs. Houston All-Stars and Women's All-Stars vs. Houston All-Stars. At Griggs Field on Central Expressway at Hall.
8:15pm Turtle Creek Chorale Concert at the Bob Hope Theater at SMU. ($7).
9:00pm Razzle Dazzle Dallas. In the West Lobby and Ballroom in the new addition of the Dallas Convention Center on South Griffin. (MO $12/$15 after June 1, $15/$20 after June 24).

SATURDAY

1 SUNDAY

SUNDAY
9:00am 1984 Challenge Cup Series and Tennis Competition continues at Kiest Park and Cole Park.

SUNDAY

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party for the National Gay Conference in August 1982. She performs frequently in Dallas gay establishments and in both gay and straight clubs throughout the U.S. Dena will return from Nashville to perform for us on June 24. She grew up traveling and singing gospel music with her family before she was off on her own singing and playing her guitar in many Dallas hotels, clubs, and restaurants. She has also sung with other bands in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and performed as the warmup act for Hank Williams, Hank Thompson, Jeannie Sheppard, and Bobby Bare, to name a few, in the legendary Panther Hall in Fort Worth. Now, back on her own, Dena performs live before packed audiences to display her own unique vocal talents with a studio-recorded backup, including her own harmony vocals.

There will be a $2 cover charge to meet the Dena Kaye Show's expenses. In fact, the $7 ticket for the earlier barbeque is only to cover our expenses for the food and supplies. Please plan to attend these Alliance events on Sunday. We need your support.

Ambitious Terry Tebedo continues the Film Series on Friday nights during Gay Pride Week. On June 22, "Victor/Victoria" will be shown at 8 and 10pm. Julie, James, and Robert star. On June 29, Marilyn, Tony, and Jack hit the screen in "Some Like It Hot," again at 8 and 10pm. The series all takes place in the community hall of the DGA Offices and Dallas Gay Community Center, so all of you who have not been down there can inspect our space and enjoy a good film with your friends. On Saturday, June 23, "La Cage Aux Folles," "Victor/Victoria," and "Some Like It Hot" will all be shown in the Community Center at 7, 9, and 11pm, respectively. Tickets for all three nights are $4 and available at the Crossroads Market or at the door.

With these events for Gay Pride Week upon us, we are also in need of some volunteers to help during the planning stages, to help set up and tear down events, and to help staff many of the events. A volunteer reply form is also included in this Dialog. Now is the time you can be of great service to the Alliance with your help.

In Memory of Joel K. West

A memorial fund for noted singer and entertainer Joel K. West has been established to benefit several community organizations, including the Alliance.

Joel K. West died unexpectedly on May 12, 1984 after a brief illness coupled with severe occupational stress. West was 34 and a computer programmer as well as a musician. He was a 1974 magna cum laude graduate of North Texas State University with a degree in music. He performed in dinner theatres across the country for several years before returning to Dallas where he became an ensemble member of Casa Manana productions of "South Pacific," "Mame," and "Cabaret." He also appeared in "Man of La Mancha," "Gigi," and "No No Nannette" with the Dallas Summer Musicals. For the past five years, he was a soloist with Unity Way Church of Dallas.

A memorial service was held at the First Community Church in Dallas on May 17th. The musical tribute was provided by the Turtle Creek Chorale, members of the Dallas Bach Society, and choir members from St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Church. Paul Riedo was the organist, and piano accompaniment was provided by Dallas jazz performer Jim Abbott who was West's regular accompanist.

West willed his body to the Living Bank and Southwestern Medical School to aid the sick and for medical research.

September 17, 1949 - May 12, 1984

West is survived by his companion of six years Barry M. Skiba, his mother Margaret West of Longview, and his sister Carol West of Houston. Many of his personal effects will be the subject of a fundraiser to benefit the following tax-deductible organizations after his will is probated:

Joel West Memorial Fund
DGA's Foundation for Human Understanding
P.O. Box 190712
Dallas, Texas 75219

Joel West Memorial Fund
Oak Lawn Counselling Center
3409 Oak Lawn, Suite 202
Dallas, Texas 75219

Joel West Memorial Fund
Turtle Creek Chorale
P.O. Box 190806
Dallas, Texas 75219.

A fourth discretionary fund has also been arranged:

Joel West Memorial Fund
Sherman M. Carter, Executor
3415 Meadow Oaks
Garland, Texas 75043.

West requested no floral rememberances but encouraged individuals to financially support the organizations listed above. For further information, contact Barry M. Skiba at 2712 Emerald Drive, Mesquite, Texas 75150. W: 357-3990, H: 681-2002.

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Kaye, pianist-singer Tim Holder, illusionist Rick Holder, and Francine "Michael Jackson" Blackburn performed with Tom, who sang many ballads throughout the evening.

We thank you, Tom Davis, for a beautiful evening that you shared with the Alliance and the community. You have shown tremendous support for the DGA in the past, and you surpassed yourself with your May 7th performance. Our thanks also go to Tom Sweeney and The Round-Up's staff.

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Demo Gays To State Convention

by Michael Milliken

Setting a new record for Dallas, more than 150 gay Democrats attended their Senatorial conventions on May 19th and helped elect, at latest count, 44 lesbians and gay men to the State convention in Houston in June. Thanks to many activists, including Don Baker and Doris T., the 16th Senatorial District has over one-half of the total number of gay delegates and alternates elected to the State convention.

The DGPC-drafted resolutions on increased funding for AIDS research and for a halt to anti-gay discrimination were passed in the 8th, 16th, and 23rd Senatorial District conventions with little opposition. In the 8th District, where Louise Young, Viv Armstrong, Al Calkin, and Peter Brooks were active, a resolution was passed calling on Texas Democrats to withhold support of any legislation that contains discrimination based on sexual orientation.

As in previous years, a non-descript yet identifying button was worn by the lesbian and gay participants at the conventions; these same buttons were much sought-after by non-gays as a souvenir. This year it was a simple, oven-baked enamel lavender button. A special button is being prepared by Edra Bogle of Lesbian/Gay Democrats of Texas for use at the State convention. Check with Doris T. for more information.

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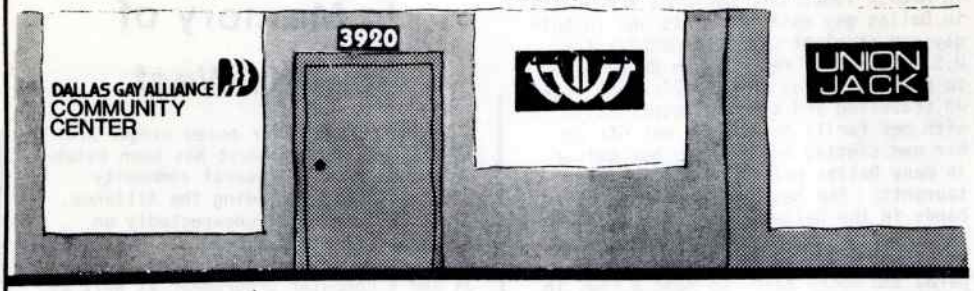

GAY REPUBLICANS ENCOURAGED

by Stan Aten

As a Republican member of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus (DGPC), the May 5th Republican Primary election results were very gratifying. Republican voters kept the most anti-gay candidate for Sheriff, Carl Thomas, out of the Courthouse. In addition, 15 gay Republicans were elected in the precinct conventions as delegates to Senatorial district conventions. In 3 Republican precincts, the AIDS resolution proposed by the DGPC and endorsed by the Metroplex Republicans passed. In 2 Republican precincts, the gay civil rights resolution passed.

Two week later at the Dallas County Senatorial district conventions, these same 2 resolutions were killed in committee and were not discussed on the floor of the convention. Instead, resolutions favoring the right-to-life movement, restoring Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, and opposing the ERA were passed. The good news from the Senatorial conventions was the election of two gay delegates and two alternates to the Texas GOP convention in Fort Worth.

For a first-time effort to organize gay Republicans, the results were very encouraging. Gay rights took a small step forward in Dallas County in these 1984 elections. As Winston Churchill said many years ago, ". . . we have not yet begun to fight!"

After the national GOP convention and the reelection of President Reagan, the work of gay Republicans for gay civil rights will become even more important.

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As a result of his firing being made public, Danny White has received several offers of employment from friends of the Alliance. All of the DGA's actions on behalf of Danny White have been with his complete cooperation as it is his concern that the bigoted policies of Baylor Hospital be as widely publicized as possible.

On Monday, May 21st, the DGA Board of Directors voted to continue to press the issue of Danny's firing through all possible avenues. As a result, we are now appealing to the entire membership to respond in any appropriate manner. Letters can be sent to Baylor Hospital or to any media which many cover this story. A quick phone call would also be appropriate to let Baylor know that the issue is not dead. But the personal resources of the membership of the Alliance have not yet been tapped. If your doctor is associated with Baylor, you may want to express your concern through him or her. Your creativity in expressing your concern will be greatly appreciated and most valuable to the movement.

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The turnout for both the mailings and the runoff election leafletting and endorsement card distribution was very uplifting. However, for a segment of society that has a reputation for being telephone addicts, I am still perplexed by the lack of enthusiam to volunteer for the phone banks. Possibly that is why we reached so many tape machines in our get-out-the-vote (GOTV) calls. Nevertheless, the results were the best in recent history and would not have been possible without the interest and commitment of several concerned and dedicated people.

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LFP PRESENTS

TRULL & HIGBIE

by "Nicky" Hunt

On Saturday, June 23rd, at 8 pm, Little Feather Productions will present live and in concert the mesmerizing musical excitement of Teresa Trull and Barbara Higbie.

The soulful and rich tones of Teresa Trull are an electrifying fusion of rock, pop, and jazz with a dash of classical and country.

It is most opportune to have Teresa and Barbara in Dallas. They will perform during a week-long celebration beginning on Saturday, June 23rd and continuing through Sunday, June 30th.

Tickets will go on sale in mid-May. The concert location will be announced later. Additional information may be obtained by calling Half The Sky, Women's Books, and Provisions at 2018 Greenville Ave. Or call 824-7866.

Teresa Trull / Barbara Higbie

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ATTEND THE NATIONAL MARCH JULY 15, 1984

Dialog recently received media releases about the National March for Lesbian and Gay Rights in San Francisco on Sunday, July 15, 1984. The following article is a composite of five news releases prepared by Ralph Payne, Co-Chair of the National March's Fundraising Committee.

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On July 15, 1984 history will be made in San Francisco not only for the Democratic Party, but also for the Lesbian and Gay Community as well. For a few days in July, the world will come to San Francisco, and its attention will focus on our city as the leadership of the Democratic Party selects its candidate for President and debates the issues which confront our nation. Convention officials estimate that more than 20,000 media representatives will carry this San Francisco story to an estimated audience of between 500 million and one billion people.

But another San Francisco story will also be written. To most people in America, San Francisco is the "gay mecca." Realizing the inevitability of extensive coverage of its lifestyle, the Lesbian and Gay Community of San Francisco, with the support of organizations from throughout the country, is in the process of creating what is hoped will be THE Gay story of the convention--The National March for Lesbian/Gay Rights.

Paul Boneberg and Mary Dunlap, the Co-Chairs of the National March, have expanded the call to March to reach out specifically to include nongay supporters of Lesbian and Gay Rights. Moral Majority leader Jerry Falwell and ERA foe Phyllis Schlafly are holding an anti-gay "pro-family" conference in San Francisco three days before the National March.

"We intend in 1984 to speak out against the oppression of our people in a manner the world must note by bringing tens of thousands of people from Castro Street to the convention site the day before the opening of the Democratic National Convention. We ask that those who believe that Jerry Falwell and his anti-homosexual rhetoric should be rebuked to march with us. We ask that those nongay people who support equality for our people to march with us also," Media Co-Chair Howard Wallace announced.

Bobbi Campbell, a person with AIDS, has been confirmed as the fourth speaker for the rally following the National March on July 15th. Bobbi, through his efforts to raise funding for AIDS research, has become nationally known, appearing recently on the cover of Newsweek. He joins Ginny Apuzzo, Morris Knight, and Bill Olwell in addressing the audience, estimated by the National March organizers to include over 100,000 people.

National March Co-Chairs Paul Boneberg and Mary Dunlap have written an open letter to all lesbians and gay men in the nation. "We need you now to vote with your feet--to join us in this march and bring the issue of equality for lesbians and gay men to the center of the American political debate," argued Boneberg. "This March is not a march of political activists, but a gathering of all people who have felt and seen the oppression of

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NOTE: The Membership Department wishes to remind each of us to check the mailing label on the envelope in which this Dialog arrived for the membership expiration date. Then, when that date arrives, renew on time, preferably with an increase in membership dues or pledges.

MEETING EVALUATED

by Ken Thompson

A total of 33 completed evaluations were turned in after the June general membership meeting of the Dallas Gay Alliance. Approximately three-fourths of those responding were DGA members while the remain- one-fourth was comprised of guests and "potential members."

Almost without exception, response to the meeting was highly favorable. Described as "interesting," "informative," "entertaining," "uplifting," "motivating," and "well organized," nearly everyone seemed to enjoy the program on gay travel spots, as well as the speech on Stonewall and the demonstration of aerobics exercises.

A number of people commented on the length of the meeting. Although two people found the length about right, seven others felt that it was too long.

Those noted as deserving special compliments were Bill Nelson, Director, and the program committee in general for putting on a "high spirited" program.

Those who responded to the question "What do you think the focus of our organization should be for the coming year?" mentioned hiring an executive director, a gay rights ordinance, a big membership push, and not surprisingly, politics and the 1984 elections.

Suggestions for future programs included gay history, how to start a business, how members became involved in DGA, gay/lesbian college group activities, more "give aways", a fashion show, and "cooking for two" recipes.

WAYBOURN JOINS BOARD

by Tony Anthony

Alan Ross, Terry Tebedo, and Melodie Alexander were reelected to the Board of Directors at the June membership meeting. William Waybourn was ratified by the general membership upon recommendation of the Board to fill the remainder of Mary Franklin's term. Directors Steve Weast and Tom Hatfield did not seek reelection.

The other members of the board are Bill Nelson (the elder), Tony Anthony, and Mike Richards. The terms of Mike Stewart, President, and John Thomas, Vice President, will end at the July membership meeting. It is expected that Joe Desmond, Secretary, and Tom Hatfield, Treasurer, will continue in their positions, as they have so capably.

With the vacancy created by the resignation of Ray Anthony, the Board is now faced with three open slots as we head into our July retreat. The DGA is in an exciting period of transition, and challenges exist for men and women who'd like to fill those vacancies. Serving on the Board of Directors is, to say the least, multi-faceted. One of the best ways to determine whether you're really up to the challenge is to talk to members of the Board. Alan Ross will tell you it's not all glitter and spotlights. Tom Hatfield never found true stardom during his terms, but did come close on occasion. Mike Richards knows the hours can be lousy. And nobody's had a whole lot of luck getting dates as a result of their 'lofty' positions.

But virtually all of these people will tell you of the rewards, the sense of accomplishment, the support, and the friendship that can be found in serving. It's time-consuming, but you'll find no better use of your time. It's often thankless, but the rewards come in the doing. It's abstract, at best, but wonderful when the parts all come together and real success can be seen.

And it's necessary. If we as individuals don't make the commitment to see that progress in the gay rights movement is made, who will? Not every member of DGA wants to serve on the Board -- or should want to. But there are those of you who have much to offer in the way of time, talents, energy, and ideas. Serve on a committee; commit yourself as time permits. If that means serving on the Board, that's great. If it means one hour a month, that's great too. If it means lending financial support, because of time restraints, that's vital -- and equally appreciated. There's much to be done in the years ahead and it's up to each and every member of the Alliance to find her or his spot, level of commitment, and make the move.

THE GAVEL RAPS

by Mike Stewart, President of the Dallas Gay Alliance

This is my last "Gavel Raps" column since my term ends at the July membership meeting. The past eighteen months have been an incredible experience! Seven years ago, when I came out, I certainly had no idea I'd be where I am today. It's been my privilege to serve the most effective local gay organization in the country as its President, and I appreciate you giving me the opportunity to do so. I'm a better person today due to my experiences as your President, and I hope you feel I've served you well during my 1 1/2 terms.

I certainly couldn't have made it during the past eighteen months without your support, and I trust you'll do the same for your next President. Sometimes it's a difficult place to be--and sometimes a very lonely place to be. Only with your commitment and support can your officers and directors serve the Alliance and the community effectively.

July 1984 also marks the end of my four years on the Board of Directors of the Alliance, but unlike some previous board members, don't expect me to go away and never be seen--or heard from--again! The Dallas gay community offers many opportunities and I'm going to continue to be involved.

I'm extending a special invitation to you to attend the July Membership meeting on July 9th, not to tell me good-bye, but to show your support for your new officers and Board members. They will have my full support, and I believe they deserve your support and cooperation, as well. Meanwhile, I'll see you around...and thanks for a grand time!

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lesbians and gay men in this country, who have been denied housing, employment, child custody, or immigration status. Please join us.

"We march from Castro and Market at 2pm (line-up begins at noon) to rally in front of the Moscone Convention Center. If we march with even ½ of the attendance at the San Francisco Annual Lesbian/Gay Pride Celebration (⅛ million) or equal the size of the National March on Washington for Lesbian/Gay Rights in 1979 (100,000), then we will have created one of the largest events to occur at any political convention in the nation's history. When we do this--for we must--we will have moved the issue of equality for Lesbians and Gay Men to the center of the American political debate.

"In closing, Friends, what a volunteer organization can do to create an event such as this has been done by the National March Committee. The support the political activists can give to the endeavor has been given. The rest is up to you. Join us. Support the March with time or dollars if you can. And join us Sunday, July 15th for the National March for Lesbian and Gay Rights."

QUBE APOLOGIZES

by The Editor

Those of you who tune your sets to Gay Focus regularly have probably noticed that the cable program has not been running at its advertised time slot in the past few months. The following letter of apology was received after Michael Milliken took the time to complain:

April 19, 1984

Dear Michael:

We goofed! and we want to say we are sorry for the mishandling of the schedule that caused Gay Focus to run at the wrong time.

The Community Access department of Qube Cable is comitted (sic) to serving you and all the citizens of Dallas. Please accept our apology for any inconvenience we might have caused.

Sincerely,

Jan Sanders
Community Access Manager

HOUSTON COUNCIL BANS ANTI-GAY BIAS IN CITY HIRING

Houston's city council recently added a ban on discrimination against gays in its city hiring practices. The 9-6 vote on June 19th followed a bitter council debate.

At the same meeting, the council also voted 8-7 to add a plank to the city's affirmative action program. The plank included sexual orientation along with race, color, religion, sex, handicap, or national origin as categories for which discrimination in hiring would not be tolerated. The affirmative action program applies only to discrimination in municipal employment.

The actions make Houston the largest of about 50 cities nationwide to ban municipal job discrimination against gays.

Houston now joins several other large cities with similar hiring policies, including Atlanta, Detroit, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Seattle, and Tucson. In Texas, only Austin has a similar ordinance

The Houston measure only applies to hiring, and does not give gays the same preferential treatment in city contracts as is provided for women and minorities.

Supporters of the two measures said that the policies would only codify a long-standing, but unwritten policy of not discriminating against gays.

The two votes followed a heated city council debate and came despite the appearance of several hundred anti-gay demonstrators who sang and chanted anti-gay slogans.

After the two votes, Russ Mather, chairman of the Harris County Republican Party, held a press conference on the City Hall steps. Mather pledged to support a petition drive to overturn the council's decisions. Houston councilman Ben Reyes also supported a petition drive to call a referendum on the two newly-enacted measures.

In Houston a referendum could be held on the measure either if the city council voted to call one or if 30,000 signatures were gathered on petitions.

Houston mayor Kathy Whitmire vowed to vote against the proposal for a referendum. She noted, "I certainly hope there will be enough votes to defeat it."

If the city council turns down Reyes' call for a referendum, opponents of the bias ban would be forced to gather signatures. According to city requirements, opponents would have about one month to gather approximately 30,000 signatures. That number is ten percent of the vote in the previous city election.

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REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

Membership Dept.

by Charles Dutton

The Membership Department is eagerly awaiting the appointment of a new director following elections to the Board of Directors at last month's membership meeting. This is a department that requires of its director the graciousness of a socialite, the analytic ability of a scholar, the statesmanship of a true leader, the organization of a professional, and the dash of a celebrity.

This privileged person will be the chief contact between the 550-plus members and their esteemed board. Being membership director means learning names and receiving new suggestions. It also frequently means offering the first smile and handshake to a new member. After induction, there are immediate tasks for the department: changing addresses on the computer when a member moves, and, of course, the pitch to rejoin when that membership comes 'round for renewal. All the while, our director will be in touch with the community to motivate involvement with the DGA. Watch this column for the exciting announcement of who it will be...coming soon in Dialog!

Social Justice Dept.

by Melodie Alexander

"CLOSETS"

One evening at Moondreams, I overheard a man telling his two women companions that he was getting married. One of the women asked, "To a woman?" He replied, "Yes," that she understood and was a "good" friend. His family was giving him some grief, so he was playing the game.

A woman I'm seeing gets a gay male escort every time her family comes to town.

We build our own closets and not only keep ourselves in them, but also pull other gays into them with us. The excuses of "It will hurt my parents," "My parents are too old," and "They probably know already, so why bring it up?" are exactly that. If our parents have been around longer than us and have survived the Great Depression, World War II and Nixon, then certainly they will not suffer heart attacks when we share with them the most intimate, loving part of our lives.

Yes, you may get back anger, rejection, guilt placement, but nothing can lock you in that closet again. You will feel free inside and very honest. Because I love women so much and because I love my mother, I took the risk and really let her know me. And, yes, she is giving me hell, but I can now talk to her on an adult-to-adult level rather than as a child to a parent.

JOIN A DGA DEPARTMENT

Communications Dept.

If you liked the June program on travel planned by the Communications Department, stay tuned for July. This month's general membership meeting program covers the topic "Gays and the Media" with an emphasis on television coverage. Representatives from Channels 4, 5 and 8 will host a panel discussion on that medium's perception of the gay rights movement, offering insight into ways we can maintain and improve communications with the media. A question and answer period will follow and that should prove to be a lively exchange.

Look for more activity on a variety of fronts from the absolutely tireless Communications Department. It's gonna be a hot summer!

Fund Raising Dept.

by Alan Ross

Make plans to attend a special DGA NIGHT showing of "Cloud 9" at the Dallas Theater Center on Sunday, July 22nd. The Alliance will sponsor the entire evening, with the proceeds from the sale of the 150 seats of the "In The Basement" series benefitting the DGA.

Playwright Caryl Churchill's award-winning, wickedly funny comedy was written following a series of workshops which she says were "set up to explore a wide range of sexual politics and experiences; preferences, too."

Meet You On Cloud 9

The resulting play has a comically chaotic plot, enriched by settings of time and place which are delightfully disorienting. The play also is embellished by a bewildering scramble of actors' roles, which allows the company of seven to appear as fifteen different characters, without regard to sex. The casting technique results in some interesting contrasts: the mother in the First Act returns as her own son's male lover in the Second; the governess reappears as her former mistress; and lusty pairings take place constantly regardless of gender.

Plan now to join us at a "Gay Night" at the Dallas Theater Center for this comedy that begins in Africa in the apparently quite gay 1880s and ends 100 years later in the largely liberal life of United Queendom where the characters have aged only 25 years. Tickets are available at Crossroads Market or reservations may be made with the enclosed reply form. Prices for tickets will be the regular price of $12, which will include wine or champagne at a reception following the performance.

Publications Dept.

by Tony Anthony

You've read about a community/membership survey in this space off and on over the last six months and probably wondered if it would ever happen. Well, pending board approval, we'll be hitting the streets with it in July. Plans call for a brief survey card, developed by Mike Stone, to be distributed in targeted areas during a limited time period. Volunteers will gather the information one-on-one and the information gathered from that random sampling could give us a good idea of how the DGA and our activities are perceived in the general community.

Plans also call for a more detailed follow-up survey that could be completed by the DGA membership, members of other community organizations, and randomly selected individuals.

If you'd be interested in accosting hot gay men and lesbians on the streets (with survey in hand, of course), you'll have your chance in the near future.

Back on more familiar ground, there's always something to do in the Publications Department. The Editor of Dialog can always use several helping hands during production. And since he's a shut-in and so rarely gets out, the company's nice for him, too. At Phil's Place, newcomers are always received with open arms as the group gathers for an evening of stuffing, licking and socializing. To find your spot in the Publications Department, call Tony at the Gay Community Center, 528-4233.

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DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDN
8 GAY UNITARIANS meet the 2nd Sunday of every month at First Unitarian Church, Preston at Normandy at 7:30pm. AFFIRMATION (Methodist) meets the 2nd Sunday of every month. Call 521-6769 for information.	**9** DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE **General Meeting** **7:30 - MCC - 2701 Reagan** TV CHANNELS 4, 5, and 8 will send representatives to discuss TV's perception of the gay rights movement.	**10 Civic Affairs Dept.** **(Political Action Steering Committee)** OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday at MCC from 7-9pm. Musicians needed. 351-6697.	**11** Communica 8:00 - DGA Offi Gay Focus EVERY WEDNESDA 9:00 - Warner Am
15 Hispanic Task Force **1:00 - Call 522-4000 for Details** NATIONAL MARCH FOR LESBIAN AND GAY RIGHTS in San Francisco. Line up begins at noon at Castro & Market Street. March at 2pm to Moscone Convention Center where Democratic National Convention begins tomorrow. THE COMMUNITY CENTER GAY RESEARCH LIBRARY is open every Sunday from 1 till 4 pm.	**16** **Board Meeting** **7:30 - DGA Office** **DIALOG Deadline** THE COMMUNITY CENTER GAY RESEARCH LIBRARY is open every Monday from 2 till 6 pm. DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION opens in San Francisco at Moscone Convention Center.	**17** **Civic Affairs Dept.** **(Political Action Steering Committee)** **7:30 - DGA Office** DALLAS AREA WOMENS POLITICAL CAUCUS meets at the First Unitarian Church at 7:30pm. BLACK AND WHITE MEN TOGETHER meets on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:30pm at the DGA office.	**18** Communica 8:00 - DGA Offi Gay Focus EVERY WEDNESDA 9:00 - Warner Ame OAK LAWN VOLLEYE each Wednesday Recreation Cen
22 DIALOG Production **2812 Fairmount at Cedar Springs** FRONT RUNNER DALLAS meets every Sunday at 7am (believe it or not!) at Winfrey Point on White Rock Lake for an easy 2-mile run. DGA NIGHT AT THE DALLAS THEATER CENTER "In the Basement." Caryl Churchill's biting comedy "Cloud 9" will be presented for $12, which includes a reception following the performance.	**23** **Open Board Meeting** **7:30 - DGA Office** All committee chairs and interested persons invited to provide input. 528-4233. GAY STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP of NTSU meets every other Monday at 8pm in the SUB. 817/788-3333.	**24** **Civic Affairs Dept.** **(Political Action Steering Committee)** **7:30 - DGA Office** THE COMMUNITY CENTER GAY RESEARCH LIBRARY is open every Tuesday from 2 till 6 pm.	**25** Communica 8:00 - DGA Offi Gay Focus EVERY WEDNESDA 9:00 - Warner Ame METROPLEX REPUBL at 7pm. Call
29 Membership Dept. 1st & 3rd Sunday at 3pm **NEW MEMBERS RECEPTION** **3:30 - DGA Office** HOLY TRINITY CC of Dallas, 4402 Rosedale. Service at 11am. 827-5088. MCC of Dallas, 2701 Reagan. Services at 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, and 7:15 pm. MCC Orchestra & Chorus rehearses every Sunday at 9:30am.	**30** **Board Meeting** **7:30 - DGA Office** GAY/LESBIAN ALLIANCE OF DENTON (GLAD) meets the 1st Monday of every month.	**31** **Civic Affairs Dept.** **(Political Action Steering Committee)** **7:30 - DGA Office**	**1** Communica 8:00 - DGA Offi Gay Focus EVERY WEDNESDA 9:00 - Warner Ame LESBIAN RIGHTS T/ NOW office 1st at 8pm.
5 LISTEN TO LAMBDA WEEKLY EVERY SUNDAY 12:00 NOON ON KNON 90.9 FM	**6** **General Meeting** **7:30 - MCC - 2701 Reagan**	**7** DIGNITY DALLAS meets every other Tuesday in July. Call 330-1063 for time and location.	**8** Communica 8:00 - DGA Offi

ns Dept. annel 9	**5** Health & Education Dept. **7:30 - DGA Office** TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Thursday of every month. Center for the Community, 2412 Lipscomb (near Page) in Fort Worth at 8:30pm. 817/571-6977. GAY LESBIAN YOUTH ALTERNATIVE meets every Thursday at 7:30pm in the DGA Gay Community Center.	**6** **DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE**	**7**
ns Dept. annel 9	**12** TURTLE CREEK CHORALE rehearses every Thursday at the Midway Hills Christian Church at 7:30pm. 368-5500. **Publications Dept.** **7:30 - DGA Office** BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS AND CHECKS are sponsored by the Health and Education Dept. each Thursday from 7-10pm at the Community Center.	**13** THE METROPLEX REPUBLICAN PARTY will meet at 8 pm. For more info. call 521-9638.	**14** **Social Justice Dept.** **9:30 AM - Olympia Diner** DALLAS MIRTH AND GIRTH (Chubbies and Chasers) meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:30pm. Contact P.O. Box 190811, Dallas 75219 for location and information.
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ns Dept. annel 9 SOCIETY meets 9638.	**26** Publications Dept. **7:30 - DGA Office** **DIALOG Mail Committee** **Phil's Place 821-1653** **Bring an appetite!** INTEGRITY D/FW meets at 4008 Wycliff the last Thursday of the month. Covered dish dinner, program. Call 522-6305.	**27**	**28** **Social Justice Dept.** **9:30 AM - Olympia Restaurant**
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BOARD MEMBER PROFILE:

"I believe the single most important thing I have ever done or ever will do for the gay movement is to live an open, honest life."
Mike Stewart

by Ken Thompson

Dialog recently interviewed Mike Stewart whose term as President of DGA neared completion. A native of Gainesville, Texas, Mike is the oldest of four children. He attended college at North Texas State in Denton and has lived in Dallas for the last five years. Although now single, "and available," Mike was married for eight years and has two children, both of them boys. He currently works as a manager for an electronics manufacturing company.

He talked with Dialog about his philosophy of being open and honest with his children and with his co-workers. "My two children are very special to me. They know that I am gay. My younger son, who is eleven, doesn't know what that is, but he accepts my relationship with other men as being warm, caring relationships. So they both know who I am and what I am and are regularly up here at the Alliance office with me. I share with them as much of my life as I can."

Mike also feels just as comfortable with his sexual orientation on the job. "I had already proven myself professionally. People already knew what I was capable of doing, and as I introduced the personal side of my life, I experienced no problems. I am seen on TV every now and then, and when that happens I go to work the next day expecting some feedback, and it's always been positive.

"I think it is very important that non-gays see that gays are just like them in many respects. The only thing different about gays is their affectional preferences." He does believe, however, that letting an employer know one's sexual orientation should be an individual decision. "It's still a risk."

Mike grew up in a politically active family. His father was a labor union activist and his mother was active in the Democratic Party. "In 1960 when I was in junior high, I worked shopping centers for Kennedy. I've done those kinds of things all my life."

When he moved to Dallas five years ago, joining the Alliance was a priority item for him. "I attended a DGA meeting, and at the time Don Baker was President. He was doing his evangelical appeal for volunteers. As he walked down the aisle, he pointed right at individuals, including me, and said, 'What committee do you want to work with?' I replied, 'Social Justice.' " Later, Mike was active in DGA's political action committee and Education Department.

"One of the things I think is tremendous about the Alliance is that we've always been willing to put volunteers somewhere and put them to work." Since joining DGA, Mike has served on the board of directors four years and has been President for the past eighteen months.

During the interview, he was asked to analyze where DGA is today and what direction it is likely to go in the future.

"I think the Alliance is going through a period of transition. For years the focus of the DGA was the repeal of Sec. 21.06. Essentially, that was achieved with Judge Buchmeyer's decision. With that goal realized, we've had to rethink what our organization is to our community. We have been credited with being strictly a political organization, and that's unfair. We've been much more than that throughout our eight years. DGA has been equally educational, social, and political. Yet the political part has gotten most of the publicity.

"We've done a hell of a good job mobilizing voters. We've registered thousands of them. We've gotten thousands of them to vote. We've got hundreds of them active in campaigns. So we've done a very, very good job, and that's been widely publicized.

"I don't think that's more important than anything else we do. It's just as important that we educate people as to the truths of homosexuality--what we're really all about.

"We have a Speakers Bureau. One of the most gratifying things that I do personally is to speak to college classes. Those discussions are wonderful. You get tremendous feedback, and you get the opportunity to break stereotypes.

"So I think education is extremely important. Even in the political process, education played a major role that wasn't recognized. It wasn't safe for politicians to be supportive of equal rights for gay men and lesbians. We had to educate them as to why it was right. We had to show them what we were capable of doing. Also, they had to be educated as to the rightness of our cause.

"The social needs we meet are just as important: the movies, the benefits, the picnics, gay day at Wet n' Wild, theatre nights at Theatre 3, and so on."

Mike feels that the AIDS crisis has had a significant impact on the role of DGA. "We had to deal with the political implications of AIDS, for example, the lobbying of funding for AIDS research. But we've also dealt with the anxiety, the fear, the health aspect, the education. All these things we've had to deal with, and it's to our credit that DGA has adjusted to meet these needs. And I think we do a pretty good job of it."

Since Mike became President, DGA membership has expanded from about 450 people to almost 600, a thirty percent increase in just a year and a half. "The need for what DGA is capable of doing is stronger today than ever. It's only in the last few months that we've had people answering our phone in the office; prior to that we had an answering service. The needs are so great that I don't see how we can go through the next six months without hiring paid staff."

Nevertheless, Mike believes that DGA leadership should probably come from dedicated volunteers. "The commitment of individuals like Bill Nelson, John Thomas, Terry Tebedo, Alan Ross, and the others on the Board is tremendous. I think we will always have individuals who are willing to donate their time, their ideas, their money, and their skills. I do think though that we're going to need people who can manage the office, maybe an executive director who is hired by the Board to carry out policies established by the Board.

"I estimate that I average 25 to 30 hours per week on Alliance business, and that is on top of a full-time job. And I am by no means an exception. There are many who are exceeding that in actual time spent on behalf of the DGA. And I don't think that's going to work for very long. There are a lot of people experiencing burn-out."

During its eight years of existence, the Dallas Gay Alliance has cultivated good working relationships with many groups, including the City of Dallas, as well as national gay organizations. Mike commented on this.

"We are certainly a respected organization in this city, even though there are those who disagree with us. The city leadership recognizes that we're not a single issue group. We've supported mass transit; we endorsed the DART referendum. We endorsed the bond election for the new museum and symphony hall. We endorsed the pay referendum for the police and fire officers. So the city political leaders know that we are very professional and businesslike.

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A long-time activist in the Dallas gay community and DGA member, Jere Hinckley, has been elected as a national director of the Gay Academic Union, Inc., which is headquartered in San Diego, California. Hinckley has been a member and director of the North Texas chapter of the Gay Academic Union since its organization.

Said Hinckley on this achievement: "While other organizations minister to the political or health needs of our community, the Gay Academic Union applies its efforts to our mental needs. And, after all, the real questions are: Are you happy and satisfied? Are you living a contented, fulfilling lifestyle?

"If every homosexual in the United States was a member of the Gay Academic Union, and was being exposed to the many-faceted educational programs being presented, then the gay world would be a much better place to live."

CONFERENCE '84 IN AUSTIN

by Kati Shantz, Media Liaison
Texas Gay/Lesbian Task Force

Gay men and Lesbians of Texas, come participate in the 1984 Gay/Lesbian Conference which is sponsored by the Texas Gay/Lesbian Task Force. Conference '84 will be in Austin, Texas beginning on Friday, August 31, 1984 and concluding on Labor Day, Monday, September 3, 1984.

Panel discussions, forums, guest speakers, and special entertainment events will be presented. Special attention will be paid to gay and lesbian publishers and music distributors. To make information available on the many gay and lesbian publications, businesses, and organizations in Texas , a general information room will be set up, and you can reserve space simply by asking.

For more information, write Conference '84 at P.O. Box 13508, Austin, Texas 78711.

SUPPORT HARVEY MILK FILM PROJECT

by the Editor

As many of you will recall, Richard Schmiechen appeared at a monthly Alliance meeting over a year ago to describe "The Harvey Milk Film Project" and to raise funds. I recently received a letter from Richard addressed to the DGA, which donated a few dollars for the making of this important film.

Basically, all filming is complete, with only further editing and mixing left to be accomplished. And with a budget of $262,238, only $30,000 remains to be raised.

However, without this additional $30,000, the film will not be completed and shown nationwide, as has already been contracted, on PBS stations.

Only 673 persons and organizations have donated to the budget of this film. That is sad and amazing, especially since all donations are tax-deductible.

ACCORDINGLY, SEND A CHECK TODAY to:
The Harvey Milk Film Project
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2051 Third Street
San Francisco, CA 14107.
Call Richard at 415/864-6714 if you have any questions.

In his letter to the Alliance, Richard said it best: ". . .It is not easy for us to write this letter and ask you for more help. We couldn't have gotten this far without you, and I don't think we'll finish without you, either."

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Councilman Reyes predicted that the needed petitions would be gathered as early as the first Sunday after the council's vote. Reyes said petitions would be circulated at local churches.

If a referendum was held later this year, it would probably be scheduled in August. Council members were scheduled to vote this week on Reyes' motion to hold a referendum, although the petition-gathering route was expected.

City councilman Jim Greenwood denounced Reyes' call for a referendum as "very expensive, very disruptive, and very volatile." Greenwood claimed that a citywide vote would lead to a bitter, emotion-filled campaign.

Greenwood also denounced Reyes' call for further council debate on the issue. Greenwood added that more debate would only give the public the impression that Houston's city council had nothing better to deal with than "what they do in their bedroom at night and who they do it with."

After the vote Lee Harrington, past president of the Houston Gay Political Caucus, praised the council's action.

"I'm gratified that the system worked," Harrington noted. "We worked hard on this trying to overcome the many, many myths against gay people." Harrington also pledged to muster gay efforts to oppose a referendum if one were held.

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our endorsement because we're capable of delivering votes and other resources. Even though Dallas tends to be politically conservative, it appreciates people who can get results."

The Alliance is also highly respected throughout the country. "We have a good working relationship with the National Gay Task Force. On local issues we're consulted by them; on national issues, we provide input."

As his term as President comes to an end, Mike seems genuinely enthusiastic about the gay movement, and especially about the gay movement in Dallas. "I think the Dallas gay community is just incredible in what it has already accomplished, in what it's doing today, and what the potential is. I don't think there's a community anywhere in the country that could match what we've done here. I think we have been on the leading edge of what's happening in the gay movement."

At the end of the interview, Dialog asked Mike if he had any last minute thoughts. "I hope it comes across in any conversation with me how much I care about this organization. It's been the love affair of my life. And yet it's not the only thing in my life. It occupies a major part of my time, and yet if I didn't have it, I'd be just as happy in some other way. I'm not dependent on this for my happiness. I am a very secure individual. I make sure that I give of myself and that I meet my needs in the process."

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Dear Friend:

In the next two months the Dallas gay community will be represented politically on a national level that will have significant implications regarding civil rights for gay people. True to the non-partisan position of the Dallas Gay Alliance and the political action committee, we will be involved with both political parties at the national level.

In July, two prominent Dallas gay leaders will be delegates to the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco. Dallas will host the Republican National Convention in August. And once again the Dallas Gay Alliance needs your help to HELP US HELP YOU.

The political action committee of the DGA has built a reputation of political savvy over the past eight years. This year all the hard work paid off. Don Baker, past president of DGA, organizer of Project '80, defendent in the successful 21:06 decision, and precinct chair of #1191, was elected as a Hart delegate to the Democratic National Convention. Al Calkin, former DGA board member over the DGPC and current precinct chair of #1190, was elected as a Mondale delegate to the San Francisco convention.

To be elected as a natioanl delegate and to attend a national political convention costs money. These two men will be representing the interests of gay men and lesbians, not only of Dallas but of the nation as a whole, and deserve our support--financially as well as morally.

For the Republican National Convention, the Dallas Gay Alliance will have a reception for gay delegates, attendees, press, others and we would certainly appreciate your support, whether it be by providing housing, being a volunteer, or by being a financail contributor.

If you are interested in helping defray the costs of Don & Al attending the Democratic National Convention, here's how: Send check, cash, or money order to Don Baker, % Rick Stubbs, 4326 Holland #103, Dallas, Tx 75219, or call 528-7621; Al Calkin, 4423 Cole Ave. #203, Dallas, Tx 75205. If you are interested in planning or financially helping with the reception for the Republican National Convention call 528-4233, or use the enclosed envelope to send in suggestions or your contributions.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to hearing from you about these two very important up-coming conventions.

Sincerely,

Mike Stewart

MIKE STEWART
PRESIDENT

FRONT RUNNER

by Melodie Alexander

Well, June 9th was Triathlon Day. Once again I lost my mind and challenged myself to survive. It started at 7:30am (Yes, AM!) with a 1/2-mile swim, a light (?!?) 25-mile bike ride on hills, and then an easy (Are you nuts?) 5-mile run. And this is just a mini-triathlon.

So let's talk training for this simple feat.

We'll start with the swim. One must be able to swim for 30 minutes nonstop. The crawl is the best stroke to use. Now, let's talk good swimming--don't splash! Do ever see Tarzan splashing? No--only when he's after some alligator. The crawl stroke is done by lifting one arm over the head just high enough out of the water to have the hand out of the water (about 8 inches above the shoulder). Let it fall naturally in front of the body. Extend the arm after it enters the water; don't stretch it out in front of you as far as you can before it enters the water because this causes too much energy drain. The arm moves forward and then is brought back not scooping up the water, but now bring the arm back close to the body and back out of the water. You do not need to drag the arm way below the body to move it forward.

This is the most relaxed and efficient way to move through the water, and let me tell you that one can get very tired after 30 minutes.

The leg kick is used to keep the body balanced and not drag the body below the water. I personally do a frog kick to move me forward (no splashing) while not draining me of energy.

Wear a swimming cap to maintain your body heat. You would be surprised how cold you can get swimming for that length of time. Speedo goggles that are one piece--you need to see who you are swimming into, plus you can get a good look at the body while you are swimming behind someone (always a way to cruise)--are mandatory. I use nose clips also--try swallowing lake water. I don't want it down my nose and for some reason it stops me from drinking the lake water.

Next time, we'll talk cycling.

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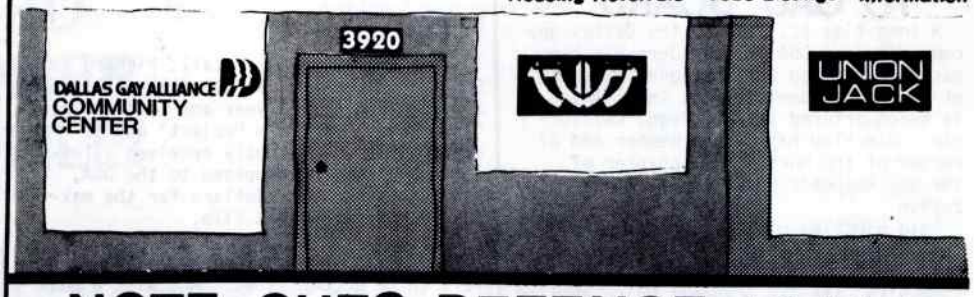

NGTF SUES DEFENSE DEPT.

The National Gay Task Force (NGTF) filed a class action lawsuit on June 5, 1984 challenging the policy of the U.S. Department of Defense to issue less than Honorable Discharges to military personnel who are separated from the U.S. Armed Forces because of homosexuality.

In the U.S. District Court lawsuit filed in Washington, D.C., NGTF charges that more than 5,000 veterans have had their military service characterized as less than Honorable for conduct that did not affect performance of their military duties.

Commenting on the filing, Virginia M. Apuzzo, Executive Director of NGTF, said, "This action is one of a series of efforts by NGTF against remaining government-sanctioned discrimination. The policy of granting less than Honorable Discharges on the basis of sexual orientation is especially abhorrent in light of the dedication and pride with which gay men and lesbians have served and are serving their country."

One of the named plaintiffs in the lawsuit Lilli M. Vincenz had her military service charactized as less than Honorable because she engaged in homosexual conduct in a motel off of her military base while she was off-duty. The lawsuit seeks a court order requiring military departments to recharacterize to "Honorable" the discharges of all the affected veterans unless the military can demonstrate that homosexual conduct directly and adversely affected their performance of military duties.

In addition to Ms. Vincenz, seven other veterans and a veterans organization have joined NGTF plaintiffs in the class action. The plaintiffs contend that a less than Honorable Discharge stigmatizes the veteran, making it difficult to obtain employment in civilian society. NGTF asserts that many of its nearly 10,000 members are affected by the challenged military policy because they are currently members of the U.S. Armed Forces and, unbeknownst to their commanding officers, are gay or lesbian.

Ex-Rep. Smothers' youth center closed

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By VIRGINIA ELLIS
Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — A judge's decision to close a youth center operated by former state Rep. Clay Smothers of Dallas was prompted by reports that residents had been physically abused and allowed to engage in illicit sexual activities.

The reports were made public Tuesday in eight petitions filed by Henderson County Attorney Allen Boswell to support his request for the removal of all residents from the St. Paul's Industrial Training School in Malakoff near Athens.

The training school was founded by Smothers' father 50 years ago to provide a home for disadvantaged youths. More than half the children in the home were under state guardianship and had been placed there by state officials.

After reviewing the reports, state District Judge Jack H. Holland in Athens issued an order Monday directing that the center be temporarily closed and its 20 residents moved to other facilities.

By Tuesday, juvenile officer Frank LaRue Jr. said all residents had been moved to other homes, some as far away as Dallas and Victoria. Officials at the home said Smothers is ill and unavailable for comment.

Meanwhile, Holland has scheduled a hearing for May 31 to determine if the home should be permanently closed.

Boswell's request for the closure, filed on behalf of the Texas Department of Human Resources, was based on a series of interviews with residents conducted by Ben Cooksey, a representative of the Henderson County child welfare unit and Terri Cavender, a protective services specialist.

In the interviews, many of the children reported having witnessed incidents of physical abuse, some involving Smothers himself.

One 12-year-old boy told the investigators he saw Smothers hitting and slapping two other boys and abusing a girl. The petition said the same boy also reported incidents of homosexual activity between boys in the home.

Clay Smothers

A 10-year-old girl said she witnessed an incident in which Smothers grabbed a 13-year-old girl "by the hair and pulled her into the boy's dormitory."

And at least three residents in the home reported that Smothers had warned them not to talk to state investigators.

A 13-year-old said he was physically and sexually abused by the other residents. He said the school's staff was aware of the abuse but offered him no protection.

Editor's note: Reprinted above, without comment, is a recent news article from the Dallas Times Herald, May 23, 1984. Smothers, a former state representative from Dallas, was an outspoken opponent of gay rights during his two terms in the Texas legislature. Smothers subsequently lost a race for the Texas State Board of Education.

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PHYLLIS DILLER COMMANDS

by Alan Ross

The Board of Directors of the Dallas Gay Alliance is pleased to announce that Phyllis Diller will headline the second annual Texas Command Performance at the Majestic Theatre on Friday August 17th at 8pm. In celebration of the second anniversary of the 21.06 decision and as the highlight of Dallas' Pride III:84 activities, the Texas Command Performance will again feature live entertainment and the presentation of the Texas Freedom Award to an outstanding gay citizen of Texas.

Phyllis Diller is, of course, recognized as one of the leading female stand-up comics in the world today. She has starred on television, in movies, and on the stage and has headlined in six countries for over a quarter of a century as a professional comedienne. Her approach to comedy is unique, and she writes most of her owr

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material, editing her words so tightly that she can deliver as many as twelve punch lines per minute. Besides her comedy and outrageous laugh, she appeared as a piano soloist with 100 symphony orchestras across the country, including the Dallas Symphony Orchestra in December 1971. Her piano virtuoso name was Dame Illya Dillya.

Other entertainment for the Texas Command Performance will include Pamela Stanley, a popular nightclub singer living in Dallas. Bob Bishop, presently playing the piano and singing at Bentley's, will open for Phyllis Diller. Back by two other singers, Bob will entertain the audience with several of the 2000 songs in his repertoire.

The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band, back from their performance in the Hollywood Bowl and march in the Los Angeles Gay Pride parade, will open the show with several of the arrangements they played in Los Angeles. The band was highly acclaimed in California, and they wish to share with this audience the enthusiasm and excitement they experienced.

The Master of Ceremonies for the show will be well-known Jim Ryan, the manager of Bentley's, a beautiful, mirror-clad bar on Cedar Springs. Jim's witty personality makes him a "natural" to be the emcee as he has done for several community events. Jim is also active in other community events and is presently involved with planning the Texas Freedom Parade in September. Hopefully, a major Academy Award-winning actress, living in Dallas, will share the stage of the Majestic with Jim.

The Texas Command Performance this year will benefit the Dallas Gay Community Center so that it can continue to serve the various needs of the many organizations that presently use the facility and to expand the services now offered in the Center.

Tickets for the performance are all reserved seating, from $10 to $50. Those who purchase $25 and $50 seats will have the privilege of enjoying a champagne reception with Phyllis Diller following the performance on the Mezzanine at the Majestic.

A return reply form is enclosed for your use in ordering tickets for this exciting show. Return the form as soon as possible for best seating. Checks may be written to DGA or to the Dallas Civic Arts League. Tickets are only available at Crossroads Market, 3930 Cedar Springs Road. Charge card purchases can be made by calling 521-8919.

GAYS ON CAMPUS

by Davie Jones

At the August 13th meeting of the general membership, the program will be a panel discussion concerning "Gays on Campus." Representatives from the various Texas colleges and universities with gay student groups have been invited to attend and participate in this panel discussion.

As of the date this Dialog went to press, only the Angelo State University group has been confirmed, but representatives from UT-Austin, Texas A & M, SMU, NTSU, and UTA will hopefully also participate.

Each participant in the panel discussion will be encouraged to talk about the issues currently facing gay Texas college students and their campus life, activities, and organizations. Of course, time will also be alloted for questions from the audience.

Three DGA members will also relate their special "campus memories" from their college days, and Lou of the Club Dallas will also present the "Health Break" and demonstrate stomach exercises.

CRISIS CENTER WORKSHOPS

After Judie Smith's presentation at the May 1984 general membership meeting, the Dallas Suicide and Crisis Center has agreed to host a two-day workshop to help gays develop communication skills. The workshop is not designed to train participants as counselors, but to help them learn new personal skills, recognize and respond to friends in crisis, develop strong listening techniques, and learn community resources.

Director William Waybourn commented, "As a member of a community that is a high-risk group for suicide, I believe this type of workshop is extremely important to our members."

The workshop will be held at the Suicide and Crisis Center on two consecutive Saturdays, August 18th and 25th from 9am until 4pm, with a lunch break. Enrollment is limited to the first twenty participants. To enroll, please call the DGA Community Center at 528-4233.

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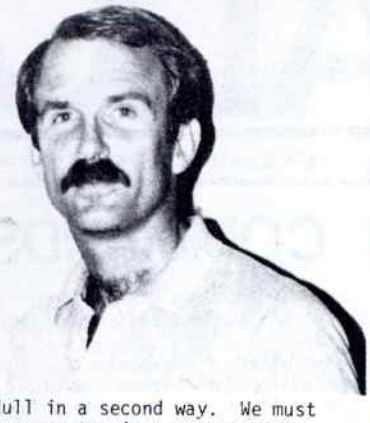


by Bill Nelson, President of the Dallas Gay Alliance

No doubt about it, being selected as President of the Alliance is an honor, and the responsibility begins to weigh heavily right from the beginning. But I must admit that the responsibility is lightened somewhat by the excitement that is starting to be generated within our organization.

You have already received in the mail a report of the Board of Directors' retreat and an opportunity to give important feedback on the process. I hope that each of you took the time to review those important proposals; you can expect more of those reports to the membership. You need to know what is happening in your organization, especially since the level of activity is almost sure to increase in the near future.

I think that you can expect the Alliance to move towards a more up-front profile in the community over the coming months. Many of our positions may prove to be controversial--especially with the straight community. It has long been the policy of this organization "to work within the system," but that should never be confused with preserving the status quo. The "system" in Dallas generally works to our favor, but the status quo is not something we should be content with. Gay rights, and all that that term means, do not come naturally. If we, the DGA, do not push for equal protection under the law, nobody is likely to do the job for us.

We are on the cutting edge of social change in this country. Gays are the last group against whom prejudice and bigotry are still socially and legally acceptable. The cutting edge is not necessarily a comfortable position to take. But, comfortable or not, an effective cutting edge should never be dull, and the DGA cutting edge should not be dull in two ways. First, we must have a sharp focus and plan of action to achieve our goals. We are adept at developing those types of plans, and only time lies between us and their successful termination. But being on the cutting edge should also not be dull in a second way. We must begin to generate, in our community and among our activists, the excitement that should accompany those who are making history. You have my pledge that I will do everything I can to make the rewards and satisfactions of being a gay activist in Dallas an everyday event. Those rewards are well-deserved and should not be a rare occurrence.

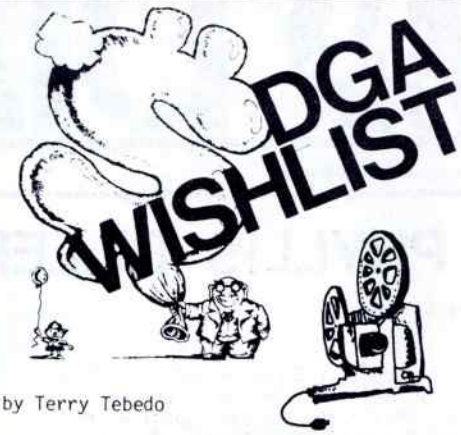
Much of the history of our movement has been corrective (the 21.06 decision) or reactive (employment discrimination, police harassment). We are now moving into a period where we shall create policy and initiate social change. That process has the potential for excitement and gratification far surpassing anything seen to date. I would invite you to join us in that crusade. The committees of DGA meet almost every night at the Community Center. They need and welcome new members, and there is never a shortage of work to do.

Again, I look forward with eager anticipation and excitement to this term as your president. To whatever degree leadership can facilitate the success of our efforts, I intend to give it my best shot. I was a school teacher for many years; please feel free to issue me a report card whenever you feel one is due. I will look forward to your suggestions and to your participation.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Davie Jones and Dave Lewis were ratified by the general membership at the July 9th meeting and joined the DGA Board of Directors. Mr. Jones is the director of the Communications Department, while Mr. Lewis has assumed responsibility for the Department of Publications.

Bill Travis has been recommended by the Board to fill a Board vacancy, and will be submitted for approval by the general membership at the August 13th meeting. If approved, Mr. Travis will be the director of the Operations Department which is responsible for the operation of the Community Center.



by Terry Tebedo

What do Carmen Miranda, Treat Williams, Marilyn Monroe, Alice Faye, Jack Lemmon, and Liberace have in common? They all appeared at the DGA Film Series during the past two months. Future films include a Mae West series of films filled with one-liners you can memorize for a snappy come-back to your more vicious friends.

You can help make this series and future educational film events happen by participating in a program to fund the purchase of two professional movie projectors that would normally retail for over $1,000. A special price of $500 has been offered to us, and with the support of our friends we will be able to have the projectors as permanent assets of the Community Center. You can make a tax-deductible contribution to the Foundation for Human Understanding and request that the funds be used for audio-visual materials for the Community Center. Contributions can be sent to The Foundation for Human Understanding C/O P.O. Box 190712, Dallas, Texas 75219.

HELP STUFF DIALOG

by Phil Johnson

I, the regular host of the Mail Committee, have returned from a two-month leave of absence. Now beginning its eighth year, the Dialog folding party will return to my abode each month, until I decide to take off again.

So please plan to come and help me stuff and mail Dialog on Thursday, J g. 30th at 7pm. I live at 6146 St. Moritz, just northeast of Mockingbird at Skillman. Bring an appetite, as always.

Of course, if any Board member or anyone else wishes to have a flyer inserted in any Dialog, he/she/it/they are not to wait until the last damn minute to get the flyers to the Mail Committee (meaning my house), and he/she/it/they are to provide one worker at the Mail Committee meeting for each flyer.

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GAY PRIDE II&III ACTIVITIES

by Alan Ross

After a successful Gay Pride Week and a great Razzle Dazzle Dallas, the Pride III:84 Steering Committee is coordinating plans for the Pride II events in August and the Pride III events in September. These activities are all centered around the "Texas freedom" all gay people in Texas now share after the decision by Federal Judge Jerry Buchmeyer on August 17, 1982 which struck down Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code.

Pride II, or the 21.06 Celebration, will be held August 17-19, 1984. The highlight of the weekend is the Texas Command Performance, sponsored by the Alliance. (See the article on Page 1.) Other events will be announced by the gay press and posters.

Pride III, or the Texas Freedom Festival, will be held September 16-23, 1984. The week will begin with the Dallas Tavern Guild-sponsored "Big Event" on Sunday, September 16th on the parking lot of 4001. In a carnival-like atmosphere, the "Big Event" will feature bar and organizational booths, games, food, beer, and entertainment. Other events for the week will be the Miss Gay America pageant, with preliminaries at the Old Plantation during the week and the finals at the Dallas Convention Center on Sunday evening, September 23rd. There will also be sporting tournaments, a dog show (sponsored by Crossroads Market and Union Jack), and the Human Rights Campaign Fund dinner.

The TEXAS FREEDOM PARADE, which will culminate all the Dallas gay pride activities for 1984, begins at 3pm on Sunday, September 23rd and is followed by a celebration in Lee Park. The parade will be held on Cedar Springs, but will take a different route to Lee Park. Details of the parade will be listed in the September issue of Dialog.

Many special plans are being made to make this the largest "gay pride" parade in Dallas . . . and Texas. All state-wide organizations and businesses are being invited to participate, and some have already accepted. Several well-known entertainers have expressed their intentions of being in the parade, and city and state politicians are being invited to be in Dallas for the parade and the celebration. Please read my article on the parade volunteers and let me know how you can help. Be warned, all Alliance Departments are expected to have individual floats and/or cars in this parade. I hear the competition will be fierce.

VOLUNTEER FOR PARADE

by Alan Ross

The Parade Committee for the TEXAS FREEDOM PARADE needs many volunteers to help with the parade and celebration following in Lee Park. The Parade is set to begin at 3pm on Sunday, September 23rd.

I am appealing to the DGA membership to be involved with the activities occurring on September 23rd. The committee needs the following personnel: street marshalls, security drivers, banner bearers, color guard, people to help with street and grandstand decorations, people to help with information booths, first-aid stations, and vending booths.

There are many more areas in which the committee will need your help. Please complete the enclosed reply form and return it in the enclosed envelope or call the Alliance office and leave your name and telephone number. Please mark on the reply form if you are interested in working for an Alliance project or the Parade Committee projects so we can send your name to the proper person.

CONTRIBUTE TO FLOATS

by Alan Ross

On Sunday, September 23rd, the TEXAS FREEDOM PARADE will take place on Cedar Springs. Following a different route from last year, the parade will end at Lee Park for a "Celebration." The theme of this year's parade is The Texas Freedom Festival, the celebration of all gay people in Texas sharing in our pride, unity and freedom.

The Alliance will proudly join in this parade with a large float or perhaps a series of smaller units. We are asking for your help and participation in planning our involvement. Your contribution of talent, materials, and labor is needed to plan the entry now. We need to have members who are able to ride on the float(s) during the parade.

We also need your financial support for this important event. The last two years, we have received this support from you, and the DGA has won two awards for best floats. In 1982, we won a silver trophy for Best Interpretation of Theme, and in 1983, DGA tied with The Unicorn for third place. The Alliance needs to continue as a "winner." This year there are going to be many more floats and entries than ever, so competition will be extremely tough.

Please use the enclosed return envelope for your contribution either with a financial commitment or by filling out the return form appealing for materials and labor. This year, more than ever, the Alliance needs to have an outstanding entry in the parade.

___ NEW MEMBER ___ RENEWAL ___ ADDRESS CHANGE

NAME: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____ Apt. # _____ CITY & STATE _____ ZIP _____

For household membership:

OLD ADDRESS (if changed) _____ SECOND NAME: _____

_____ OCCUPATION: _____

May we call you? ___ YES ___ NO HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

Do want to be on our mailing list? ___ YES ___ NO

___ Check here if you do NOT want $2.50 from your dues to go to the Political Action Committee.

___ Enclosed is my check payable to DGA.

___ Charge to my ___ VISA ___ MASTERCARD number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Interbank Number (MASTERCARD only) _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Mail to DGA, BOX 190712, DALLAS, TEXAS 75219

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE

Membership Categories

Check One:

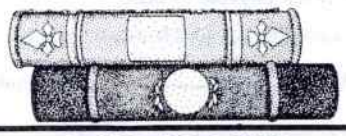
___ DIALOG SUBSCRIPTION ONLY	10.00
___ ACTIVE	20.00
___ HOUSEHOLD (2 people)	30.00
___ ACTIVE DGA & NGTF	30.00
___ SUSTAINING	50.00
___ ORGANIZATION	100.00
___ LIFETIME	1000.00
___ PLEDGE	_____/month

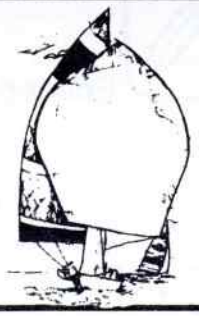
(minimum pledge - $5)

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE COMMUNITY CENTER CALENDAR 1984 AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

Listings on this calendar are based on information available at press time. Events are subject to change.

Unless otherwise noted, events listed occur in the COMMUNITY CENTER.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
12 GAY UNITARIANS - First Unitarian Church, Preston at Normandy. 7:30pm. AFFIRMATION (Methodist) - Call 521-6769 for information.	**13** DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE General Meeting 7:30 - MCC - 2701 Reagan PROGRAM: Gays on Campus HEALTH BREAK: Stomach Exercises OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday at 7-9pm at MCC. Musicians needed. Call 351-6697.	**14** Civic Affairs Dept. 7:30 (Political Action Steering Committee) Membership Dept. 7:30 DALLAS AREA WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS meets at the First Unitarian Church at 7:30pm.	**15** Education Communica Health & Fitness LESBIAN RIGHTS 1st & 3rd Wed the NOW offic
19 FRONT RUNNER DALLAS meets every Sunday at 7am (believe it or not!) at Winfrey Point on White Rock Lake for an easy 2-mile run.	**20** Board Meeting 7:30 DIALOG Deadline REPUBLICAN CONVENTION opens at the Dallas Convention Center.	**21** *Reception* For REPUBLICAN DELEGATES club ménage 	**22**
26 DIALOG Production 2812 Fairmount at Cedar Springs 871-8711 or 750-8041 12:00 NOON	**27** Open Board Meeting 7:30	**28** Civic Affairs Dept. 7:30 (Political Action Steering Committee) Membership Dept. 7:30 BLACK AND WHITE MEN TOGETHER meets the 3rd Tuesday at 7:30pm at the Gay Community Center.	**29** Education Communica Health & Fitness
2 HOLY TRINITY CC of DALLAS, 4402 Rosedale. Service at 11am every Sunday. 827-5088. MCC OF DALLAS, 2701 Reagan. Services at 10:30am, 12:30pm, and 7:15pm every Sunday. MCC ORCHESTRA & CHORUS rehearses every Sunday at 9:30am.	**3** LABOR DAY Board Meeting 7:30	**4** Civic Affairs Dept. 7:30 (Political Action Steering Committee) DIGNITY DALLAS meets every other Tuesday. Call 330-1063.	**5** Communica Health & Fitness
9 LISTEN TO LAMBDA WEEKLY EVERY SUNDAY 12:00 NOON ON KNON 90.9 FM	**10** DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE General Meeting 7:30 - MCC - 2701 Reagan	**11** GAY RESEARCH LIBRARY OPEN TUESDAYS 2-6 PM SUNDAYS 1-4 PM 	**12** WATCH LESBIAN FOCUS EVERY WEDNESDA 9:00 - Warner Am

dar are vailable and times all events las GAY Cedar Springs.	**9** **Ms. Dallas Tavern Guild** A PRIDE III Benefit 10:30 THE UNICORN OF DALLAS 4125 LEMMON	**10**	**11** DALLAS MIRTH AND GIRTH (Chubbies and Chasers) meets the 2nd Saturday of every month at 7:30pm. Write to P.O. Box 190811, Dallas, 75219 for information.
7:30 Dept. 8:00 7:30 RCE meets the at 8pm in	**16** Fund Raising Dept. 7:30 GAY & LESBIAN Young Adults 7:30 COMMUNITY CENTER Volunteers 7:30	**17** *Texas Command Performance:* *PHYLLIS DILLER* *The Majestic 8:00* GAY FREEDOM DAY	**18** Suicide & Crisis Intervention Workshop 9-4:00
	23 TURTLE CREEK CHORALE rehearses every Thursday at 7:30pm at the Midway Hills Christian Church. 368-5500.	**24** 	**25** DIALOG Production 2812 Fairmount at Cedar Springs 871-8711 or 750-8041 12:00 NOON Suicide & Crisis Intervention Workshop 9-4:00
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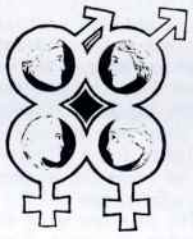
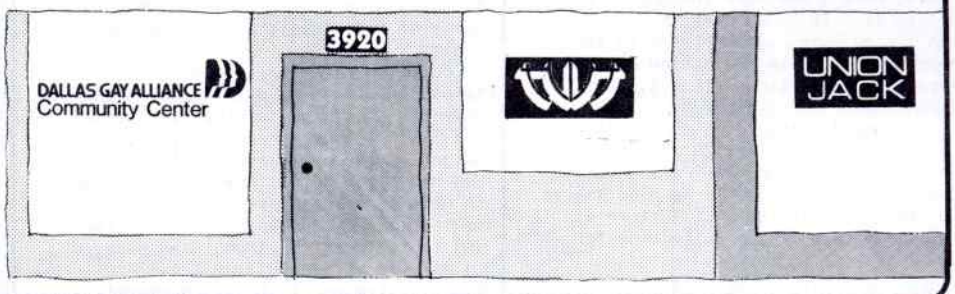
Dept. 8:00 7:30	**6** GAY & LESBIAN Young Adults 7:30 MCC ORCHESTRA rehearses at 7:15pm & MCC CHOIR rehearses at 8pm every Thursday at 2701 Reagan at Brown.	**7**	**8** 
el 9	Visit Your Community Center 3920 CEDAR SPRINGS Voter Registration Housing Referrals Professional Referrals Jobs Listings Information 528-4233	 	
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REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

Communications Dept.

by Davie Jones

After a six-month absence from Board service, I must say I feel a little like Douglas McArthur. Having served as Director of several departments, it is nice to be back with the group that first initiated me into the Alliance.

The Communications Department is hard at work planning the August monthly program. The topic will be "Gays On Campus." See the separate article in this Dialog.

Another project currently underway is a mailout to over one hundred local personnel directors inquiring about their company's specific hiring policies regarding homosexuals. If you would like to have a letter sent to your company, call 528-4233 and leave your name and telephone number for the Communications Department, and we will get back to you.

The next six months promises to be a very exciting time for the Alliance. If you would like to be involved on the ground floor of the organization, come by a Communications Department meeting. We meet every Wednesday at 8pm in the Gay Community Center.

NEW Health & Fitness Dept.

by Melodie Alexander

I head a new department, and I miss Social Justice, but I am a health nut and a jock.

I had a very nice and interesting conversation with a woman about a problem I don't really think about. but when I do, fear is attached. It's being overweight--try finding clothes, try finding a date, try getting a drink at JR's.

Our gay society basically avoids our overweight fellow gays. Now an overweight dyke at Jugs can get respect, but at The Unicorn--no way. I know the stereotype of a dyke was an overweight woman in blue jeans and a flannel shirt.

Of course, we know the answer is diet and exercise. Everyone's told us that for years. The problem with the cure is no results for at least a month, so we give up.

Well, here's one more thought on how to lose it. It is my diet, my exercise plan for my body. Jocks learn to know their body; it's an indication of improvement, stagnation, illness, self-esteem.

I recommend either diet or exercise. I dieted at first, lost 20 pounds and then was lighter for running and not so embarrassed to be seen in running shorts. One day I was walking past a store window, saw myself in the reflection for the first time in months, and said, "Where's my ass?!" The three miles every other day worked it right off.

Don't think I started off with three miles. It was 1/2-mile for two months. Your body just can't rearrange itself in less than a month's time and after that, it takes time. But then, you are designing your own body by particular exercises.

Diet: lots of popcorn popped in butter-flavored oil, no salt or butter (50 calories per cup);

lots of soup, using 3 cups of water instead of 2 for soup-by-the-can (It's filling and only about 220 calories for 3 bowls' full.);

diet drinks;

no meats;

vegetables and fruits;

shredded wheat cereal.

I only follow this diet until I've lost the weight, and then I'm back to regular meals, but cutting out the trash I stopped eating to diet.

Education Dept.

by Tony Anthony

I've long believed that education is the basis of the gay rights movement. It is through education that you break down the barriers of prejudice, ignorance, and discrimination that often impede our cause.

Education within the Dallas Gay Alliance is not really restricted to one department. All departments succeed in educating both the gay and straight communities through publications, handouts, activities, and events. We as individuals carry out the education process on a daily basis by living our lives openly, honestly, and with pride so that those around us--family, friends, co-workers--come to know us as people who happen to be gay.

The Department of Education has an almost endless list of options. Plans call for continuing, and expanding through promotion, our Speakers Bureau. It is an excellent outreach into the straight community and could well be one of our most effective educational tools. A Continuing Education Series is also currently under consideration and would offer one-night seminars on everything from plant care to wall upholstery, cooking, travel, investments, and more at the Gay Community Center. The list of topics is only limited by the imagination and interests of the participants. Also proposed are monthly discussion groups centered on concerns of individuals within the community.

Education takes many forms and certainly shouldn't be dull. Educational "events" should be informative, social, and fun! I look forward to the challenges as the new Director of Education and need your help. Anyone interested in helping plan an event, conduct a seminar or discussion group, or offering topic ideas is strongly encouraged to call me at 528-4233 or 824-1748. Your involvement in this department is vitally needed, and I can assure you that you will be welcomed with open arms!

Fund Raising Dept.

by Alan Ross

Beginning my third year as a DGA Director and my second year as the Board member responsible for fundraising, I am presently outlining activities to raise revenue on which the Alliance can continue to exist as one of the major gay organizations in the U.S. Without the financial support of our membership and the friends of the DGA, we could not remain in this position. I thank each of you who have supported our events and have answered our pleas for money. I am also looking forward to greater participation from other members as we announce events that will raise additional funds for our work in the gay community.

In other articles in this issue of Dialog, you will find that we have an outstanding program for the Texas Command Performance at the Majestic Theatre. This is a marvelous opportunity for you to express your gay pride and to share a beautiful evening with your gay brothers and sisters. This is an opportunity for you to help the Alliance raise funds for the Gay Community Center, a project with great potential for the community but without proper funding. For as little as $10, you can have a very entertaining evening while benefitting the Community Center. Please join us at the Majestic.

This department is in need of several people who are interested in planning events, working on the events (putting up posters, opening wine bottles, messing with glitter, etc.), and making direct appeals for funds. We need your input and help, so please, if you feel you can give us a hand, come down to the Community Center on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:30pm. There is plenty to do.

ADVERTISE IN DIALOG

1/8 Page - $25
1/4 Page - $42.50
1/2 Page - $75
Full Page - $100

contact
DIALOG
P.O. Box 190712
Dallas, Texas 75219

Publications Dept.

by Dave Lewis

For the next six months, the primary focus of the Publications Department will be upgrading Dialog. Watch for some changes. We will be using more graphics and photographs.

To implement these changes, we need help. There are several ways for you to get involved in this department. In the Publications Department, the emphasis is on work. We do not have long boring department meetings. Many functions allow you to work at your own convenience. The committees in the department are:

THE Dialog STAFF--Led by the mythical Editor Bill Nelson (the younger), this motley crew is responsible for what you see on these pages. We need people to write articles, type, layout, proofread, or take photographs. Production is done on one weekend each month. The staff gets together over dinner once a month to dish and to plan the next issue.

MAIL COMMITTEE--Under the flamboyant leadership of Phil Johnson, this group meets one Thursday night each month to socialize, fold, stuff, lick, and stick. In addition, several members of this committee have made a commitment to visit bars (to deliver copies of Dialog).

ADVERTISING--We desperately need people to sell ads in Dialog. Ads help to defray the cost of printing and mailing Dialog.

If you can help in any of these committees, contact me at the DGA Community Center.

SMU RESTRICTS GLSSO

After the SMU Student Senate granted the Gay/Lesbian Student Support Organization (GLSSO) registered status in April 1984, SMU President L. Donald Shields suspended this decision pending a recommendation by the SMU Board of Trustees. Former Governor Bill Clements headed the Trustees' special committee which was appointed and suggested new nomenclature to designate two types of student organizations.

As a result, Shields and the Student Senate's summer executive committee met on July 15th and ratified a new designation system which makes GLSSO a "non-affiliated" campus group, forbidden to use the university's name, to seek office space in the student center, to apply for student funds, or to sponsor sales projects. GLSSO will be allowed to use campus meeting space when it is available and not being used by an "affiliated" student group.

In joint action at SMU, the SMU student handbook has been rewritten to make it clear that GLSSO is not affiliated with the university and has only limited university privileges.

In a prepared statement, Shields said, "I do not believe that the university is mandated to award special privileges to organizations or groups whose purposes are determined not to be consistent with the goals, purposes, and philosophy of Southern Methodist University."

Members of GLSSO indicated that they were unhappy with the new designation for their organization. Miriam Blak, a former chair of GLSSO, stated, "Non-affiliated to me means we have nothing to do with SMU. That's just really unfair."

The status changes are the latest chapter in the long history of controversy at SMU regarding GLSSO and its efforts to be formally recognized by the university.

CONVENTION PLANS

The DGA Board of Directors has decided upon the following events as official Alliance-sponsored activities during the Republican National Convention August 20-23, 1984:

The Alliance will co-sponsor with the Concerned Americans for Individual Rights (CAIR) a reception for gay Republican delegates at Menage on August 21st.

The Alliance will sell fruit as a pavilion on Cedar Springs at the Crossroads while the convention is in progress.

The Alliance will sponsor an anti-Falwell rally at Lee Park on August 16th, to be followed by a screening of "Bedtime for Bonzo" also at Lee Park.

The Alliance will distribute postcards addressed to President Reagan which urge him to lead the Republican Party to respect individual liberties and non-discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Volunteers are needed to transport and house gay Republican Delegates and the press. Contact Mike Richards at 528-4233.

CALENDAR POLICY

Any non-profit organization in the community may submit events to be included on the calendar pages of Dialog. These listings must be received by the Dialog staff prior to the deadline listed in the calendar each month. Calendar listings may be left at the DGA office in the Community Center or may be mailed to Dialog at the Dallas Gay Alliance, P. O. Box 190712, Dallas, Texas 75219.

Listings will be printed on a space-available basis. First priority is given to events sponsored by the Alliance. Second priority is given to events scheduled to occur in the Community Center. All other events will be included in the order they are received. Meetings neither sponsored by the Alliance nor occurring in the Community Center will only be listed once in each calendar, regardless of the number of times they occur each month.

Elected Officials

Here are the names and addresses of elected officials who presently represent Dallas area citizens at the city, state, and national levels of government:

FEDERAL

President Ronald Reagan, The White House, Washington, DC 20500
U.S. Senator John Tower, 176 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510
U.S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen, 703 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510
3rd Dist. U.S. Rep. Steve Bartlett, 2419 Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515
5th Dist. U.S. Rep. John Bryant, 1111 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515
6th Dist. U.S. Rep. Phil Gramm, 1116 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
24th Dist. U.S. Rep. Martin Frost, 1238 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
26th Dist. U.S. Rep. Tom Vandergriff, 1529 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515

CITY

Mayor Starke A. Taylor
Dist. 1 Councilman James Hart
Dist. 2 Councilman Paul Fielding
Dist. 3 Councilman James Richards
Dist. 4 Councilman Dean Vanderbilt
Dist. 5 Councilman Craig Holcomb
Dist. 6 Councilwoman Diane Ragsdale
Dist. 7 Councilman Max Goldblatt
Dist. 8 Councilman Al Lipscomb
Dist. 9 Councilman Jerry Rucker
Dist. 10 Councilwoman Annette Strauss

Letters to City Council Members may be addressed c/o City Hall, 1500 Marilla, Dallas, Texas 75202.

STATE

Governor Mark White, State Capitol, Austin, Texas 78711.

Dist. 2 State Senator Ted Lyon
Dist. 8 State Senator O. H. Harris
Dist. 9 State Senator Chet Edwards
Dist. 10 State Senator Bob McFarland
Dist. 16 State Senator John Leedom
Dist. 23 State Senator Oscar Mauzy

Letters to State Senators may be addressed to Texas Senate, P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

Dist. 98 State Rep. Gwyn Clarkston Shea
Dist. 99 State Rep. Bill Blanton
Dist. 100 State Rep. Sam Hudson
Dist. 101 State Rep. Anita Hill
Dist. 102 State Rep. Patricia Hill
Dist. 103 State Rep. Steven Wolens
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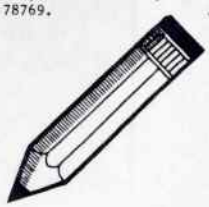
Dist. 105 State Rep. Charles Gandy
Dist. 106 State Rep. Carlyle Smith
Dist. 107 State Rep. David Cain
Dist. 108 State Rep. Al Granoff
Dist. 109 State Rep. Bill Hammond
Dist. 110 State Rep. Paul Ragsdale
Dist. 111 State Rep. Jesse Oliver
Dist. 112 State Rep. Bill Ceverha
Dist. 113 State Rep. Lee Jackson
Dist. 114 State Rep. Fred Agnich

Letters to State Representatives may be addressed to Texas House of Representatives, P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78769.



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GIVE A "DOLLAR FOR DOGGETT"

Citing homophobic statements by State Senator Lloyd Doggett's opponent in the 1984 U.S. Senate race, members of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus (DGPC), the political action committee of the Dallas Gay Alliance, have called on homosexuals across the state to send a one dollar bill to Doggett's campaign headquarters at 406 W. 13th in Austin, TX 78701. According to Mike Richards, Director of the DGPC, the potential response is $700,000 in support of Doggett.

The fund raising endeavor, to begin immediately, encourages gays in Texas to send $1 or more. "Of course, we're not going to be disappointed if someone wants to send more," Richards said. "However, our goal is to show Senator Doggett some support and to respond to his opponent's frightening beliefs regarding civil rights. Senator Doggett's rival has chosen to make gay rights an issue in this compaign, and since Doggett is going to be critized for our support anyway, we may as well give him as much help as is possible."

Richards reported that the latest statistics (U.S. District Court, 1982) show there are approximately 700,000 gays and lesbians in Texas, more than enough to have an impact in the Senate race.

"Gays are facing a bleak six years if Senator Doggett loses. In fact, we believe civil rights in general will suffer," Richards concluded. Other organizations in Texas are being contacted, and advertisements will be placed in gay media encouraging gays to register to vote and to send $1 to Senator Lloyd Doggett's headquarters.

The GOP nominee for U.S. Senator, Phil Gramm, opened his fall campaign against State Senator Lloyd Doggett recently by blasting the Democratic nominee for his support of gay civil rights.

Gramm charged that Doggett was "endorsed by every gay activist in the state." At an Austin news conference, Gramm also stated that "I'm against the gay rights bill."

Gramm, a GOP congressman from central Texas, further supported anti-gay job discrimination in public schools.

"I do not want homosexuals teaching my third-grade boy," Gramm added. He said that local schools should have the right to fire gay teachers. In addition, he noted that he would support the firing of gays in the national defense area, regardless of whether the gay employee was out-of-the-closet and not easily blackmailed.

In response to questions from reporters about the rights of gays, Gramm stated that they were protected by the U.S. Constitution and did not need legislation protecting their rights.

"I don't want them imposed on me or my family," added Gramm, who added that "I'm comfortable running with Ronald Reagan on traditional values. Obviously my opponent is comfortable running with Walter Mondale. His constituency is the same."

Gramm's press conference was slated at the same time as the opening of his general media campaign with a series of 30-second TV spots. The TV spots were aimed at supporters of Senate-hopeful Kent Hance and were shown only in West and Northeast Texas where Hance ran well.

Hance was defeated in the June 2nd runoff by Doggett but endorsed Doggett at the recent state Democratic convention in Houston.

Doggett was busy at the Texas special legislative session when Gramm began this attack. Doggett's only response:

Doggett said that he would stick to business at the Texas special legislative session and recommended that Gramm should spend more time on pending congressional issues.

"I would suggest that Mr. Gramm tend to the legislative business that we Texas taxpayers are paying him for," remarked Doggett.

HOUSTON ORDINANCES SET FOR REFERENDUM

After the Houston City Council approved 2 city ordinances forbidding discrimination in city employment on the basis of sexual orientation, the Committee for Public Awareness delivered 63,877 signatures to the City Clerk's office on July 20, 1984, forcing the City Council to either repeal the ordinances or put them to a citywide vote.

The Committee's deadline for submitting the signatures was not until July 29th, and the Committee needed only 28,127 signatures to force the referendum. The City Clerk now has 5 days to verify the signed petitions.

City Councilman John Goodner, who was the main impetus behind the petition drive, said, "I don't think there's a chance" that the City Council will rescind the ordinances themselves.

Bill McGlashen, the executive director of the Committee, estimated that the Committee will need $400,000 to prepare for the referendum election. January 14, 1985 is the next date the city could hold the election.

Councilman Goodner told the supportive crowd, "The issue of what sort of city we will give our children and grandchildren is ours to decide. We can and should tolerate those with a different lifestyle, but we must not lend credence to that lifestyle by recognition and the granting of a minority status."

COURTS HEAR GAY CASES

Dallas attorney James Barber urged the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to uphold an earlier decision overturning section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code which criminalized private consensual sex between persons of the same sex. Hearings were held in April in New Orleans.

Barber described the Texas statute as reflecting "ignorance, prejudice, and hatred." He urged the Appeals Court to uphold a ruling by U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer striking down 21.06 as unconstitutional.

The original lawsuit was pursued by former DGA president Don Baker against Dallas District Attorney Henry Wade and all other Texas district and municipal attorneys.

Defending the statute was Potter County District Attorney Danny Hill and a group called Dallas Doctors Against AIDS. Attorneys for Hill and the Dallas group argued that the statute would combat the spread of AIDS. However, Barber denounced their argument and argued that the statute denied homosexuals their full rights as U.S. citizens.

In most cases a Texas statute so challenged would be defended upon appeal by the Texas attorney general. However, Attorney General Jim Mattox had earlier announced that he would not defend the statute.

A ruling from the New Orleans appeals court was not expected soon.

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In federal court news elsewhere, a 2-1 decision by the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals struck down part of an antigay Oklahoma statute.

The Court's majority overturned part of a recently-passed statute which aimed to punish teachers who advocate or encourage homosexual activity. The decision upheld the state's right to fire or punish teachers who engage in public homosexual activity.

In other court action, a Portland, Maine, federal magistrate overturned an Army ban on gays and ordered the Army to reinstate an Army ROTC woman officer who described herself as a lesbian.

The plaintiff, Diane Matthews, 26, had been fired from the Army ROTC program in 1981. The federal magistrate ruled that Ms. Matthews' constitutional rights had been violated.

"NO" IN NEW ORLEANS

A 3-3 tie vote by New Orleans' city council led to the rejection of an anti-discrimination measure to protect gays in hiring, housing, and public accomodations.

Supporters of the ordinance blamed the Roman Catholic Archbishop of New Orleans, who wrote city councilmembers threatening a referendum against the ordinance if it included employment and housing. Fundamentalist groups also opposed the proposed ordinance.

The original ordinance would have exempted church organizations from its provisions.

Supporters of the anti-discrimination ordinance pledged to renew their efforts to secure the city's first legal protection for gays. Supporters vowed to defeat at least one opposing council member in upcoming elections and to reintroduce the bill until it passed.

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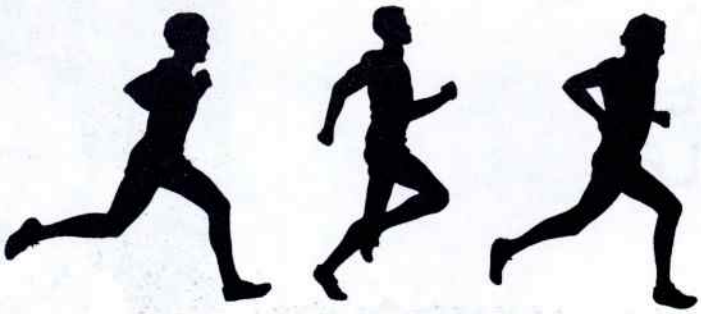

by Melodie Alexander

On to cycling. First clue to this sport is you'll need a bike (spelled M-O-N-E-Y). My suggestions are, first, European, then Japanese. The European parts last longer and are easier to get. Buy one not at Sears, but at a strictly bike shop ($250 and up) or, if you are real lucky, from the classifieds. Bikes age better than we do, so three to five years old is still good.

A lightweight bike is a fast bike. My bike, a two-year-old Peugeot, is 12-speed and weighs 20 pounds. I got her used at a good bike shop--a $500 bike for $225. The tires' width, 3/4" to 1", is as wide as you will want. Toe clips and cleats (crazy shoes) are a must. The toe clips keep you attached to the bike so that no motion is wasted. As you bring your foot up, you are moving the pedal and, as a result, yourself. Cleats are shoes with hard plastic bottoms and an attachment that will sink itself into the toe clip. The difficult, but funny, part is falling over because you can't get the damn cleat out of the toe clip, and you will lie on the ground still connected to your beloved bike thanks to the new cleats. I love my cleats for one thing--the hard plastic prevents the ball of my foot from pressing painfully against the metal pedal. Also, I have a velco closure on the cleat for fast changes in triathlons.

Helmets are required in all triathlons. Bell makes one of the best for safety and coolness, which is very important, and it's very lightweight.

I have heard men complain of numbness of "the family jewels" after biking for twenty miles or so, and I certainly get attached to my seat. This is something that I, unfortunately, have not found a cure for yet.

Ten or twelve or even fifteen speeds don't matter that much, but what does really matter is the height of the frame. If the inside length of your legs are right for a 20" frame with a 1" gap between the frame and your crotch, but you have a 24" frame bike, just wait until you hop down on that bar. Sex will be the last thing on your mind for weeks. Metal is harder than a pelvic bone. I did that once, and if I had had any breath left, I would have screamed louder than Tom Hatfield in drag.

More on cycling next month.

CONFERENCE '84

The Texas Gay/Lesbian Task Force is sponsoring Conference '84 in Austin. Registration begins Friday evening, August 31st, with panel discussions, forums, guest speakers, and special entertainment events beginning Saturday morning, September 1st and continuing throughout the Labor Day Weekend. Conference '84 concludes on Monday afternoon, September 3rd.

For more information, write: Kati Shantz, Media Liaison, Conference '84, P. O. Box 13508, Austin, Texas 78711.

BAND SAYS, "THANKS"

In preparation for the Los Angeles Gay Pride parade this year, the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band (OLSB) raised a lot of money in Dallas, flew to LA, rehearsed for 2 full days, performed with the 256 members of the combined bands in attendance from 9 cities at the Hollywood Bowl before an audience of 10,000 people and guest star Rita Moreno, gave a concert at the Festival, and then marched with over 10,000 others in the Los Angeles parade while 150,000 individuals lined the parade route. This was "Unity and More in '84" for OLSB.

Now back in Dallas, OLSB says thanks a thousand times to all those who contributed to the band being able to go to LA for the parade, etc. OLSB was apparently quite a hit in LA in view of all the compliments and "Thanks" they heard from Californians.

J. Jacobs, OLSB's President, says the one comment that is shared by all band members is "We made Dallas proud." And, of course, "Thanks, again."

CENTER NEEDS STAFF

The DGA Community Center has issued a call for volunteers to staff the office between the hours of 10am and 10pm daily. The duties primarily consist of answering the telephone, dispensing information, handling referrals, etc.

In addition to telephone contacts, you will also be expected to help people who drop by the office seeking information. If you are a people-oriented individual, this is a service you can perform for the Alliance and the community and enjoy personal contacts with new people at the same time. And this says nothing of the great satisfaction you will feel from helping others.

If you have just a few hours of free time to give weekly, please call the DGA office at 528-4233.

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BOARD MEMBER PROFILE:

WILLIAM WAYBOURN

by Ken Thompson

A new member of the DGA Board of Directors, William Waybourn is a person who clearly believes in getting involved, especially with the gay rights movement. "What's interesting to me is that we have become a society accustomed to letting someone else do it. It's very easy to become complacent.

"You can go to the movies and maybe see a better show than a DGA program. But the movie isn't going to do a damn thing for your rights. You can go to a bar and have several drinks, but neither the bar nor the drinks is going to do anything for your rights."

As a Board member, William's special area of involvement is the Membership Department. "You look at the history of groups, and it's the membership that's important. That's the only thing the Alliance has that can keep it going. Without the membership, we have nothing.

"I think DGA members are doing everything they can do. For the number of people we have and the amount of work that gets done, I think we have an exceptionally talented and commited group of people. What I want to see is the people who are not coming to the meetings.

"We have less than 600 members. When you consider how many gays there are in Dallas, we're talking about a very small percentage belonging to an organization that serves as the major voice for gay rights in Dallas. And that's what has got to change. We're not asking people to be out there on the front line. What we're saying is 'Give us your support, so that there will be those who can and will be out there.'

"The Alliance can do more, with more members. I know because I've seen it happen in other groups. I've been actively involved with the Human Rights Campaign Fund, and I know where they started and where they ended up last year. I saw the results. I saw the people there with the money.

"You have groups that come to the Alliance and say, 'We would like your blessing,' implying that the DGA in putting its stamp of approval on their cause means it will succeed. That's great! But what is important is that the Alliance have enough of a membership to make that stamp of approval significant. 600 members--fine. 6,000 members--that's a lot better.

"What's stopping people from getting involved? Is it because they don't know anyone in DGA? For those in north Dallas, is it the driving time and expense? I don't think it's the time and expense so much as it is just not knowing anyone when you walk into a DGA meeting."

William believes that personal networking can increase the number of individual members. "Simply calling a few people you know and saying, 'Don't forget about the meeting tonight; I'll see you there' can help a lot. Many times all it takes is for someone to be invited to get them to show up."

Another, and perhaps more subtle, reason for apathy is the perception among some that there are no burning issues. "What we seem to have a problem with in the gay community is that we are very issue-oriented. We have to wait until a bar is raided or a candidate like Phil Gramm gets elected or that type of event to occur to motivate us. And that, to me, is very tragic. If gays were motivated enough now, those things couldn't occur."

Increasing participation by individuals is one key to a higher profile for the Alliance. Another key is to enlist the backing of outside organizations. "For groups that want DGA support, I certainly don't see anything wrong with asking them to be members. For example, when DART asked us for our support, I think it would have been very appropriate for us to have asked DART to belong to the Alliance."

Not only is William actively involved in DGA and in the Human Rights Campaign Fund, he is also a certified counselor for the Suicide Crisis Center. "Right now, I'm a trainer. I just got through helping train a group of kids in Highland Park in communication skills. Their role is to help other kids who are in crisis, prior to the stage where suicide becomes a question."

William also manages to find time to earn a living. He owns several corporations. One of them is Exhibitor Marketing Services, which specializes in providing advertising and public relations to wholesale manufacturers. He says he likes his work, and his companies are apparently quite successful. Yet, with characteristic modesty, he adds, "Work is not one of my major accomplishments; it's a good livelihood, a career choice."

His roots are out west. He grew up in the small West Texas town of Matador. After high school, he attended South Plains College in Levelland and later Texas Tech in Lubbock. In 1972 he came to Dallas. He worked several years on the staff of the Dallas Time Herald and was managing editor for the Sunday Magazine.

Having easily mastered that job, he set his sights on nothing less than the World Trade Center where he quickly worked his way up the the position of Associate Director for Public Relations and Advertising. He remained in that position until 1980 when he left to form the first of his successful companies.

In his leisure time, such as it is, William likes to read philosophy, such as Victor Frankel's Man's Search for Meaning. "I like discussing life issues. I had a life-threatening situation several months ago, and since then, it's changed the way I view the world. I had always been introspective, but it's been since the heart attack that I have really taken notice of what life really means."

When asked is he had the desire to someday be DGA President, William responded, "Absolutely not. I think it would be a thankless task. I admire the ones I've known: Don Baker, Mike Stewart, and now Bill Nelson. I don't envy them one bit. Being President is more than a full-time job."

In addition to being modest and introspective, he also describes himself as being scared. "I'm scared that we as gays won't do enough. I see the generation before us and what they didn't have. And I see the generation in back of us and what they might not have. And I'm scared that if we don't get involved and do something about our rights, we won't have it either.

"I guess that's what I'm saying about DGA membership. Gays have options. They can choose to get involved, or they can choose not to. Hopefully, they will choose involvement."

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Black Tie Dinner - September 22nd

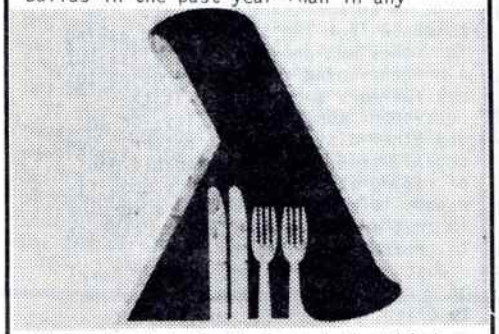
Members of the Dallas Dinner Committee, the steering committee of Dallas' premier social and political event for gays and lesbians, has chosen the Adolphus Hotel as the site for its 1984 Black-Tie Dinner on September 22nd. This dinner will benefit the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the National AIDS Lobby Project, and a new, third organization this year, the Dallas-based Foundation for Human Understanding.

John Thomas, chairman of the steering committee and a member of the national Board of Directors of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, said invitations to the $150/plate dinner will be sent near the end of August. Anyone not on the committee's mailing list may call 521-8919 and request an invitation. This year's dinner will be limited to 500 persons, and tickets will be sold on a first-come basis.

Thomas said that the committee would begin accepting nominations for the humanitarian award that was started last year. Interested persons may send nominations to P.O. Box 50031, Dallas, Texas 75231. The nominating committee will evaluate each nomination. There will be two awards this year, one for someone within Texas and one for a national leader. Thomas was the recipient of the 1983 award.

The 1983 dinner raised more than $22,000, which was divided between the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the National AIDS Lobby Project. Due to the tremendous success of the 1983 dinner, the committee decided to include the Dallas-based Foundation for Human Understanding as a beneficiary of this year's proceeds. The Foundation for Human Understanding is a non-profit, tax exempt charity that funds educational projects of the Dallas Gay Alliance.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund announced that more money was raised from Dallas in the past year than in any



other city but New York, and the third-place city was far behind the Dallas total.

David Goodstein, publisher of The Advocate, will be the main speaker, and Claire Voyance will provide the entertainment in her own special style.

Members of this year's committee include Thomas, Mike Richards, Rick Aishman, Mike Anglin, Dick Weaver, Mike Stewart, Bill Nelson, Ray Kuchling, Becky Kidd, Mike Hearn, and William Waybourn.

PRIDE III ACTIVITIES BEGIN

by Alan Ross

The Dallas gay community is preparing for the Texas Freedom Festival that begins September 16th and ends September 23rd. This Festival celebrates our

second year of freedom since the August 17, 1982 federal court decision which ruled Sec. 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code unconstitutional.

The Pride III:84 Steering Committee is feverishly working toward a full week of activities that will end with the much-anticipated Texas Freedom Parade on Sunday, September 23rd at 3pm. This Pride III events will bring the Dallas gay pride activities for 1984 to an end.

The week will begin with the "Big Event" on Sunday, September 16th at noon on the 4001 parking lot at Cedar Springs at Throckmorton. The Dallas Tavern Guild is sponsoring this carnival with booths of assorted fun, games, and food to benefit Pride III activities and to help offset parade expenses. Admittance is free, and the Guild is donating free beer to the community for their support of the bars. The Dallas Gay Political Caucus will have a voter registration booth as part of the "big push" for the November elections.

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DGPC LAUNCHES FALL ACTIVITIES

by Mike Richards

The Dallas Gay Political Caucus (DGPC) is now in full swing again since the political action committee took a brief rest after the May 5th Primary and the June run-off elections. DGPC is currently working on several important projects and needs your immediate attention. Please take a few moments and look over the projects listed below and decide which ones you might be interested in helping with and give us a call at the Dallas Gay Community Center, 528-4233, and volunteer your time. If you do not have any spare time to volunteer, your financial assistance would be greatly appreciated. DGPC totally depends on donations to fund its projects since money cannot be transferred from the DGA's treasury. Many thanks to those who have already contributed to DGPC's past activities.

The September 10th general membership meeting will be Candidates' Night, and recommendations for further endorsements in the November 6th general elections will be considered. Questionnaires are now being mailed to both Democratic and Republican candidates in races where no previous endorsement by the DGPC has been made. Several candidates that did not ask for the DGPC endorsement in the primaries have now done so in anticipation of the general election.

The DGPC will hold a meeting open to both members and nonmembers at which

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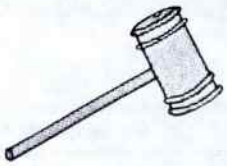

THE GAVEL RAPS

by Bill Nelson, President of the Dallas Gay Alliance

Whew! They've gone!! The President, Jerry Falwell, the fifteen thousand media-persons, the "Sisters" and all those other "furriners"--and guaranteed not to return for at least four years. I think we can wait. Now we're back to normal: Joe Bob Briggs, Jerry Rucker, the Miss Gay America Pageant, and Phil Gramm!! Actually, I think we emerged from the scrutiny of the Republican Convention in fine form. The media talked enough about our Dallas style of doing things and the way we "work within the system" to fill a textbook on the gay rights movement in middle America. If the city isn't proud of us, it certainly should be.

We owe a big debt of gratitude to several individuals in our organization for service above and beyond the call of duty during the convention. Terry Tebedo worked his "Bedtime for Bonzo" off to put on the rally at Lee Park. Alan Ross almost single-handedly pulled off the delightful evening at the Majestic. Chuck Jarvis put in lots of extra hours answering a constantly ringing phone at the Center. Davie Jones managed the unmanageable: the media. And Mike Richards exuded charm, energy, and pectorals at a rate that, if harnessed, would rival the Tennessee Valley Authority.

So, as a reward for the hard work and long hours given to the movement for the Republican Convention, the organization will declare an official period of R & R until October, right? Wrong!!! We launch immediately into the Democratic State Convention, the Pride III activities (Remember, our local gay pride week and parade were moved to September.), and never let us forget that we have a city ordinance coming up for a vote very soon. The Dallas Gay Alliance doesn't breathe, my friends--it pants! And the race is never over--at least not for many more years. And the activity is vibrant and healthy and vital to the future of our people.

If you have ever thought about getting active in our movement (or, as is the case with many of you--more active), the time is certainly now. And if you've ever thought that we could make more progress faster if we only had more money, now is the time to do something about it. The response from the last mailing asking for money was phenomenal--really--but I'm never going to be embarrassed to ask for more because that is the best-spent money in the city--or in any other city, for that matter. Our organization does a commendable job of rising above a dependency upon finances to be effective, but a surplus in that area is undeniably a catalyst to greater achievement.

Just a brief warning: as our level of activity in the community continues to climb, our critics and detractors are going to come crawling out of the woodwork. Stay informed about what is going on. Trust the wisdom of one of the most effective gay rights organizations in the country, and, when in doubt, call and find out what's going on! Nothing happens in secret at the Alliance, and your suggestions and input are always welcome.

So fasten your seatbelts; calling the coming season "Fall" is a misnomer; "Rise" would be far more appropriate.

Thanks for the Contributions

Both the Experience Weekend and Razzle Dazzle Dallas need to be publicly thanked for their generous contributions recently.

The Experience Weekend gave a very large contribution to the Foundation for Human Understanding which was earmarked to benefit the Dallas Gay Community Center's educational programs. The Foundation for Human Understanding then was able to make its first grant, the recipient of which was Gayline.

Razzle Dazzle Dallas contributed $500 to the Alliance to benefit all AIDS-related activities and the Dallas Gay Community Center.

Everyone who is a member of the Dallas gay community has benefitted due to these two gifts. Thank you.

TX Command Performance

by Alan Ross

On Friday, August 17th, the Dallas Gay Alliance sponsored the second annual Texas Command Performance at the Majestic Theatre. It was a great evening for all who attended this event which was part of the Pride II events and a celebration of the second anniversary of the historic Baker v. Wade decision which overturned Sec. 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code.

Phyllis Diller headlined the event with her zany comedy, and the audience seemed to enjoy her 45-minute routine. Although there has been some criticism of her lack of knowledge of the "gay" event, the 21.06 decision, or the Republican Convention, Ms. Diller was hired by the organizers to entertain the audience; and in accordance with her nonpolitical, public stance on any issue, she performed her usual comedy routine. The majority of the audience loved her performance.

The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band began the evening with a "pre-curtain" concert, then opened the show with the theme from "Dallas," received a standing ovation with "The Eyes of Texas," and closed with "The Stars and Stripes Forever." Pamala Stanley, local disco entertainer, followed with a high-spirited performance, including her hits "I Don't Want to Talk About It" and "Coming Out of Hiding."

The second annual Texas Freedom Award was presented to Don Baker, past president of the Alliance and the plaintiff in the 21.06 case. The award is presented to an outstanding gay citizen of Texas, and Don certainly deserved this award for his contribution to the human rights of all gay people in the state of Texas.

Bob Bishop, local entertainer at Bentley's and the Plaza of Americas Hotel, opened the second act before Phyllis Diller made her appearance. Bob sang several songs with the back-up of the Ted Wasser Sextet. Jim Ryan, manager of Bentley's, was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

Although in most people's opinion the show was a complete success, we were unable to fill the Majestic Theatre. The beneficiary of the show was the Dallas Gay Community Center, and I am sorry to report that not too much money will go to the Center. It appears that the event made approximately $500 after expenses. That is unfortunate, but we did not take a loss as we did last year. The DGA gave the membership and the community a successful, entertaining evening. Many thanks go to all that attended Texas Command Performance, to the entertainers, and to those who contributed their time and talents. We appreciate those that help us.

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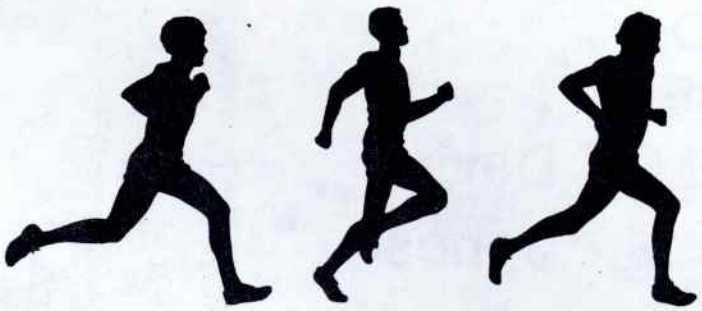
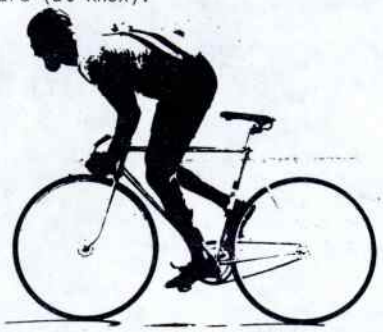


by Melodie Alexander

The only way to know which gear to use at which speed and ground elevation is to try all of them, silly. You will have to do this for a couple of weeks, and then you'll have an idea of when to shift those levers and how far to move them. You can go over to University Cycle and sign up for the Sunday morning bike ride through Highland Park led by two bikers over 60 years old. The bike racing goes on around Las Colinas and out towards Denton, and you can find out about them at World Cycle on Harvard (at Knox).



Now on to running. Most important are good shoes. Don't be cheap on this. You can buy $6 running shorts and $4 T-shirts, but spend $40 and up on shoes. Do not go to Target! There are running shoe stores: The Jogger, Phillippies, Shoe-On-U, Athletic Attic (at Caruth Plaza), Luke's Locker, and On Your Mark. For the most part, you will have runners, even world-class ones, working there. They have already suffered through bad shoes. They know what is a good training shoe for what mileage and for your body weight and size.

Your foot plant and the right shoe are important. You may think of the shoe being good for your foot, but you have a knee, a hip, and a back that all react to that shoe everytime it hits the ground.

I change running shoes every six months. As far as I'm concerned, the wear is there; the midsole has compacted whether you can see it or not. I want to run for many years and do not want to destroy my knees, hips, or get a slipped disc (Don't be afraid!). I suggest wearing socks, more cushioning between the ground and your feet.

If you chaft between the legs where they rub together as you run (even thin people do), use vaseline on that area before you start to run. I have read of runners putting vaseline on the inside of their shoes at pressure spots for the barefoot (no socks) runners.

Next time, more on running.

MCC YARD SALE

(EDITOR'S NOTE: I received the following article but was unable to determine who wrote it. This explains the absence of a byline and the Royal "We" that follows.)

We are having a fiesta at Metropolitan Community Church with our 2nd Great Annual Yard Sale on September 15th. The day's activities begin at 8am and continue until 6pm at 2701 Reagan.

Donations of saleable items are being accepted at the Church or call Susan and Alicia at 475-1475 for pick up. Your donations will help with church improvements and our new multipurpose activity center.

Anyone wishing to have a booth may pick up an application from the Church or contact Susan Tullos by September 1st. A fee of $10. will be charged unless sales profits are donated to the Church.

Plan a day of entertainment and food at MCC on September 15th. We cannot spell S_CCESS without U.

Non-Gay Community at Command Performance

The nongay community did provide some amusing insights into Texas Command Performance, and these were not necessarily critical of the gay community or the gay movement. One such example is the following reprint from a local Dallas newspaper:

Dallasite Lynne Nolan describes herself as a staunch Republican. "I'm a real conservative. I don't make any bones about it . . ."

Some friends from a Republican women's group came to Dallas on Friday, August 17th for the Republican Convention. She wanted to entertain them that night with something special.

Mrs. Nolan said she had read about actor James Whitmore performing as Will Rogers at the Majestic Theatre. "So I called my husband's secretary and told her to get me eight tickets to the Majestic for Friday night. She called back and said it was sold out.

"I told her I would pay scalpers' prices. I wanted those tickets. I wanted my friends to enjoy themselves."

Finally, the secretary came up with the tickets. But, Mrs. Nolan says, when she and her friends arrived at the theatre, "(i)t just didn't look like a 'Will Rogers group' to me."

It wasn't.

The Whitmore show was taking an evening off so comedienne Phyllis Diller could perform at a benefit for the Dallas Gay Alliance.

"I hope I'm not offending anyone," says Mrs. Nolan, "but we thought it was best to just skip the show and go have dessert somewhere."

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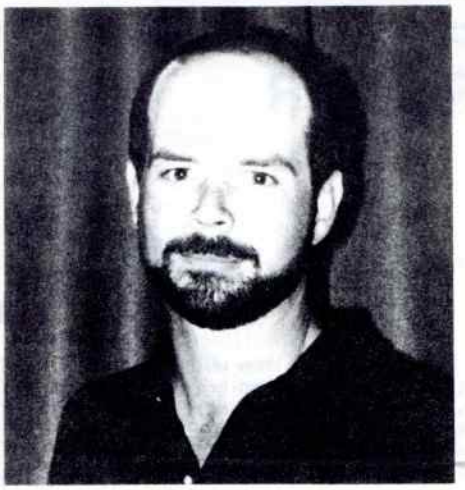

by Ken Thompson

Davie Jones is one person who gets around. In the last three years, he has actively participated in five different DGA departments.

"I was very involved with Communications prior to the Leadership Conference in the summer of 1981. The work was great; we were productive; it was real exciting working with Bill Nelson who was Communications Director at that time. So the Communications Department was my initial involvement."

After a year in Communications, Davie took on the duties of Director for the Department of Lesbian Issues, a position he more or less inherited. (It's a long story.)

Following that, he proposed the creation of a Department of Community Relations as an outreach to other gay groups. "Although the department started out with good response, the participation by other organizations became less and less, and we ended up doing away with it.

"And then I went to the Department of Education, worked six months there as the Director. After that, I was burnt out."

A brief rest followed, and the he returned to active involvement by assuming responsibility for the Operations Department. "This was before we moved into the Community Center, so basically it was just answering the phone service and tending to the mail."

As of August 1984, Davie is back in the Communications Department, this time as its Director. The department's theme centers around publicity, public relations, and image-building for the Alliance. Its activities include development and distribution of posters, fliers, and brochures, as well as the issuance of press releases. It also produces the radio program "Lambda Weekly." And, not insignificantly, the Communications Department is responsible for putting together the program for the DGA's monthly general membership meeting.

"I guess you could say the department is responsible for creating enthusiasm. And I feel that enthusiasm is coming back, and that the membership is responding well to good programs."

In addition, the Communications Department takes on special projects from time to time. One current project is the creation of information packets to be sent to political VIPs. The packets contain articles that describe recent gay rights victories and defeats.

Davie recently met with one particular Dallas city councilman to discuss the idea of an antigay discrimination city ordinance. The councilman ". . . was only vaguely aware of the Danny White case and had not heard anything about the ordinance in Houston.

"We assume that politicians keep up-to-date on our issues, but most of them don't. So these little packets will help educate them.

"You can't overkill in this movement. So little of our information gets into the non-gay press. We could send out information every day and still not have overkill."

Dialog inquired as to the kind of image Davie would like to see for the Alliance. "The image has to be that we are a productive organization, and that we are productive in all areas--that is our overall goal. We need to be seen as being productive in health care education, for example, just as we are productive in our political action."

Davie was also asked to provide some insight into how the DGA Board functions and operates to achieve its goals.

"The Board is made up of ten individuals with ten opinions on nearly every issue. A lot of people think that Board members all have the same opinion on every issue and that the Board is just a single unit that doles out policy. And that's not true.

If you come to a Board meeting, you find out real fast why it takes two and sometimes three hours to complete a meeting. Everyone expresses their opinions, their support, their concerns. Very few issues escape without some disagreement. Of course, majority vote rules. Once a decision is reached, all of us work together to support it."

He also talked about his motivation for being active in the Alliance.

"From the very beginning, I have felt that personally I do make a difference in this movement; I feel strongly about that. I work well within a structured organization. I was active in high school and college, and this is just an extension of that. I call it the Student Council syndrome."

Davie is 29 years old and is from Grand Prairie, Texas. He holds a degree in landscape architecture from Texas Tech University and is currently the manager of a retail outlet for his family business Jones Nursery and Landscape in Grand Prairie. He lives in East Dallas.

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WE WON!

by the Editor

On Friday, September 21st, the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the trial court decision in Baker v. Wade, et al. that Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code is unconstitutional. U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer ruled in August 1982 that the statute which criminalized private, consensual sexual activities violated a Constitutional right to privacy.

Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox did not appeal Judge Buchmeyer's decision, but Potter County District Attorney Danny Hill appealed to the U.S. appellate court as the suit was brought against all prosecutors in the State of Texas who could charge any individual with violating Section 21.06.

However, the unanimous decision by a panel of three Justices in New Orleans chose not to rule on the issues presented in the Baker v. Wade case and

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DGA Night at THE ODD COUPLE

by Dave Lewis

After last month's extremely successful Alliance benefit evening at Torch Song Trilogy, underwritten by Crossroads Market, a block of the best front orchestra seats have been purchased as another Alliance Night at the Theatre on Friday, October 12th. The play is The Odd Couple, which will be performed at the gorgeous Majestic Theatre. Tickets for the DGA benefit cost $27.50 and are available at Crossroads Market, which is again underwriting this event.

MAJESTIC BROADWAY SERIES

Neil Simon has rewritten The Odd Couple with the main characters as women. The world premiere of the new script will begin this month at the Majestic. Following the engagement here in Dallas, the production will tour several other cities before opening on Broadway.

Cast as the two roommates are Sally Struthers, star of television's All In The Family, and Rita Moreno, the only person to win Tony, Oscar, Emmy, and Grammy awards. Ms. Moreno appeared in June 1984 with all the gay bands from across the U.S., including the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band, at the Hollywood Bowl as part of Los Angeles' Gay Pride Week celebrations.

Plan to attend this light and entertaining evening at the Majestic. See the new Odd Couple before New York does!

DGPC ENDORSEMENTS

GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 6th

U.S. Senate	LLOYD DOGGETT (D)
U.S. Representative, 5th District	JOHN BRYANT (D)
Texas State Representative, 100th	SAM HUDSON (D)
Texas State Representative, 107th	DAVID CAIN (D)
Texas State Representative, 111th	JESSE OLIVER (D)
Texas Railroad Commissioner	JOHN T. HENDERSON (R)
Dallas County Sheriff	JOHN VANCE (D)
Constable, 8th Precinct	JESSE DAWSON (D)
JUDICIAL	
Associate Justice, Court of Appeals, 5th District	HOWARD WILSON (D)
Judge, 14th District Court	JOANN PETERS (D)
Judge, 301st Family Court	H. RON WHITE (D)
Judge, 303rd Family Court	JOSH TAYLOR (D)
Judge, Criminal District Court #4	FRED TINSLEY (D)
WARNING NOTICE: Tx. State Rep., #112	Bill Ceverha* (R)

*Warning notices are not endorsements. This is a warning that the candidate has publicly stated opposition to gay rights--Bill Ceverha introduced a bill in the state legislature to reinstate Section 21.06!

The Dallas Gay Political Caucus (DGPC), the political action committee of the Dallas Gay Alliance, at the September 10th general membership meeting voted to add endorsements of Sam Hudson, Joann Peters, H. Ron White, and Jesse Dawson to the list of candidates endorsed by the DGPC in the general election set for November 6th. Those candidates that were endorsed in the primary elections and won their respective party's nominations received the DGPC endorsement in the general election.

All candidates considered were required to answer the DGPC questionnaire with positive responses on gay rights issues. This year's endorsed candidates appeared in person or by representative before the general membership or the DGPC Steering Committee to seek the endorsement and answer additional questions.

The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 1984, from 7am to 7pm. The DGPC will again operate a Hot Line service to assist voters in finding their precinct voting places and with election information. Also, look for a special election tabloid to be distributed soon by the DGPC with complete candidate information and voting instructions.

To Endorse Or Not?

At the October 8th general membership meeting of the Alliance the program will be a panel discussion on whether the Alliance's political action committee the Dallas Gay Political Caucus (DGPC) should make an endorsement in the 1984 Presidential election.

Come to the October 8th meeting and see if your opinion changes as to the potential endorsements and the November 6th election itself.

BOO!!

by Dave Lewis

Witches, ghosts, ghouls, and a drag queen or two will take possession of the back room of the Community Center on Friday and Saturday, October 27 & 28. The Alliance's first haunted house promises to offer a fiendish alternative to smoke-filled bars in the Crossroads area.

$1 will buy your way into the domain of the Queen of Darkness. Let her work your mind and treat you to new sensations. Stop by between bars and still have time left to cruise the streets.

THE GAVEL RAPS

by Bill Nelson, President of the Dallas Gay Alliance

It hardly seems possible that this is the last Dialog before the November general elections. After all of the excitement of the party conventions this past summer, the actual election comes as something of an anticlimax. I have no doubt whatsoever that members of the Alliance vote at percentages approaching 100%, and I am also confident that you vote with a responsible eye toward your gay lifestyle. There are two other responsibilities which I would like to call to your attention, however.

DGA members represent one of the largest and most influential sources of gay activism in this country. Our network of friends and contacts is enormous and is the cornerstone of our effectiveness in the political sphere. I would ask that, between now and election day, you interject from time-to-time a little political conversation into your day-to-day activities. The candidates are doing a banner job of positioning themselves on gay rights, and it shouldn't take much argument to convince the uneducated the responsible way to vote. No kidding, the 500-plus members of the Dallas Gay Alliance, working in just this subtle way, can influence to an enormous extent the election results in Dallas County. And, of course, if your political juices are flowing beyond the range of subtle influence upon friends and acquaintances, there are always the phone banks, precinct walking, and last-minute mailings that abound around elections where the Dallas Gay Political Caucus is involved. Just call the Community Center. They'll put you to work.

There is one other responsibility which I would like to mention--which I will continue to mention until gay rights is no longer an issue in our city. We must fund our movement. Great things are happening in our organization, and they must take place at a level and with a degree of professionalism which requires large sums of money. Find a way to funnel money to the Alliance. If you can have a private fundraising party, do it. If you can pledge a monthly amount to the Alliance, that will help us to establish a guaranteed monthly income. If you feel like this is the month that you can spare a little extra for a good cause, I can think of no cause that is better. It has been a while since the DGA has really had to sweat finances (despite the fact that both our level of services and our expenses have risen to a much higher level), and that degree of financial stability is due to a large extent to the generosity of our membership and the community at large.

And a special note to those of you that are still reading to this point: Keep your eyes and ears open for news about the ordinance. As members, you will bet the word soon in a special letter. That project may prove to be one of the greatest successes ever for this organization. It deserves your interest and support. And it will be happening soon . . . very soon.

OLSB Wants You

by Jerome Sims

1984 has been the best year ever for the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band (OLSB); an accomplished spring concert, a trip to Hollywood to represent Dallas in Los Angeles' Gay Pride celebration, and recent participation in the DGA's Texas Command Performance at the Majestic Theatre! Never a group to merely sit back and savor its successes, the band is now embarking on a major membership drive. You can help us.

For those who must remain out of the public eye, there are many events that invite participation with our umbrella organization the Greater Dallas Music Foundation.

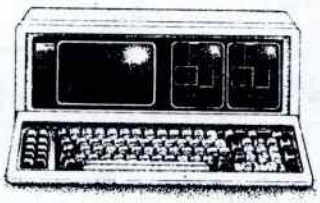
Interested persons may call Judith Atwood (522-3551) or J. Jacobs (960-1927) or attend one of our rehearsals. We meet each Tuesday evening at 6:45 pm at the Metropolitan Community Church, 2701 Reagan.

The OLSB is one of the most visible and pride-inspiring organizations in the Dallas gay community. Our growth--and your help--will ensure even more of a good thing. Thank you for your support.

by Dave Lewis

After careful research by the Computer Task Force and extensive deliberation by the Board of Directors, the DGA is about to enter the twentieth century. The computer is a 265 kilobyte COMPAQ with dual floppy diskettes, a 10 megabyte hard disk, a letter-quality printer, and a modem.

The purchase of the computer will enable the Alliance to merge the data processing activities of several departments. These activities have, in the past, involved the use of several members' personal computers.



The computer will be used by the Membership Department to maintain the membership lists and to generate renewal notices. The Civic Affairs Department will use the computer to maintain the DGPC voter ID list. Publications and Communications will use it for word processing.

When the computer is in full operation, you will notice faster and more accurate processing of new memberships and address changes. Once the data base is input and the basic functions operational, the computer can help us analyze ourselves and the gay vote in Dallas County.

Volunteers are needed to help input data. If you would like to assist in this project, contact the Community Center.

Contributions are needed to cover the $3,000 purchase price of the computer. Send your checks to P.O. Box 190712, Dallas, Texas 75219.

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PHIL GRAMM STRIKES AGAIN

by Michael Milliken

U.S. Representative Phil Gramm, Republican-College Station, a candidate for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Senator John Tower, was among the many Republican candidates to benefit from the media coverage of the Republican National Convention in Dallas. He made himself easily accessible to reporters, including the Gay Cable Network of New York and National Gay Network Radio News. Throughout the interviews that touched on the gay rights issue, Gramm stressed that he is opposed to "affirmative action for homosexuals" but that his opponent Texas State Senator Lloyd Doggett is for it and that Doggett had accepted money from an "all-male strip show fundraiser in San Antonio." Gramm did acknowledge that Doggett gave back the money, $606.00, "after two months."

Gramm was told the current gay rights legislation in Congress does not call for affirmative action. His reply:

"The problem is that the bill does not provide for civil rights. The bill, by amending 706g of the Civil Rights Act provides for affirmative action."

In response, Gay Rights National Lobby Executive Director Vicki Monrean stated, "Mr. Gramm is the one in error. The gay rights bill does not and we have never asked for affirmative action."

Ron Najman, Media Director of National Gay Task Force, said at the Human Rights Rally at Lee Park on August 17th, ". . . Representative Phil Gramm actively misrepresents the gay rights legislation before Congress, suggesting that it will force quota hiring of gays, when the clear legislative intent is that it will not."

And Bruce Decker, Chair of Concerned Americans for Individual Rights, a national gay Republican group, believes that "Mr. Gramm is not doing his campaign any good by using these kinds of tactics. . . . I would suggest to him that there are a lot of legitimate issues that he can be campaigning on, that he ought to avoid manufactured issues and that he ought to avoid issues that are going to alienate a sizable voter block in Texas."

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simply decided that Hill "did not have the right to intervene and that the Attorney General of Texas, who chose not to appeal, properly represented the interest of the state." The Justices noted that "(t)he state . . . speaks in court with a single voice; litigation would be unmanageable were it possible for every district, county or city attorney who differs with the state's poistion" to initiate the appeal."

Don Baker, the plaintiff in the case and former president of the Alliance, hailed the Fifth Circuit's decision as "a victory not only for gay citizens in Texas but for all of our people across America."

Roderick Steakly, Hill's attorney in the appeal, said he would recommend that the decision be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court "if there is a basis for pressing this case" after he reviews the text of the panel's ruling.

LLDEF Targets AP & Sodomy Laws

by John Stahle

When Associated Press employees' union advocated a contract clause barring discrimination against gay and lesbian staffers, the management reacted with full homophobic defensive rhetoric. Bob Nelson and Dave Walter, two gay journalists at AP, the nation's largest news organization, decided it was time to come out to management in hopes of helping the union's contract through passage.

AP promptly layed off Nelson and demoted and reassigned Walter. Because they acted together in recognizable "concerted union activity," the Lamda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. (LLDEF) was able to represent them in the National Labor Relations Board, in a sexual orientation discrimination

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FROM OUR MAILBOX

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was sent to all members of the DGA Board of Directors, and it signifies a new outlook at the Dallas Theater Center.)

September 18, 1984

Dear Friend:

We, at the Dallas Theater Center, would like to thank the Gay Community for its active support of our theatrical endeavors over the past season. We appreciate your patronage in the past, and we certainly hope that it will continue in the future.

As you are aware, the introduction of Adrian Hall as our Artistic Director marked a "new beginning" for the Theater Center, its goals and aspirations. Adrian's professional vision afforded us the opportunity to make monumental strides for professional theater in Dallas. His direction influenced us in presenting the provocative and somewhat controversial play Cloud Nine in the basement of the Frank Lloyd Wright Theater.

Additionally, part of his vision is to promote a professional repertory of Dallas-based actors. DTC would be the only theater in Dallas to implement this unique program! Though this goal will take some time, it presents a very exciting premise for the future. For example, Martin Rayner and Michael O'Hara, two of the actors in the Cloud Nine company, are cast in our opening show, George Bernard Shaw's classic comedy Misalliance.

As you can see, the "vision" is taking shape.

Once again, we appreciate your continued support and we look forward to a successful "partnership" in the future.

Sincerely,
Sheron Wyant
Promotions Director

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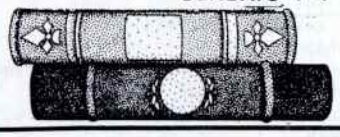
21 GAY RESEARCH LIBRARY OPEN TUESDAYS 2-6 PM SUNDAYS 1-4 PM 	**22** Board Meeting 7:30	**23** Civic Affairs Dept.: Political Action Com. 7:30 DIGNITY DALLAS meets every other Tuesday. Call 330-1063.	**24** Communicati Education D MORMON AFFIRMAT Wednesdays.
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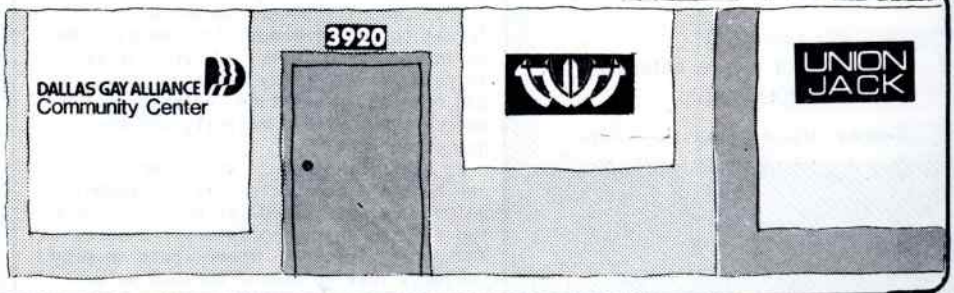

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REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

Health & Fitness Dept.

by Melodie Alexander

Two years ago I belonged to the MCC softball team. We had two coaches and an exercise leader. Two years ago I was running 6 miles a day, 6 days a week. Now I'm not saying I have a vast knowledge of fitness, but when one spends a lot of time exercising one's body, one gets to know it pretty well.

The exercise leader for our team would start us off with toe touches. She was so overweight that she could barely bend over and touch her knees, let alone touch her toes. Then there was the 100-yard sprint. She stood there and yelled at us to run faster. I was not in my running shoes, but in my softball shoes--I do not run in anything but running shoes.

All of this is to make a point; I refuse to listen to anyone who talks exercise and yet looks like the only workout she/he gets is over a hot fudge sundae. She/he may have all the book knowledge in the world on the right way to do bodybuilding, stretching, running, etc. Yet if they look just the opposite of an athlete, why am I to believe they know what they are talking about?

When you want advice, go to someone who does the workout, who's already suffered the mistakes. Go to a gym and talk to a real bodybuilder about diets for bodybuilding and proper curls for better looking arms. Go to a real running shoe store to find out about races coming up, why the inside of your knee hurts, and safe running parks. You can spot a runner--thin arms, thin legs, but with definition and a worn-out racing t-shirt and shoes. If you want to learn how to eat properly, then look up some of these armchair athletes.

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Communications Dept.

by Davie Jones

September was an exciting month for the Communications Department. The video presentation "Life and Liberty For All Who Believe" was a big success at the September general membership meeting.

Pride III Weekend kept the hammers busy as the Department entered a pick-up truck float decorated in a radio theme as publicity for "Lambda Weekly," the Alliance's weekly radio show.

"Lambda Weekly" has grown into quite an impressive radio hour. There are currently two weekend teams responsible for directing the shows.

The A-team is comprised of Bill Zisk, Budd Mahan, and Davie Jones. Team B is anchored by Bob Roberts, Skip Wilson, Jim Ponder, Rick Stubbs, and Bill Travis. And, of course, Joe Desmond and David Clayton show up every weekend for support.

"Lambda Weekly" personalities Buck Massey, Jim Ponder, David Clayton, and Troy Rash represented the Alliance at the September meeting of the Tarrant County Gay Alliance.

Bob Roberts was unanimously approved by the DGA Board of Directors as department chair. Congratulation, Bob.

If you would like to become a part of the fun and constructive action of the Communications Department, attend a weekly meeting every Wednesday at 8 pm at the Gay Community Center.

Operations Dept.

by Bill Travis

How many times have you heard the old line, "I'm tired of the bars, but I don't know of any other place to meet people?" I know a great place to meet many interesting people and perform a valuable service at the same time--become a Dallas Gay Community Center volunteer.

The Community Center serves as an information clearinghouse for the gay community in North Texas. We provide referrals for other gay organizations, job and housing information, as well as support groups, legal, medical, and emergency services.

We need volunteers. When there is no one to staff the Center, it is closed. Volunteers are needed for both afternoon and evening shifts to answer the phone and greet visitors. There are also many projects that go undone because we do not have anyone to work on them. If you have a couple of hours each week to give, please call me at 528-4233.

Publications Dept.

by Dave Lewis

Once again, the Publication Dept. is pleased to report that DIALOG advertising has increased. Our goal is to make DIALOG self-supporting.

The bag ladies of the DIALOG Production Staff are pleased to announce that beginning with the October issue, layout and paste-up will be done in the Community Center on Cedar Springs.

Please let us know how you like the new format for the "Profiles" article (page 10).

Watch for a major change in the look of DIALOG as we move into the twentieth century and replace our typewriters with the DGA computer.

I would like to publicly apologize to the bars which did not receive their stacks of DIALOG on time last month. I was out of town and a volunteer failed to meet his commitment. It amazes me how difficult it is to find somebody who is willing to visit 5 or 6 bars once a month.

Debate Watch Party

The members of the Lesbian/Gay Democrats of Texas (LGDT) invite you to a Presidential Debate Watch Party and to a Mondale-Ferraro TV Watch Party on Sunday, October 7th from 5:45 until 10 pm at the Dallas Gay Community Center.

A $5 tax-deductible contribution to LGDT is requested. There will be free food, quarter beers and wine, and a cash bar.

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Hispanic Coalition

The Hispanic Task Force (HTF) of the Dallas Gay Alliance has a new name and a new chair. The HTF was established by the DGA to organize gay Hispanics. Members of the HTF felt that goal had been accomplished and decided to change the name. The HTF is now the Hispanic Coalition of the Dallas Gay Alliance.

Joe Perez is now chair of the Hispanic Coalition since Jesse Chairez resigned that position. Chairez has not disappeared completely, however, as he is now the chair of the Hispanic Coalition's Media Committee. Tony De La Cruz is the new Vice-Chair.

The Hispanic Coalition, an organization dedicated to forming an educational awareness, understanding and visibility of the gay Hispanic, now meets at 1pm on the 2nd Sunday of each month at the Dallas Gay Community Center.

The Hispanic Coalition will march in the Texas Freedom Festival Parade Sunday, September 23rd. This will be the first time an openly gay Hispanic organization has participated in a Dallas parade. The members of the Hispanic Coalition encouraqe all gay Hispanics who will be in Dallas for the Texas Freedom Festival celebration to join them in the parade. For information on the parade or the Hispanic Coalition call 528-4233. Or call Perez directly at 827-9995.

Gay & Lesbian Young Adults

by Lisa Dobey

Bars are wonderful places, but have you ever wondered what a certain person looked like under bright lights or what that person sounds like when not screaming over the loud music? At the Gay and Lesbian Young Adult (GLYA) meetings, we provide the opportunity to meet people and to learn and explore your feelings and experiences with others.

The GLYA is a special interest group of the Alliance and meets each Thursday from 7 to 9pm at the Community Center. Our meetings, which average 25 people in attendance, consist of a thirty minute business meeting, and then the remainder of the time is spent exploring such subjects as relationships, coming out, parents and friends, and school. The GLYA also sponsors speakers from various groups and organizations. Recent speakers have been Debra Julian from Friends and Relatives of Gays, Bill Appleman and Michael Boothman from the Oak Lawn Counseling Center, and Karen Herndon from the Dallas County Health Department.

After the meeting adjourns, the group usually descends on a local restaurant to eat and visit with each other. In addition to the regular meetings, the group plans weekend activities such as carwashes, parties, or camping.

Though our special interest is gays and lesbians under 25 years of age, our meetings are open to all people and we would like to encourage you to come and visit.

Gay Methodist Pastor Appointed

Despite the ruling by the General Conference of the United Methodist Church that "self-avowed practicing gays" may not be ministers, Bishop Melvin E. Wheatly appointed Rev. Julian Rush associate pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Denver, Colorado. Rush has been a minister since 1964, serving in Fort Worth, Colorado Springs, and Boulder before he came out to his congregation in 1981.

The ruling of the General Conference is to take effect January 1, 1985, but it has been referred to the Judicial Council, which acts as the highest court for the United Methodist Church, for a decision on whether it violates the church's constitution. The Judicial Council will meet in Chicago on October 24-27, 1984.

Wheatley, who will retire on August 31st, said, "There is nothing special about" his appointment of Rush. He added that he expected the Judicial Council to rule that the decision to bar homosexuals from the ministry is contrary to the church's constitution. St. Paul's United Methodist Church has a substantial number of gays in its congregation.

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appeal which is a first for both LLDEF and the NLRB. The union has permitted Nelson to explain his concerns through union publications and filed a grievance on his behalf.

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When two new groups, the Mississippi Gay Alliance and Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays/Mississippi, filed their petitions for non-profit corporate charters, they guessed it wouldn't be smooth sailing, but they were unprepared for exactly the kind of flat "no" they got.

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Mississippi Attorney General Bill Allain simply quoted the state's sodomy statute. It reads: "Every person who shall be convicted of the detestable and abominable crime against nature committed with mankind or with a beast, shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for a term of not more than 10 years."

For the state to grant a charter, Allain concluded, "would ostensibly give official legal status to an organization dedicated on its face to subverting this criminal statute." That is, you can't be incorporated to fight for gay rights because gay people are criminal by reason of their relations in private; it says so in the law.

This is typical in the 24 states which still have sodomy laws in effect. LLDEF is actively involved in striking down all these laws which make our private relations criminal; LLDEF has filed amicus briefs in the Baker v. Wade appeal.

Meanwhile, the Mississippi groups are being represented by Baer, Marks and Upham. Through the efforts of LLDEF board member Mark Turkel, this major New York law firm accepted the case as an official pro bono project--an early payoff on our efforts to involve large law firms in what for them may be a quite new field: gay legal rights.

Elected Officials

Here are the names and addresses of elected officials who presently represent Dallas area citizens at the city, state, and national levels of government:

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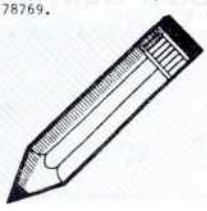

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REPUBLICANS REACT

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mike Richards mailed a Convention Report to all delegates and alternates in Dallas during the Republican National Convention. This is the text of his cover letter for this mailing and two replies, which he received in September, with the names omitted:

September 2, 1984

Dear Delegate/Alternate:

The enclosed GAY CONVENTION REPORT is being mailed to you because it was not allowed to be distributed either in the Dallas Convention Center or in the Information Booths set up inside the hotels during the Republican National Convention. We feel each delegate and alternate should be informed about gay rights issues from the gay activist's viewpoint.

I would hope you will take a few minutes and read this informative paper. You will quickly see that gay men and women are discriminated against solely on the basis of being homosexual.

The gay rights movement is not asking for "special" rights, as some suggest. We are not asking for affirmative action, as some suggest. What we are asking for is protection under the law from discrimination based on our sexual orientation. Discrimination is wrong. It is unjust. It destroys lives!

I would welcome your response and hope you had an enjoyable stay in Dallas.

Sincerely,
Mike Richards
Director, Civic Affairs Department

September 9, 1984

Dear Mike:

I appreciate the opportunity of responding to your letter. I must say, as a follower of Jesus Christ, that I cannot condone what He condemns, and in Romans 1:21-32, He condemns (not you) but the lifestyle you practice.

Mike, you refer to yourself as "gay", but there is no gayety or joy in going against the laws of Holy God.

I spoke with one of the San Francisco sisters who was in Dallas during the Convention. He may not be aware of it, but I'm convinced he is looking for an answer. Jesus is that answer.

At the age of 17, I invited Christ into my heart. He came in and brought an abundance of life and love, joy and peace, and the assurance of righteousness in Him.

Mike, I recommend him to you! As I read and re-read Romans 10:9&10, God's plan of salvation became so clear. It will to you, too, if you ask humbly and in faith.

God is so good. It's like saving a drowning man. He didn't come to drown us--we were already drowning. He came to save us. Psalm 40:1-3.

We're praying for you, Mike.

Sincerely,
A Delegate

Dear Director:

It is good to know that your Report was not allowed to be distributed in the Convention Center and Information Booths, and I take offense that you felt it necessary to mail your literature to my home.

The first meaning of the word "discriminate" is separate or tell apart according to Webster. You have therefore discriminated against yourself when you have separated yourselves and found it necessary to be so vocal and visible in order to be told apart from the rest of humanity.

I do not feel you are entitled to "protection under the Law," since in most cities, counties, and states perversion is aginst the law. By your "sexual orientation" you have set yourselves apart. It is unjust; it destroys lives, to reiterate your words.

With all sincerity,
An Alternate
(Grand Prairie, TX)

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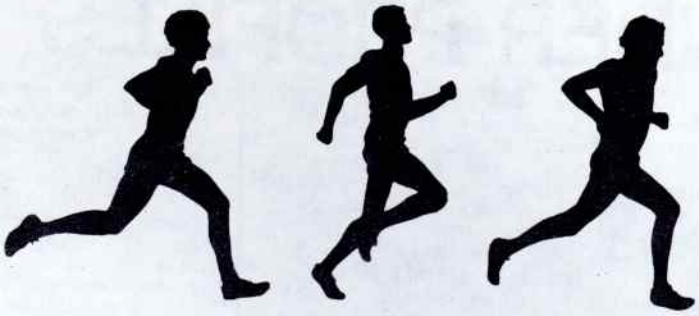

by Melodie Alexander

First of all, we are getting up a gay bike club. The first meeting is Wednesday, September 26th at 7:30pm in the Community Center. Of course, this meeting will have occurred before you receive this Dialog, so come by the Center, call or look in the Dallas Voice. We'll have the next meeting times and places and times where we meet for bike rides advertised in the community.

Now, back to running. Since I have gotten you dressed to run, now you can step right out your door and go for it, or drive to White Rock Lake (9.6 miles around), go to Bachman Lake (3.1 miles around), enter upcoming races (get all information concerning these at running shoe stores), or do like I do and go along Turtle Creek from Lee Park to Mockingbird (2½ miles one way). Stay with the creekbed. You can stop for water at the Highland Park police station which is on the creek. Run at whatever pace your body wants to and walk whenever you want to.

It is amazing, but you'll notice that in about 3 weeks you'll just naturally be walking less and running more. Your endurance is building up, and your pace will increase on its own. When you get ready to race, then you can begin a 6-month pre-race conditioning program of working on going to your limits in speed and distance. But first build a foundation of speed and distance you are happy with and which you won't get burnt out on by trying to improve too soon. Your muscles have to be educated in efficient running, and they have to reshape to handle the sport.

I am now a full-time student at Texas Women's University and aiming for a degree in physical education. Two of my classes are assets for health and fitness. The first is kinesiology, the study of human motion, and the other is an independent study with the Olympic women's track coach for the sprint team. We are going over the film footage from the Olympics and determining the stride length, velocity, etc. of the runners. Hopefully, I will be able to hand this information about your body on to you. The weather is beautiful, so go out there and run for the hell of it.

Experience the Weekend Oct. 27-28

The sixth Dallas Experience Weekend will be held October 27 & 28 at the Anatole Hotel. The purpose of the Weekend is to transform the participant's individual experience into greater contexts of health, love, happiness, and full self-expression.

David Goodstein, owner of The Advocate, and Rob Eichberg, a Los Angeles psychologist, are the co-leaders of the two-day workshop which deals with such topics as self-image, relationships, standards, judgments, and communications.

The workshop is open to women and men, 18 years and older, who wish to take the responsibility to improve the quality of their lives.

The Weekend is put on by previous graduates through a non-profit organization. Tuition is $250 per person, which goes to cover basic expenses such as the hotel ballroom, printing, and postage. Any proceeds remaining are donated to local community organizations.

For further information, call 214/528-5117.

Little Feather Presents
NEAR & GILBERT In Concert

Holly Near, an accomplished performer and songwriter, will appear in concert with Ronnie Gilbert, formerly of the Weavers folk group, at the Garland Performing Arts Center on October 28th at 5 pm.

This will be the only North Texas appearance for the duo who are stopping in Dallas as part of their "Vote For A Change" tour. Appearing with Ms. Near and Ms. Gilbert are pianist John Bucchino (with whom Holly Near has written several songs) and Susan Freudenlich, a nationally known signer for the deaf.

Many of Holly and Ronnie's songs are about human rights issues, Central America, and the prevention of nuclear war. But their music also includes lovesongs and some old Weaver favorites.

This is Near's second Dallas appearance. Holly and Ronnie are doing their second U.S. tour in as many years, as the result of a sell-out 1983 tour in 12 cities.

Tickets for the Dallas concert are $12.50 in advance before October 13th, $14 until the day of the concert, and $16 at the door. All seats are general admission. Tickets are available at Half the Sky Bookstore at 2018 Greenville Avenue and Crossroads Market at 3930 Cedar Springs Road.

For more information, call Susan Melnick at 941-9303. The Holly Near/Ronnie Gilbert concert is sponsored by Little Feather Productions, Inc., a production company dedicated to promoting women in the arts.

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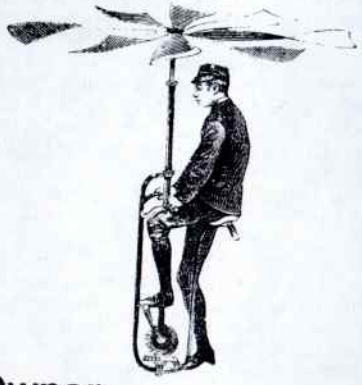

Jim Henson, Owner

LAVENDER PROFILES

Phil Johnson

Date of Birth: May 1, 1925 (Taurus)
Hometown: Dallas, Texas
Occupation: "old, worn-out, beat-up ballet dancer"
Member of DGA for: 8 years (Founding Member)
I currently have a lover: Yes
Five adjectives that most accurately describe me: individualist, agnostic, dedicated, romantic, eccentric.
Favorite Food: ice cream
Favorite Type of Music: classical
Favorite Movie: The Turning Point
Favorite TV Show: Brothers
Favorite Actor/Actress: none
Favorite Sport: swimming
Worst Habit: being overly serious
In my next life, I want to be reincarnated as: "Someone in a position to right wrongs"
Best advice I ever received: "Make the most of yourself"
Most frequent misconception about me: "that I seek the spotlight"
I wish I knew how to: right wrongs.

Widely known as "the Father of the Gay Rights Movement in Texas," Phil Johnson has spent fifty years setting an example for our generation and for future generations to follow.

He "came out" long before it was stylish, or safe, to do so. He pioneered the first gay organization in the Southwest, 11 years before DGA came into existence. He helped establish two associations that later evolved into the Texas Lesbian/Gay Task Force and the Dallas Ballet.

Phil remembered, "I joined One, Inc., when it started in 1953 . . ." as part of the gay movement of that era. "And then I joined the Mattachine Society and then Drummer. But all those groups were in California. I kept praying that some leader would start a gay organization in Texas. I kept waiting and waiting until finally I said, 'Well, Lord, here I am!'"

So in 1965 Phil and four friends created Circle of Friends, a fraternity where gay people could meet other gays. "In those days we were always afraid. You could be arrested just for having a private party in your own home. Anyone who wanted to join had to be investigated by a committee to make sure they were not someone from the vice squad. At one point we were so afraid that we used pseudonyms. But that didn't work because we kept forgetting our phony names."

The group remained intact until 1976 when it was succeeded by the Dallas Gay Political Caucus (DGPC), created to be ". . . a strong, vibrant, out-of-the-closet organization," according to Phil. The DGPC has since become known as the Dallas Gay Alliance.

Phil was asked if he thought times are better for gays now than back in the 1950's and 1960's. He replied, "A hell of a lot better! Yes, I certainly do. And I feel that if we can overcome AIDS and the Moral Majority, then it will get even better. I see emerging a gay subculture. In time, I think we will have our own songs, our own dances, our own customs, our own humor. You can see it developing already."

His pioneer spirit also shows up in his vocation, which happens to be his avocation--dancing. "When I was young, boys didn't dance; boys played baseball. But early on I decided I've got one life to lead. Am I going to do what boys do, or am I going to do what I want to do?"

For 35 years, Phil has taught dancing and for many years had his own dance studio. He has taught ballet, tap, jazz, ballroom, and modern, among others. At one time he was the only male dancer in Dallas. "I have spent most of my life dancing and have always been in the forefront of dance for men, because I had the courage of my convictions."

Bill Travis

Date of Birth: October 11, 1957 (Libra)
Hometown: Garden City, Kansas
Occupation: Accountant
Member of DGA for: 1½ years
I currently have a lover: No
Five adjectives that most accurately describe me: tall, dark, handsome, shy, available.
Favorite Food: anything Chinese
Favorite Type of Music: New Wave
Favorite Movie: The Wizard of Oz
Favorite TV Show: Green Acres
Favorite Actor/Actress: Clint Eastwood, Audie Murphy, Julie Andrews
Favorite Sport: volleyball
Worst Habit: smoking
In my next life, I want to be reincarnated as: a Redwood tree
Best advice I ever received: "Your life is what you make it."
Most Frequent misconception about me: "that I'm hard to get."
I wish I knew how to: fly a plane.

The newest member of the DGA Board of Directors, Bill Travis is in charge of ensuring the smooth operation of DGA's offices and the Dallas Gay Community Center itself, located at 3920 Cedar Springs. "It's a lot of work, but somebody's got to do it."

The work involves recruiting volunteers to answer the telephone, keeping the building clean and orderly, troubleshooting mechanical and electrical problems, scheduling groups that periodically use the building, and handling a host of related tasks.

So far, he's had only one serious problem: not finding enough volunteers to help out. "DGA members get involved in other committees, but nobody seems to want to give any time to the Community Center."

And make no mistake. The work is important. "DGA's biggest outreach in the community now is the phone line at the Community Center. During the Republican Convention, we had over 300 calls."

During a typical week, volunteers respond to people who need medical, legal, and housing-related services, voter registration information, or have other concerns. Assisting people who call, or drop by, obvisously would appeal most to someone who is a people person.

A frequent misconception, however, is that working at the Community Center must necessarily involve being " . . . out in the open, highly visible, and public." Not so, says Bill. "We've got so many things around here that need doing that you don't ever have to be seen, if that's what you want."

Bill says that many, if not most, DGA members have never been to the Community Center. "On a weekly basis, I'd say maybe ten percent come in. People who are not members come in here all the time. But most DGA members don't."

Bill apparently likes his new job. "I get personal satisfaction from doing it. I hate sitting at home by myself watching TV. I'd much rather be down here meeting people. I have a wonderful time."

So, if you have a few hours to spare each week, and if you've always dreamed of someday working alongside a man who is tall, dark, handsome--and available, this may be your big chance! Trot on down to DGA's Community Center and have a chat with the tall, dark, handsome--and very available--Bill Travis.

DIALOG

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HELP HOUSTON

by The Editor

Enclosed in this *Dialog* is a brochure for the Citizens for a United Houston, a coalition of gay and non-gay individuals united to oppose the January 19, 1985 referendum on the ordinances passed by the City Council in Houston, Texas which placed gay persons in a protected class from discrimination in municipal employment.

The referendum, if successful, would strike these amendments from the City Civil Service Code and Affirmative Action Policy in Houston and set the civil rights movement in Texas back several years. Accordingly, a contributions and support envelope is also enclosed. The proponents of the referendum, strongly homophobic, are well financed and determined. The Citizens for a United Houston need financial support from all outside sources. Therefore, please send whatever amount you can to this cause as we may need the same support from the Houston community next spring if a referendum-group organizes in Dallas to oppose the Dallas Council's November vote on the DGA-sponsored ordinances.

United Houston

As the Citizens for a United Houston's brochure states, "The City Council's action was clearly appropriate. The actions created no special group of citizens. They do not require the active recruitment of gays and lesbians as city employees. They did not establish a quota for gays and lesbians as minorities eligible for participation in city contracts. They did not eliminate any of the valid job related requirements for public employment. They did not remove any of the sanctions against employees who are incompetent, who misuse their position for political purposes, who are not otherwise fit for the jobs they hold, or who misuse their authority to engage in sexual harassment.

"On June 19, 1984, the Houston City Council simply stated that as a policy of the community, the city, in dealing with its own employees and its own contracts, shall not discriminate because of one's sexual orientation.

"Unless you agree with groups such as the Ku Klux Klan that this sort of discrimination is permissible, you . . . should support the action by Houston City Council and Citizens for a United Houston."

AIDS UPDATE

by Howie Daire

The Oak Lawn Counseling Center AIDS Project has scheduled an AIDS information forum for 7:30 pm on Tuesday, November 13th at the Maple Lawn Elementary School located at the corner of Cedar Springs and Inwood.

Presenters will include Bill Appleman, A.C.S.W., Executive Director of the Oak Lawn Counseling Center; Charles Haley, M.D., staff epidemiologist of the Dallas County Health Department; and John Beldekas, Ph.D., an AIDS researcher from Boston, Massachusetts.

OAK LAWN COUNSELING CENTER

Topics include an AIDS update for Dallas County, information on the HTLV III virus, the AIDS test and what it means, and the activities of the Dallas County Health Department and the Oak Lawn Counseling Center AIDS Project in the AIDS crisis.

Plan now to attend this informative meeting with a friend. Your support of this program is important.

Relationships

Due to continued requests from the membership, the program for the November general meeting of the Dallas Gay Alliance will focus on relationships.

Entitled "Relationships: A Look Within," the program will deal with varying aspects of how the individual relates to herself or himself and others. Emphasis will be placed on how relationships occur and the steps necessary for prolonging an existing relationship.

Leading the program will be two licensed professional counselors, Michael Boothman, L.P.C. and Vicki Morris, L.P.C., R.N. Time for questions will be included. Boothman and Morris currently are counselors with the Oak Lawn Counseling Center.

The November meeting of the Alliance will be on Monday, November 12th at 7:30 P.M. at the Metropolitan Community Church, 2701 Reagan. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

PARTY!

by Alan Ross

The DGA Board of Directors is inviting the membership to a Holiday Party on Friday evening, December 7th at 8:00 pm in Arlington Hall at Lee Park. This party will be free to the DGA membership, and we hope all of you will plan to attend.

Plans are being made now for an entertaining evening with snacks, drinks, and entertainment. Besides an excellent time to socialize with other members, this will be an opportunity to bring a friend and give a DGA membership to him/her.

With the Oak Lawn Holiday Gathering the next evening, the Alliance has a fun-filled weekend of festivities planned to begin the holiday season. Toys will be accepted for our "Toys For Tots" campaign for the children at The Family Place. So, bring yourself, a friend, and a toy to Arlington Hall for a special Holiday Party created especially for you.

5TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY GATHERING

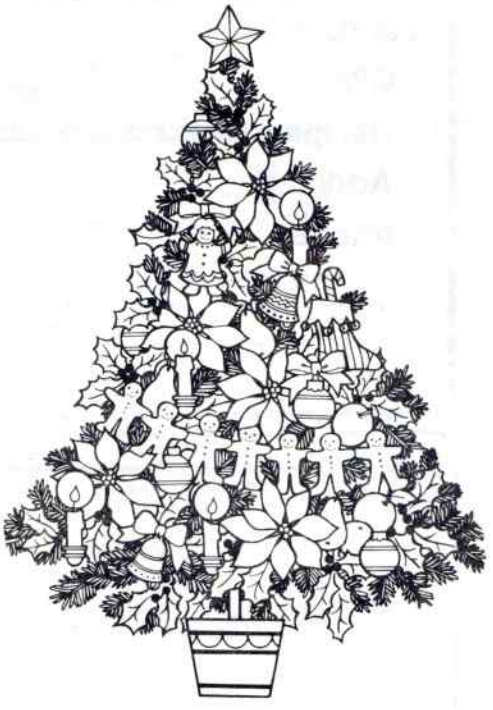
by Alan Ross

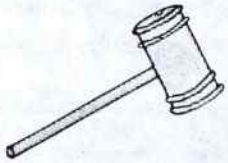
The Fifth Annual "Oak Lawn Holiday Gathering" has been set for Saturday evening, December 8th at 6:30 P.M. on the grounds of the Oak Lawn Branch of the Dallas Public Library at 4100 Cedar Springs. Sponsored by the Dallas Gay Alliance, this community event is free and open to the public.

Once again, the community will gather around a sixteen foot blue spruce tree, decorated and donated to the Oak Lawn Community by the Dallas Gay Alliance. Standing next to the "living" Blue Atlas Cedar that was planted on the grounds of the Library by the Alliance five years ago, the tree will be lighted at the completion of the evening's festivities. Rich Miller, manager of the Library, said recently that the City of Dallas completed the necessary wiring so that the tree may be lighted each evening without blowing out the fuse, which has been a problem the last couple of years.

In addition to seasonal music provided by the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band and the lighting of the tree, DGA will again present the toys donated to The Family Place which have been collected in our "Toys For Tots" campaign. The Family Place is the shelter for battered women and their children located in Oak Cliff. A collection box will be placed in the Crossroads Market in mid-November for the community to donate toys, games and stuffed animals to this shelter. Toys brought to the Gathering will be appreciated.

We look forward to a large crowd for the lighting of the tree. We have been asked by the Tom Thumb across the street that their parking lot not be used for the parking of our cars. Please arrive a little earlier and park somewhere around Crossroads Market. We hope to see you at the Gathering.





THE GAVEL RAPS

by Bill Nelson, President of the Dallas Gay Alliance

As regular readers of *Dialog* probably have noticed, the deadline for this newsletter is well in advance of its publication. Sometimes that makes timely articles a bit difficult to write, and this column is an excellent example of that dilemma.

We have just undertaken (or are just about to undertake) the final stages of one of the most significant accomplishments in this organization's history. A city ordinance prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in city hiring, public accommodations, and public housing is no small matter. Many larger cities (including New York, by the way) have tried for many years and have failed for one reason or another. Rather than failing for many years, Dallas has been preparing for success. Whether this column appears just after or immediately preceding the passage of our ordinance, I can assure you that the amount of thought and work that has been involved is prodigious. Because of that work and thought, I am going to assume that we have been (or will be successful) in what we have so long needed.

For the next part of this column, I do *not* need a crystal ball. (Except, perhaps, to throw as a weapon in self-defense!) . . . I have no doubt that those who fear and misunderstand us have come crawling out from the woodwork and from under rocks in droves. In order to combat ignorance, bigotry, and hatred of that magnitude, the work of all of us (and that of all our friends) is required . . . a necessity for social justice. Now is the time to talk. Now is the time to call in chips. Now is the time to stand up and be counted. You will notice that I did not say that now is the time to come out. This ordinance is not a gay issue. *Anyone who believes in principles of justice and equality should jump on this bandwagon so fast the wheels should go flat.*

Staying informed is the best thing you can do. Getting involved in the process is next best. And giving money to a good cause never hurt. Yes, we'll need money - lots of it - but that's later. For now, celebrate with us the guarantees of freedom that should (always) have been ours, but now come much closer with the passage of this ordinance.

And never forget what organization makes it all possible.

COME TO THE CABARET

by Dave Lewis

Have you always longed to be in the limelight? Is "follies pink" your color? Can you walk in heels? Have I got a job for you!

Class is not the word for the acts that will strut the stage as the back room of the Community Center is converted into an intimate cabaret. Headlining the evening--direct from their all too appropriate engagement in the Haunted House--will be the DGA's own Supremes.

This extravaganza will be directed by Bill Nelson, the Elder. If you have no shame, contact Bill at Crossroads Market to become a member of the cast. All those with talent need not apply.

If you have no taste, plan to attend this production. The show will have four performances at 8:00 and 10:00 P.M. on Friday, November 23rd, and Saturday, November 24th. Admission is $5. If you're a masochist, come to more than one performance. If you're a sadist, bring a friend.

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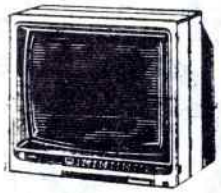
GAY FOCUS WINS

by Michael Milliken

The weekly Dallas cable community access program "Lesbian/Gay Focus" received a QUBE Award for excellence in production at the second annual Southwest Regional National Federation of Local Cable Programmers Conference. Stevo Wagner, who has since moved to Chicago, was the producer of the episode "Texas Command Performance" that won the award for an Entertainment Program Using Portable Equipment. Stevo had assembled the program from footage he taped at the Dallas Gay Alliance's "Texas Command Performance" in September of last year.



The Performance featured entertainers Meg Christian and Laura Theodore as well as others.

As one of the present producers of the "Lesbian/Gay Focus", I was honored recently by being selected to serve on Mayor Starke Taylor's Community Access Task Force. The task force is charged with the responsibility to establish a non-profit corporation to manage and operate the community access functions of the Dallas cable system. Even though the City Council voted to amend the cable franchise in June, the task force was not named until the middle of October. The non-profit corporation must be ready to assume operation of community access by February 1, 1985.

The nineteen-member task force is chaired by former City Manager George Schrader and includes a diverse mix of interests represented by Dr. Philip Montgomery for the Arts District, Rev. Robert Shortall of the Catholic Diocese of Dallas, Mannette Dodge, Nancy Miller, Dr. Marvin Robinson and others.

For more information about gay cable or community access programs, please contact me at 522-3507.

COME BLOW YOUR HORN

by Jerome Sims

Two delegates from each of the ten lesbian and gay bands from across the United States attended the fifth semi-annual Lesbian and Gay Bands of America Conference in Minneapolis last month. Representing Dallas were OLSB President J. Jacobs and Librarian Charles Dunnam. Houston, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., New York City, Denver, Kansas City, and Minneapolis were also represented. Phoenix and Long Beach, California were unable to attend.

During the three-day conference, a major expansion plan was discussed and approved in which each band agreed to adopt a city and assist in forming a new band: Dallas--Fort Worth and Austin, Houston--New Orleans, Los Angeles--San Diego, etc. It is expected that by mid-1985 over 20 bands will be in place. A "how to" brochure is being drafted to assist in band-founding, fundraising, 1985-86 projects, and community services.

Charles Dunnam was selected as the group's first national librarian. A historian was also appointed to work with the National Gay Archives in California.

The finale was a joint concert with the delegates joining the Minneapolis Freedom Band in concert at McAllister University in St. Paul.

Interested persons from Fort Worth and Austin wishing to form a band should call 214/521-3551 or write the OLSB at P.O. Box 190973, Dallas, Texas 75219.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES:

APA on Gays

by Phil Johnson

On December 15, 1973, the influential and prestigious American Psychiatric Association (APA) adopted a resolution which took homosexuality out of the "mental disorder" classification. Following a mail ballot, which drew votes from about half the membership, the APA described homosexuality as sexual deviation. As such, it "...implies no impairment in judgment, stability, reliability or general social or vocational capabilities."

Dr. Judd Marmor of the University of Southern California and a member of the APA Board of Trustees was a leading advocate of the resolution's passage. He wrote, "Homosexual and heterosexual behavior are merely different areas on a broad spectrum of sexual behavior . . . Neither can be assumed to be more or less 'natural' than the other."

Dr. Charles W. Socarides of the State University of New York opposed the resolution, referring to homosexuality as ". . . a true psychosexual disorder" and added that it is wrong, and confusing, to suggest "homosexuality as the same as heterosexuality." However, on the question of the partner, Dr. Socarides stated, "The male homosexual generally is not interested in children" and added that there is no recruiting. "That's the wrong word. There usually is consent by both partners."

The APA vote was: 5,834 to 3,810.

This was a major milestone in the fight for human rights for all.

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The Dallas Gay Historic Archives, housed in the Dallas Gay Alliance Community Center, 3920 Cedar Springs, contains all kinds of interesting material concerning gay history--our roots. Books, magazines, newspaper clippings and other gay memoriabilia are always welcome, as are visitors. Call 528-4233 or 821-1653.

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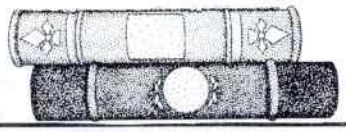
9 LISTEN TO LAMBDA WEEKLY EVERY SUNDAY 12:00 NOON ON KNON 90.9 FM	**10** DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE General Meeting 7:30 - MCC - 2701 Reagan	GAY RESEARCH LIBRARY OPEN TUESDAYS 2-6 PM SUNDAYS 1-4 PM 	WATCH LESBIAN FOCUS EVERY WEDNESI 9:00 - Warner A

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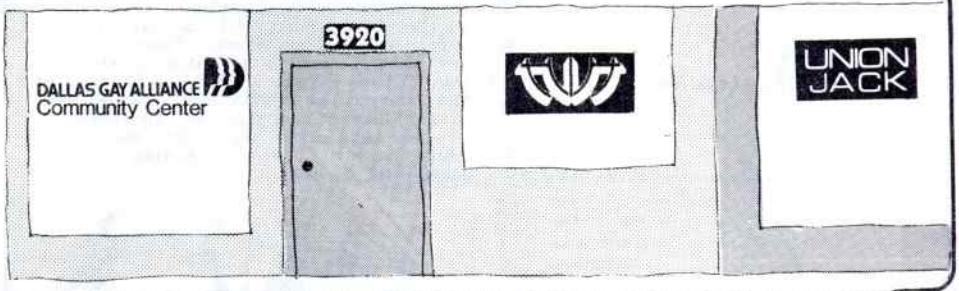

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REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

Communications Dept.

by Davie Jones

October has kept the Communications Department on its toes. The new Alliance computer promises to make things much easier on the department.

A brochure for the weekly DGA radio show "Lambda Weekly" is now available at the Community Center, and an ad for "Lambda Weekly" will debut in the November issue of *The Dallas Observer*. Look closely under the lesbian/gay personal section for lonely d.j.'s looking for a good time. The November and December general membership meeting programs are firm. November will find us discussing relationships, and the December meeting will be a panel discussion on homosexuality and religion.

Holiday happenings include participation by several members of the department in the DGA's Haunted House. In addition, preparation of the Alliance holiday cards are under way.

Publications Dept.

by Dave Lewis

The Publications Department has been busy this month. We published the Civic Affairs Department's *DGPC Election News* and developed the new format for *Dialog*.

This issue of *Dialog* is the first produced on the DGA's new computer. Its word processing allows us to produce *Dialog* faster and makes error correction simpler. Watch for more format changes in the coming months.

Notice the column "From the Archives" in this issue. This is the first of a monthly series of articles on gay history, written from the resources of the Dallas Gay Archives. Stop in and visit the Archives' Gay Research Library in the DGA's Community Center.

Membership Dept.

by C. Dutton

The Membership Department solicited new members recently at the Pride III Carnival and at the youth group's spook house around Halloween. The most frequently heard question posed by non-members is: "What does the Alliance do?" Obviously, this is not the publication to answer the question of who is to blame for so many people not knowing who we are. Let us hope these people have only recently moved to Dallas and are unfamiliar with our community. Certainly our successes with the Fifth Circuit, voter registration, and Pride III events indicate a vital, healthy DGA.

The Membership Department plans a continuing presence at public events like these to spread the word of our progress and offer the uninitiated a place in the sun.

Fund Raising Dept.

by Alan Ross

I have been gearing myself to write articles about the Holiday Gathering and the Holiday Party in December, and at this time, there is yet another week until Halloween. We really have to plan ahead. And I would like for each of our members to plan to make a financial commitment to the Dallas Gay Alliance before the end of the year. As you begin your shopping lists for relatives and loved ones, please include DGA on that list. And to help you with the financial burden that happens in December, the Alliance will be very happy to receive donations during November.

Let's face it, the Dallas Gay Alliance never has too much money in its bank account. We are always in need of that special gift that you can contribute as we pursue the rights of all gay people. The Alliance and our Dallas Gay Community Center must depend on your financial support so the successes we have achieved can continue. Please send a donation, soon, to DGA and help us serve you and the community to the fullest.

Several social/fundraising events are being planned in the next few months in which we hope you will participate. If all goes well, the cast of the Sunday show at The Copa in Houston will perform as a benefit for DGA in late November. Hopefully, this will be confirmed for a story before this month's *Dialog* goes to press or will be included as a flier in the envelope so that the date and location can be announced. These performers always put on a fantastic show. Other future events include an evening at the theatre or movies and a casual evening of buffet and dancing in February. If you have other ideas this department could use as social/fundraising events, please let me know.

Health & Fitness Dept.

by Melodie Alexander

Let's talk about size, muscle mass, not that "other" size. The majority of bodybuilders, trainers, and books say that you work one group of muscles one day and then rest that group the next day. For example, work on the chest, back, and arms on Monday, rest on Tuesday, then work on those again on Wednesday. You do know, though, that on Tuesday you will be working on legs, resting on Wednesday and working on legs on Thursday again. Yes, it is a never ending battle of the perfection of the body. In bodybuilding you are actually breaking down the muscle by the extra resistance placed on it, and the day of rest allows the muscle to rebuild (grow). Sometime soon, notice your pecs (chest muscles) on that day of rest. They will look and feel firm and large.

How long does it take for you to start losing muscle mass if you quit working out? Not long--3 days and then the mass and definition starts to disappear, just as endurance in runners starts to go after 3 days. On the fourth day, you will have to start to rebuild rather than working to increase. You'll have to play catch-up, and with bodybuilding it takes time because you'll have to start off with less weights. The heavier the weights you can lift, the larger the muscle mass. Definition comes from the number of repetitions you can do and usually with a lighter weight. You are defining a particular muscle by continually working it. Say, bench curls 15 times with a 20 lb. dumbell rather than 6 times with a 30 lb. dumbell for size.

I was told by a bodybuilder I work out with, "Do the workout in the full range of motion." That is, as in preacher curls, have the arms fully extended while holding the weights. Then bring the weights all the way up to your chin. Well, that is correct if you want to work all the muscles of the arm at the same time. Your triceps are contracted while your biceps are extended, and you reverse the motion as you are performing

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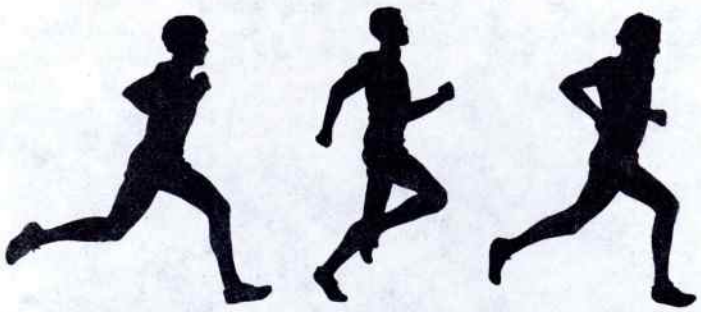

by Melodie Alexander

The Bike Club got off to a racey start with 14 people at the first meeting, then 3 people at the first ride around White Rock Lake, then 2 at the next ride, and then 3 at the last meeting. And the last meeting was very informative with someone from University Cycle removing, a back tire, taking the tube out, and showing us how to replace the tube or patch it and putting it back on while not messing up the gears. OK, where are those 11 other people who were so happy to have gay bike club? As with our Running Club, such enthusiasm and yet no one shows up for the runs. I've had womyn call about rugby teams, softball teams, guys wanting basketball teams, yet who shows up? Someone comes to the Dallas Gay Alliance wanting to start some sort of a sports group. We open meeting space, advertise, call people we think might also be interested, encourage the group, and show up at the meetings. Unfortunately, we are usually the only ones at the meeting.

Sports are fun. They are healthy, and you get to meet people. And one thing special I've always noted about people who participate in a sport is that they have nice bodies. They usually have their shit together, too, as all that release of energy allows one to work out tension. If you're feeling lazy, go out to White Rock--you'll probably see a guy in a wheel chair training for the upcoming White Rock Marathon (26.2 miles). Surely you can do something with that body of yours--he's doing something with his.

GAY TV

by Lou Maletta

"Clearly a group interested in entertainment"--That was the conclusion of a recently completed profile for the Gay Cable Network television audience. The profile also reaffirmed that Gay Cable Network is reaching an affluent market. 49% of our single male viewers earn incomes over $55,000 per year, and over 70% have and use the American Express card. This translates to an advantageous market for advertisers who want to reach viewers with discretionary incomes to spend on entertainment.

Gay Cable Network is actively enlarging its audience reach and supporting its advertisers. At present our readership is about 32,000 persons.

GAY CABLE NETWORK

Gay Cable Network has begun cablecasting three separate half-hour programs on cable channels nationwide. However, only one of these programs, "Pride and Progress," will be available in Dallas, beginning December 6th on Channel 88.

"Pride and Progress" will feature a half hour of news, community affairs, health and sports, documenting the pride and progress of gay men and women nationally.

Ed Nicholas of "Men & Films" stated, "We've realized that gay people want to see the people and events that impact on their lives documented in this way. They want to see the progress being made and the events that will make them proud to be gay. We needed more time to fully cover the rapid changes affecting all of us, especially since so much 'gay news' is never covered by the national networks."

HEALTH & FITNESS

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the movement. But you could work on isolated muscle groups instead and build faster. If you want to work on just the biceps, start the lift with your elbows bent so the belly of the muscle starts to really enlarge, and then bring it up to your chest and then back down to the bent elbow position. Did you know that doing standing arm curls will also work your biceps harder and faster and allow you to lift heavier weights than using the preachers bench? Do use a weight lifting belt, though, if you do standing curls as you'll tend to use your back rather than your arms, and you may want to stand with your back against a wall to stop this bad habit.

Remember, beautiful bodies are always in fashion.

FRIDAY FORUM

"Friday Forum" a monthly event sponsored by the First Unitarian Church, is having Don Baker as its speaker on Friday, November 30th.

Baker, a past DGA President and plaintiff in *Baker v. Wade*, will speak on "The Gay Movement: A Critical Analysis." Admission is $5, and the program begins at 8:00 P.M. Wine, cheese and snacks will be served at the conclusion of Baker's presentation.

THANKS, SPOOKS!

by Tony Anthony

The DGA Haunted House, held October 27th, 28th, 29th, and 31st, was a tremendous success, but only due to the efforts of the many volunteers who helped put the Haunted House together. For those of you who did not attend, the Community Center was totally transformed into a "house of horror" hostessed by the DGA Supremes, which made it all the more horrible. There are too many individuals to thank for their various efforts, and each of them would probably prefer not to be mentioned in connection with the Supremes.

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LAVENDER PROFILES

by Ken Thompson

LISA DOBEY

Date of Birth: *November 12, 1961*
Hometown: *Houston, Texas*
Education After High School: *SMU*
Member of DGA How Long: *"few months"*
Do You Currently Have A Lover: *No*
Five Adjectives That Best Describe You: *energetic, versatile, creative, fun, and sentimental*
Favorite Food: *Italian*
Favorite Drink: *orange juice*
Favorite Type Of Music: *country*
Favorite Movie: *"Places in the Heart"*
Favorite TV Show: *"never watch it"*
Favorite Sport: *softball, swimming*
Worst Habit: *working too much*
Pet Peeve: *"people not honoring their commitments"*
Best Advice You Ever Received: *"Anything is possible."*
Complete This Sentence. I wish I knew how to: *"win in Trivial Pursuits."*

Lisa Dobey is a firm believer in volunteerism. She helps out at the Rape Crisis center and works with the United Cerebral Palsy organization. "Volunteering is a neat thing; it's an incredibly rewarding experience. Money isn't everything."

Lisa is an officer of the Gay and Lesbian Young Adults (GLYA), a recently created coalition within the Alliance. GLYA focuses on the special needs of gays and lesbians under 25 years of age.

"It's neat because it is a support-type organization. Our membership is real transient, and we like it that way. People come in, get what they need, and leave. We're not trying to create a dependency on our organization."

GLYA meets at the Community Center every Thursday at 7:00 P.M. for a 30-minute business meeting. That is followed at 7:30 by the general program which typically consists of speakers or group discussions. "Anyone can come to the meetings, even if they're 90 and not gay."

The GLYA has apparently addressed a very real need in the community. The meetings have consistently attracted 25 to 30 people each week.

In addition to her volunteer activities, Lisa's job also reflects her altruistic nature. She is Director of Public Relations and Development for the Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind. She prepares newsletters, meets with trust officers on fundraising activities, and speaks about the Lighthouse to various organizations. She was recently interviewed on a local radio station about the goals and activities of the Lighthouse.

Although born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, she considers Houston her hometown, having lived there from age 4 to the time she moved to Dallas to attend SMU. Eventually, she would like to return to school and work toward a graduate degree in anthropology and business.

Her long-term goal is to someday work with U.S. employees of large corporations who are sent abroad in order to help these foreign Americans overcome culture shock.

ALAN ROSS

Date of Birth: *May 5, 1937*
Hometown: *Bartlesville, Ok*
Education After High School: *University of Kansas*
Member of DGA How Long: *6 years*
Do You Currently Have A Lover: *No*
Five Adjectives That Best Describe You: fun-loving, young at heart, conservative, private
Favorite Food: *ham loaf*
Favorite Drink: *milk*
Favorite Type Of Music: *Classical*
Favorite Movie: *"Invasion of the Body Snatchers"*
Favorite TV Show: *"Magnum, P.I."*
Favorite Sport: *watching football*
Worst Habit: *smoking*
Pet Peeve: *"people who don't volunteer or donate money"*
Best Advice You Ever Received: *"Leave your lover"*
Complete This Sentence. I wish I knew how to: *"answer this questionnaire"*

Alan Ross doesn't really work for a living these days; he doesn't have time. An interior designer by profession and presently semi-retired, he directs his energies instead to work for the Alliance and related community activities. As Alan puts it, "I guess you could say I'm a professional volunteer."

The Fundraising Department is a one-person department. Alan provides leadership in the area of Alliance fundraising and plans social events as a way to raise money whenever possible. "I'll be honest. I don't enjoy fundraising, but no one really does. I do enjoy the social end of it." In addition to his department responsibilities as a DGA Boardmember, he is also on the Board of Directors of the newly-created Foundation for Human Understanding, Inc.

Until recently Alan served as Coordinator of the Pride III,84 Steering Committee and helped to direct the planning and implementation of activities for all three 1984 Gay Pride weeks (in June, August, and September).

"Following the September parade, I went through a period of burnout for a week, during which I took care of myself, went to bed at 10:30 pm every night, ate right, and got sick."

Alan is not one to toot his own horn. When asked repeatedly how much time he spends on all these activities, he finally responded: "Oh, I guess about 50 to 60 hours a week; it's really hard to say exactly; I don't put a time on it."

When it gets down to the heavy, serious, political end of gay issues, I'm just not that political. But I do enjoy the social part, and that's needed in the community. I think it's important for our members that we're not always so serious."

Alan was asked to describe himself. "I'm almost 48, but in many ways I act like I'm 30. I still stay out late; I'm young at heart. But I do have my serious moments, especially when I want to be alone. I've had problems with a lover. I've been married. I have a 22-year-old son. The interesting story there is that my ex-wife is a nun."

In response to a local reporter's questions, Alan once related a much more detailed account of himself, after which the reporter chirped, "I don't think even the *National Inquirer* would print that!"

"It's been a real interesting life; maybe not one worthy of writing a book, but there's quite a bit there," Alan concluded.

COMPUTER

by Dave Lewis

This issue of *Dialog* is the first issue to make use of the DGA's new computer. The *DGPC Election News* which was published by the Civic Affairs and Publications Departments also made use of the computer.

The computer is also being used at every Board of Directors meeting and general membership meeting for the recording and printing of minutes.

By the time you receive this *Dialog*, we will have begun to enter membership data into the computer. We will attempt to process the backlog of recent memberships first, operating a dual system for a period of time. Once we have caught up with the backlog, we will transfer the existing membership records to the new computer.

We have decided not to attempt to begin entry of DGPC's voter ID list until after the November elections. The voter ID list should be completely transferred by the spring City Council elections.

The Board of Directors has established a Data Processing Committee to oversee use of the computer. They are responsible for security, training, programming, and scheduling of this important resource. The committee consists of Michael Milliken, representing the Civic Affairs Department; Ken Flanagan, representing the Membership Department; and Dave Lewis, Director of Publications.

If you are interested in assisting with the computer, contact a member of the committee.

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THE GAVEL RAPS

by Bill Nelson, President of the Dallas Gay Alliance

SO WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ORDINANCE?

Those of you that haven't been able to keep up with the gay media accounts of the ordinance process may wonder what has happened to the Alliance's push to get the ordinances through the Dallas City Council. And the recent round with the City Manager and the Dallas Police Department's hiring procedures has no doubt done nothing to clarify the matter.

Briefly (very briefly), the ordinance process has been temporarily stalled by a coalition of our friends and non-friends at City Hall and in the community. It was determined that everyone could hold firm to their promises to vote for our proposed ordinances if they should be presented and not have to suffer the political fall-out of actually having to follow through on such promises IF no one agreed to call the City Attorney's office and have the draft written. Their strategy, if somewhat transparent, has effectively tabled consideration of the ordinances, off the record, of course.

The Alliance has sent official letters specifically requesting each council person--all of them, the Mayor included--to pick up the phone or send a memo and have the City Attorney's office get to work. At this point, we have received no replies to our written requests.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

The push for the ordinances is not over. The need for it has been shown more clearly than ever. Timing is not an issue; the time for the ordinances is now and will continue to be "now" until they are approved by the Dallas City Council.

We are determined that the issue of human rights for gay people remain in the minds of Dallasites. The Alliance is therefore undertaking a major project of education for the Council and the city. Appearances and statements at public meetings will be the rule rather than the exception, a day without mention in the media will be a day without sunshine, and the City Council races in April will be significant forum for our cause. We have a great deal of information which needs to be aired: 21 major cities with open-hiring policies in their police departments, ordinances on the books in over 100 other cities which protect the jobs and rights of gay people, documented evidence of almost daily discrimination as reported to the Gay Community Center, and much more. We are lucky to have the resources and leadership available to do an excellent job of bringing our case to the public.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

I cannot say enough to thank those of you that sent letters to the Council requesting the ordinance. That process must continue and the letters must increase in number. Get it out of your head that each communication of this type must be a masterpiece, the ultimate and definitive statement of gay rights. A brief, clear statement of how you feel on an issue should take about two minutes to type, two seconds to sign, and twenty cents to mail. Long personal reasons for feeling the way you do are important--and our representatives should know about them--but if the length of time required to think them out and write them down means that the letter doesn't get sent, then they aren't worth a thing.

The Dallas Times Herald, The Dallas Morning News, and all of the gay media publish "Letters to the Editor." If we had to buy that kind of advertising space, our movement would be bankrupt in two days. We cannot pass up this wonderful opportunity to educate. If you have feelings to express about the situation with the police department or the City Council, write to the daily papers. If you like what you see the Alliance is doing for your rights, let *The Dallas Voice, TWT, or Metro Times* know about it. If, by the way, you don't like what the Alliance is doing, let us know about it first. I think you'll find that your organization is much more responsive to the desires of the community than the City Council or police department will ever be.

EVALUATING EVENTS

I have been somewhat concerned that the recent events with the City Council and the City Manager's Officer may be interpreted by some members of our community as failures or set-backs. Nothing could be further from the truth. Our long-range goals are firmly in place; and have never been clearer. These decisions, negotiations, and educational efforts are all a part of the process. We have recently made major strides in defining the problems, locating our strengths and weaknesses, and assessing our resources. The "set-backs" have not been failures. On the contrary, they have been major boosts to the energy and justification of the people that can really make a difference to our community.

We will have our ordinances. We will have our equal rights. Our success is as certain as history. Your support and your participation will hasten the inevitable. I have paraphrased William Faulkner's Nobel Prize acceptance speech on many occasions, and I will continue to do so because it suits our movement perfectly: We will not only survive; we will prevail.

Religion & Gays

by Davie Jones

The program for the December general membership meeting of the Dallas Gay Alliance will focus on homosexuality and religion. A panel of representatives from five denominations will discuss those issues currently confronting the religious community regarding the overall needs of the gay community.

The panel will include representatives from the Jewish faith, the Roman Catholic Church, the Methodist Church, the Episcopal Church and the Unitarian Church. Questions will center around the official stand of each denomination regarding homosexuality as well as to what extent out-reach programs are offered to gays in the form of ministerial programs.

Questions will be accepted from the membership in written form only. A moderator will be present to read the questions to the appropriate panel member.

The December meeting will be Monday, December 10th at 7:30 pm. All Dallas Gay Alliance membership meetings are held at the Metropolitan Community Church, 2701 Reagan. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Keep Gay Rights Up Front WRITE!

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BOARD ELECTION

At the December 10th meeting of the general membership, elections to the Alliance Board of Directors will be held. The terms of Boardmembers Dave Lewis, William Waybourn, Tony Anthony, Bill Nelson, and Mike Richards expire this month.

At press time, it was unknown if each of the incumbents would seek reelection to the Board.

Since Melodie Alexander and Bill Travis have recently resigned, the Board of Directors have nominated Rick Stubbs and Skip Wilson to fill those two vacancies. If approved by the general membership on December 10th, Rick and Skip will then be voting members on the Board.

Jingle, You Belles You!

Reprinted (at Phil Johnson's request) from *One, Incorporated*– 1953.

You wouldn't know, girl, but every Christmas at Marshall's Department Store they rig up a special toyland for the kids on Fifth in between Kitchenware and Garden Supplies. I know all about it from personal experience. I was in that department two whole unholy Christmases before I got myself transferred to window decorations in sheer desperation.

The Kiddie Fairyland at Marshall's was agony for the parents, terror for the poor personnel, and tearfully confusing to the kiddies themselves. What's more, doll, the manager was a big, butch ex-All American three-quarter-back who swore that if he ever found as much as ONE real fairy in Fairyland, he'd mow them through Garden Supplies, knife them through Kitchenware, and end up doing frightful things to them in Danish Pottery. But all I can say about him is he was as blind as any one of several bats. There were no fewer than four of us in his very own department, seven on that floor, and I dread to think of a Kinsey Report on the whole store!

Well, around November-sometime, Mr. Slaussen hurries himself up to Personnel and tell Miss Pickins he wants a kind and gentle Santa THIS year. The one she sent down the year before got drunk and either gave away the bargains as if they were his or gave caustic monologues on what he thought of ALL brats. The parents told him exactly what he could do with his ulcers and took their business and babies elsewhere. Miss Pickins assured him that THIS Christmas will be different. Being Mr. Slaussen, he remarked it had BETTER be and marched off. And, believe me, it WAS different. That little Miss Pickins had Borgia blood in her mild little veins.

She sent the kindest, gentlest, sweetest Santa that ever minced down from the Pole. He weighed at least two hundred pounds before pillows and was as graceful as a feather in a breeze. Naturally, it

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BROCHURES DISTRIBUTED

by Davie Jones

The Communications Department recently mailed out over 200 educational brochures to state and national political figures.

Entitled *A Recent History of the Gay Rights Movement*, the seven-page brochure includes a cover letter explaining to the recipient the reason for undertaking such a project. The six stories included in the packet target local and national gay issues in the areas of employment, immigration, stereotypical discrimination, city ordinances, and gay rights endorsements.

Articles were taken from gay and non-gay publications including *The Advocate, The Dallas Times Herald* and *The Dallas Morning News*. Copies were mailed to the offices of the entire Texas State Legislature as well as the Congressional offices of local members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

The DGA wishes to make this educational mailout a quarterly event in hopes of further raising the consciousness of elected officials regarding our issues.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES:

TWENTY YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

by Phil Johnson

Dinner for five on New Year's Eve 1964. That's how the gay movement in Texas began about 17 years after gay organizations started separately and independently in Los Angeles, New York City, and Atlanta. (See *Reflections on the American Homosexual Rights Movement*. This book can be purchased at the Community Bookstore in the Crossroads Market.)

This writer was a member of One, Inc. (the oldest, still-in-existence gay organization in America) in 1953 and waited 12 years for a "leader" to start an organization in Texas patterned after the Society for Individual Rights (SIR) of San Francisco (now defunct). No one did. Finally, this introvert said, "Well, Lord, here I am." So on New Year's Eve, I invited four friends to my home for dinner and discussion. Should we attempt a gay organization in Texas: We were fearful. Would we be arrested? Don't laugh. You must understand that in those days one could be arrested for attending a quiet gay party in a private home. Indeed, raids were commonplace. Even so, we decided to start a gay "social" club. We had no intentions of being political and certainly not open. So, at midnight, it was agreed upon.

At first we thought of calling ourselves "The Saints," after the five founders: Peter, Paul, Philip, James, and Edward. Later we settled on the name "The Circle of Friends," after the pioneer gay organization in Switzerland, The Circle (now defunct). Although we planned nothing illegal, a gay lawyer/friend complimented us for "guts," refused to join our group, and warned that if the police learned of our existence, we would all be arrested for "something or other." (A hell of a note that here in America one can be arrested for "something or other.") Therefore, we were so secretive that people who may have wanted to join us couldn't find out how to get in touch with us.

We grew and became bolder only after we met four non-gay ministers from the First Methodist Church, the First Presbyterian Church of Dallas, an Episcopalian, and a Lutheran. We hoped we might be safe if we met on church property and always in the presence of these non-gay religious leaders. We owe our existence to them.

Although there are those who would deny it, we were instrumental in getting the penalty for "sex acts between consenting adults of the same sex in private" reduced from a maximum prison term of 15 years to a Class C misdemeanor with no prison sentence and a mere $200 fine. That is to say, we were the Don Bakers of our day.

And in 1972 we sponsored the first Gay Pride Parade in Texas. We didn't march through Oak Lawn. No! We marched down Main Street --over the objections of the Dallas City Council and despite the tremendous hostile publicity by state newspapers and TV stations. We did it again in 1973 because some City Council members vowed they would never allow another Gay Pride Parade in "their" city.

In 1974 we were among the founders of what is today the Texas Gay/Lesbian Task Force and provided the food for the first Texas Gay Conference (organized by the wonderful Ken Cyr) in Ft. Worth.

In 1976 the Circle of Friends was in the forefront of founding the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, which became the Dallas Gay Alliance. This is not to say that the Dallas Gay Alliance sprang from the Circle of Friends, although the Dallas Metropolitan Community Church did. On the contrary, the DGA came into being because the Circle of Friends was too small and too timid. It was time for a more aggressive, more upfront organization to take the leadership.

But the Circle of Friends still exists. Today it is known as the Dallas Gay Historic Archives--all because of a dinner for five, twenty years ago.

Jingle Belles

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got around fast, but Slaussey was so busy he was the last to find out. One of the other department heads said, "Hey, Slaws, I knew Santa had gnomes working for him, but I didn't know he was a brownie himself. But it's sure pulling in the crowds. Oh, you're a sly one, old boy!" The sly one replied, "Why-uh-yes! Biggest crowds we ever had! Great promotion, he. ." Slaussen hurried back to his department to see exactly what was causing all this record-breaking. When he got to Fairyland, he stopped and just stood there staring.

Santa, sitting before whole fields of parents and progeny, wasn't just doing a dollar-an-hour job to draw unemployment compensation after New Year's. That one was nothing less than holding court. He had dozens of tiny lavender bows in his white beard, brilliant sequins sewed all over the costume, gilt sprinkled in his wig and eyebrows, and the biggest pinkie ring ever to be borrowed from Accessories. Those full lips were "Carmen's Kiss! The LATEST Red Menace!" and the immense cheeks simply BURNED with rouge. There was carefully applied eyeshadow and, believe it or not, a diamond beauty mark. Somehow, and you won't believe this either, the whole effect was just right. It was fanciful and luxurious and a bit regal--and somehow more FUN than any Santa in town!

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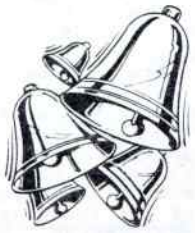
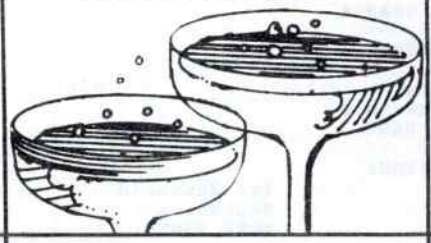
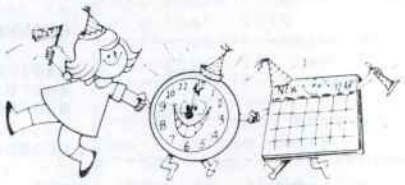
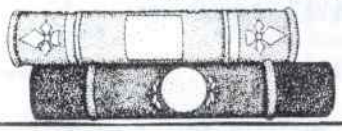
23 FRONT RUNNER DALLAS - 2 mile run meet every Sunday at Winfrey Point, White Rock Lake - 7 AM HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH, 4402 Rosedale - Service 11 AM - 827-5088 METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH 2701 Reagan Services: 10:30 AM, 12:30 & 7:15 PM Orch. & Chorus Reahearsal: 9:30 AM	**24** Board Meeting 7:30 	**25** *Christmas* 	**26** Communicat
30	**31** Board Meeting 7:30 DIALOG Deadline 	**1** HAPPY NEW YEAR 	**2** Communicat LESBIAN RIGHTS 1st & 3rd Wedne
6 LISTEN TO LAMBDA WEEKLY EVERY SUNDAY 12:00 NOON ON KNON 90.9 FM	**7** Board Meeting 7:30	GAY RESEARCH LIBRARY OPEN TUESDAYS 2-6 PM SUNDAYS 1-4 PM 	WATCH LESBIAN FOCUS EVERY WEDNESD 9:00 - Warner A

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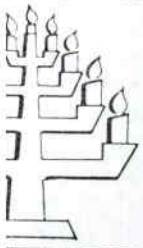

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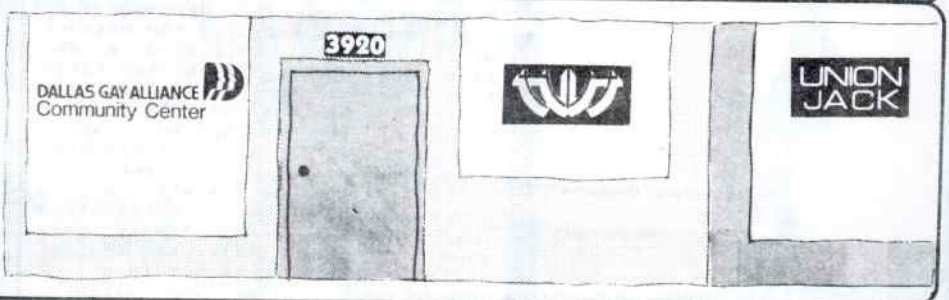

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Publications Dept.

By Dave Lewis

The new look of last month's *Dialog* was well received. However, several people commented on the size of the type. Therefore, this month we are trying a larger typeface. We will be changing the headline typeface to match the text in the February issue.

This issue of *Dialog* is a week later than usual, because our regular production dates would have fallen on Thanksgiving weekend and all of the production staff was out of town. The January issue will also be a week late, because otherwise production would be on New Year's weekend and the issue would probably not be readable.

Communications Dept.

By Davie Jones

The ever-productive Communications Department has been working feverishly throughout the month of November. A project long in the making has finally been produced and mailed. The educational brochure which included various articles relating to gay rights issues was sent to over 200 state and local officials.

Numerous members of the department were instrumental in pulling off the more than campy DGA CABARET. Volunteers designed sets, waited tables and entertained with **class**(?).

A fund raising effort currently underway includes the selling of poinsettias. Also in the holiday spirit, invitation to the Oak Lawn Holiday Gathering sponsored by the DGA have been sent to local elected officials including the mayor, city council and local judges.

Lambda Weekly, the Alliance's weekly radio show is continuing to broadcast from the somewhat unreliable transmitting tower on Chalk Hill. Look for a smoother, more polished show in the coming weeks.

Social Justice Dept.

by Terry Tebedo

The Social Justice Department is looking for persons interested in assisting with efforts to document discrimination against gays in Dallas. If you have the time to investigate one case and fill out reports, you can be of great help to the equal rights movement.

Current projects for the Social Justice Department include taking on City Hall over the police hiring issue. Last week the City Manager's office issued a letter stating that the Dallas Police Department and Fire Department would not change their policies which exclude gays in the hiring process. A letter was also received from the City Manager's office indicating that DGA representatives would not be permitted to view the sensitivity training segment dealing with gays. This was apparently due to the fact that Councilman Paul Fielding felt that the training was so bad that it needed to be improved before we saw it.

You are urged to phone City Hall and Councilman Fielding and indicate the unacceptability of these positions.

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On top of this, our very own Santa was simply DOTING on the kids. While Slaussey watched in horror, Old Man Christmas picked up a child, established it on one fat knee and exclaimed, "What a precious little precious! Just LOOK at those brown eyes, so big and deep! Madam, you're simply TOO lucky. NONE of us adults deserve little miracles like this, do we? No, dear, don't pull my beard. I'm not sure it's real. Now, what do you want this poor beat-up Santa to bring you this year? Go easy now; money doesn't grow on trees." For once, the children weren't scared. They howled in delight at a deity that could make fun of itself, and they had to be torn away from him. Our mad, mad Christmas spirit was a howling success. Sales soared!

So did Slaussey. He plowed forward, laid both hands on Santa and actually dragged him out to the stock room. Santa, decostumed but still in makeup, flounced out looking like offended royalty. Slaussey ran and didn't stop until he was again facing Miss Pickins. The things he said can only be sung to "Mademoiselle From Armetiers"--softly.

Well, it so happens that while he was up in the main office, the store manager was visited by a delegation of two hundred furious parents of all sexes and each with at least one deafeningly heartbroken child. The din! They wanted to know WHY Santa had been dethroned by that horrid, profane man downstairs. They raged, and the manager said it was all a misunderstanding forty-three times and finally slipped out. He pressed a certain little black button and hissed into a speaker, "Send that Slaussen up here this instant."

That's all, really. Slaussey was given a most novel choice. He could get Santa back in twenty

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CABARET SUCCESSFUL

by Terry Tebedo

Shrieking, stomping, chaos, and general hysteria swept Cedar Springs on November 23rd and 24th as the Alliance sponsored its first Gay Community Cabaret. The hour-long marathon of tasteless jokes, tacky drag, tattered dresses, and tired trollops captured the essence of its troopers' tormented minds. From its opening with the title song "Cabaret" to its closing with "There's No Business Like Show Business," the audience was captivated and agreed that through some miracle it all worked to create an evening of fun and gay wit.

More than $600 was raised from this event due to the efforts (some good!) of many different individuals. A special thanks to all of them for their time and talents. On second thought, make that "for their time."

Profile: Bill Nelson

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"I'm a very tangibly-oriented person. I want to see brochures, or I want to see money, or I want to see an ordinance . . . or I want to see voter cards. That's how I measure things. That's the kind of thinking that I operate under, and I hope I've been able to communicate that to other Board members.

"I value my own time and the time of people who work in the movement . . .too much to be spinning our wheels, to be sitting and occupying space and not be accomplishing anything.

"Being results-oriented, I am having problems with the fact that we are one of the few cities. . . whose police department openly discriminates against gay people. How long can we go on saying we have good relations with the police department?" The situation might be "a little bit different than it was two to four years ago, but a lot of places have come a long way in that time, and I'm not sure we have as a city. I'm beginning to question how much of our rhetoric is rhetoric. We need to come up with some tangible evidence that we are making progress" toward our goals.

Talking about the gay rights movement in general, Bill continued: "In our Board retreat last June, I asked the questions: 'How long do you think it will be before we're out of business? How long do you think the gay rights movement will last, until we've accomplished our goals? And all of them answered, 'Within twenty years.' And I agreed."

At one point during the interview, *Dialog* asked: What can non-Board members do that would greatly help the Alliance? Bill replied, "One of the most important things is for people to be aggressively positive about the organization. People from the outside, out of ignorance, are suspicious or distrustful or apprehensive about what is going on, and I think members. . . can speak" highly of the DGA as an organization. "If people would step back and look at the whole, they would acknowledge that the organization works real well. That's one thing.

"Another is. . .we need to get out the word that valuable, meaningful contributions are made in this organization on a whole spectrum of levels. You've got the Mike Richards-type who is in the Community Center every day, gives far too much of his time, and who accomplishes great things. And you have somebody who goes to a committee meeting maybe once a month. The (relative) value of those two contributions is not as wide as you might expect. To be active in DGA does not necessarily mean . . . that you have to be a Mike Richards.

"My perfect DGA member is the person who comes to a committee meeting every week," plus puts in some time on his/her own. "Now that, to me, is the ideal. If we had more of that kind of person, we could really progress.

"So many people think that the Board runs the organization. If you look at the agenda, a lot of things the Board does is housekeeping. It keeps track of the books. . .and the national organizations; it is very administrative. But when it comes down to the projects, the things that the organization is doing, the Board doesn't do them. The committees--that's where it really happens. That's what people need to understand. All the Board is really doing is coordinating. The committee structure is vital to the organization. That's why I go back to what my perfect DGA member is--a good committee person."

Bill also talked about city government: "I've been deeply disturbed by the lack of awareness. . . by city leaders of minorities: black, brown, gay, women. It's phenomenal. In the gay world, we are so in tune with those things. There's a lot of educating to be done down at City Hall as far as those issues, and I'm saying that it's not very effective coming from the outside."

Bill's interest in the welfare of others was apparent throughout the interview. He recalled a discussion he had had with a relative who suggested that he focus his time on his own business ventures and on making money. Bill then concluded: "I don't think money is the most important thing. I also think there are lots of things more important than the individual. . . (On this questionnaire) you asked what my topic would be for a high school commencement: Social Responsibility. There is a great need to understand the importance of a person's responsibility to society. I'm not sure that that is part of the pendulum swing that we're going through right now. It seems to be very individual-oriented, me-oriented, and that is disturbing.

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While most DGA members are probably familiar with Bill Nelson, the gay activist, fewer may be aware of his roots or of those dimensions of his life which are less visible.

He has lived in Dallas all his life, and he notes, "I think that is one of the strengths of my ability to get things done. . .I know so many people."

He attended high school in North Dallas and studied literature and the arts at SMU. He later returned to that same high school, where he was a teacher for ten years. He taught American literature and stagecraft; he was also a wrestling coach.

When asked if he enjoyed being a wrestling coach, he replied, "Oh, it was O.K., not as much fun as you might think. We started our wrestling tournaments on October 15th" each year. "And that meant that every Friday at 4:00 pm, I had to take the kids to the tournament. They wrestled until about 10:00 pm. I got home about 11:00 pm on Friday nights. Then, I had to pick them up at 7:00 am Saturday morning, spend all day Saturday at the tournament, and got home about 11:00 pm Saturday night. Now that was every weekend from the middle of October until the middle of February. After the sixth year of that . . .!

"I learned a lot about wrestling. Those (guys) almost killed me. When they got Mr. Nelson down on the mat, they put everything they had into it, and it hurt real bad."

For a year Bill lived in Paris, France, where he learned a lot about the French people. "My father worked for Braniff when I was growing up, and we went all over the world." That experience, he says, helped mold him into the kind of person he is. He speaks French and would like to learn to speak Spanish.

In describing himself, Bill reveals that "I'm not a very private person. I don't have to go off and have personal moments alone, or off into the woods to think.

"I'm very comfortable with people . . .I have a need to communicate. I do not function well in a cocktail-party environment. I enjoy meeting people. I value people highly, and for that reason I don't like to deal with them on a superficial level; I don't have use for superficial contact; I don't see much value there, so that colors a lot of the ways that I function. I mentioned being self-actualized; I'm very comfortable with the person that I perceive myself to be."

Bill and Terry jointly own two Crossroads Market stores, one on Cedar Springs, the other on Greenville Avenue. When they want to relax and get away from it all, they like to travel. "What we used to do was take the Eastern Airlines' unlimited mileage and bounce around the country for three weeks. We would go to Seattle, San Francisco, Denver. . .We would do things like fly into Chicago for the night then fly to Cancun the next day--just wild and wonderful. We especially like Provincetown and Key West."

If he had more free time, Bill would do more reading. His favorite books are the great classic works by authors such as Steinbeck, Dickens, and Mark Twain. He would also like to write.

Perhaps an autobiography, *Dialog* inquired? "No, not so much about me, as. . .about a lot of what's been going on (in the gay rights movement) the past five or six years. It's probably something that I should do--they ought to retire me from this business," he adds with a laugh.

Even without all that free time, Bill considers himself to be a very lucky person. "A teacher acquaintance of mine was carrying on about how wonderful something was that had happened to me, and she looked at me and said, 'Bill, I don't know why you're surprised because your lead a charmed life.' And it just hit me like a hammer, and I thought,. . .I really do! Time after time in my life, I have been lucky, lucky, lucky."