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Eleventh Annual Tux Party

The Eleventh Annual Tux Party will be Saturday, November 17, at the Mill Road Cafe in Galesville, from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. As it has been for the past seven years, the party will be a fund raiser for Out and About Women, Inc., your local women's production company. A \$5.00 donation will be requested at the door. There will be free munchies and the Mill Road will be selling beer, soft drinks, mineral water, coffee, tea, and assorted desserts all evening.

The fabulous, funny, fantastic Cumberbunnies will perform again this year. Their skits have become one of the highlights of the evening. There will be door prizes and Out and About is looking at several possibilities for a special favor to be given to all women who attend.

It feels redundant to say this is a special party for special women, the lesbians of our area, and is one of the best evenings we share as a community. If you are new here, come to the party and find out how much fun it is to be part of this bunch of lesbians, all dressed up in tuxes or other special outfits, and all dancing up a storm, flirting, falling in love, and just being who we are.

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Ruby Christmas at Black Box Theatre

Ruby Christmas, a play by Sarah Drielat, directed by Shari Taylor, will be presented in the Viterbo College Black Box Theatre on November 15-19, 1990. Performances start at 7:30 p.m. except the Sunday performance which is at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$4.00 or \$3.00 for students. Tickets may be reserved by calling the Viterbo Fine Arts Center box office at 791-0389.

Ruby Christmas is about choices and their resulting consequences. It concerns a mother and daughter, each of whom wants acceptance from the other, but neither of whom can give it to the other. The daughter is a lesbian who brings her lover home for Christmas, and one of the themes of the play is the difficulty the mother has dealing with this situation. The play has a seven-woman cast, and was chosen by Shari to be part of the Viterbo College 1990-91 productions.

Shari is a member of Out and About Women, Inc. and all the Out and About members regret that the Tux Party this year will be the same weekend as this play. This is one of the very few times that we, as lesbians, have had the opportunity to

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(Tuxes are not required; the object is simply to treat this as a dress up occasion and wear whatever feels special to you.)

One note of caution: to insure that this evening remains one of only good memories, if you are going to drink alcohol, *please* have a designated driver. It is quite a drive from Galesville to La Crosse if you aren't sober.

SEE YOU ON THE 17TH!

JOY

NOTICE: This year at the Tux Party dance and listen to *your* kind of music - the music you love. Bring your favorite CD's, tapes, and albums to the Tux Party and we'll play them. Also, make requests and if we have it, we'll play it. Please label all your music with your name and phone number. Be sure to pick up all your CD's, tapes, and albums before you leave the party.

Flash! Flash! Flash!

Mark February 1, 1991 on your calendar now, and transfer it when you get your 1991 calendar. This is the date for a unique Out and About, Inc. production. Watch the upcoming issues of the LLN for details.

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see a play in La Crosse with a lesbian character. Out and About encourages all women to try to see this play, as Shari has made a bold decision to present a part of lesbian culture that will enhance the La Crosse and area lesbian community.

Let's make this a lesbian weekend in La Crosse and celebrate our lives at *both* the play and the Tux Party

JOY

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Upcoming Events

November 3: Poetry reading by Shanta, an African story teller, singer and poet at the Pump House. 7:30 pm. Call 785-1434 for more information

November 7: Lunch box/soap box. Sharon Jessor, "Chicano Women's Literature." Noon. Women's Studies, 306 North Hall, UW-La Crosse Campus. Free and you don't have to be a student to attend.

November 8-10: 16th Annual Conference Research on Women and Education. "Understanding Reality: Feminist Educators as Change Agents." Wyndham Hotel, Milwaukee. For more information, call Diane Pollard (414) 229-4795 or Melissa Keyes (608) 267-9157.

November 11: This month's potluck is on Sunday because Debbie and Candy, the women hosting it, are going to make a turkey! They request that your potluck contribution this month be something that will accompany the turkey, and as always, bring your own beverage. The potluck begins at 6:30 at 1111 West Avenue South. Park on Adams or Johnson and walk into the alley. Their house is green with a white porch. All women are always welcome at the potlucks.

November 12: Monthly N.O.W. meeting, 211 North Hall, 7:00 - 9:00.

November 14: Lunch box/soap box. "No Limits For Women Artists." Discussion lead by Joyce Kuskemaki. Noon in 306 North Hall.

November 15-19: *Ruby Christmas* will play at the Black Box Theatre at Viterbo. Performance begins at 7:30. Call 791-0389 for tickets. Sarah

Dreher, who wrote all the Stoner Mc Tavish mysteries is the author. This play deals with lesbian issues and is supposed to be good. See a review of the play elsewhere in this issue.

NOVEMBER 17: ELEVENTH ANNUAL TUX PARTY AT THE MILL ROAD CAFE IN GALESVILLE. (See article elsewhere in this issue for details.)

November 28: "Lesbian Parenting." Sondi Krajewski will lead this discussion using several articles on the topic. The articles will be available ten days before the event at the Women's Resource Center, 306 North Hall. The discussion will be at noon in the WRC.

December 12: Lunch box/soap box. "Sexism Away From Home." Sara Sullivan and students will discuss their experiences with sexism abroad. Noon in 306 North Hall.

December 15: Mark your calendars ahead for the December potluck which is going to be at Mary, Kim, and Linda's in Dakota, MN. Watch the next issue of the newsletter for more details.

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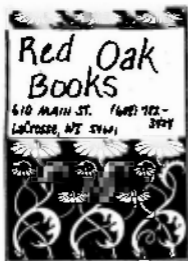
Kowalski and Thompson Update: Judge Robert Campbell denied permission for Sharon Kowalski to attend and be recognized by the first National Disability Pride Day that was held October 6, 1990. Sharon wanted to go, but since Thompson lost her bid to become Kowalski's guardian, the courts still control what Kowalski is allowed to do.

Gay Games IV: The Gay Games IV will be held in New York City, June 25 through July 4, 1994.

Essay Contest: The National Gay Alliance For Young Adults is sponsoring an essay contest for young lesbian or gay youth. The contest is open to all high school students in grades 10 through 12. The theme of

the contest is: What is it like being gay or lesbian in America today? There are cash prizes. For more information, contact NGYA, PO Box 190426, Dallas, TX 75219-0426. Deadline is December 31, 1990.

GLAAD News: The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation has published a "Media Guide to the Lesbian and Gay Community." It is designed to educate the media on how to approach and discuss lesbian and gay topics. If you would like to give a copy to your local newspaper, radio station or TV station, write them at: GLAAD, 80 Varick Street, #3E, New York, NY 10013, or call (212) 966-1700.



Wimmin's Holiday Arts & Crafts Bazaar

December 8, 1990
9 - 4 p.m.

330 W. Mifflin St.
Madison, Wisconsin

808-255-5090 for info

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Record Review: Jamie Anderson's

Closer to Home

I was drafted to review Jaime Anderson's new (actually her first) album even though my heart of hearts wanted to review Diedre McCall's new (not her first) album. But I'll discipline myself and save that review for a future issue of L.L.N. (There! Now I'm committed.)

Closer to Home was released on Tsunami Records of Tucson, Arizona in August of 1989. It was Tsunami's first release as well as Jamie's. Jamie is a lesbian and she sings lesbian songs. All but three songs on the album are unmistakably lesbian - that is to say they could not, by any stretch of the imagination, "pass". Of the other three songs, one is about her love of Arizona (with a bluegrass flare) and the other two are political in nature.

The album's title song, "Closer to Home" is an anti-military song with not much pizzazz but then I'm not particularly fond of this type of song. The other political number is about street people and I'm afraid it didn't capture me either.

Actually, the first three songs on the album were rather slow moving and I didn't think I was going to like the album at all. But, as I listened again, I came to appreciate some of the subtleties I had missed on the first spin. They're really not so subtle. They're quite sensual and sexual. "Dark Chocolate" is a seductive song: "I'm thinking 'bout a woman /who might just take me home. /Feed me dark chocolate... /That the way to my heart /is through my lips. /Through the shudder of my

sighs and motion of my hips. /Through the softness of my thighs..."

You get the picture? Jamie accompanies herself on the guitar and the guitar work in this particular song is quite nice. The other three sexy songs are "But for the Song" (I can't quote that one because I'm too embarrassed), "Save Me All Your Sundays," and "As This Night" - "Lay with me on sheets spun by the moon. /Offer me your sacred places. /My bed could be your pleasure" Whew! I'll bet you're wondering what embarrassed me in that other song.

The other three songs on the album are good of lesbian sarcasm and I love sarcasm. The song "Nothing," in Jamie's own words, is a "my low-

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All lesbians are witches changemakers shapeshifters magicians; by who we are we recreate the world. And it can be done. We weave with the earth and the seasons, the northern lights and the herons, make love in the fields and lie under the stars. It is ordinary and it is beautiful. Our lives weave a pattern against the sky, against the tapestry of all human life like the threads underlying will make a whole new way of being in the world. We will be surrounded by beauty, the love of thousands of women. A place of plenty, abundance, fullness and joy. For those who have passed through grief this is the rebirthing place, to birth our joy, for we have struggled long enough, sorrowed long enough, fought political battles and nursed our wounds and spoken anger long enough. This is for those who have tasted the fullness of those losses and are ready for new life.

CEDAR SPRING

from *Awakening: An Almanac of Lesbian Lore and Vision, Volume III*

(please write to Cedar at PO Box 456, Kotzebue, AK 99752)

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self-esteem-I'm-nothing-without-you love song." And then there's the "Wedding Song." Oh, I've been there (I wore black). "You used to love women (Maybe you still do... /Sure, I'll come to your wedding, /but I'll dance with the other girls... /Don't expect me to dance with the groom- /'cause I wanna dance with the bride."

My favorite song on the album is Straight Girl Blues" asking: "Why do these straight girls look so butch to me? /Girls with furry legs always make me stop. /Likewise for the women who are wearing Birkenstocks. /But if she's in a coop with a baby

under her arm, /chances are she's got a hippie boy waiting back on the farm. Sigh.

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10 = **Larry Long**

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- * Hans & Kit Mayer (Blind Boy Hoo, South Alps)
- * Rene & Joe Kefman (-Nash-)
- * Mike & John Caucutt (Mr. Blank)
- * Cindy Appel on Keyboards - - -

17 = 11th Annual Toy Party

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
8:30pm - 11:00pm

Food served 12:00-2:00 - Bands in at about 10:00pm

18 = **Greg Brown on Sunday Evening**

7:00pm - 10:30pm

Our favorite Iowa troubadour returns for an
album release concert - Early reservations recommended!

23 = **Kim Jelsing**

8:00pm - 10:45pm

Returning from York, Pennsylvania. Here will be sharing
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24 = **Phil Cooper & Marquet Nelson**

8:30pm - 10:45pm

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30 = **Suite Fran**

8:30pm - 10:50pm

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