

# The Newsletter



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## D.C. COMPUTER TO TRACK HOMOSEXUALS

Orange County gay community leaders learned in late November that a Washington, D.C. computer will, soon contain a list of homosexuals throughout the country. Dr. Carroll Spurling, director of Red Cross Blood Operations in Orange and Los Angeles counties, says the new list will be in place soon, although details as to how the information will be gathered are still being worked out.

Top Red Cross officials confirmed recently that the centralized computer plan is being developed and that all potential blood donors who can be identified as being in an AIDS high risk group will be listed on the computer data base. The Red Cross says that the list will be confidential, but did not say who, or how many local volunteer workers will have access to the information.

When the computerized system is operational, potential donors will be checked out against the list on non-acceptable donors. The list will contain not only persons in the high risk groups, but also names of all donors on a transfusion related AIDS case until they have been cleared of AIDS involvement. This includes all multiple blood donors and the recipient of the blood who eventually contracts AIDS.

The Red Cross has not indicated how they will protect the data from insurance companies, which have been known to cancel insurance of AIDS victims.

## Annual Dinner Meeting

- Date:** Monday, January 14, 1985
- Place:** Nantucket Shores  
920 East Juneau Avenue  
Milwaukee
- Time:** Cocktails at 6:00pm  
Dinner at 7:00pm
- Menu:** Tossed Salad  
Nantucket Cordon Bleu  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Glazed Carrots  
Rolls/Butter  
Coffee/Tea
- Cost:** \$12.50
- Program:** Election of At-Large Board Members, Music and Awards Presentation.
- Reservation Deadline:** Mailed or phone reservations must be received by Thursday, January 10. Phone 445-5552.

## Events of Interest

- January**
- 13 Cross Country Skiing at Nashota Park, 11:30am - 367-8621.
  - 13 OUT Party 374-5599.
  - 13 Men's Awareness Network - Gender and Affectional Identity: The Essence of Humanness - 6:30-9:00pm. (\$3.00 donation) The Counseling Center, 1428 N. Farwell. 271-2565.
  - 14 CCBA Annual Meeting - Nantucket Shores, 920 East Juneau 445-5552.
  - 14 King Celebration.
  - 20 Men's Awareness Network - Deepening Your Own Sense of Masculinity - 6:30-9:00pm (\$3.00 donation) The Counseling Center, 1428 N. Farwell 271-2565.
  - 23 Board of Directors Meeting - 7:00pm - 374-5599.
  - 27 Wine Tasters - 278-0328.
- February**
- 13 Valentine Dinner Meeting - 6:00pm - 445-5552.
  - 21 Board of Directors Meeting - 7:00pm - 374-5599.
- March**
- 10 Brunch Meeting - 445-5552.
  - 20 Board of Directors Meeting - 7:00pm - 374-5599.

## CROSS COUNTRY SKI AT NASHOTAH PARK

Join the Outing Group for cross country skiing on Sunday, January 13 in Nashotah Park. Meet at Mason's, at 11:30 a.m., where a hot meal will be provided after skiing. The group will meet regardless of weather conditions. For information on ski rental and directions, call Mason at 367-8621 or Dixon at 544-5525.



*The PR Committee and  
Newsletter Staff  
Wishes You a Happy and  
Successful 1985.*

*Due to the holiday crunch, The Newsletter has been shortened somewhat and will reappear in its full version in February. Please refer to Cream City for Business Listings.*

# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



MARC HAUPERT

All joys of the Season to our members and friends!

The New Year promises to be one of growth and activity for CCBA. I view the year just passed as a regrouping and solidifying phase, positioning us for concerted expansion in the coming year.

We've gone through the readjustment every organization faces after its founding president leaves office. We've charted a course which is very responsible, and responsive to the needs of our membership. The quality of our events has consistently improved, and we envision even greater progress in 1985.

I have several goals for CCBA as we enter the second half of our first decade of service:

- 1) To continue outreach to the women's community, cooperating and assisting in projects which prove our sincere interest in women's issues.
- 2) To continue to fight institutional racism on all fronts, by including the concerns of racial and ethnic minorities in all of our programming.
- 3) To continue to encourage cooperative ventures with other local gay and gay-supportive groups.
- 4) To include more educational programming in our plans, reflective of our dual concerns of business enhancement and personal development.

I am confident that these and our other ongoing goals will be well served in 1985. The reason for my optimism is the quality of people which comprise the Board of Directors. Accomplished professional/business people in their own right, they have brought their skills to our Board and continue to give time and expertise. I expect that situation to continue, with our many returning board members providing the spark for the 1985 board.

Speaking of the Board, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to welcome our two newest Board members: Bob Reimer, owner of Progressive Prints, and Judith Laufer, Attorney-at-law. They

join newly-appointed Divisional Representative-Development Jerry Johnson on CCBA's governing body. The Board also officially recognized At-Large Director Tim McCoy as our liaison with the National Association of Business Councils.

I hope you share my excitement at the prospects for our organization in the New Year. Remember that the success of our endeavors is always dependent upon the support by you, the membership. Several leadership opportunities exist within CCBA, as well as many well-defined "followership" opportunities. Each one is extremely important to the health of the group.

I hope to see you at our Annual Meeting on the 14th at Nantucket Shores. The fine food and ambience (not to mention our usual spirit of comradery) will be coupled with a program of elections, community awards, music and a "State of the Organization" address.

On a personal note, I want to sincerely thank each of the fine people who have served with me on the Board during my first year as President. I have gained so much from you all, in support and in newfound friendships. My deepest appreciation goes out to those who will be continuing, and to those whose schedules or travels have taken them away from our Board 'family'.

And to the many guests we have served during the past few months, I extend a welcome and hope to count you as members soon.

Have a great 1985!

## MEETING NOTE:

Voting will take place at the Annual Meeting for three expired At-Large Board terms. Nominations will be accepted from the floor; interested persons are encouraged to make their candidacy known to President Marc Haupert prior to the meeting.

## IMPORTANT NOTE:

The Board has voted to enforce its standing policy that no nonmember may attend over three functions of CCBA. This is in recognition of members' important support in making functions possible. All recent guests are encouraged to join to take full advantage of the services and support offered by CCBA.

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A COLUMN OF PROFESSIONAL INSIGHT

## KNIGHTS OF THE TAX TABLE

by Tom Martin

Shortly after 5:00 on a Saturday morning, the Knights of The Tax Table—members of the House-Senate Conference Committee—agreed on the provisions that would soon become the Tax Reform Act of 1984 (TRA). A few days later the full House and Senate overwhelmingly approved the Conference Committee's bill that will raise \$50 billion in additional taxes over three years.\* The New law reaches out and touches almost everyone—employees, business people, investors, consumers, retirees, contributors and savers. The 900 pages of TRA are a bit much for anyone to wade through. But there are several new provisions that may make a difference for you:

**1. ESTIMATED INCOME TAXES.** The rules are "simplified." Generally, an individual will be required to make estimated tax payments (including withholding payments) equal to 80% of the current year's tax or 100% of the prior year's tax, whichever is lower. Payments based on annualized income will be allowed. Penalties, which will be based on underpayment of the required amount, may be waived for failure to pay due to casualty, disaster or other unusual circumstances where imposing the penalty would be inequitable. (Effective taxable years beginning after 1984.)

**2. INCOME AVERAGING.** The benefits of income averaging are now allowed only if the current year's income is more than 140% of the average income for the prior three years. Before, income averaging was allowed if the current year's tax income exceeded 120% of the average income for the prior four years. (Effective: 1984.)

**3. VOLUNTEER'S AUTOMOBILE EXPENSES:** If you use your automobile in rendering gratuitous services

to charitable organizations, your gas, oil, tolls and parking costs (but not insurance and depreciation) are deductible. Or you may use a standard cents-per-mile rate in computing the cost of operating your automobile while rendering gratuitous services. Use the methods giving the larger deduction. The 9¢ per mile rate of recent years is increased to 12¢ per mile. (Effective: 1985.) If you use the standard mileage method, you may still deduct your unreimbursed parking and toll costs. Keep records (e.g., cancelled checks, receipted bills, diary entries) of your expenses and miles traveled. If your travel as a volunteer requires you to be away from home overnight, the law continues to allow you to deduct reasonable costs of meals and lodging, as well as transportation costs.

**4. INTEREST-FREE LOANS TO FAMILY MEMBERS.** Interest not charged on a loan is treated as a gift from the lender to the borrower; if the loan is large, it can be subject to gift tax. For income tax purposes, the lender is deemed to have received the foregone interest from the borrower. A statutory interest rate is provided. Loans of \$10,000.00 or less generally are not subject to this provision.

**5. CAPITAL GAINS HOLDING PERIOD.** The holding period of one year plus a day required for capital assets to be considered long term (and thus taxed more favorably on a sale than short-term assets) has been reduced to six months plus a day. (Effective: For assets acquired after June 22, 1984.)

As the complexity of the code approaches that of higher metaphysics, you should, of course, consult your own accountant, financial planner or attorney as to the applicability of any item to your own situation.

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\*Editor's Note: Public Law #98-369 was signed into law by President Reagan on July 18, 1984.

## CAPITOL HILL REPORT

This is the first of a series of monthly columns that the Gay Rights National Lobby is making available to gay and lesbian publications nationwide. Each month the column will provide an update on national legislative activity and its impact on gay men and women. The column will also keep readers up-to-date on the Lobby's activities on behalf of the gay community and will inform readers about actions that individuals and groups can take to further our struggle for equal rights for all people.

### LEGISLATIVE ROUND-UP: 98TH CONGRESS

During the 98th Congress which concluded on October 12, GRNL was primarily concerned with three legislative areas: Civil Rights, AIDS Funding and Immigration Reform.

#### CIVIL RIGHTS

GRNL's ultimate goal is to enact legislation to protect gay people from discrimination in housing, employment, publicly funded programs and other areas. During the 98th Congress, Senator Tsongas (D-MA) was the chief sponsor of S 430, which called for prohibition of discrimination against gays in employment, and Congressmembers Ted Weiss (D-NY) and Henry Waxman (D-CA) were the chief sponsors of a broader bill in the House which called for prohibitions against discrimination in housing, public accommodations and other areas in addition to employment. A significant advance in the 98th Congress is that no votes on anti-gay amendments were forced on the floor of either house.

#### AIDS FUNDING

Two significant advances on AIDS funding occurred during this session: 1) increase in AIDS funding from the \$55 million requested by the Reagan administration to nearly \$93 million, and 2) establishment of a precedent for having an AIDS line item in the budget, meaning that federal funding is allocated separately and specifically for AIDS research.

#### IMMIGRATION REFORM

The centerpiece of GRNL's efforts to remove the "sexual deviation" exclusions from immigration laws currently on the books has been S 1086 and HR 28125. In 1984, the House Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugee Policy

and International Law held hearings on Representative Barney Frank's (D-MA) bill—HR 4509, which removes this and several other archaic and inappropriate exclusionary provisions in the immigration law. The bill was not brought to the floor for a vote.

## GAY/LESBIAN LEADERS MEET IN WASHINGTON

Representatives of 17 national gay/lesbian organizations met in Washington on November 30 to discuss increased cooperation among national organizations on a wider range of issues. Gay Rights National Lobby hosted the meeting which was conducted by professional facilitator Stephan Lenton.

A wide range of topics were discussed at the D.C. gathering, the most prominent of which were the need for national gay/lesbian organizations to identify activities where they can cooperate, a more efficient and effective outreach to the entire gay/lesbian community for information sharing and fund raising and the need to hold similar forums on a periodic basis. The representatives agreed to meet again on March 21-22 in the Nation's capitol.

Four general program goals of the gay community were identified: legislation, education, advocacy and coalition building. Eight specific programs were discussed:

1. AIDS—lobbying for funding, concerns about confidentiality during research, education and services, support groups.
2. Immigration policies—current exclusionary law, enforcement.
3. Judicial appointments—coalitions which monitor and propose nominees.
4. Countering anti-gay actions—networking, vigilance, letters to the editor.
5. Needs of gay/lesbian children and adolescents—training for professional services, concern about suicide rates.
6. Employment—job security, employment discrimination, work for national legislation, local ordinances, coalitions, direct advocacy with large businesses.
7. Housing—concerns about discrimination.
8. Federal employment—military problems including veterans, security clearances, need for administrative advocacy, discharge advocacy, litigation.

## "CRIME AGAINST NATURE" LAW ATTACKED IN LOUISIANA COURT

An attack on Louisiana state's crime against nature law, which criminalizes sex acts between consenting adults in private, was filed December 3, 1983, in federal district court.

The suit was filed by the ACLU of Louisiana and Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., with support from the Crescent City Coalition, and the Louisiana Gay Political Action Committee.

The Louisiana statute, the origins of which date to 1805, defines crime against nature as "unnatural carnal copulation," which has been interpreted by the Louisiana Supreme Court to mean oral or anal sex. Such acts between consenting adults in private, including married couples, are felonies with a maximum penalty of a \$2,000 fine and/or five years imprisonment.

Comments Abby Rubinfeld, Managing Attorney for LLDEF: "Criminalization of the sexual activity of lesbians and gay men is often cited as the legal foundation for the discrimination we face in employment, custody, and many other areas. Elimination of the sodomy laws is thus an important goal for all of us. The sodomy laws also embody most clearly the weight of social disapproval directed toward gay people. To have the courts strike them down as violative of basic constitutionally guaranteed rights would have an enormous psychological impact."

R. James Kellogg, attorney for the suit, said the sodomy law was used as an argument against the New Orleans gay rights ordinance. "The statute is the legal foundation for discrimination against gay people," he said. "Many gays are easily victimized and silenced by the knowledge that their private sex lives are illegal in the state."

Kellogg said the law is also used to sweep the French quarter and parks by arresting, often under the flimsiest of evidence, gay men who authorities often have no intention of prosecuting.

## ILLINOIS MAN REFUSED COLLEGE DEGREE BECAUSE OF "HOMOSEXUALITY"

A private Christian college in southern Illinois has refused a man the bachelors degree he earned based on unspecified charges of homosexuality.

Greg Johnson, now a resident of Chicago, completed all the academic requirements in May, 1981. When a fellow student told the Dean that Johnson was gay, the college withheld his diploma. National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA), the San Francisco-based public interest law firm, has sued the college to compel it to issue Johnson his degree.

Leonard Graff, NGRA Legal Director, said: "The school has offered no legal rationale for their action. In fact, they have none. We're suing them for breach of contract and money damages as well as demanding the issuance of Greg's diploma."

Jean O'Leary, NGRA Executive Director, said: "The school's action is homophobic and offends common sense notions of fairness. Greg has met all the requirements for graduation and, of course, he should be granted his degree regardless of his sexual orientation." O'Leary noted that Johnson's graduate study and career have been stalled because of the college.

NGRA's local cooperating counsel is Jenner & Block, a prestigious Chicago law firm.

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## BOARD NEWS:

The Board of Directors will elect the 1985 officers at its meeting on January 23. All current members are eligible for election to the offices of President, Vice-President/Outreach, Vice-President/Membership Services, Secretary and Treasurer. Those interested in serving the organization as officers should contact Marc Hauptert prior to that time.

Steve Gotzler

D'Ann Prior

Don Schwamb

& Karen Gotzler of Midwest Music

invite you to a cocktail party to meet the people of *OUT!* Newspaper on Sunday, January 13 from 3-6 p.m. at the home of Steve Gotzler, 2716 E. Newberry Blvd., Milwaukee



### CCBA Newsletter

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Join Us At  
Centennial Hall  
In The Downtown Library  
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