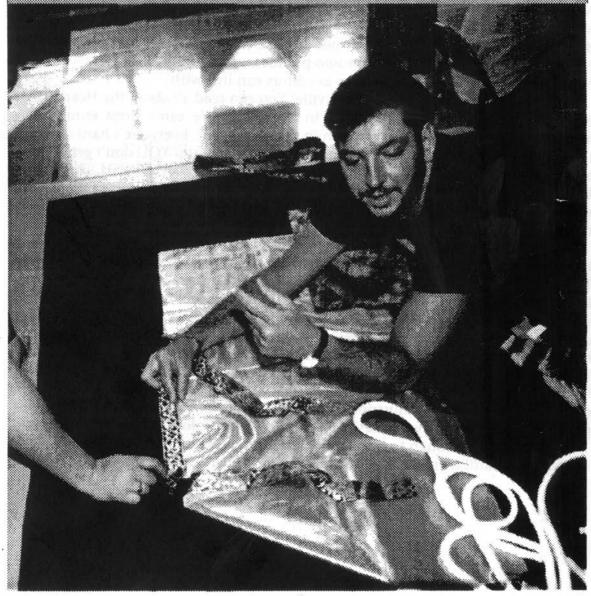


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Editorial

By Julian Marr

Well, folks, here it is at last! This issue has been exciting to work on, to say the least. Not a LOT of technical problems (though no issue would be complete without them)! No, what held us up this time was actually pretty decent. We had to wait for developing stories! Every time we turned around, there was another tidbit of info on Heartstrings, or someone sent us promo photos or something. Now these are the kinds of delays we as editors can live with.

Boy, are things happening in Knoxville! You can read all about the Heartstrings events scheduled for May 8-11 later in this issue. We can't stress enough the importance of everyone's participation in this gala event. Everyone's hard work, all the planning, headaches and heartaches will be for naught if YOU don't get off your ass and get involved. If SILENCE= DEATH, then APATHY= DEATHWISH. This should be one of our community's shining moments to lead the world to compassion. With everyone's efforts we can make this happen and do that much more to rid the world of the ignorance and prejudice of AIDS.

On a brighter note, Knoxville Pride, Inc., is off and running again! They put together the PrideWeek events and just had the largest parade in Tennessee last year! This year they're hoping to do even more! Most of this issue is devoted to An Event In 3 Acts, but next issue we will be devoting tons of space to Pride Week '92 (hopefully with an interview or two, and a complete calendar of events!). In the meantime, they are also looking for volunteers to help develop and run events and sponsors to donate equipment, services, or cash. If you are interested in helping, call 577-4357.

In addition, members of Knoxville Pride will be setting up in the lobbies of your favorite bars on weekends and selling sponsorship triangles. For a minimum donation of \$1, you can sign your illustrious name to a bright pink triangle that PROUDLY proclaims "I support Gay and Lesbian Pride '92, True Colors Shining Through!"

If all that isn't enough to get you up and active in the community, honey, turn in your pink card! (Remember folks, this IS the VOLUNTEER state!)

peace Julian.



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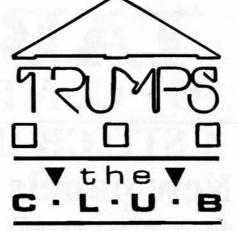
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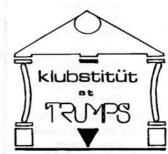
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SPECIAL REPORT:

THE BEGINNINGS OF A GAY CORPORATE AGENDA

by Christopher Robin

Simply put, 1991 was the best year ever for lesbians and gay men in corporate America. If the trends established in 1991 continue, 1992 will be even more outstanding. The improving picyture is evidenced by two trends: 1) an increasing number of Fortune 500 companies (and smaller companies as well) have implemented various internal policies to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and to provide fringe benefits (e.g., medical and dental care) to domestic partners of lesbian and gay employees, and 2) a substantial improvement in the coverage given lesbian and gay concerns by numerous mainstream business publications such as The Wall Street Journal, Fortune, and BusinessWeek. Part of the improving picture corporate lesbians and gay men is undoubtedly the result of such factors as compassion over the AIDS crisis and an overall greater understanding of homosexuality by more thoughtful members of the Two less altruistic public. factors frequently mentioned

by the business community and which likely are the prime motivating factors for the changes in business policy are:

1) a desire on the part of business to improve the productivity of lesbian and gay employees, and 2) the lure of the lucrative homosexual market.

Lesbian and gay employees saw the emergence of corporate employee benefit plans which were tailored to their specific needs.

Well over 500 companies are believed to have established quietly internal policies which prohibit anti-gay discrimination. Among those corporations which have publically stated such a policy are AT & T, Boeing, Hewlett-Packard, Lockheed, Sun Microsystems, US West, Xerox, IBM, Chevron, Levi Strauss & Co., Coors Brewing Co., Merck & Co., and Apple Computer. While many of these companies have had such policies in place for a while, they have publicly

affirmed their commitments to the well-being of their gay employees. 1991 saw the emergence, with full company sponsorship, of employee groups as Apple Lambda and DECplus (Digital Equipment Corp.'s people like us). Another route taken by corporate employers is sponsorship of educational and diversity enhancement programs. AT & T has offered homophobia workshops since 1987; at US West, all top managers are required to attend similar workshops, and the bill for work place diversity training at Levi Strauss & Co. was stated by its manager of equal employment opportunity to be in the millions of dollars.

Moreover, lesbian and gay employees saw the emergence of corporate employee benefit plans which were tailored to their specific needs. Lotus Development Corporation, a national computer software developer, announced in September that it would extend the same benefits it previously gave to the spouses of heterosexual employees to the long-term partners of its homosexual employees. As of December, only about 10

of Lotus' 3100 employees had availed themselves of the option (more of course are expected to do so). To qualify, both partners of the gay couple must sign affidavits stating that they live together, intend to stay together, and are responsible for one another. The particularly interesting feature of the Lotus plan is that Lotus will not be extending these same benefits to the live-in companions of its heterosexual employees, irrespective of the length of the relationship, as these employees have the option of marriage. More than 80 other companies have contacted Lotus for details of their policy.

Prior to the announcement by Lotus, over 100 companies sent representatives to a conference sponsored by Lotus and Du Pont held in New York City entitled "Invisible Diversity: A Gay and Lesbian Corporate Agenda." Such corporations as, Digital Equipment Corp., Levi Strauss & Co., and Coors Brewing Company attended.

Helping to fuel this improving condition is an increase in the quality of coverage given lesbian and gay issues by general business publications. The Wall Street Journal in the past several months has published an article on programs for gay

university students at Rutgers University (and the problems they face when moving from the relatively tolerant university environment into the outside business world) and an article on the flight of homosexuals from some major corporations to either more tolerant corporations or into gay-owned businesses, such as Christopher Street Financial, a financial consulting firm catering to the needs of gay couples. BusinessWeek has published articles concerning the provision of fringe benefits for gay employees and also the plight of a gay entrepreneur who is also a



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Given corporate America's long association with conservative politics, lesbian and gay employees might naturally be cautious about stepping out of the "corporate closet" in order to take advantage of the new benefits and the improved environment. While such caution is reasonable, it should not prevent lesbian and gay employees from embracing these changes. The rationale for these changes in apparent and easily understood. Two reasons predominate; the first concerns efficiency, and the second concerns wealth.

Developing and maintaining an alternative identity is expensive and debilitating to the gay employee. Time and energy

creating spent and maintaining an alternative identity could be better spent on ones projects at work. The desire to create a good working environment for employees is thus related more improving worker efficiency than in providing a gift. Moreover, an historic corporate attitude has been that a worker whose home life is stable is more apt to be productive than one whose home life is unstable, hence the extension of fringe benefits to the long term companions of lesbian and gay employees.

Additionally, marketing experts are beginning to

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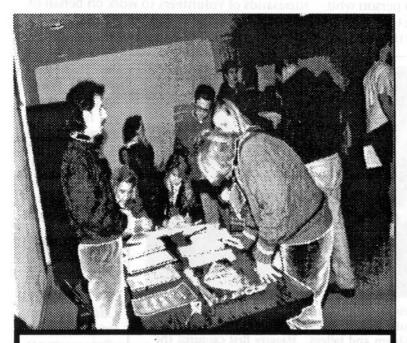


recognize that the "gay market" is an extremely lucrative and almost ideal one. The "gay market" is defined as the cumulative purchasing power of American gays, estimated to be \$350 billion annually. Several characteristics of the gay market make it an almost ideal one from the marketer's perspective. As a general rule, gays and lesbians as a group are perceived as being both better educated and more creative and thus as having higher incomes. As a group, lesbians and gays also have (at least in urban areas) higher disposable incomes. Lesbians and gays tend not to have children (no expenses such as day care or college tuition), are more likely to rent than to own their dwellings (thus lesser expenses for housing), and are very loyal to companies which specifically advertise in the gay community (e.g., Absolut vodka). As the recession continues, these characteristics make the gay community even more important to potential suppliers of goods and services. The second motivation of corporate employers is thus greed, a desire to court the gay dollar.

The changing attitude of corporate America is unquestionable good for the closeted employees and also for gay university students who have always planned or who desire a business career. An interesting question is whether these changes benefit the gay community generally (the Absolut vodka ads coming to mind)? As a starting point for answering, one should note that unlike ethnic minorities lesbians and gay men do not need affirmative action. We need the freedom to dispense with costly pretexts and to change attitudes without fear of serious retribution. By increasing communication about lesbian and gay rights and by showing that gay employees exist in responsible corporate positions alongside straight employees, this trend is already benefiting the gay and lesbian community.

THIS ACT'S FOR YOU!

By Rochester



ABOVE: The Interfraternity/Intersorority Council of UTK hosted a Volunteer Kick Off party recently in conjunction with aRK, designed to recruit more than 300 volunteers for upcoming events.

Well, here it is, folks, and it's a mouthful: HEART STRINGS * THE AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT * AND YOU: AN EVENT IN THREE ACTS: THE NATIONAL TOUR is on its way! In the middle of it's 35-city tour, they're making time for a stop in Knoxville May 8-11, and you're all invited! Yes, that means YOU. Here's how

it works:

On May 8 at the Civic Auditorium, witness the musical production *Heart Strings*, a song and dance review about the effect of AIDS on people's lives. This show promises to move you, to educate you, and above all to motivate you. Edye Ellis and Bill Williams from WBIR-TV

will be co-hosts of this event, with a special appearance by actress Julie Hagerty. This show has been garnering a lot of rave reviews across the country for its top-notched production, and an AWARE source who saw the Memphis show concurs: this show is a MUST SEE. If the bio's provided with the press kit are any indication, the artistic experience of everyone involved in this show adds up to quite a remarkable sum. And if credentials are your bag, here's a teaser: the director of this year's Heart Strings tour, David H. Bell, is also directing the closing ceremonies of the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona, Spain. Talking bigtime. But the point of course is not strictly to entertain, but more to make a connection: "Typically, people don't do anything about any issue until they're emotionally engaged," says Heart Strings founder and producer David Sheppard.

For the second Act, samples of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display May 9-11 at the Stokely Athletic Center on the UTK campus. If you didn't see the Quilt the first time

through Knoxville a couple of years ago, and if you haven't seen the documentary about it, Common Threads, you don't know what you'd be missing if you skipped this Act. The entire quilt consists of more than 14,000 individual three-foot by six-foot quilted panels, each panel serving as a memorial for a person who has died with AIDS. Cities on the tour will see about 800 panels covering more than 25,000

feet. square representing people from all over who have lost their lives to AIDS. In addition, organizers hope to dedicate 40 new panels to the Quilt. representing deceased PWA's from the Knoxville area. The unfolding ceremonies and the recitation of names moving a experience that will stay with you long afterwards. Which brings us of course to Act Three: YOU. That's what this is all about. None of the above would be possible without the myriad and legion volunteers who've selflessly taken on the work, both on the national level and in each of the tour cities. Nearly every person involved, from the National Honorary

Chairpersons Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter, to the caterers and Quilt monitors, are all voluntary, and in fact, there is still time to help out if you're inclined. The national tour itself hopes to raise \$5 million for local AIDS organizations nationwide, as well as recruit thousands of volunteers to work on behalf of the fight against AIDS. But while it's important to do more than merely see a show and visit an



Moving effortlessly from stage to screen to television, actress Julie Hagerty lights up any medium with her unique charm and tallent. Hagerty first captured the attention of critics and film goers in 1980 when she starred in "Airplane!" Last summer she starred in "What About Bob?". On March 20th she will be seen in the film adaptation of Michael Frayn's stage farce "Noises Off".

A native of Cincinatti Ohio, Julie became interested in acting as a young girl. She moved to New York at the age of 18 to join her older brother Michael, who had formed an off off broadway theatre group called The Production Company. She appeared in the companys production of Robert Patrick's "Mutual Benefit Life" and John Guare's "The House of Blue Leaves" while rehersing the latter Julie screen tested for "Airplane" and won the first of many film roles. Her film credits include "A Mid Summer Nights Sex Comedy", "Lost in America", "Reversal of Fortune", and "Rude Awakening".

exhibit, there is better no starting point for doing more h a supporting the Heart Strings/ Quilt tour with time. your whatever money you can afford. and most of all with your attention. You see, in the d Consciousness must be raised. For more details, to volunteer your time, your financial support, or if you just want to know more about AIDS and what you can do, call 523-2437.



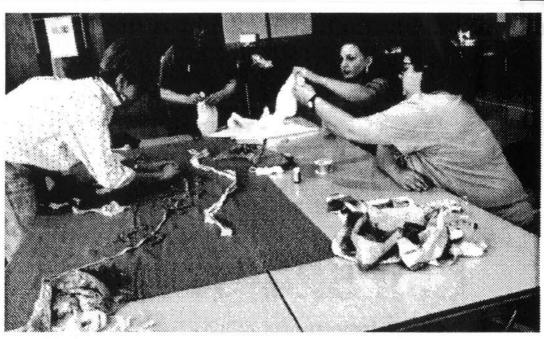
FROM THE COVER

On April 11, 1992, a quilting bee was held at the First Baptist Church in downtown Knoxville to work on quilted panels representing PWA's from the Knoxville area who have died. About 30 people volunteered for the event, during which four panels were completed and 10 additional panels were started. In all, about 40 panels are expected to be completed in time to be dedicated to the NAMES Foundation AIDS Memorial Quilt, which will be exhibited May 9-11 at the Stokely Athletic Center at the

UTK campus.

"This quilting bee was an overwhelming success in more ways than one," says Jackie Lacey, local even steering committee co-chair, who is featured at the quilting bee on our cover. "Several parents of disceased PWA's were there who had never dealt with their loss," lackie says, and they were given wonderful support, and the technical expertise to help them express their loss in their panels. Some even adopted panels, in the hopes that no PWA would go without a

memorial, while others gave donations of fabrics and sewing machines. Also, volunteers were trained who are going to homes to help finish other panels in time for dedication to the Quilt. The volunteer spirit exhibited to make the quilting bee a success is exactly what AN EVENT IN THREE ACTS is all about. And on that note, many thanks to Tinah Utsman volunteering to photograph the event for tour publicity for free.





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AIDS AWARE: THE NEED FOR LEADERSHIP

by Rochester

Last fall, Dr. Jonathon Mann of the World Health Organization made the statement that there are basically only two different kinds of AIDS response worldwide: response with active leadership from the highest levels of government, and response without such leadership. The difference in these is that the first is almost always an effective response, and the second produces a response that always lags far behind actual need.

President Bush and his administration are an obvious example of the second, ineffective kind of response, on issues like AIDS as well as issues such the as environment, education, health-care, housing, etc. Bush supposedly favors less government, and to this end has expressed the belief that such problems as AIDS must not rely on the federal government for front-line solutions. Instead, he touts grass-roots and local initiatives, (as if a global crisis doesn't make the entire U.S. merely one locale.) The implication seems to be that when the federal government gets involved it keeps people from helping themselves, and so by doing nothing, Bush hopes to encourage people to take care of their own problems locally. It's like the hypocritical rich father who would rather see his offspring live in poverty than to "spoil" them by helping out.

There are strings attatched to Fed money given to organizations that were originally grass-roots.

In moderation, this idea isn't all bad. But while grass-roots movements will always produce some stellar successes, they are mostly behind the curve, after the fact, and meet only bare minimum needs. On closer examination, this pseudofatherly/Big-Brotherly wisdom is a sham, half-believed by an administration that feels the true harm of Fed involvement is to big business, pharmaceutical companies

and research institutions with their patents, monopolies and lobbying payoffs. Bush seems to want Fed control limited in favor of mystical natural forces such as those that drive free market capitalism. But most of the grass-roots initiatives that try to fill the gaps left in national leadership depend on altruism, which is anathema to the economical forces of short-sighted self-interest.

Some Fed money does go towards AIDS programs, of course. And every time the heat becomes intense enough, even more money is allocated for AIDS treatment, research and education. The amount has always seemed like a lot on the surface, but has always been lacking in proportion to the need. What's worse is the manipulative dynamic involved in Fed spending to date, a dynamic involved in co-opting many other grassroots efforts that have grown enough to attract attention.

There are strings attatched to Fed money given to organizations that were originally grass-roots. AIDS education programs become tailored towards moralistic tenants of abstinence, and help for PWA's is geared

towards drug subsidies held by monopolies but not home health care or basic maintenance. Fed assistance does all it can to keep grass roots efforts in line with its larger goals of pursuing capitalism. Meanwhile, research grants are doled out pharmaceutical development and studies that smack of the same pseudoscience as we find with acidrain research, preferring to study continuously and conclusions suspend indefinitely, while questionable drug therapies continue to wreak their damage and alternate treatments are blithely branded as quackery. Those organizations receiving the limited Fed funds left over find themselves comprimised and lose a significant degree of control over their own spheres of action. All you have to do is look at family planning clinics and pulbic schools to see how government dolery corrupts effectiveness.

President Bush can claim all he wants that the money already going to AIDS is proof of his compassion and leadership, but ask yourself this: how often do you hear Bush speak the word AIDS outside of the context of defending his record on the subject? Bush's lack of real response is cruel and sends

the signal that the federal government doesn't care. In this age where society gorges on images, taking all cues from appearances as if the realities are insignificant, this signal says that since the government doesn't care, no one else should either. It is a deadly response, and the neglect it has fostered for over ten years is at heart criminal.

Don't settle for masturbatory democracy...

Leadership Still. important not merely for symbolic reasons. If Bush or any other presidential candidate this year responds to questions about their AIDS stance rhetorically saying "it's a horrible disease and we should work to stop its spread", this is not enough. Leadership is not merely about taking a stance, although even that would be better than the defensiveness and silence we've gotten so far. We need a leader who will direct policy nationwide, first of all, to protect us against discrimination. We need a leader who will be an unabashed spokesman for AIDS education, and for gay, minority and women's rights.

We need a leader who will see that throwing money at AIDS truly is wasted if there is not enough of it, and if it isn't directed where it's needed. We need a leader who will stande up for the individual with AIDS against the mercenary intentions of those in the AIDS industry who stand to benefit regardless of whether or not true progress is made against the disease, or who in fact have a vested interest in maintaining the status quo.

Is leadership too much to ask for? Will asking even do any good? There is too much at stake today not to try, and the U.S. is not the only battlefront. We truly do have an isolationist administration if it cannot see that we ask these things not just for our personal loved ones, and not just for our country, but for the sake of humanity.

This is an election year. Ask the questions. Make yourself heard. Demand the answers. Don't settle for their comforting rhetoric. And don't settle for masturbatory democracy, the comforting myth that democracy works best in a booth behind a closed curtain using your fingers to push the right buttons, pulling levers. Go for participatory democracy. Vote with your time and your voices as well.



(TAKING THE LEAD)

by June Cleaver

Speaking of Leadership... What is it? I hear that word everywhere nowadays, this being an election year don't you know, and I can't figure it out. Surely all those people using that ugly word "Leadership" can't all mean the same thing?

Saw Stormin' Norman. General Schwarzkopf a.k.a. Blackhead, beady-eyed and swilling in Switzerland at a conference on, of all things, Leadership. He told a reporter that Leadership is "the motivation of people." O0000... I'm impressed. Goodness knows the mass of men lead desperate lives in search of motivation. To take liberties with Pat Henry, what was it he said - "Give us Liberties or give us a kick in the seat of the pants? There is a fine line between motivation and the Gambino family.

Anyway, a "Leader" is a very modern convenience indeed. A Leader is the person who does the thinking for us. A Leader is the person we keep on stage as a fall-guy for our own idiocies. A Leader is the

person who gets all the credit, good and bad. And of course, a Leader motivates, whether through the latest excuse for a police state a la "crime bill," or through campaign promises to build a better Bastille.

No one consensus about our needs or about our direction exists.

Anyone who wants to be all this, all things to all people, is of course quite certifiably insane. Still, everybody's got one, - a leader that is. Even Leaders have Leaders. Take George Bush. *Please*. As "Leader of the Free World," he's got his Thousand Points of Light like Haitian necklacing invested in all the other leaders of the world, leading them down the Shining Path of New World

Order through Democratic Dictatorship. (In case you haven't noticed, Leaders get to be surrounded by a lot of Capital Letters, too.)

But enough of all that; let's get closer to home. Where, for instance, is the leadership of the GLB (Gay/ Lesbian/Bisexual) Community? It's not invested in any one person, or any central group of people, that's for sure. It's not even invested in any meaningfully central way in any of our various organizations. Sure, there's the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Queer Nation, Lambda Legal, and even sometimes ACT-UP. And of course, there are the publications. like The Advocate, or On Our Backs, or the Bi magazine Anything That Moves. All these surely express the variety within the GLB Community. But no one consensus about our needs or about our direction exists. How could there be just one concensus?

It's like the Women's



ERRATUM

EDITOR'S NOTE: June Cleaver's article "Taking the Lead" was inadvertently truncated during production. Since this error was not found until after receiving this issue back from the printer, we have printed and inserted the remainder of Ms. Cleaver's article here:

It's like the Women's Movement, with which, as a recent survey showed, many women don't much identify anymore. Women get lumped together willy-nilly by virtue of biology. (That sure takes a lot of imagination.) The GLB Community is a lumping together of those people society holds back as the Unspeakable Other. Give me a break! The arbitrary inclusiveness of labels such as the "Women's Movement" and the "GLB Community" are about as vacuous as the label "Lite" on food packaging.

GLB's come short, tall, big, small, all races, all creeds, all political persuasions, all degrees of moral uprightness and lack thereof, all with our own subtle nuance of sexual orientation, kinks and fetishes just like the so-called Straight Community. And let's face it: some of us don't even like pink! Is there any wonder we seem to be lacking leadership? What's to lead? Reader, LEAD THYSELF.

Pride Week is coming up, you know. Remember last year's? Last year's Week went so well everyone was sure we'd soon have a regular coalition going to bat for us locally, complete with Leaders to send to meetings with other people's Leaders. Then when one potential Leader after another began to bow out, the cynics sneered and those who would be led raged. Get over it! Does it take having a Leader to validate your existence? A Leader only validates the Labels, don't you see?

On the bright side, Pride Week is perhaps the best reason to suffer having a "Community" label stuck on us: everybody loves a parade. That nebulous enemy, society, rightly thinks we march for solidarity. But that's misleading. We also march for diversity, or we should. So in the heat of all the chanted slogans, speeches and rhetoric, be glad you don't have a leader! Someone might get left out!

It's not so bad, you know. Save a little power for yourself for a change instead of handing it over to some bugaboo totem called a Leader. After all, look where Leadership has gotten the world so far. HOOO BOY!



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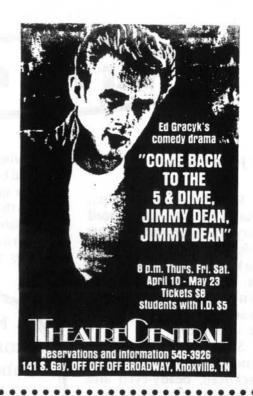
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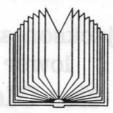
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ORGANIZATIONS

aids Response Knoxville is located at 2928 Magnolia Ave. aRK offers PWA support group, grief and bereavement support group, and HIV+ support group. Call 525-AIDS for more information or to volunteer for AIDS 102 training.

aRK- Wednesdays are HIV+ support group meetings. 6:30-8:30 PM.

aRK-Tuesdays are Circle of Love: Family and Friends of HIV+ persons.

aRK is also looking for someone with a Masters degree in Social Work for an open position.

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If anyone has any problem getting assistance (SSI, food stamps, housing) because of HIV+ status, call aRK for advice.

MCC is located at the Mose School in Mechanicsville.

Worship Service: Sundays at 6pm. Call 521-6546 for more information.

GLBSU meets Tuesdays at 8 PM at the University Center. Coming in April will be the Annual Easter Bonnet Contest. Awards will be presented at the Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores on Easter Sunday. Get your bonnets ready now. Call 524-0748 for more information.

Political Action Alliance of the GLBSU meets on the first Saturday of every month at 1pm. Call 524-0748 for more information.

GALA (Gay And Lesbian Alumni Association) - call Kurt Haas at 595-7949 for more information.

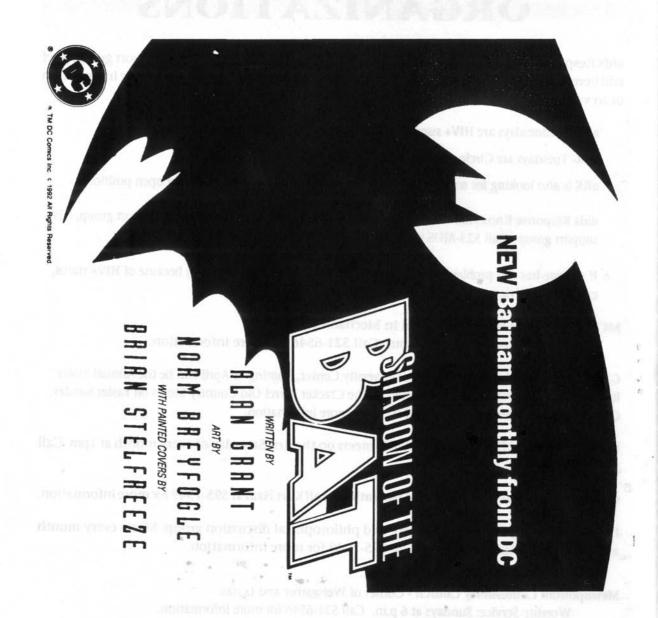
Lambda Literary Circle is a literary and philosophical discussion group. Meets every month at the Printer's Mark Bookshop. Call 595-7949 for more information.

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