

(GAU, cont. from p. 2)

Other topics receiving awards or honorable mentions included studies of gay alcoholism, lesbian poetry, and Jewish lesbians.

Established in 1978, the scholarships are heavily dependent on individual tax-deductible contributions, which may be sent to:

GAU Scholarship Fund
P.O. Box 927
Los Angeles, CA 90028

grnl urges support for bill

The Gay Rights National Lobby is urging gay people around the country to help pass the first Senate gay rights bill, S-2081, recently introduced by Massachusetts Democrat Paul Tsongas.

GRNL urges a three-point plan of action:

- Demonstrate the need for legislation. Local organizations should publicize employment discrimination cases, bring them to the attention of senators and send documents of such discrimination to GRNL.

- Meet with your senators. Direct lobbying by gay constituents can have major impact. Contact GRNL for up-to-date information on your senator's stand on gay rights.

- Build support within your state. Lobby state and local leaders and organizations to endorse S-2081. Send the names and addresses of the endorsers to GRNL.

"Our ability to advance national lesbian and gay male civil rights legislation is directly related to the cooperation and communication we maintain with grassroots activists around the country," GRNL lobbyist Steve Endean said.

For more information, contact:

Gay Rights National Lobby
1606 - 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009
Phone (202) 462-4255

activists celebrate release

The parole of the Rev. Ben Chavis from a North Carolina prison on Dec. 14, was a cause for celebration of a number of San Francisco gay activists.

Chavis, the last of the Wilmington 10 left in prison, had been sentenced to 25-29 years on charges of arson and conspiracy after the 1971 burning of a black church in

Wilmington, N.C.

The Case drew international attention when all three witnesses against the ten accused, nine black men and one white woman, recanted by stating that they had lied at the trial because of coercion and bribery by the prosecution.

Among the groups calling for Chavis' release was the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, which unanimously passed a resolution in November 1979 demanding his early parole. This was a direct result of resolutions introduced by gay activist Robert Basher and passed by the city's three gay Democratic clubs: Stonewall, Alice B. Toklas, and Harvey Milk.

In a recent interview Basher said, "I'm trying to get the left-wing and civil rights movements to accept gay rights as part of human rights."

"People on the left often accuse gays of being interested only in their own rights. Too often it has been true. Rights are indivisible. You can't take away the rights of any group without affecting the rights of all people."

iranians can resist deportation

Gay Iranians who face deportation may be able to use their homosexuality as a defense to remain in the United States, according to the Front Page.

Because of the execution of gay men in Iran last year, openly gay Iranian students may assert that they would be in danger by returning to their homeland. A successful hardship petition would delay or defeat deportation.

Any alien already in the country who has passed through the Immigration Service is entitled to due process of law.

The International Gay Association will work with local American groups to assist gay Iranians to secure legal counsel. If a gay student is deported from the United States and feels that it is impossible to raise her or his homosexuality as an issue during public hearing, the IGA will try to locate another residence.

Identities will be kept confidential. For more information, contact:

Gay Community Center
1469 Church St., NW
Washington, DC 20005