

"A Confidence-building and Learning Experience"--Outreaches

It's Outreach season again! The Outreach Committee, which met this Summer to determine needs for 1978-79, reported to the June CGA meeting that volunteers are needed for all areas of the Outreach program: coordination, speaking and materials preparation.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? A list of potential audiences is ready for sending out contact letters, but someone needs to write the letters and receive requests for speakers. People are available to train speakers, but the list of persons interested in telling local groups the truth about how lesbians and gay men live is still small. The Community Education Materials Network, through which TALF and CGA help gay groups throughout the region to develop their own Outreach projects, has orders for materials (from as far away as the University of New Hampshire!) waiting to be filled--typists and xeroxers are needed to get materials ready for distribution.

THE GREATEST NEEDS are those for a coordinator and for people to work in the materials network. If the latter cannot be staffed, then current supplies will be distributed until they are gone, and further orders will be returned--a loss for CGA and for a lot of other groups as well!

DOING OUTREACHES is a confidence-building and learning experience, and one of the best chances that TALF and CGA offer to meet other lesbians and gay men. Anyone can start with the knowledge and skill that she/he may have. Outreachers learn through one day-long training (to be held in September) and by attending Outreach presentations as participant/observers, saying as much or as little as they feel comfortable with.

VOLUNTEER BY leaving a note for the Community Education Coordinator at the CGA mailbox, (Box 39, V Carolina Union 065A) stating who you are and how much/what kinds of energy and interest you would like to share. Straights can't know what nobody takes the trouble to tell them!

Weekend Celebration Draws 30 to Mountains

On the weekend of June 16-18, about 30 sissies, faggots and gay men met near Bakersville on Mikel's farm in the North Carolina mountains. While the gathering was especially intended to serve the needs of men in the Southeast, men from other regions were welcome to join in and some participants came from as far away as New Mexico and Maine.

Deemed "A Celebration of Gay Men," the purpose of the gathering was to explore and affirm our beings, emotions, thoughts, common bonds and differences. The primary focuses of the gathering included:

- +developing community and ritual for sissies and faggots in the region
- +developing a network of regional support collectives
- +finding a new home and publishers for FED, the magazine for country faggots"

Other activities included nightly be-ins with circle singing and dancing, impromptu community music, and the distribution and discussion of political articles on topics ranging from

anarcha-feminism to nuclear energy to the George Jackson Brigade.

It was decided that the next gathering will be held next autumnal equinox (Oct. 6-8) to further community networking, contacts and solidarity.

--Nelson Lancaster

Fayetteville Gay Group Meets

The Lambda Society of Fayetteville held an organizational meeting July 8 at the "Other Side," a gay bar at 457 W. Russell St. in Fayetteville. For more information about Fayetteville's only gay group, call or write J.R. Finney, coordinator, 41D Cambridge Arms, Fayetteville, N.C. 28303 (919/867-5075).

NEW ON THE HILL

Several times a week gay medical center workers meet for lunch in what has been called the "visible gay presence at the medical center lunch."

Dan Leonard, in commenting on the
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