LESBIAN/GAY EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The Fund For Human Dignity, Inc. (The Fund), will present The Lesbian and Gay Education Conference: "Initiatives Toward A National Education Agenda For Our Culturally Diverse Community," on Sunday, July 24, 1988 at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers, Boston, MA.

The goal of the conference is to develop a network of individuals, projects and organizations working to educate various publics on gay and lesbian issues. Model community education project will be highlighted, resources shared, strategies explored and a national education agenda discussed. All presenters are asked to address the needs of the diversity of the gay community, including lesbians and gay people of color.

The Fund is the only national foundation dedicated to combatting ignorance and anti-gay bigotry through education. Established in 1974, the Fund has been educating Americans for over a decade on issues affecting gay people. Originally an affiliate of the National Gay Task Force, the Fund is today a vital independent foundation sponsoring a wide variety of programs, including a national toll-free crisisline for all lesbian and gay concerns, including AIDS (1-800-221-7044).

For more information on the work of the Fund, write to The Fund For Human Dignity, Inc., 666 Broadway, New York, NY, 10012. Phone is (212) 529-1600.

NAT'L GAY SPEAKERS BUREAU

Malcolm Boyd, celebrated gay priest and well-known author, has announced he is the first to join the newly formed National Gay Speakers Bureau (NGSB). The Los Angeles based group plans to serve as a link between gay and lesbian speakers and the many educational, political, social, and business groups seeking their talents and services.

"This is long overdue, and I'm very, very happy to see this at last," says Boyd. "The creation of the NGSB represents an important milestone for our community. It's an opportunity to share our talent and resources in an efficient manner. It's also significant as a new type of gay business." Boyd, who has enjoyed tremendous popularity as a speaker across the United States and abroad, points out an important benefit. "The NGSB is going to make my life easier. Not only will others be able to find me, but the Bureau will let organizations know I'm available."

"I have long been troubled by the conspicuous absence--or relative invisibility--of nationally recognizable, positive gay role models," says Ken Newelt, founder of the NGSB. "We could probably count them on one hand. The Bureau will serve to support the ones we have, introduce outstanding local personalities to a national audience, and give those inside and outside our community a chance to know our very best."

Newelt is optimistic that the creation of the NGSB will lead to an increase in opportunities for gay and lesbian speakers. "While we plan to start with just a few national celebrities, we expect to field hundreds of requests in the very near future. As word spreads about our service, gay groups on campus, gay business alliances, gay social and religious organizations will be contacting us as they plan their special events and conferences. We want to hear from the leaders in our community--public servants, authors, other shakers and movers--positive role models who can help lead our national community into the nineties."

The NGSB will be inviting several others to join immediately, but Newelt declined to give any names at this time. He did, however, indicate that they were prominent in the fields of public service and the arts. "We promise to release that information as our invitations are accepted. Malcolm Boyd's enthusiasm is quite a vote of confidence, and I'm sure we're on the right track with this."

The NGSB welcomes inquiries about Malcolm Boyd's availability, or any other questions you may have about the Bureau's services. Write to the National Gay Speakers Bureau, P.O. Box 3575, Hollywood, CA, 90078. All letters will be answered promptly. If you prefer, the NGSB can respond by collect call from Los Angeles.

LAMBDA LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND

The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. (Lambda) was founded in 1973 to advance the right of gay people and to educate