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are heterosexual, but understand my situation.

"Right now my partner said she's getting lots of mail, and she loves it. She doesn't want it to stop. That is [her] only tie to life back here. Mail takes about 8-10 days from here to there; and about 11-13 days from there to here, Sue said.

Various groups and organizations are raising money for the families of reservists sent to Saudi, because usually the family income is reduced by the loss of income from that person's civilian job. But no one is raising money for partners

"It's hard to keep your stuff together...and then try to be supportive to your partner who is in the Gulf."

and families of gays and lesbians.

Sue has had to adjust to a single income, after being accustomed to living in a two-income household. An independent woman, Sue did not complain about the financial imbalance for gays in the military, but noted the advantages for heterosexuals: "If we were married, I would be the dependent spouse. I'd get medical benefits, use of the commissary, and the Red Cross would assist to get us together if either of us were hospitalized for any reason. The military would probably grant my partner emergency leave if anything happened to me."

We asked if there is anything readers of *Community Connections* can do to help. "If you know anyone in the military, just send them mail. Tell them you're behind them, but try to [avoid reference to sexual orientation]."

Next issue: Why the Gulf war may aid gays' battle for the right to serve.

CONGRATULATIONS!

to Kisha Anderson, who has been selected as Miss Greenville-Spartanburg County, South Carolina Royal Court. She will be crowned March 15;

to Kristina Foxx, who was crowned the Queen of Mecklenburg County in the North Carolina Royal Court. Her king is David Stout;

to Elaine F., who has accepted the position of WNCAP Support Services Associate;

to SALGA's newly elected Board of Directors: Chair: Carlos Gomez; Vice-Chair: Polly Ross; Secretary: Charlotte Goedsche; Treasurer: Ron Huskins; Directors of the Board: Ellen Hines, Ron Lambe, and Betty Sharpless. ▼

Documentation Project Report

by Martha Copeland

In the month of January, five incidents were reported to SALGA's Documentation Project, which collects data on cases of discrimination, harassment, and violence aimed at persons presumed or known to be gay, lesbian, or HIV+. This increase may reflect a growing awareness in the community of the importance of reporting such incidents. The Documentation Project is going well, and can grow in many different areas, but needs more people to get involved in it. SALGA members who are interested in volunteering should call Martha at 754-2485. ▼

GALPAK Update

GALPAK (Gay and Lesbian Parents and Their Kids) is getting a very positive response, and more people are showing up at every meeting. We are in the process of assembling a directory of parents and kids involved in our group as a way of making ourselves more easily accessible to each other. In addition, we are beginning to organize weekend social activities for our kids.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 18, at 7:00 PM in the library of All Souls Church, Biltmore.

For more information, please call Kelly at 299-1129. ▼



Asheville Gay Men's Community Chorus Entertains in "Concert for Lovers"

♪ A CHORUS LINE ♪ by Jerry Conner

"Musical Notes" has changed its title...rather catchy, huh?

Line 1...The Snow came and so did The Asheville Gay Men's Community Chorus (AGMCC) Valentine's Concert. For all those who braved the snow and cold temperatures...the snow went on to applause and great reviews. There were so many of you who bought tickets, and many more who had planned to attend but were unable to make it through the snow, that we have decided to schedule another performance.

Line 2..."A Concert for Lovers" will be performed at 8:00 PM March 10 in the Parish Hall of All Souls Church, Biltmore Ave., Asheville. All previously sold tickets will be honored, and those who attended the original concert are invited to

attend at no charge. Tickets are \$7.00 and may be purchased from any chorus member or at the door. See for yourself why so many have commented on how good we have become!

Line 3...Many of you have expressed interest in our next Cabaret Series. You can begin making plans. We are going to combine our Dinner/Concert with the Gay Pride festivities. "South Pacific" adapted for Asheville will be the theme, and a Luau the meal. More details and ticket information will appear next month.

Line 4...We need your support. Plans are being made to take the chorus to Denver in 1992 to participate in the International Choral Festival sponsored by GALA, the Gay and Lesbian Association of Chorus. Watch for AGMCC sponsored yard sales and fund raisers, and remember that your support will help us to bring more recognition to the Asheville gay community. ▼

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