

More Arrests at Bent Creek

From April 19-21, 28 men were arrested in the Bent Creek area on "misdemeanor charges of solicitation to commit a felony: crime against nature." The men are accused of propositioning male undercover officers. The officers involved were from the Buncombe County Sheriff's Dept., the U.S. Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service, and rangers of the NC Arboretum.

The name and address of a Sylva man was published in the *Asheville Citizen & Times* (4/20/91), although it is the policy of that paper to print names only upon conviction. The Sylva man was also charged with "felony driving with his license revoked."

On January 29, 1990, 33 men were arrested at Bent Creek, and on September 17, 5 more were arrested at a rest area off I-26.

The Crimes Against Nature law in NC prohibits all sex acts other than the missionary position between husband and wife. According to Alfred Kinsey's monumental study of sexual behavior in the U.S., 95% of all heterosexuals engage in sex acts other than, or in addition to, the missionary position. In NC the CAN

law is only rarely invoked against heterosexuals. Like sodomy laws in other states, the CAN law is used selectively against homosexual and bisexual males, most of them arrested in sting operations of the sort used in Bent Creek.

NC is one of 24 states in which sodomy is still illegal. In 26 states, sodomy laws have been abolished. *Information on arrests from the Asheville Citizen & Times, 4/20/91; and the Asheville Citizen, 4/23/91.*

WETS Airs Womyn's Music

The local public radio station in Johnson City, Tennessee, WETS FM 89.5, has a regular program, "Women on the Air," which features womyn's music. It airs on Sundays from 4 to 5 PM. The program is produced by Marie Louise Vichle, and has been on the air for three years. During the station's fundraisers "Women on the Air" brings in more money than any other hour. \$4000 was raised in the hour this year.--Thanks to Martha M. via ANita

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WNCAP. The Board provides overall governance and direction. But the Director must administer the operations of the organization on a day-to-day basis. And the Director, in concert with the Board, must work long term to broaden our base of support. I think the record, including increased grant funding and programs, speaks for itself. It is unfortunate that there are those who would believe Brenda to be somehow "suspect," when, in fact, she is carrying out the original mission of the organization. And doing it admirably.

More than 300 people in our region (nearly four times our current client load) are in one stage or another of treatment for HIV or AIDS. There are many more who are not being treated. We will never be in a position to serve every one of these people, so we must work effectively in the areas where we can make the biggest difference. That's why we applaud the formation of the Mountain AIDS Coalition. We're excited and hopeful about the ways the two organizations will complement and enhance each other.

HIV/AIDS is a difficult and challenging issue. Most of us are moving in uncharted waters, so we try to be very

careful in our decisions. Not every decision will be popular. And, perhaps, not every decision will be the best one.

Candid, sincere, open communication is especially important during times of growth and change. These are difficult issues, too. But communication must be direct, constructive and collaborative. Otherwise, it becomes much like the game of "gossip" we all played as children. The solution is for us to put our personal agendas aside and work together to manage change, rather than have change manage us.

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with a lover or friend who could easily be recognized as gay. Others had changed their phone number, moved, avoided businesses or organizations perceived to be gay, and taken self-defense courses.

Because they are lesbian, gay, or bisexual, 84% of respondents said that they are somewhat or very concerned that they could experience employment discrimination. Of these, two out of three conceal their sexual orientation because of this fear of job discrimination.

A fuller report will be available in the near future from SALGA's Documentation Project. Contact Martha Copeland, 254-2485. ▽

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