

PLEASE NOTE...

National AIDS Lobby Days

All over the country from May 25 to June 3, individuals and organizations will be visiting their Senators and Representatives in their district offices to urge action on the HIV-epidemic.

The AIDS epidemic continues to spread. Opponents of adequate spending and programs continue to hinder our ability to combat the threat we face. Direct, personal contact with your Representatives and Senators will make an important difference. Members of Congress need to be told that AIDS involves people, people we love and care for, people whose lives must be saved.

WNCAP Buddy Training

The Western North Carolina AIDS Project is offering Buddy Training on June 17, 19, 25 and 26. Persons who want to become a buddy must commit to

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the full training program. On June 5, WNCAP is presenting a panel of buddies who will tell about their experiences. Anyone interested in becoming a buddy, or learning more about being a buddy, is welcome. The panel will be held at 7 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church (corner of Edwin Place and Charlotte Street in Asheville). Call Elaine Ferguson at 252-7489 for information on the panel as well as on Buddy Training.

The Documentation Project needs you!

We would like to extend this service beyond Buncombe County, but need more help to do so. If you would like to help record incidents of discrimination, harassment, or violence against lesbians and gay men, please contact Martha Copeland at 254-2485. ▽

Gay Pride Buttons

Gay Pride '91 buttons are available from any member of the WNC Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee. Show your support--buy and wear! Committee members are Ron Huskins, Bill Allen, David Beckett, Jess D., Teri Gibbs, Bill Haines, Fred Meyer, Betty Sharpless, Larry Shotwell and Raymond Ward. ▽

Attention Gay Male Couples

Gay male couples living together needed for study by gay male graduate student. Couples complete questionnaire sent and returned by mail. Call or write Jim Duley, Psychology Department, CB#3270 Davie Hall, UNC-CH, Chapel Hill, NC 27599, (919)942-3858. ▽

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to all contributors to *Community Connections*. Keep sending in your announcements, news items, clippings, and original articles. The deadline is ALWAYS the 15th of the month;

to our *Community Connections* advertisers. These businesses want YOUR business. Please return their support;

to Ron Lambe and TVS for news clippings sent to *Community Connections*;

to those who have reported being harassed or being victims of violence. ▽

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to Dr. and Mrs. Streets, and David and Ben Streets for bringing Rev. Halbe to Asheville;

to Kim Ellis for the program "Bi Any Other Name";

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to Carlos Gomez for facilitating the annual elections. ▽

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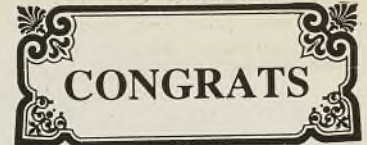
to Mountain Food Products and Deb for donating the vegetables for the salads for the WNC Pride '91 Picnic;

to Arby's in Biltmore for donating the cups for the WNC Pride '91 Picnic;

to the Stable Cafe on the Biltmore Estate for donating the knives, forks and napkins for the WNC Pride '91 Picnic;

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