South Bay Gays Celebrate S.F. Victory

Student Services for Lesbians, Gays and Friends (SSL/GF) has filed action in federal court against Texas Tech University following Tech's denial of registration for the group as a student organization on campus.

SSL/GF president, Robert Reed Obenour, a senior architecture/civil engineering student, indicated the group's "disappointment at the administration stand against allowing us the rights afforded other students at our university."

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The suit was filed through attorneys for Texas Human Rights Foundation at the request of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. (LLDEF) which is involved in legal cases across the nation, countering discrimination against gay men and lesbians.

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3. The denial of registration has encouraged hostility of other students toward the organization.
4. The group has been unable to exchange literature and information which has hampered its educational goals.
5. The students disagree that their organization violates any Texas laws or that it creates any significant public health questions.
6. Texas Tech is reinforcing the traditional myths about sexual stereotypes, specifically homosexuality, which this group wishes to dispel.
7. The denial is illegal and was done intentionally, willfully and with the intent to deprive the group of its statutory and constitutional rights.

The suit seeks three remedies: 1. The court issue a permanent injunction enjoining Tech from continuing to enforce the discriminatory policy against the group.
2. The court declare that the policy of Tech is unconstitutional.
3. The court award the group damages for the deprivation of its constitutional rights to express views and to assemble together, and court costs and counsel's fees.

Fat Fairy, dead

Washington, D.C.  For the second year in a row, expenses associated with the operation of the National Coalition of Black Gays (NCBG) will have the benefit of a $5000 grant from the Chicago Resource Center.

According to Gil Gerald, NCBG's executive director, the announcement of the award was made in a letter from the Chicago Resource Center, dated December 18th. "This grant will go a long way in helping NCBG meet its educational objectives in 1985," said Gerald.

NCBG is the only national lesbian/gay political, educational and service organization whose focus is to promote the healthy development of the Black lesbian and gay community through programs for public education and programs for organizing the Black lesbian and gay community on the local and national levels.

For more information, call (202) 737-5276 or 387-6246.

Suit Filed Against Texas Tech University

by Ted Sahl

Football mania gripped the Bay Area like a cyclone gone berserk. Everywhere I went, tee-shirts, red and gold jackets—and those two giant screens.

Well, the champs did it again and everyone was ecstatic.

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Shock waves are rumbling throughout the California gay community as one of the most popular and active members was shot and killed in a holdup at age 39 at the Chapel of the Chimes in Mountain View. This man will surely be missed.

Fat Fairy, whose real name was Robert Wasson (aka Fat Fairy) died when he was shot in an adult bookstore where he worked in Oakland.

Wasson died instantly. He was 52, and the death is being considered a homicide.

Robert Wasson, also known as Fat Fairy, was one of the most popular and active members of the gay community in California. He was shot at the age of 39 at the Chapel of the Chimes in Mountain View. The death of Fat Fairy has sent shock waves throughout the gay community, and he will be sorely missed.
Assemblyperson Tom Bates to be Honored in East Bay

The Campaign for Equality, the political action fund of the East Bay Lesbian/gay Democratic Club invites the public to attend a reception honoring Assemblyperson Tom Bates (D-Berkeley, Berkeley Lesbian/gay Democratic Club invites the public to attend a reception honoring Assemblyperson Tom Bates (D-Berkeley).

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Oakland), and will be attended by Assemblyperson Tom Bates (D-Berkeley, Berkeley Lesbian/gay Democratic Club.

This event is open to the public and will feature a presentation by Assemblyperson Tom Bates (D-Berkeley).

The event is wheelchair accessible. For further information, call 540-8229.

50 State Lesbian health care survey

The National Lesbian Health Care Survey, conducted by the National Lesbian Health Care Foundation, is a national needs assessment to identify and provide a baseline of Information on lesbian health concerns, has distributed questionnaires in all fifty states as of December, 1984. An analysis of these questionnaires is currently being prepared by the National Lesbian Health Care Foundation. The survey has been conducted in partnership with the American Medical Association, the National Lesbian Health Care Foundation, and the National Lesbian Health Care Foundation.

The survey surveyed over 100,000 women and men who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual. The survey was designed to gather information on health concerns, access to care, and barriers to receiving care. The survey results will be used to inform policy makers, health care providers, and the general public about the health needs of lesbian, gay, and bisexual individuals.

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Fundraiser to Benefit Falwell suit

Sacramento's Lambda Community Fund is sponsoring a fundraiser on February 8th, 1985 to benefit the Legal Assistance Account for Lambda Community Fund and will be used to pay legal fees in the Falwell case. The fundraiser will be open a four-week run at TheatreWorks Winter Festival '85 on February 8th. Best Play of 1979, "The Elephant Man" by Bernard Pomerance will be one of the shows available through the CAPA box office (415) 329-2623, the San Jose Box Office, the Troubadour Box Office and the California Avenue Box Office.

Community Leaders Discuss Blood Test

AIDS Executive Task Force and the National Gay Task Force assembled a delegation of representatives to meet with the AIDS Research Task Force to discuss medical, public education and psychosocial concerns. This test, which assesses an individual's status with AIDS but does not diagnose AIDS, is expected to be released in February for screening blood donations. The AIDS Executive Task Force is chaired by Lowell Harlow, Executive Assistant Secretary for Health, and is composed of representatives of each of the agencies within PHS working on AIDS.

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"AIDS is not only a health threat; it also threatens the privacy of individuals, and the financial well-being of the families who care for them," Senator Marks said. "Government must take action to ensure that the introduction of legislation designed to protect personal information could not be misused for any purpose while fighting the HIV and AIDS battle against this life threatening disease. This senator's AIDS Insurance plan includes generous benefits, up to $60,000 for covered individuals for the first time of continuous hospitalization (90 days after the first year, plus up to $5,000 per year for medical expenses incurred at certified AIDS including doctors' fees, diagnostic work, etc."

"The plan is now available to California residents for approximately $11 per year for each policy."

A full brochure on this program is available at Hollenbeck Insurance Agency, (408) 292-3032.

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**AIDS Insurance available**

Persons in AIDS high-risk groups can now take advantage of a new AIDS medical expense insurance program from Coastal Insurance Company. The new insurance plan pays for covered expenses associated with AIDS, including premiums for those who cannot work because of the catastrophic diseases.

"It is truly frustrating to watch young people dying of this disease," Senator Marks said. "Government must do more for them. We are all in this together, and we must protect our civil rights of Gay Americans, including protections for those who cannot work because of the catastrophic diseases." It is truly frustrating to watch young people dying of this disease," Senator Marks said. "Government must do more for them. We are all in this together, and we must protect our civil rights of Gay Americans, including protections for those who cannot work because of the catastrophic diseases.

**Mark's Pushes Confidentiality**

Television anchor, John Stoddard, the first to marry a woman as the legal "spouse," proposes to marry her as the per-

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**Television Review**

**A mediocre gem at ACT**

By Kirk Read

"The School for Wives" (1662) by Moliere is one of the classics, which is a bit of a contrast to the Merlin Potter's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The Merlin production is a tasty, well-crafted, and enjoyable way to pass a few hours. The production is a testament to his genius.

"His enthusiasm never flags and he leaves one wanting more."

"The School for Wives" is a delightful play, but it is not without its flaws. The character of Hortensio is a bit too campy, and his voice is a bit too high-pitched. However, the overall production is well done.

"It is a play about a man, Ar-\n
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**David presents his Valentine's Day Dinner**

By Kirk Read

With spring just around the corner, and young hearts turn once again to love, we are pleased to present a special Valentine's Day dinner for two at Valentine's Day.

**Television Review**

"A Tardi face opens at Rep" by Kirk Read

"The Servant of Two Masters" (1743) by Carlo Goldoni opens January 6 in the second offering of the San Jose Repertory Company's 1985-1986 season and its first-draft-writing farce format becomes a success.

"A key feature of this plan is that it is a joint plan for all health providers," said William Frankel, president of Coastal. "The only exception is if the insured person has Medicaid, in which case our benefits will pay for the amount, not covered by Medicaid."

The two house servants are taken by ACT stars Sydney Walker as Arnolphe's friend "friend" Arnolphe. Murphy is Horace, Ar-

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**LGBTQ Community**

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Annual bartender's party
by Ted Sahl
Food provided by David's at Main Street made everyone happy at the 5th Annual bartender's party. Lots of people put the event on said the disc jockey, but don't forget Jack Britton. This is the big event for bartenders from far and near. It didn't take long to the bar (The Boot Rack) crowded. The food didn't last long... the music changed to western and the feet began to stomp the floor to good old "Foot Stomping Music." There was lots of button and holler's... exhibition dancing broke out here and there... and they kept us coming through the door. I kept swilling with the crowd (to survive that is). The punch lines, the food had vanished... I looked at my watch, "Good Grief Mary! It's midnight, straight up." I took my box shot and raced out the door. No, I'm not exactly the Cinderella type - I had to be up at 5 in the morning to go to work. Shucks, you should've been there! By the way, did anyone happen to find a slipper any where?

Film history amuses at Palo Alto
by Rick Rudy
"A History of the American Film," the Durang and Marvin musical opened January 11, produced by The Palo Alto Players, and it is fun, but strictly for film buffs. Why, arc you asking, should anyone write a musical history of American Films? Why, indeed! If you like old movies, why not see the real thing instead of stage actors impersonating movie stars? Perhaps the fact that this show has never been a great hit supplies the answer.

The book by Christopher Durang and the lyrics and music by Mel Marvin are comical, poke fun at stereotypes and come at the characterizations in a box of film items from the silent movies through to the disaster movies like "Earthquake" with which the play ends. The direction by Michael B. Elkins is adequate to allow us to recognize the scenes being spoofed, but the pacing is slow and the scene changes take so long that the mood is constantly broken. If you are the kind who wins at Crap, can quote the stock lines from Jimmy Cagney and Bette Davis, and haven't had enough of them on late night TV, then rush to Palo Alto to see this "History of the American Film." If you don't know James Dean, Dietrich from Gloria Swanson (and don't care), you probably won't get much out of this show except a few laughs at the more obvious cliches and stereotypes. Still, it is a chance to see an effort to mix revue material with a serious attempt to support the Players. "A History of the American Film" continues in repertory with "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" and "Oh, Coward!" at the Community Theatre on Middletfield Road, Palo Alto through March 25th. Call (415)329-2652.
Old Island Days:

Old Island Days: An island-wide open house in Key West
ter time to bask in the flavor of the Old Island than during Old Island Days, when open Cari-
ness and a Blessing of the Shrimp Fleet. Enthusiasm.
The blessing on March 31 is the grand finale of the festival. It winds through possible fine art, fashion shows, auctions and numerous musical performances, including a Tennessee Williams Playwrights Festival on February 9.

The place to reside of the old Key West is the historic district, which contains more than 100 buildings built before 1840. The oldest building is the Orlo, which was built in 1832. The district also contains several museums, including the Key West Historical Museum and the Key West Museum of Art and History.

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Announcement
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AIDS: Chapter One

Imagine being struck down with a disease to new it has no name. So deadly, it will kill more than 20,000 people in its first four years.

Se baffling, it is being called the “disease of the century.” Could this be the plot for a new science fiction film? Unfortunately not. This scenario is currently unfolding in real time.

Doctors now have a name for this ailment: Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, or AIDS. How modern science has been unraveling the mystery of the disease is the subject of NOVA's “AIDS: Chapter One,” airing Tuesday February 12 at 8 p.m. on P.B.S. (check your local listing).

NOVA, the award winning weekly science documentary series is produced for PBS by WGBH Boston and is made possible by grants from public television stations, the Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies and Allied Corporation.

“AIDS: Chapter One” takes viewers back to 1981, when the first patients began to appear. The story of the doctors in Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco were reporting a highly unusual illness, in contrast to a form of skin cancer in otherwise healthy, young homosexuals.

Although the two diseases are vastly different from one another, there was one thing they had in common: Both were signs of breakdown in the body's immune system. What was happening?

NOVA picks up the trail in Atlanta, Georgia, where the job of fitting together the early pieces of the puzzle fell to the Center for Disease Control (CDC). With elite corps of epidemiologists investigating the cause and control of the epidemic, NOVA takes the medical detectives at the CDC who sifted through the evidence searching for the who, what, when and where of the deadly ailment.

The hunt for the “why” of AIDS makes up the bulk of NOVA's modern-day detective story. The chase intensifies when two laboratories—one in Bethesda, Maryland, the other in San Francisco—tackle the enigma on the lethal culprit.

All this is played out against a very human backdrop—the ongoing struggle of people who are fighting for their lives. NOVA talks with AIDS patients and their doctors as they watch for signs that treatment methods will be found.