ANCHORAGE FUR RENDEZVOUS
FEBRUARY 8-17, 1991

PARADE DAY
SATURDAY, FEB. 16
GAY COMMUNITY
FLOAT
EXCITING COMMUNITY EVENTS PLANNED

As this newsletter goes to press each month, we are continually amazed as to the number of events occurring in the gay & lesbian community in Alaska. This month alone, we are experiencing the Closet Ball, a fabulous Fur Rondy float, a 4A's Bake-off, brunch and dessert auction, and all of our regular activities. We should all feel proud that we have all these wonderful events going on to help us survive these winter months.

You will notice that we include a membership application on this page each month. Our organization counts heavily on paid memberships for funds and as a source of volunteers to help run our projects. Please take a few moments to fill out the form and join IDENTITY if you are not a member already. We can really use your support.

I would like to encourage all of you to show up this Saturday 2/16 to show your support for the Gay Community Float in the Fur Rondy parade. Dan Cook & his volunteers have put in hundreds of hours and lots of money on our behalf. The press coverage has been wonderful. Let's all show up and cheer as the float drives by.

The men in our community have an opportunity to show their support for gay entertainment on March 2 at the Romanofsky & Phillips concert. The women regularly sell out their concerts, can we men do the same???

Finally, IDENTITY is spearheading a group to start long-range planning & fund raising for a gay & lesbian community center. We are looking for a volunteer from every community group to be a part of this committee. Please call me if you're interested.

Steve Rule - President

YES! I want to join IDENTITY and help work on programs that are important to Lesbians and Gay Men in Alaska. Please add my name to your mailing list. Enclosed are my $25.00 dues.

NAME: ___________________________  Home Phone: ___________________________
Mailing Address: ___________________________  Work Phone: ___________________________

Please contact me. I would like to work on an IDENTITY project.

Although I can't become an IDENTITY member just now, please add my name to your mailing list so I can keep informed about IDENTITY news and projects.

Return this application to IDENTITY, P.O.Box 200070, Anchorage, AK 99520.
Winter is almost over folks, and the Potlucks continue to help us all survive. Our 1991 schedule continues on . . . .

WHEN? Friday, Feb. 22, 1991
TIME? 6:30 PM - Doors Open
7:00 PM - Food Served
7:30 PM - Announcements
Program, Etc.

WHERE? Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Church (The Log Cabin Church).
602 W. 10th, Anchorage

Because of the popularity of the "singing potluck" we had in Dec., we are going to try another musical program this month. Come prepared for some "swinging" music & possibly some dancing. MANY THANKS to the UAA Gay & Lesbian Student Association for their wonder presentation & musical entertainment in January. The UAA-GLSA is a rapidly growing organization & they deserve our support. Judy Moon, Jaime Rodriguez & Glenn Boledovich did a super job of representing the GLSA at the Potluck. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!!!!

GAY FLOAT!

Surely by now you have heard about the fantastic GAY COMMUNITY FLOAT being prepared for the Fur Rondy Parade on Saturday, Feb. 16 in downtown Anchorage. The parade starts at 10 AM and will be traveling on 5th & 6th Avenues between I Street & Cordova Street.

The Gay Community Float is a project that started several months ago with Dan Cook leading the project. Dan's persistent phone calling for money & volunteers has resulted in a large, beautiful float we will all be proud of. This float is possibly the FIRST self-propelled float in Fur Rondy history, although the Times has printed a short story contesting that fact.

This entire float project has been organized & executed without the sponsorship of any community organization. What you see on Saturday will be the result of the work & dedication of a group of individuals who decided to use the Fur Rondy parade to demonstrate the PRIDE the Gay Community has in Anchorage.
THE NOSE knows that many of you have been anxiously awaiting our next column..... so here goes-

CAN YOU BELIEVE that absolutely BUTCH picture of Dan Cook that was published in the Anchorage Daily News??? Dan was all decked out in flannel shirt, jeans and a LEATHER tool belt. He wore the same outfit on TV. The AN wonders which you prefer, Dan in flannel & leather or Cherese in blond hear and a bright dress? Send those cards in folks with your vote. On the serious side, we all APPRECIATE the hard work that Dan has done to raise $$$ & workers to build that float. THANKS!!!

ANCHORAGE has a new SEXAGENARIAN in the form of Al Incontro. Dan threw a wonderful birthday party for Al a few weeks ago and an eclectic group of individuals showed up to help Al celebrate his 60th. I mean, there was even a politician in attendance (NO, not Wally). The number of people in attendance was surpassed only by the number of birthday cards Dan gave Al. Where did you find them all, Dan???

DOWN JUNEAU WAY, word has reached Anchorage that the Summit is now for sale for the paltry sum of $635,000. The Summit restaurant is the usual Wednesday night gathering spot for Juneau G&L individuals. Maybe an entrepreneur will come along and save that gathering spot for the community. Meanwhile, we hear that plans are still moving forward for the annual "The Fabulous Femme Fatals" show in April to be held at the Penthouse Bar. More news later as details arrive.

DID YOU HEAR about the antics of that AUSSIE we all know as Ross, the king of the Blue Moon coat check closet??? Well, it seems that he decided to get naked in front of another man (Frank's out of town) and try to have some fun. It appears the other man was his doctor, who immediately slapped Ross onto an operating table and proceeded to take out his appendix. He claims to have a scar to prove this all really happened. All is well & Ross is rapidly recovering in time for the upcoming Bake-Off & Dessert Auction, a project he originated for the 4A's.

WHERE OH WHERE is that Sylvia Short, the gay community's favorite straight person? Sylvia & Gene are enjoying a long overdue winter vacation in warmer climes, like California and Honduras. They promise to be home soon.

WORD HAS HIT THE STREET that the 4A's has received a supply of provocative new AIDS posters that are causing quite a stir. Various individuals want them to hang in their homes, but ALAS, they are destined for the book stores and other public places to help get across the SAFE SEX message. The AN will let you know exactly where they are located as soon as that information becomes available.

YOU MISSED a wonderful time & some interesting surprises if you did not attend the annual CLOSET BALL last saturday. Our new closet queen is BARBIE DAWN LACHOY and this reporter missed the name of the "selected" closet king. But, we did not miss that tantalizing number performed by MYLA, who wore only the briefest of leather attachments. One lesbian was so impressed she dashed onto the dance floor and "caressed" MYLA during the act. VERY INTERESTING!!! MYLA later performed a second number in black "undergarments ala Madonna style." A fun time was had by all!!!

Enough for this month. Just remember that the NOSE KNOWS ALL, and what we don't know we can usually find someone to tell us. We have correspondents in Juneau & other areas, but we're still looking for someone in Fairbanks to keep us informed. If you enjoy this column, FINE! If you don't, keep your comments to yourself. The NOSE is oh so sensitive to criticism, especially in February. ALOHA!!!
HOLMES AT THE COFFEEHOUSE

Gail Holmes will be headlining a variety show on February 23 at the monthly Alaska Women's Bookstore COFFEEHOUSE. Included in the program is guitar music, the French Horn, ShowerHose, and Friends. If this doesn't all make sense to you, show up for the show and find out what it all means.

Showtime is 8-10 PM. Voluntary contributions are accepted with proceeds being split between the bookstore and the performers. The bookstore is located at 2470 East Tudor Road.

SAFE SEX FOR LESBIANS

For those of you thought safe sex applied only to men, the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association has news for you. On Saturday March 9, the 4A's will be conducting a special workshop for the lesbians in our community. This special workshop will include the following topics:

1. AIDS in the womyn's community;
2. Sexual transmission of HIV and other diseases;
3. Safe Sex practices for lesbians;
4. How to talk about safe sex with partners;
5. Safe Sex kits will be distributed to all participants.

The 4A's plans to make this a fun, educational & empowering workshop for all lesbians, especially those who may have thought that AIDS was not an issue in the womyn's community. Space for this event is limited to 40 womyn. Please call the 4A's at 276-1400 to reserve your space. Ask for SUSAN & leave your name. The cost??? FREE!!! The location??? The Alaska Women's Bookstore. Time? 7:30 PM.

SING ALONG AT LUCY'S

Those women who enjoy singing have the unique opportunity on the 3rd Saturday of every month to join other women at the home of Lucy Frey for a SING ALONG. This is a popular, regular activity for our community that Lucy has graciously hosted in her home for several years. Starting time is 6:30 PM. Directions to the Sing Along are available at the Alaska Women's Bookstore.
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ROMANOFSKY & PHILLIPS IN CONCERT
The UAA Gay & Lesbian Student Association is sponsoring the Anchorage appearance of ROMANOFSKY & PHILLIPS, the popular gay male musical comedy duo. R&P are in great demand on the gay entertainment circuit, and they will be performing TWO shows at 7 and 9 PM, on Saturday, March 2. Both shows will be held at the UAA Campus Center. Tickets are $10 & can be purchased by calling 786-1219.

You should plan to be thoroughly entertained & do lots of laughing at this concert. You will hear such songs as "Womb Envy", "Don't Use Your Penis For A Brain", "My Mother's Clothes", and "What Kind Of Self-Respecting Faggot Am I?". R&P have produced three cassette tapes of their music, all of which can be purchased at the Alaska Women's Bookstore if you want to sample their music ahead of the show.

This special Anchorage appearance by R&P is a fundraiser for the UAA GLSA with support from the UAA Administration. SEE YOU THERE?????

PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE
NorthView continues this monthly column with a salute to....

Ms. Sylvia Short
What can one say about Sylvia?? She often refers to herself as the Gay & Lesbian community's token straight person. Her involvement in programs and issues important to all of us has definitely affected our lives.

Sylvia is well known for her legal advice (yes, she's an attorney), which she willingly dispenses upon request. Several organizations around Anchorage have benefited greatly from that advice and are thriving today because of her dedication. IDENTITY is proud to be one of those organizations.

Sylvia was one of the founding members of The Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association, helping to get Alaskans educated early in the AIDS crisis. She spent countless hours raising money & training volunteers for the 4A's.

Sylvia's main passion is her desire to gain equal rights for ALL people in our society, regardless of race, sex, physical ability, sexual orientation or whatever. You will frequently find Sylvia testifying at public hearings or writing letters to the editor about issues that affect all of us. She also constantly seeks to motivate fellow board members to expand our horizons and seek new challenges. You may get frustrated with her from time to time, but you always manage to work on those projects she feels we all need.

THANK YOU SYLVIA SHORT for being a part of our community!!!!

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BAKE-OFF IS HERE
The Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association is sponsoring a Dessert Auction and Bake-Off Brunch fundraiser at the Raven Bar (618 Gambell St.) on Sunday, Feb. 17 at 12 NOON. People are encouraged to bring their favorite dessert to auction off for a day full of fun, good food, dog sled races & friendship to support the 4A’s. ALL desserts will be judged in these categories: cupcakes, tarts, pastries, best decorated cake, best cheese cake, pies, cookies, jello molds, & candies.
There will be a pasta brunch starting at 12 NOON & available throughout the day. Judges will taste the desserts starting at 2:30 PM. Winners will be announced immediately. Great prizes will be awarded to the winner in each dessert category. The auction will begin at 4 PM. ALL desserts at the Bake-Off will be auctioned off. Everyone is encouraged to attend this 1st annual Bake-Off. There’s a $2 entry fee for each dessert entry & a $3 fee per person for brunch. All proceeds will go to the 4A’s. Entry forms can be obtained by calling 276-1400.

WHAT A GREAT WAY TO END PUR RONDY!!!!

COMMUNITY CENTER PLANNING
Identity President Steve Rule has announced that a special planning committee is being organized to start the planning process for an Anchorage Gay & Lesbian community center. All community groups are being asked to name an individual to serve on this planning committee. Call the HELPLINE at 258-4777 and leave your name & phone number. An IDENTITY board member will return your call ASAP and let you know then the class is scheduled.

CALL FOR TALENT
The 15% INC. has announced that the annual CELEBRATION OF CHANGE will be held on Sat., April 27 in the Discovery Theater at the PAC. They are looking for entertainers, so call the HELPLINE at 258-4777 if you have an interest in performing in this big annual event of the women’s community. The 15% is working hard to fill those 800 seats available this year.

INTERFAITH SERVICE PLANNED
A group of local organizations is holding a special interfaith service for AIDS on February 24 from 6-7PM. This special service is titled:

SERVICE OF HOPE AND AFFIRMATION: A FAITH COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO AIDS
This service will be held at Congregation Beth Shalom located at 7525 E. Northern Lights Blvd. (near the intersection of Muldoon). Sponsors of this event include the 4A’s, ALHIV, Interfaith Council, and the Metropolitan Community Church. Refreshments will be served after the service.

HELPLINE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS
The Anchorage Gay & Lesbian HELPLINE committee has announced that a new training class will be held in March for individuals wanting to work on the HELPLINE. The training class is a one day affair (usually a Saturday) & is designed to provide volunteers with a basic knowledge of how to respond to HELPLINE callers & deal with a variety of situations.

If you’re interested in volunteering for the HELPLINE and would like to attend this training class, call the HELPLINE at 258-4777 and leave your name & phone number. An IDENTITY board member will return your call ASAP and let you know then the class is scheduled.

IDENTITY SEeks NEW BOARD MEMBERS
The annual election of board members for IDENTITY INC. is approaching in April and President Steve Rule has announced that there will be several board vacancies that need to be filled this year. Talk to any current board member or call the HELPLINE if you are interested in serving on the IDENTITY board.

SAFE SEX - JUST DO IT!!!
A special message from THE IDENTITY HEALTH PROJECT!!!
HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST!!!!

Thursday, Feb. 14 - IDENTITY Board of Directors meeting, 5:30 PM.
Saturday, Feb. 16 - Fur Rondy Parade, 10 AM - LOOK FOR GAY COMMUNITY FLOAT!
   Sing Along at Luch's - 6:30 PM
   The Raven Bar, starting at 12 NOON.
Thursday, Feb. 21 - Anchorage Garden Buddies Meeting, 7:30 PM.
Friday, Feb. 22 - Fourth Friday POTLUCK Social, 6:30 PM, Log Cabin Church
Saturday, Feb. 23 - AK Women's Bookstore COFFEEHOUSE, 8-10 PM.
Sunday, Feb. 24 - Interfaith Service for AIDS, 6-7 PM.
Saturday, Mar. 2 - ROMANOFSKY & PHILLIPS concert - UAA - 7 & 9 PM shows.
   Monthly Women's Dance - 8:30 PM - Log Cabin Church.
Saturday, Mar. 9 - Safe Sex for Lesbians, AK Women's Bookstore - 7:30 PM
Thursday, Mar. 14 - IDENTITY Board of Directors meeting, 5:30 PM.
Sunday, Mar. 31 - Deadline for submitting grant applications for grants
   from the Imperial Court.

CONTINUOUS EVENTS: Sunday, 2:30 PM - MCC Church services, UUF Log Cabin Church
   Tuesday, 7 PM - Support Group for families of people
   living with HIV/AIDS.
   Wednesday 7 PM - Support group for people living with
   HIV/AIDS.
   Wednesday 10 PM - Weekly cabaret show at Blue Moon Bar.
   Saturday 2 PM - Self Defense class at Log Cabin Church.
   7 PM - UAA Gay & Lesbian Student Association
   Discussion Group, Room K210, UAA Campus

CALL THE ANCHORAGE GAY & LESBIAN HELPLINE FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION!!!!!!!