

Counseling Center undergoes changes

Seattle-The Seattle Counseling Service for Sexual Minorities has been undergoing administrative and program changes: many of the core staff persons are devoting their energies to fund raising. As of January 1, 1975, the SCSSM is without a funding base. The King County Mental Health Board had previously this year refused a funding proposal for the 1975 budget. Without a \$6000 operation base, the counseling service will have to close its doors.

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Joe Braid, Pat Haggerty, Sam Deaderick, Robert Reinhart, and Chuck Harbaugh are among some of the more active persons working on funding proposals. The staff has arranged for the advice of outside grantpersons to help organize and direct the funding drive. A few specialized, and as of yet, undisclosed funding sources are the focus of this push.

The need for monies is "critical, very critical-like we are fighting for our survival!" according to staff counselor, Chuck Strago. Strago has been instrumental in restructuring staff and volunteer time in order to allow for evening planning meetings, fund-raising events and general brain-storming.

Counseling Service staff members are actively soliciting funding ideas...and donations. Interested and creative persons who wish to share ideas and sources of funds may call EA-9-8737 and ask for Dick Snedigar, or may write Dick at 1720 16th Ave, Seattle 98122, which is the service address. Donations may be made to the Seattle Counseling Service--which is a tax-exempt, non-profit corporation.

Questions about funding needs may also be addressed to Dick Snedigar. The counseling service maintains an open ledger of its monthly debits and credits. Persons requesting financial information may contact Chris Biley, staff accountant, at the above address or phone number.

Centenary-Wilbur Methodist Church, SE 9th and Pine, at 7:30 pm. It is hoped that this will become a monthly affair. The rap session is not a new organization; it is merely a meeting of transvestites, transsexuals, and others who want to rap about their mutual problems and interests. Those who are interested but who cannot attend may write the Counseling Center at PO Box 8773, Portland 97208.

The Center's line is open on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights from 8 pm until 2 am for those who wish to call and discuss their problems. The number is 228-6785.

Counseling Center locates building

Seattle--The Seattle Counseling Service for Sexual Minorities with the help of Seattle Mental Health Services has located a building two blocks from its present location. The building is currently owned by Seattle Mental Health Services who is apparently willing to sell it outright to the Counseling Center by allowing the Counseling Service to assume the current mortgage which requires payments of about \$100 a month.

The property on which the Counseling Service is presently located is being bought up by Seattle Mental Health Services which needs the area for expansion.

Transsexual support group

Beginning the week of Nov. 11, Seattle Counseling Service for Sexual Minorities is starting a supportive rap group for both female to male and male to female transsexuals, post-op and pre-op, welcome. It will be held Nov. 13, Wednesday night at 7:30 pm. Call Rudy or Guy or write SCS 1720 16th E Seattle, Washington, 329-8737 for more information.

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