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CARE Recent Events and Announcements

Annual Fundraising Begun

Hopefully all of you received your letters from CARE requesting annual donations in support of our work. Please send your contributions to CARE as soon as possible.

Don't forget the enclosed form. The form is a way of tracking who gave donations and in what amounts (information we could need one day for an IRS audit), and whether or not we have the correct e-mail and snail mail addresses.

As always, thank you for supporting CARE. Without your support, we could not produce any of our programs.

Martin Luther King Junior Program

CARE will once again work collaboratively with the Donald Heiter Center to produce the Martin Luther King Junior program in January. Babbette Rose-Faison, chair of the Task Force for African American Concerns, will serve as CARE's liaison to the Heiter Center. She and the task force will help to create the program. We will share further developments as they occur.

10 Myths Campaign Update

The research for the "10 myths" brochure is complete. The brochure will list facts that disprove 10 common myths about gay sexuality. We anticipate having the brochure ready for distribution in the next 2-3 weeks, as promised at the Stop the Hate Rally.

The brochure will be distributed through churches, cafes, and other local businesses. It is our hope that word will spread about this brochure, and that CARE can disseminate it widely.

Observances in November

November 1-2 All Saints Day/ All Souls Day
All Saints/All Souls Day commemorates saints in the Christian tradition. Catholics and Anglicans celebrate this day each year.

November 9 Divali

Divali is the Hindu "Festival of Lights." The holiday is celebrated throughout India, and by Indians around the world. Common to all celebrations is the central role played by light. Diyas, or small candles, are lit and placed around the house, all lights are left on in the house, and fireworks or sparklers are lit at night. Divali is also the beginning of the new year for Hindus. Many businesses begin and end their year around Divali. Some Hindus, especially South Indians, perform special pujas (services) during Divali for Laxmi, the goddess of prosperity. Indians also celebrate the return of Ram, a deity and central character in the Ramayana. Houses are thoroughly cleaned, new



clothes are bought, and everything is fresh and new. Children receive presents at this time.

At Bucknell

November 9, 8:00 PM Kristallnacht Observance: I am my Brother's Keeper--Genocide, Past and Present. Two people who witnessed acts of genocide will speak. Their teaching is offered in commemoration of the beginning of the Holocaust.

November 30, December 2 and 4

Christmas Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols. All attending must have tickets. Call Bucknell University for further information about these programs: 570-577-2000

From the news desk of Doug Sturm

1. "School to discipline students for discrimination," The Daily Item (Oct. 10, p. A3)

(This report from Lititz, Pa., (near Lancaster) provokes questions about how thoroughly racist attitudes permeate youth culture and about how public schools might best respond to these attitudes.)

"Three white high school students will be suspended or expelled for yelling racial slurs and throwing trash at a group of black students outside Warwick High School, a district official said.

"The 'disturbing and repulsive' incident was a 'wake-up call' for Warwick, which 'does not have a history of racism' said Warwick School District Superintendent John George....

"For years, students have parked vehicles adorned with Confederate flags in a section of the parking lot they call 'Confederate Row'....."

So think about it. What should schools in the Central Susquehanna Valley be doing to avoid such outbreaks? What are the origins of racist attitudes and actions among the young? Is it possible to cultivate a sensibility that is open and respectful of racial and ethnic diversity?

2. "A history of rope, and shame." The Daily Item (Oct. 14, p. F1)

(This is the title of a powerful column by Leonard Pitts, commenting on the nooses hung from a tree in Jena, La., which, along with other incidents has created a stir across the nation. Pitts reminds us of a number of similar cases in the recent "history of rope":

"A noose is left for a black workman at a construction site in the Chicago area. In Queens, a woman brandishes a noose to threaten her black neighbors. A noose is left on the door of a black professor at Columbia University. And that's just last week. Go back a little further and you have similar incidents at the University of Maryland in College Park, at a police department on Long Island, on a Coast Guard Cutter, in a bus maintenance garage in Pittsburgh."

Pitts goes on to recite terrifying cases of lynchings during the first half of the 20th century, remarking that "in recent years we the people have backwards traveled from even the pretense of believing our loftiest ideals."

He concludes with a lamentation: "A history of rope would drown your conscience in blood." It is, sad to say, easy to rest in comfort with the feeling

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we have made steady progress toward genuine democracy in this land. But have we?

3. "The Oh-Really Factor," Susy Buchanan & David Holthouse," Intelligence Report (Fall '07, 12-14)

This article, in the latest issue of the Southern Poverty Law Center's quarterly, IR, states that:

"A 'national underground network' of pink pistol-packing lesbians is terrorizing America. 'All across the country', they are raping young girls, attacking heterosexual males at random, and forcibly indoctrinating children as young as 10 into the homosexual lifestyle, according to a shocking June 21 segment on the popular Fox News Channel program, 'The O'Reilly Factor'."

The program was entitled, "Violent Lesbian Gangs a Growing Problem."

What, to these authors, underlies such charges? In part, a wild distortion of some scattered cases of violence, and in part a nationally organized group that calls itself "Pink Pistols," which, contrary to the impression offered by Fox, is a group of gays and lesbians who own firearms for purposes of self defense!