

## LGAES founder Sebesta resigns

Meeting announcement for the June 6th meeting of the Lesbian & Gay Associated Engineers and Scientists states that founder Ed Sebesta will be resigning from all LGAES activities effective immediately after the meeting.

States Sebesta, "I have talked to Rick Rudy of High Tech Gays in the South Bay and they will take over and honor all memberships. After 5 years I have finished all I wished to do in LGAES and I am moving on to other interests which include personal ones.

"I will over the next year or so archive all of LGAES records and accomplishments and index all records. A history of our organization will be compiled and copies sent to the major historical archives.

"I am now a founding director in the San Francisco Bay Area Historical Society and will also make our club's records available to them. . .

"A long time ago when I founded the club," Sebesta stated, "the Gay rights ordinance in San Jose had been defeated and I was idealistic and wanted to change things. I went to the original BAGLIS meeting where a victim of security clearance denial was attacked and the military defended. I was so appalled that I

founded LGAES. . .

"I still have my ideals and my gay liberationist interest, but I have no longer the time or inclination to run LGAES single-handedly month in and month out. I have also found the political interests I have are not the interests of the great many gay high-techs, theirs are primarily social.

"At first I used to look down upon this, after all I am sure that in the NAACP there isn't incessant whining about it being too political. However, I think that for a great many engineers basic social needs are unmet and this is a priority. I don't think engineers are generally made for discos, bars, or the usual gay social outlets. . .

"I do think that in 5 or 10 or 15 years from now gay high-techs will decide that they can do something about their situation and that the Mattachine-like policies of . . . 'uncle Tom' organizations aren't getting them anywhere. . .

"In the meantime," Sebesta concluded, "I think I can contribute more in the historical society to increase gay identity, and sense of purpose. . .

"I will always be willing to send xeroxes of papers to serious interested parties. I do feel that LGAES has done a lot and I feel that in High Tech Gays there is a good group that will provide a steady avenue of progress." □