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GAY PRIDE '88 IN LEXINGTON by Craig Clere

The May 24 issue of The Advocate included a listing of June Gay Pride events occurring around the country. Lexington's plans were included, along with New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Boston and all your favorite cities. We've got a class act here in the Bluegrass! In fact, our week-long schedule of events is matched only by Albuquerque, NM, the only other city listed which has at least one event scheduled each day for the entire week. Here's what is planned for your enjoyment.

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The Sunday kick-off of this year's celebration is loaded with events. As in years past, Interweave will begin Lexington's Pride Week with a 10:45 am service at the Unitarian Universalist Church devoted to gay and lesbian issues. The service will be a retrospective of events which occurred during the past year, focusing primarily on activities in Kentucky but including major national events.

Following Interweave's service the action shifts to Great Moments Restaurant, 137 West Vine Street. Pride Week Brunch begins at 12:30 pm. The cost is \$6 and reservations are required. Please call 233-0001 to confirm your table. Next on the agenda is a Tea Dance, also at Great Moments, beginning at 4 pm. Admission is \$2, but for this event, just show up at the door. The Imperial Court of the Bluegrass Empire will make its traditional contribution to the celebration, the Show for Gay Pride, beginning at 9 pm. Admission to the ICBE show at Great Moments is \$3.

Monday evening will include a Pride Week Banquet and Keynote Address at Great Moments beginning at 7 pm. The price for a buffet dinner is \$7 and tickets are available from all Committee Members. Check the special insert for names and numbers because tickets must be purchased before Saturday, June 10. Following the banquet at 8:30 pm, Urvashi Vaid, Public Relations Director for the

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, will be giving the keynote address. Ms. Vaid is a nationally recognized gay rights activist, as well as a dynamic speaker. The presentation is free and does not require attendance at the preceding banquet. The 1988 Gay Community Service Awards will be presented.

Tuesday is Bowling Night at Joyland Lanes, located on Paris Pike just north of the I-75 intersection. Starting at 9 pm, this will be a fun evening, whether you plan on bowling or just partying with friends. Four games and shoe rental will cost only \$4.

Lexington's gay and lesbian artists will be featured at Arts Night on Wednesday evening, 7 - 9 pm, ArtsPlace, 161 North Mill Street. Musical and theatrical performances by members of Lexington's gay community will accompany the exhibits. Both Joseph-Beth Booksellers and Sqecial Media have been invited to have tables offering gay and lesbian literature, pins, games, and more. Admission is free.

The Victorian Square Party Room, just across from the Opera House on Short Street, will be the site of Video Night, Thursday from 7:30 - 11:30 pm. Maurice and Desert Hearts will be shown. There is a \$1 admission charge. Refreshments will be available.

Friday brings GLSO's monthly Coffeehouse and Dance at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Road, beginning at 8:30 pm. This month's C/D celebrates not only Gay and Lesbian Pride, but also the first anniversary of these popular events. The Coffeehouse and Dance Committee has prepared a special evening by booking Jamie Anderson and Martie Van Der Voort from Arizona. Admission is \$4.

The annual Pride Week Picnic will take place Saturday from 12 noon until 5 pm at Jacobson Park, off Richmond Road. Bring a basket lunch, your frisbees, baseballs, (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

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volleyballs and tanning lotion. Just look for the signs only gay men and lesbians will recognize!

The newest organization helping our community, the Aids Volunteers of Lexington, considered holding its Summer Benefit as the final event of Pride Week. AVOL decided to postpone the Benefit because of a conflict with Father's Day. Those of you on the GLSO News mailing list will receive a separate invitation when AVOL's plans are finalized. The Gay and Lesbian Pride celebration offers a great variety of events. Lexington is fortunate to have a strong, active group of individuals donating their time, energy and resources to put together such a large scale Take advantage of this annual celebration. event, have fun with friends, and be a part of our thriving gay community.

CDC MAILS "UNDERSTANDING AIDS"

On May 26, the Centers for Disease Control began the mailing of "Understanding AIDS" to the 108 million households and post office boxes in America. The brochure stresses preventive education and contains material on transmission of the disease, IV drug use, condoms, testing and sex education. Health officials in Great Britain sent a similar mailing to their citizens last year.

Part of the "America Responds to AIDS" campaign, the brochure symbolizes the dilemma faced by the government in fighting the A nationwide mailing was initially disease. discussed about two years ago, but postponed because of concern by Congress, additional 40,000 AIDS cases have reported in those two years. Because AIDS is primarily transmitted through sex and IV drug use, it is not something the general population talks about openly. And since sodomy and drug abuse are illegal, such frank discussion raises questions for politicians which go beyond simple embarrassment.

Residents of central Kentucky should prepare for the barrage of "Letters to the Editor" and righteous indignation from church leaders. Rep. Jim Bunning fired the opening shot by mailing his constituents a postcard to warn them that sexually explicit material was on the way. Most people have already heard enough about the disease to form an opinion. The arrival of "Understanding AIDS" in every mailbox may enlighten a few, but will probably

incense many more.

MARCHING FOR OURSELVES AT HOME IN KENTUCKY

On Saturday, June 25, Louisville will see its second annual gay rights March for Justice. Organizers of the March anticipate last year's success will spark an even more

impressive event this summer.

A pre-march rally, including music and information tables from organizations throughout Kentucky and surrounding areas, begins at 11 am in Central Park. At noon the March for Justice will begin its trek to the courthouse in downtown Louisville, where the afternoon will culminate with a post-march rally featuring speakers of state and national

prominence.

The importance of this event cannot be overstated. For the past several years the Greater Louisville Human Rights Commission has been working towards passage of local legislation prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. Last year's March included 300 lesbian, gay and straight people, and presented a strong demand for such legislation. It is imperative this summer's March send an overwhelming voice demanding equal rights for us all. Your participation is greatly needed! For more information, including car pooling to Louisville, call Steve or Craig at 266-8887.

ILLINOIS COURT REJECTS ADULT ADOPTION AS A WAY TO INSURE GAY INHERITANCE

A Cook County Circuit Court recently rejected adult adoption as a way for gays to insure that their lovers would be considered heirs. Adoption of an adult is permitted in

many states.

In this Chicago case, Mary Cross created a trust naming her son David as beneficiary. Upon the son's death the trust proceeds were to be distributed to the surviving descendants. After his mother died David adopted Gilbert, his roommate of 16 years, making the roommate a surviving descendant and therefore beneficiary of the trust. David died about a year after his mother, and two cousins sued to acquire the funds held in trust.

In the opinion, Judge Siegan wrote, "If she had intended that David could adopt anyone and appoint to that person, the words 'my descendants' would be meaningless. Gilbert was not adopted until after the death of Mary and therefore was not one of Mary's descendants at the time of her death."

The effect of this decision on Kentucky law is uncertain, but it again illustrates the problems faced by gays and lesbians in

long-term relationships.

AVOL AWARDED STATE GRANT

The Kentucky AIDS Education Project has awarded \$2,084 to AVOL for education and risk reduction activities. The funds have not yet been released, but are intended to cover the period May - December, 1988. AVOL will use the money for brochures, patient resource material, condoms, and phone, printing and mailing expenses. Since formation in October, AVOL has raised over \$5,000 and spent about \$2,000. The state grant should cover many of the organization's regular expenses for the balance of this year.

Receipt of the grant was important so

the group could concentrate on improved patient care services. With the help of Comp Care and Hospice, AVOL has a Buddy System and support groups in place. The next major goal is establishment of a residence for patients in need of housing. Housing Committee members have visited Louisville to learn the details about Glade House and are working on a similar program with the support of other community agencies. Additional grant applications are anticipated, but local support is needed for property acquisition and on-going operation.

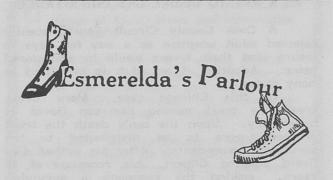
HUNDREDS MARCH FOR PRIDE IN DUBUQUE

Nearly 600 people participated in Dubuque's Second Annual Gay/Lesbian Pride March on April 30. Marchers poured in from the upper midwest, and from cities as far away as New York, San Francisco and Miami.

The crowd was reminded of the first march last September in which 30 marchers were pelted with obscenities and eggs by approximately 300 angry counterdemonstrators.

This year marchers were heckled by a few observers, but police adequately staffed the event and discouraged outbreaks of violence.

Representative Tom Jochum (D-Dubuque) addressed the rally, saying "I stand here before you today calling for an end to violence and an end to discrimination because I believe in justice. The Constitution is not negotiable."



We hope that all of you enjoyed the many special activities May had to offer as much as we did. Not to be outdone, June looks even better! After all, in the spotlight is Pride Week, and it would be difficult to top that. Be sure that you don't miss out on anything - information about all the various activities can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

We're still hoping to hear from more of you out there as to how you feel about Esmerelda's Parlour. What we have here is a wonderful opportunity to provide information and an artistic outlet. However, handful of people are involved in its production, and each month we are met with a new challenge to come up with something that will truly interest all of you. We can only hope that you've enjoyed the mix that we've come up with, and hope that you don't mind our experimentation. Possible topics for the future include women therapists and gay and lesbian owned and/or operated businesses. We will also continue to include movie and book reviews and poetry whenever we can. love to get more contributions from you all any ideas are welcome!

Just to keep you updated on a few items previously mentioned in Esmerelda's Parlour, the much-hyped Lesbian Passion Discussion Group finally get under way with a dessert potluck on Sunday, May 22. But it's not too late to get involved, so if you're interested, call us at 255-3851. Also, we've had an encouraging response to our call for women to staff the Gayline. We should be having a training session early in June, and we'd love to have even more of you join us.

And now for the fun stuff: Esmerelda's featured article this month has been reprinted from the Dallas, Texas newsletter <u>Diversions</u>. Written by Ashley Taylor, "13 Ways To Make Sure a Romance Doesn't Work" is too much fun (and worthwhile to boot) to not be passed on. Hope you all enjoy it as much as we did. Until next month.

Debbie & Teresa

13 WAYS TO MAKE SURE A ROMANCE DOESN'T WORK from Ashley Taylor

Trom Ashley Taylor

1. On the first date, you talk about having a commitment. Concentrate on having a good time and getting to know each other. Don't be pushy about a commitment, you might push that person away.

2. Nag and worry about her ex. Come on girls everyone is allowed to have a past. Concentrate on making you current

relationship satisfying for both of you.

3. Take your date to the bar and then gripe about who she dances with. That's what bars are for, to socialize and have a good time. If you can't handle that, then I wish you good luck when you invite your date to come over and dance with only you in between commercials on your stereo.

4. If you are into athletics and your date isn't, do not talk about how to slide into home plate. If you are somewhat femme, don't tell your date all about picking out nail polish. Try to talk about things both of you can get

into.

5. Think that everyone is after your woman. Don't be possessive. You might think that your girlfriend is topnotch, but to others she may be like Lassie; friendly but too furry

6. <u>Take her for granted</u>. Expect to have a meal on the table and you clothes washed. If you keep doing this, you will run her off and then you'll have to eat your own

cooking.

7. Love her only when she's happy, strong, and confident. She needs you more when she is down and out. If you won't give her support, there is always someone else who will

8. After the 1st night you sleep together, tell her she reminds you of so & so in bed. Then you can try yelling "Good morning" as she is walking out the front door.

9. <u>Criticize the dresses she wears.</u>
At least, her wardrobe does not consist strictly of 501's and flannel shirts. There's always someone who will like that dress or the stores wouldn't sell it.

10. Expect your girlfriend to be Princess Charming everyday. Everyone has an off day. It's ok for her to "muddy" her white horse - haven't you muddied yours a

couple of times.

11. Expect your girlfriend to think your best friend is super. Just because you enjoy watching your friends slam down beers and dance on tables, doesn't mean your girlfriend does. You can not expect her to like everything you like.

12. Get angry and make a scene if she talks to her ex. Get a grip, Honey! It says a lot about a person if they can be friends with their ex-lovers. Are you friends with

any of yours?

13. Last but not least, expect your lover to do everything with you. Sometimes it is nice to go shop with a friend or have a beer. Let your wife out of the house without you being 10 inches behind her and you might have more things to talk about when you are together. A relationship that puts other activities and friends in the back seat is more than likely headed for disaster.

Of course, you should take all this with several grains of salt and please don't call us in the morning if this advice doesn't work!

UNDER THE BLEACHERS from Teresa

Hey sports fans! Tired of all that old hat Major League stuff? Sick of the Orioles' loosing streak and Pete Rose's temper tantrum?

Have I got an answer for you.

Tuesday nights. 8 pm. Castlewood Park. "What's up" you ask? It's the GLSO sponsored softball team, the "Critters." Yes, every Tuesday night at 8 pm you can be a part of the excitement. Help cheer on your "official" women's softball team to victory.

At 3 and 2 right now, the Critters are heading their way to tournament time and, hopefully, a winning season. They need your support. So come "out" and cheer for the home team. It's exciting, intense, and a great opportunity for girl-watching.

The Critters last game is June 7, so hurry out while there's still time. See you in

the stands!

UNTITLED By Christine M. Maier

Hold me, she whispered into my throat, her breath weaving

through the hairs on my nape, her voice

ragged. Hold me, she said, and I did, though I knew she hadn't asked it,

to ask was forbidden.

She never said

hold me.

She whispered into my throat.

Her breath

wandered soft beneath my ear, soundless, as though

I had imagined her. My illusions withdrew,

ragged.

Hold me, she said, and I did

know how. I curled around her, she drifted

through me, past me, away. You can't

hold me, she whispered

into my throat,

her breath,

not aloud.

short, her eyes wet. You can't, she said, no

one can. I touched

my fingers to her lips. My pulse grew ragged.

Hold me, she said, and I did

not turn away.



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ISSUES IN TESTING: WHO SHOULD TAKE THE TEST? by: Jim Pickett

One of the most important and controversial issues surrounding AIDS today is the question, "who should take the test?" In answering that question it is important to understand just what the test is, what it proves, and what it does not.

The test is not a test for AIDS. It is a test to show if a person has produced antibodies to the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), the virus known to cause AIDS.

Originally introduced in 1985 as part of an emergency effort to safeguard the nation's blood supply, the test to identify HIV infected blood is fairly simple. There are three laboratory versions of the test available, the ELISA, the Western Blot and IFA.

The ELISA reacts to the presence of HIV-specific antibodies in the blood being tested, showing a more intense color as larger quantities of antibodies are present. Because the ELISA was developed to protect the nation's blood supply it is highly sensitive and often shows "false positive" results. This means that some tests will indicate that the HIV antibody is present when in fact it is not.

For this reason it is essential that blood showing a positive result with the ELISA be retested with the more specific Western Blot or IFA to confirm actual positive status. This retesting is extremely important to protect the mental health of the person being tested.

None of these tests are totally conclusive as it can take a person from two weeks to six months to produce the HIV antibody after the person has been infected. This is referred to as a "window period." Because of the six month window period for antibody development, the test should not be considered an easy or complete answer to an individuals' questions about their vulnerability to AIDS.

First and most importantly, these are not tests for AIDS but only for antibodies to HIV. People testing positive may or may not develop AIDS. Without certainty of diagnosis, and with no cure for such a deadly disease, knowing one's antibody status sometimes raises more questions than it answers.

A positive antibody test result does not, by itself, indicate that a person has AIDS. The CDC definition of a person with AIDS requires three things: infection with the virus, a lowered immune system, and the presence of at least one of the opportunistic infections associated with AIDS.

The corollary, a negative test result, can mean two things. It can mean a person has not been infected with the virus, or, it can mean that the person is, in fact, infected but has not yet developed antibodies.

The effect of the test result on the individual becomes more important as issues of personal responsibility and community resources come into play. Since there is medical agreement that an HIV-infected person is potentially infectious to others, a positive test result brings a burden to bear upon that individual to not engage in behavior that could spread the virus to others. That is an enormous burden for a person to bear without adequate counseling or emotional support.

A person who tests positive becomes part of the "worried-well" - those who are concerned with learning new ways of leading a fulfilling life, paying increased attention to their diet and lifestyle, and who live with the constant anxiety of their infected state turning into full-blown AIDS.

On the other hand, a person who takes the test and receives a negative result often experiences great relief and a false sense of security so that all precautions are abandoned. Or, the "test negative" person may truly be infected, but without adequate knowledge of how antibodies develop assumes him/herself to be free from infection and proceeds with, perhaps, a pregnancy, or engages in a new sexual relationship, unwittingly placing loved ones at risk.

As you can see, the question "who should take the test" raises questions about the kinds of services and resources available, and, of course, about what information is available at the test site so that those tested can use the knowledge gained from the test to effectively reduce the spread of AIDS.

Local, free testing is available at both the Fayette and Madison County Health Departments. These sites offer pre- and post-test counseling, and testing is both voluntary and anonymous. Although AVOL does not offer testing it can provide additional information and on-going support services. The phone numbers for these services are printed each month in the DIRECTORY section of this Newsletter.

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LEXINGTON PRIDE WEEK COMMITTEE representing AVOL/DIGNITY/DSA/GLSO/ICBE/INTERWEAVE presents

GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE WEEK

June 12-19, 1988

SUNDAY Pride Week Service, 10:45 am

Pride Week Brunch, 12:30 pm

Tea Dance, 4 pm

Show for Gay Pride, 9 pm

MONDAY

Pride Week Banquet, 7 pm Pride Week Keynote Address, 8:30 pm, by Urvashi Vaid, Public Relations Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

TUESDAY Bowling Night, 9 pm

WEDNESDAY Arts Night, 7 - 9 pm

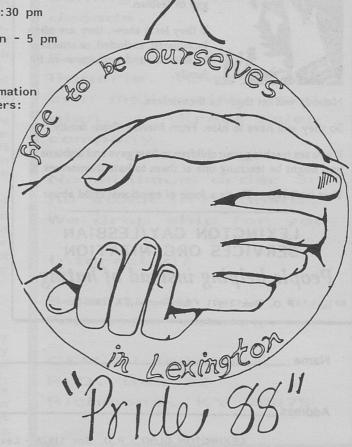
THURSDAY Video Night, 7:30 - 11:30 pm

FRIDAY Coffeehouse and Dance, 8:30 pm

SATURDAY Pride Week Picnic, 12 noon - 5 pm

For Pride Week Banquet tickets or information contact The Pride Week Committee Members:

> Bill..... 266-9175 Barry.... 268-3935 Robin.... 233-9223 Jeff..... 252-5248 Terry.... 255-5472 Craig.... 266-8887 Jerry.... 272-7381 Keith.... 269-8417 Teresa.... 255-3851



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INTERWEAVE PLANNING FOR CONVO '89 from Craig Clere

The Convocation '89 planning committee of Interweave, the gay/lesbian support group of the Lexington Unitarian Universalist Church, has already been hard at work, though Convo '89 is still eight months away. The UULGC (Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian and Gay Concerns) will be holding their 5th Continental Convocation here in Lexington over President's Day Weekend in February. Interweave is serving as the hosts for the event.

The committee has been meeting biweekly since the Portland Convocation in February. Sub-committees have been formed with work beginning last month on individual sub-committee assignments. The Finance sub-committee helped Dignity/Lexington with May's Coffeehouse & Dance, as a fund raising project. Several members spent one long evening reading and discussing all the participant evaluations from the previous Convocation, hoping to get ideas of what to do and not to do here in Lexington.

So what does this have to do with you, if you're not in Interweave? Plenty! This event will attract attention to Lexington, both in the gay and the "straight" press. Interweave will be asking for the involvement of the other gay and lesbian groups, as well as other supportive non-gay groups, in developing our anti-sodomy law protest. We've already had several creative ideas for protests, (as you might imagine!) This protest is mandated by the Unitarian Universalist Association since Kentucky still has sodomy laws on the books.

In addition there will several events of interest to the gay and lesbian community that will be held in conjunction with the Convocation. This is an exciting time for Interweave and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington. Join us in our excitement!

HATE CRIME BILL PASSES HOUSE

After nearly a six year campaign led by the NGLTF for a federal response to anti-gay -lesbian violence, the House of Representatives passed the Hate Crime Statistics Act May 18. The bill requires federal collection of statistics on crimes motivated by prejudice based on "homosexuality or heterosexuality," as well as for other reasons. A companion bill awaits action in the Senate.

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FROM DIGNITY'S PRESIDENT

It will be a busy month. Somewhere in between meetings I am helping my sister move to Orlando, Florida, then I go to Palm Springs, California, and return to participate in Pride Week. I also turn 27. It will be a

good month.

If it seems I equate busy with good, that would be a fair assessment. While I do hope to spend some quiet evenings with the schnauzer, I am a "doing" person. I look forward to doing a lot. I have had so many good learning experiences from all this activity. Dignity is one of the many things I enjoy doing. Whether it be speaking as Dignity president, taking part in a panel discussion for the Task Force for Peace & Justice, enjoying the spirituality of other lesbians and gays at a Dignity liturgy, or listening to fellow Rap Session people talk of their growth, all this doing is doing me well. I'll bet that's true for you and all you're doing. Join us at Dignity soon.

Peace, Keith

TASK FORCE ON PEACE & JUSTICE

As part of a five-person panel, Dignity's president will be representing Dignity/Lexington in a presentation on lesbian and gay issues. As a result of the painful decision of the Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice not to endorse last October's March on Washington, the Council decided to educate itself. The discussion should be quite interesting and educational. All are welcome. Wednesday, June 1, 7:30 pm in Rooms 1 & 2 in the Newman Center.

CONVENTION

It's not too late to go to a great convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Dignity/Region V's Convention is July 4th weekend. If it interests you, it should be a good time. Call Dignity, 269-8417, or the fine folks in Grand Rapids (616) 949-4099, for registration and information.

DIGNITY EVENTS

In addition to being a sponsor of Pride Week, two important Dignity events occur in June. On the 7th, our Liturgy is combined with a potluck at Larry's (254-9812), 6:30 pm (different locale and time). Our Rap Session topic this month is "Play," at Keith's 7:30 pm. Join us for the fun!

FED'S BAN INTERSTATE PHONE FOR SEX

On April 28, President Reagan signed a law prohibiting interstate communication by phone that is obscene or indecent. Introduced by Sen. Jesse Helms, the law passed both houses of Congress by a large margin. It goes into effect on July 1.

Phone sex lines became common as they were promoted as the ultimate form of safe sex in the era of AIDS. Operators of such lines will face fines of up to \$50,000 per day for violating the new law. The measure may be challenged in court on constitutional grounds.

800 TRAVEL HOTLINE

The Lambda Hotline is now in service for toll-free use by the gay/lesbian public nation-wide. The Hotline is an 800 telephone line designed to help our community plan travel with ease and affordability. Operators can give callers information about most destinations in the U.S. The objective is to make travel planning quick and easy by helping gays and lesbians make informed decisions about hotels, nightclubs and special events before starting a trip. The Hotline can be reached at 1-800-TRIP-GAY.

ASK AUNT MARY

Dear Aunt Mary: I am an established and respected gay citizen in Lexington. I have a nice circle of friends and everything is perfect in my life, except for one thing: The man I'm devastated over is irresponsible, inconsiderate, pretty much a bum, except for a waiters job he works downtown. But I'm infatuated with him anyway. Also, I am finding myself being taken for granted a lot with him.

I have broken off our relations almost totally, except for a bar scene or two where I've been forced to deal with him. But I'm still infatuated with him, and it nags at me not to see him. The big question is how do I get excited about men that society tells me are successful and go with the norm. I need to know how to once again get excited about men in my own social circles.

Sexually Distressed - Lexington.

Dear Distressed: My dear child, I do hope you realize that to go with the "NORM" would require you to pursue an individual of the opposite sex, propose marriage and (gasp!), actually go through with it. My mind becomes fuzzy with images of two story brick homes in Hartland, garages full of Oldsmobile sedans and Chevrolet station wagons with wood grained side panels, children demanding their allowances and pets waiting to be taken to the vet. Some things, you see, can be carried entirely too far.

Your attitude seems to be that someone who measures success differently than you do is somehow "below" you. If those in your social circle are encouraging this attitude, perhaps the biggest problem is that you have surrounded yourself with a group of extremely boring people. This could explain why you have trouble getting excited by men in you own social group. "Variety is the spice of life" is more than just a cliche.

Perhaps if you learned not to use what "society tells you" as a yardstick to measure others, you would feel more deserving of someone who is interesting, exciting, considerate and responsible. Men who fit this description are plentiful if you remove the restrictions on what they "should" be professionally, socially, politically, etc., etc., and etc.

In the mean time your choice seems to be between resuming a relationship with someone who is "pretty much a bum," or starting one with someone who fits in well with your social circle but bores you. My dear, life is too short for either of these choices!

Aunt Mary

If you would like to write to Aunt Mary, send your letter to: Aunt Mary, c/o GLSO, Post Office Box 11471, Lexington, Kentucky, 40575. If you would like a personal reply, please include a stamped, self addressed envelope. All names are strictly confidential.

JUNE COFFEEHOUSE

At the GLSO Coffeehouse and Dance on Friday, June 17, we will be celebrating not only our gay and lesbian pride (certainly reason enough for celebration!), but also the one-year anniversary of our 1st Coffeehouse. And what a year it has been! Singing and dancing, game shows and drag shows, local and visiting artists, a piano bar and open mic . . . you name it, and we've tried it. We will do our best as we tackle a new year of possibilities and meet the challenge of maintaining a mix of entertainment that will keep you coming back time and again. After all, you are what makes it all worth it.

Before we let you in on June's entertainment, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Reel World String Band for their performance at the April Coffeehouse. Our expectations were more that met as we were treated to a full set of their wonderful music, after which we got to test our prowess at square-dancing (much to the amusement of the onlookers.) Thanks Reel

World, for a great time!

And now, for June we are pleased to be able to present Jamie Anderson and Martie Van Der Voort, two women from Tuscon, Arizona, who will be singing for us. They are who will be singing for us. contemporary folk musicians who have performed their original songs about women at both the Michigan and the West Coast Music Festivals. They spent 1987 touring the Southwest and Midwest, and now they're here, and we feel very fortunate to have them for our Pride Week Coffeehouse. The doors will open at 8:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church, and the entertainment will last about an hour beginning at 9 pm (don't be late!) And, as always, there will be plenty of time for dancing and visiting afterwards. The cost will be \$4 (\$1 of which will go towards covering Pride Week expenses,) and its BYOB. See you there!

GAY AMERICA

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Lesbian civil rights attorney Roberta Achtenberg lost her bid for a 16th district seat in the California State Assembly. Only 26% of the district's registered voters cast ballots. Had Achtenberg been elected, she would have been the first openly homosexual member of the Assembly.

STAUGHTON, WI

In its April issue, Norse Star, the student newspaper of Staughton High School, ran an ad for a gay teenager support group from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. The paper first ran the ad last November and sparked considerable protest from local merchants and the school board. A majority of people attending a subsequent school board meeting supported the student's right to decide the content of their newspaper, thereby allowing the newspaper's staff to rerun the ad.

WASHINGTON, DC

Rejecting a bitterly anti-gay campaign spearheaded by Moral Majority founder Jerry Falwell, the Senate and House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly on March 22 to override President Reagan's veto of a

major civil rights bill.

Falwell told his followers the bill would require churches and religious leaders "to hire a practicing active homosexual drug addict with AIDS to be a teacher or youth pastor." Contrary to Falwell's assertions, the bill does not address gay issues. Nonetheless, gay civil rights advocates still consider the veto override as a victory for gay rights because Congress did not succumb to the homophobic lobbying.

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INTO THE FUTURE

June 3-5, 1988. NAMES Project Quilt Exhibit.
Cleveland, OH.
June 3-5, 1988. 9th Annual World Conference
of Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition
International. Columbus, OH.
June 4, 1988. Gay & Lesbian Pride Day. Dayton, OH.
June 25-26, 1988. New York City's Annual
Gay/Lesbian Pride March, Rally and
Dance. New York City, NY.
June 26, 1988. Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian
Pride Celebration Parade.
Los Angeles, CA.
June 26, 1988. 7th annual March on the
Midwest, Equality in '88. Columbus, OH.
July 1-4, 1988. Northwest Gay/Lesbian Sports
Festival. Seattle, WA.
July 2-4 1988. Dignity Region V Convention.
Grand Rapids, MI.
July 4-9, 1988. 8th Annual Convention of the
National Association of Black and White
Men Together, Boston, MA.
July 21-24, 1988. 6th Bi-Ennial International
Assembly of Lutheran Concerned/North
America. Toronto, Canada.
July 22-24, 1988. Kirkridge's "AIDS Grief
and Healing" workshop. Bangor, PA.
August 20-27, 1988. GAYLA X - Gay Men's
Conference at Ferry Beach. Saco, ME.
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February 17-20, 1989. 5th Annual Continental
Convocation of Unitarian Universalists
for Lesbian & Gay Concerns.
Lexington, KY.

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED! Two women need a ride to the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival. Call Gina or Sheryl, 254-3849.

GWM, 22, 5'5", 115 lbs, BI, BI. Seeks friends 18-35. Send photo and letter to: Greg, HC85 Box 635, Garrett, KY 41630.

GWM, 32, 5'9", 150 lbs, dark brown hair/eyes, clean shaven. Looking for that "someone special," 18-29, ave wgt, clean shaven w/smooth chest, for friendship and possible relationship. Serious inquiries only. Reply to: J.C., Box 12225, Lexington, KY 40581.

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JUNE EVENTS CALENDAR

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