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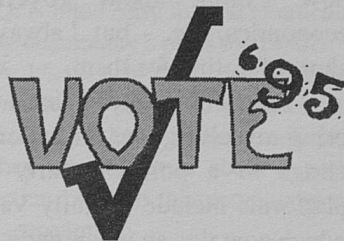
GLSO REPORT: FINANCES

& NEW MAILING LABELS

In the past three months we have had over 40 people renew or start a subscription to the GLSO News. Sending out forms in the Fairness mailing had a 1.5% return, but we are hoping that people will continue to mail in those subscription slips. We are still struggling to have at least 200 paid subscriptions on our mailing list. We have found a very high percentage of you are joining at the membership level, and many are also sending donations. Thank you!!

As we reorganize and update our subscription list, we have found that many of you are still receiving the GLSO by mail even though your subscription has run out. We included renewal notices in the October mailing and some of you responded.

With this issue, we have started highlighting mailing labels in yellow if they have expired or are about to. IF YOUR MAILING LABEL IS YELLOW, this could be your last issue. We will give you a month or two to respond if your subscription has just lapsed, but if the date on your label is several months old already, you're history.



TAKE IT SERIOUSLY -- THIS TIME

contributed by Elizabeth A. Gilliam
This issue of the GLSO News contains information about candidates for the up-and-coming elections. Most of the information we have is for Presidential candidates, which you will find inside.

However, it is IMPERATIVE THAT YOU VOTE in the Kentucky Gubernatorial elections on November 7.

Recently, Tim Philpot was re-elected to the Kentucky Senate. It wasn't because he was the best candidate at all, but because churches made an all-out attack on us: They brought voters in with church buses, and we stayed home.

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Use the renewal form in this issue to renew. If the date on your mailing label, please call Terry at or Mary at 266-5904. ▼

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- 15th: last day to have material in our P.O. Box.
- 17th: articles due into the editor (Peter: 273-5845 or above e-mail address)
- 20th: Editor turns articles in to typesetter - you can often turn in ads directly to typesetter by this date (Elizabeth: 277-2328 or above e-mail address)
- 25th: GLSO News given to printers

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from the front page

GLSO undeniably supports PAUL PATTON for Governor. Larry Forgy has openly supported Dr. Frank Simon, the notorious Super Homophobe who thinks that the Colorado Anti-Gay measures were not strong enough.

Sometimes I find myself thinking that this or that Republican reflects many of my points of view - how I think about government, economics, etc. - but I always stop short of voting for them.

The bottom line is that I cannot bring myself to vote for anyone who clings to a political party whose platforms include "Family Values" - which contains an inherent disassociation and often blatant denunciation of lesbians, gays and bisexuals.

But in Forgy's case it's much worse than we imagined; he's not at all shy about saying he hates and fears us, and will do everything in his power not only to prevent our attaining of any basic human rights. In fact, he is going as far to the Right of the scale as one could possibly go.

Dr. Foster is a plague - and not just for us - but for any person who has a rational grip on themselves and society.

So, it is vital that you vote. If Forgy were to be elected, I have no doubt that he would claim - like the fools in the U.S. Congress - that he was given a "mandate" to follow whatever hate-filled agenda he may choose.

We Democrats have a majority in this state, but we forget one thing that I guarantee you the Republicans won't - we have get off our butts and vote so that we don't get ruled by the majority any longer. ▼

JT'S POINT OF VIEW

Editor's Note: I'd like to welcome a new columnist in the GLSO NEWS, Joshua "JT" MacFarlane. He has generously consented to give us a continuing perspective on issues that are of concern to lesbigay youth. He is now 18 years old, a high-school senior, an AIDS speaker, and an amateur writer. He reports that he "mostly writes poems and short stories... which are about being young, gay or both."

Being young is not an easy thing. I've had one heck of a time dealing with things such as teachers, friends, parents and life in general. This is true for all teenagers, however, most teenagers don't have to deal with being gay. I don't know exactly when I first questioned my sexuality, but I would guess it was in the 7th grade. That is the hard part. While my male friends are discussing how nice it would be to "get to know" the new girl, I'm thinking more like one of my female friends who bluntly states, "Please, she ain't all that!"

Each day, I am reminded that I am different and each day I remind myself and others that we must celebrate our differences. If not for diversity, the world would be bland

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Editor's Note:

Part 2 of Sue Strong's article on coming out to children for divorced parents, will be continued in the next issue. We ran out of space this month due to the importance of the upcoming election. Thank you for understanding.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ATTENTION WOMEN VETERANS

Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation, Inc. (WIMSA) is creating a memorial and education center that will finally acknowledge the contributions and sacrifices that women have made to our country during wars and through military service.

Exhibits will provide information about women who have served from the Revolutionary War to the present. If you have served in any branch of the U.S. military (including war-support organizations such as the Red Cross, USO or Nurses Corps), WIMSA wants you registered in the memorial. To request a registration form, please call 1-800-222-2294 or e-mail: wimsa@aol.com. ▼

WOMEN'S PERFORMANCES

Working Class Kitchen and The Writer's Voice present performance pieces Sunday, November 5 at 6:00 pm at Alfalfa Restaurant, 557 South Limestone Street. The four dollar admission includes dessert and coffee or tea. ▼

AVOL PREVENTION TEAM FORMED

contributed by Bryan Parrott
AIDS Volunteers has grown. At the beginning of August, a Prevention Team, consisting of six specialists was hired. The primary responsibility of the team is the dissemination of prevention information via outreaches and field centers. The new personnel are as follows:

Community Liaison - Connie Smith. Connie's primary responsibility is to provide HIV/AIDS resources to local groups and individuals through the use of speakers, the AVOL Newsletter and the state Hotline. Connie responds

to all requests for speakers on HIV/AIDS, she coordinates the state Hotline (1-800-840-2865) to insure that there is an operator available twenty-four seven and coordinates the quarterly AVOL Newsletter.

African American HIV Prevention - Binia Garr. Binia's main duties are to become involved in the school systems of the southern region, as well as churches, jails, bars, and the community. She will be recruiting volunteers from the African American community to assist the prevention teams in spreading the word about HIV prevention. In the future Binia will open a field office in Danville. She is currently based in Lexington.

Youth-At-Risk-Specialists - Kenneth Cook and Mindi Scott. Kenneth will cover the Northern Kentucky counties and Mindi will cover those south of the Mountain Parkway. Both will have field offices, Kenneth in Morehead and Mindi in Somerset. Their main mission is to slow or stop the spread of HIV/AIDS among the youth of their target areas. Both will establish focused discussion groups for parents, teachers and youth and use the information gathered from these groups to improve prevention efforts in their respective communities.

MSM-HIV Prevention Specialists - Bryan Parrott and Jim Titus. Bryan and Jim are responsible for getting prevention information to men who have sex with men regardless of sexual orientation. They will do this via bar outreaches, discussion groups and home risk reduction workshops.

African American Outreach Specialist - LaTonya Shively. LaTonya heads the Frankfort field office. Her efforts focus on the northern half of the state. She is based at Kentucky State

University. ▼

Interweave Re-Activated
contributed by Davina G. Warner

INTERWEAVE REACTIVATES

If you've recently called the number listed for Interweave on the back of the GLSO Newsletter, you were probably informed that the group is inactive. Well, that has changed. I recently agreed to chair this group and am working to schedule regular gatherings.

In case you don't know, Interweave is an organization at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington (3564 Clays Mill Road) that provides a supportive environment for gay, lesbian, bisexual and straight people to socialize and explore lesbigay issues. Although Interweave is connected to the church, you don't have to be a church member to get involved. Everyone is invited to participate in any of our events.

One regular event you may be interested in is the Interweave luncheon. On the second Sunday of every month, we will meet after church (approx. 12:30pm) at a local restaurant for lunch. Our next luncheon will be held Sunday, November 12 at August Moon Chinese Restaurant at 2690 Nicholasville Road.

I am also organizing other social gatherings like attending plays, movies and other performances. If you are interested in becoming involved in Interweave or want to know more about our organization, please call me at 271-6174. ▼

VOICE

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and repetitive.

There are no certainties in life. There are no guarantees that tomorrow will be better than today. There are however, many ways that you can help yourself deal with life's little difficulties. One of these ways is to talk with someone who has or is experiencing what you're experiencing. The GLSO is organizing a youth group for lesbian, gay, bisexual and "questioning" teens. This group will be an excellent resource and I encourage anyone interested to contact Mike or Mary, their numbers are listed on the back page of this newsletter.

I would also like to receive input from other young people about topics or concerns you would like to have discussed in this column each month. Write to Joshua J.T. MacFarlane c/o GLSO Newsletter, PO Box 11471, Lexington, KY. ▼

NATIONAL NEWS

HEAD OF GAY NON-PARTISAN POLITICAL ORGANIZATION CONDEMNS ANTI-GAY REMARKS FROM DOLE CAMPAIGN

Human Rights Campaign Fund Executive Director Elizabeth Birch Denounces "Politics of Division" as GOP Hopeful Rejects Support From Republicans Who Are Gay

Washington — The head of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), a non-partisan lesbian and gay civil rights organization, today condemned remarks by a spokesman for Kansas Sen. Bob Dole's presidential campaign as the GOP hopeful rejected a donation by a gay Republican organization. In a phone interview with the Washington Post, Dole spokesman Nelson Warfield claimed that a \$1,000 campaign contribution from the Log Cabin Republicans was eventually returned because the gay GOP organization's goals are "100 percent at odds with Senator Dole's." So far the only donation to the Dole campaign returned for reasons unrelated to compliance with Federal Election Commission guidelines, the contribution had been solicited earlier by the campaign's finance chairman. Warfield accused the Republican group of supporting a "special rights agenda," while claiming that Dole advocates "equal treatment" for everyone. HRCF Executive Director Elizabeth Birch issued the following statement in response to the campaign's rationale for the decision:

"It's disappointing to see Senator Dole's campaign playing the politics of division. In pandering to the extreme right, the Dole campaign is trampling on the values of honesty and fairness. Gay and lesbian people merely seek equal rights under the law and freedom from discrimination. Senator Dole deserves

credit for moving the Ryan White CARE Act through the Senate, and for including gay employees in his office non-discrimination policy. His campaign should stick to mainstream values like these, and avoid extremist rhetoric.

"The Human Rights Campaign Fund has contributed more than a quarter million dollars to fair-minded Republicans, and we will continue to support candidates of all parties who reject discrimination and support equal rights for everyone. The far right may have undue influence in the GOP primaries, but the general election will remind Senator Dole that the vast majority of Americans — and most Republicans — reject discrimination against lesbian and gay citizens."

The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), the largest national lesbian and gay political organization, works to end discrimination, secure equal rights, and protect the health and safety of all Americans. With a national staff, and volunteers and members throughout the country, HRCF lobbies the federal government on lesbian, gay, and AIDS issues; educates the general public; participates in election campaigns; organizes volunteers; and provides expertise and training at the state and local level.
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WILL THE GAY VOTE AGAIN TURN OUT FOR CLINTON IN 1996?

Sunday September 3, 1995
Los Angeles Times

contributed by Clifford Rothman
How pivotal was the gay and lesbian vote to President Bill Clinton's election in 1992? The President's margin of victory

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against in Kentucky due to
your sexual orientation?

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was a razor-thin 5.5 million votes. And of the 43.7 million votes that secured him the White House, 6.3 million were lesbians. Do your own math.

As Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) told a euphoric crowd of inaugural-week celebrators in January, 1993, one in seven votes came from gay men and lesbians, among the most committed and active Democrats, tipping the scales in heavy-weight electoral states like California and New York.

That a serious presidential candidate would openly express a vision of an America that includes gay — and present himself as their fighter for justice in such areas as the military and the federal commitment to AIDS — was intoxicating to the gay and lesbian segment of America, long ignored in mainstream politics.

They came to the polls in droves. And abandoned it in droves in 1994. Voter drop-off among gays and lesbians was among the steepest, according to some statistics, of all 1992 Democratic constituencies. The consensus in the community was that, among other betrayals, Clinton had sold gays and lesbians down the river in the gays-in-the-military fight.

Among those was David Mixner, who had introduced Clinton to gay and lesbian America in the fall of 1991, campaigned for him, drafted big-money contributors, strategized for him as part of Clinton's "kitchen cabinet" and eventually became the official unofficial White House liaison for gay issues to Clinton. Mixner protested the "don't ask, don't tell" compromise outside the White House, only feet from the Oval Office, and was arrested, in July, 1993. His act of defiance to his longtime friend, whom he has known since they were at Oxford together, caused a four-month rupture in their friendship.

On the cusp of the 1996 election

cycle, with a disaffected electorate and a Republican-controlled Congress, the White House still has not given clear signals to the gay and lesbian community — which it was aggressively courting by this time four years ago. But the Democrats still have far more solid ties to gay and lesbian voters than the GOP. Just last Sunday, the Republican front-runner, Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.), continued his efforts to redefine himself for his right wing by rejecting PAC money from the leading gay and lesbian Republican group — money he had previously accepted.

Mixner, with feet on both sides of the fence, spoke with characteristic candor last week about the disillusionment in the gay and lesbian community — his own included — while maintaining affection and faith in his old friend. Impassioned, indignant and focused — attributes recognized by adversaries as well as allies — Mixner outlined the risks and benefits facing Clinton in wooing back affections of a critical voter constituency while not alienating an angry middle America in no mood for "special treatment" to any disenfranchised blacks, the poor, the aged or

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gays and lesbians.

Question: Let's start with the bottom line. Can Clinton win reelection without the gay and lesbian vote?

Answer: Where gays and lesbians are the best organized and most concentrated in numbers are states that President Clinton must carry in order to be re-elected in 1996. Among the states are California, New York, Michigan, Oregon,

Washington, Massachusetts, Illinois. Those are states with very large, active and very well-organized, politically active gay and lesbian communities. Without the enthusiastic support of our community, it will not necessarily be impossible for him to carry some of those states, but it will make it extremely difficult for him to do so.

Q: How does Bob Dole's rejection of gay and lesbian PAC money last weekend reconfigure the political landscape?

A: First, I think it was an act of cowardice and deception of the first magnitude. Clearly, Sen. Dole knew where the money was coming from, and it vividly illustrates the progress that we have made under President Clinton versus the still-deep homophobic tendencies of many in the Republican Party. I think it strengthens the President's hand in the gay and lesbian community.

Q: Is Clinton's problem with gays and lesbians defection or dropout?

A: Both. I think we will have people in our community staying home In 1992, a vast majority of gay and lesbian Republicans, who make up 30% of the community, either voted for the President or supported [Ross] Perot. If there is no perception that supporting Clinton will move the cause dramatically forward, then the Republicans will seek a way to return to their traditional voting patterns. It could be that they will leverage through people like Arlen Specter to become

acceptable to the Republican coalition, or they will look to supporting someone like former Gov. Weicker (of Connecticut) or Colin Powell as a third-party candidate, or perhaps even go to Ross Perot.

Q: And if the race narrows to Dole and Clinton?

A: If the choice is between Clinton and Dole, we will back Clinton. Dole's actions rule him out as an acceptable

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THE COMPANIES WE KEEP

contributed by Al Kielwasser

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, San Francisco Bay Area

The American Family Association - a deeply homophobic media watchdog group - has launched nationwide assaults on several companies, including Disney, MCI, and Schwab. These new hate campaigns are detailed in the October issue of the "AFA Journal."

Noting that "the 'AFA Journal' often reports on companies marketing to homosexuals," the October issue reprints a question about the Schwab investment company. A reader writes: "I have enclosed an article from the 'New York Times' newswire stating that Charles Schwab has supported gay and lesbian activities and is now going after their business. It would seem this calls for drastic action, like throwing them overboard, but I don't know what the alternatives are. Would you address this?"

The question is answered by "expert" Austin Pryor, editor of the "Sound Mind Investing" ("the financial journal for today's Christian family"): "This is certainly disappointing news. Indifferent to the lessons of several thousand years of human history and the moral force of Judeo-Christian tradition, our society and government has increasingly legitimized homosexual conduct ... In the brokerage area, you can add Charles Schwab, Merrill Lynch, Paine-Webber and Smith Barney. Schwab was recently one of the major sponsors of the 19th annual San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival.

The company also has begun testing how to use direct-mail to reach this affluent group...."

Staff at Charles Schwab confirm that the company has been besieged with hate mail. For example, Bill Smith of Smith Capital Management wrote to Schwab indicating that his clients did not wish to do business with any company that "promotes homosexuality." Noting the "degenerate impact of homosexuality on people and societies." Smith questioned why Schwab would "contribute to the promotion of a lifestyle that is estimated to be behind over 90% of AIDS cases." Schwab has received numerous such letters, each threatening the company with the loss of business: "I am morally opposed to homosexuality ..." "I will most surely close these accounts..." "I was disappointed to hear of your active endorsement of gay and lesbian activities..." Reportedly, letters of support have NOT been forthcoming.

The AFA has also attacked MCI - the long distance telephone service - for "targeting homosexuals." According to the AFA: "MCI is offering special discounts on long distance phone calls to businesses owned by homosexuals.

MCI is using a direct mail campaign to cross-promote with the National Gay and Lesbian Business Alliance (NGLBA), a new group the long distance carrier helped found." With homophobic horror, the AFA quotes "a letter from an MCI account executive," which states that the NGLBA is "dedicated to furthering the growth of the Gay and Lesbian business community."

Finally, the AFA has renewed its censorious campaign against the Disney company, this time for releasing "Lie Down With Dogs," which is described by the AFA as "a homosexual film." The AFA warns readers that: "Disney's Miramax film company has released a movie aimed at homosexuals, directed by and starring a homosexual, and featuring homosexual sex... Although the movie is rated 'R,' reviewers describe strong homosexual content in the film's scenes and language."

ACTION ALERT: Counter the AFA campaigns! Contact:

Charles R. Schwab, Chair, The Charles Schwab Corp., 101 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94104, tel. 415-627-7000, fax 415-627-8894;

Bert C. Roberts, Jr., Chair, MCI Communication Corp., 1801 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20006, tel. (toll free) 800-444-3333;

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alternative, totally and completely.

Q: Review the Clinton Administration record on gay issues. First the pluses.

A: They have done a great deal to show their faith and commitment to the gay and lesbian community. Such things as removing the barriers to security clearances for gay and lesbians. Putting nondiscrimination clauses in all of the Cabinet agencies and departments for the first time in history. Coming out against all the anti-gay and lesbian initiatives in the country in the 1994 elections. Distinguishing themselves by appointing 30, 40, 50 gays and lesbians to major positions within the Administration for the first time in history. In fact, all this could have the phrase "for the first time in history" in front of it.

Q: And the minuses?

A: The "don't ask, don't tell" policy — which has been both a disaster and a failure. And the failure of the Administration to intervene in the Colorado initiative that goes before the Supreme Court next session — which will determine the constitutionality of these anti-gay and lesbian initiatives around the country. If the court rules against this community, it will have grave implications for us as a community.

Q: And your editorial comment?

A: We are more than just a political entity, more than just a special-interest group. We are not a tobacco company, we are not a labor union, we are not one more group of people waiting in line at the federal trough. We are a civil-rights movement...Until the Administration comes to terms with us in that aspect, They will continue to make some of the mistakes they have made. They have weighed our desires more in terms of political convenience and feasibility than in terms of morality.

Q: Is it too early for you to articulate the gay community's plans for 1996?

A: It's unclear. We're waiting to hear the President's plans for outreach. His political people have given us indications that they are concerned about a visible connection between this community and their campaign.

Q: What do you perceive as the rationale?

A: Part of the argument that our critics within the Administration have used with us over the last couple of months to justify why more isn't being done is that it is not practical politically for them to do so, and you have no place else to go. Nobody else wants you. The Republican Party doesn't want you. Pat Buchanan doesn't want you. Bob Dornan doesn't want you. So you really have no choice but to form an alliance with us for 1996. Of course, the entrance of a third candidate, like Sen. Bradley would make that less real.

Q: Do you think it will be impossible

to duplicate the enthusiasm and commitment of 1992?

A: I think that the President's two major decisions, on the military and on the decision not to intervene in the Colorado case, have caused him damage in the gay and lesbian community . . . I think if we attempted to duplicate what happened in 1992, we're doomed to failure. Absolutely impossible to do so. I think there is no way that we can deliver the kind of block votes that we delivered for the President in 1992, when gays and lesbians had one of the largest turnouts of any group in the country. We had something at stake. We felt hope. In 1994, we had the most dramatic drop of any group in the country.

Q: Is the damage permanent?

A: Nothing is permanent. Yesterday's enemies are tomorrow's allies The community, at this stage, is looking for signs that the progress will continue into the next four years of this Administration.

Q: Final Words?

A: Someone in the Administration said to me, "You have to give us some slack," and I said, "I can't, because if we do, you'll take it. And you'll want more. And who do I tell that they have to die because you need slack?" No one should ever underestimate our sheer determination to be free and to live. We will do whatever it takes to get there. And we will do whatever it takes to stop our friends from dying. Just in the last four weeks, I have lost five friends. And I am tired of it. I am real, real tired of it. ▼

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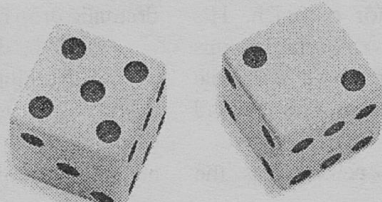
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**REVIEW:
THE TRUE NATURE OF
HOLLYWOOD: LOVE AND
HUMAN REMAINS**

contributed by Jon Shelton

Hollywood has got a long way to go in portraying lesbigay people fairly and accurately without resorting to stereotypes. It seems that every gay-themed movie coming out generally presents lesbigay people as either psychotic, murderous or suicidal types who have little or no self-respect or respect for human life. They are written as villainous vampires, or as unsympathetically evil or conversely as sympathetically sissy, weak and frail types that either kill themselves, kill someone else, or simply die in the end. Well Enough Already! Finally there is a movie that shows lesbigay people as normal - or at least as normal as everyone else. Surprisingly, it is well-written, presenting a candid, accurate view of gay lifestyles while remaining literate and

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Quote of the Month

"Call me old fashioned, but I just don't think queers were meant to live in ghettos, we're the raisins in raisin bran, you don't want all the raisins in one corner of the bowl..." Scott Thompson on "Out in Hollywood III" broadcast on National Coming Out Day, October 11.

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entertaining. Not surprisingly, it comes out of Canada, not Hollywood.

Love and Human Remains is a film about young people - gay, lesbian, bisexual and straight - exploring their sexuality and striving to learn the true nature of love. There are stereotypes to be sure; many of the characters go cruising, clubbing, do drugs and engage (unwisely) in unprotected sex. Then again, there are just as many hetero-oriented films where the main characters do the same thing. What sets *Remains* apart is that it deals with the true nature of different kinds of relationships in a refreshingly honest manner.

Thomas Gibson plays the movie's central character, David McMillan. David -an ex-actor /waiter /pot smoker /heroin snorter /homosexual and *gasp* channel-surfer - is a truly lovable character. This is in part due to author Brad Fraser's brilliantly written one-liners and in part to Gibson's precisioned comic timing in delivering them. On the surface, David appears cool, calm, and collected with a flippant attitude of invincibility. This image proves to a be transparent facade. David uses his wit to mask his fears, insecurities and loneliness. He would gladly give up his vices for love, if only he could find a reason to believe love exists. Happily, by the end of the movie, he does. David McMillan manages to be the film's most anchored character, in the eye of a storm of balmy, bawdy, erotic, exotic, crude, rude, salty, sultry, saucy, colorfully

comic and captivating characters.

Ruth Marshall portrays Candy, David's best friend and live-in roommate. Candy's day job is a reviewer of romantic novels. Through a sort of karmic osmosis, or perhaps a mere series of unexpected event, life itself appoints her to her night job; testing these books' theories about the privacy of her own bedroom. Candy is gay friendly but devoutly straight. Her devoutness is challenged when she is repeatedly hit on by Geri, a lesbian schoolteacher. Geri's persistence pays off and Candy doubles her pleasure by getting romantically involved (and questionably satisfied) by Robert. Candy is faced with the fact that she must come to terms with her true sexual nature. The result is a love triangle with David serving as referee, a role he relishes.

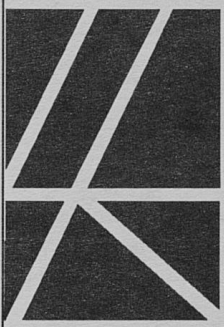
Newcomer Matthew Furguson plays Kane, a sexually confused teenage busboy. When faced with the reality that he might be gay or bisexual, he turns to David for advice - and finds a friend. Furguson, well cast with a soft voice, long locks and effeminate features adds to the mystique of Kane's true sexual identity. Teenagers wrestling with similar issues regarding sexual orientation will undoubtedly relate to him. It is to author Brad Fraser's credit that Kane's problem isn't solved by committing suicide like countless other teenagers both in real life and in film history.

Completing this cycloramic

ensemble is a plethora of interesting characters. Benita is that rare combination of psychic and prostitute specializing in S&M. Byrne is David's straight friend and a "civil servant" (who serves in what? Who knows, breeding perhaps). Another friend of David's, a fellow actor learns that he has the AIDS virus. There are many other shadow characters, like crossdressers for example, that pop up in funny bits. It's like *Love American Style* set in Canada with gay people! There is even a subplot involving a serial killer that will keep the audience guessing all the way to the end of the story. In a word, *Love and Human Remains* is an exhilarating roller-coaster ride of a movie that must be seen to be believed.

Unfortunately, seeing the movie in a theater may be difficult. So far, it has only played for one week at the Kentucky Theater. This reviewer suggests that readers call the Kentucky and demand that it be brought back for a second run. It should eventually be released on video in any event. Coincidentally, Actor's Guild of Lexington is producing the play *Unidentified Human Remains and the True Nature of Love* which the movie was based. If it is anything like the film

just don't forget to
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