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Scouts' "Honor"???

Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is stirring up controversy nationwide due to its ban on homosexuals. By policy, the BSA prohibits openly lesbian scouts, troop leaders or den mothers. Critics charge that exclusion by the BSA only adds to the social ostracism felt by gay youth already affected by anti-gay churches, schools and often families. Considering that gay youth are 2-3 times as likely to attempt suicide and that 40% of all lesbian youth who come out before high school graduation are forced out of their parents' homes, the BSA only further harms vulnerable gay youth. On the other hand, the exclusion leaves many lesbian and gay parents with children in a predicament. Although at least one openly lesbian couple served as Cub Scout den mothers in 1987, this recent policy would currently exclude them.

The basis for this policy is an interesting twist of gay slang. The BSA are using the words "morally straight" in the BSA oath to exclude gays: "straight" originally being a code word for heterosexuals in the gay subculture.

The BSA states that the organization strives to train boys for leadership roles and instill the proverbial Scouts honor. Yet, when the GLSO News called the Lexington BSA to ask about this policy, Program Director George Young repeatedly hung up on the reporter, a former Boy Scout ironically. Thus, the GLSO

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Documentation Project Begins

In response to a lack of data on discrimination against lesbians, gays and bisexuals, GLSO is starting a Documentation Project via the GLSO Phonenumber. If you or someone you know has been a victim of discrimination in Kentucky, please call and register this bias. Outside of Louisville, Kentucky does not have a Hate Crimes law, and there are increasing complaints about the documentation of discrimination by the federal government when it concerns lesbians. If you have been fired for being gay, assaulted, insulted, denied motel rooms or housing, etc., call and report it. These forms have no legal binding but are entirely for monitoring of discrimination in our state. North Carolina has had a similar grassroots reporting project for many years. In part due to this excellent monitoring, North Carolina tops the nation annually in hate crimes against lesbians. It is time to take the pulse of homophobia in Kentucky so that it can be stopped.

To report an incident of discrimination in Kentucky, call the GLSO Gayline at 231-0335 from 8pm-11pm, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays.

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We're Here, We're Queer, We're GLSO!

-an editorial by Jeff Jones

Many people ask just what GLSO, the Gay and Lesbian Service Organization, is. People just coming out sense some vague, vast organization in the Lexington area. Others express disdain for the organization because of reasons ranging from GLSO's purported apolitical stance to the lack of contacts with many groups within our subculture such as the lesbian softball gang, racial minorities and the "bar crowd." Yet, the GLSO is simply a group intent on helping our community. As with any rather small group of people, GLSO runs the risk of becoming a clique if new blood doesn't come forward to infuse it with fresh ideas and enthusiasm.

The Lexington community perhaps does not clearly see the work that GLSO, the oldest continuous lesbigay organization in Kentucky, has accomplished in its on-going 18 year history. Under the GLSO umbrella, groups ranging from AVOL

to Esmerelda's Parlour to the 4th of July marchers budded and broke away when strong enough to stand alone. True, the GLSO News at times does not effectively cover parts of our diverse gayfolk such as the Imperial Court or the less institutionalized women's groups. But, GLSO is largely the work of less than 20 volunteers who use their sparse spare time to sell ads, collect information, run the Gayline, etc. If Lexington has not had its needs fully met yet, then I would challenge Lexington to let GLSO know what it wants. So Lexington, what do you want and what do you need? If GLSO needs some changes, can you help?

In answer to the last question, the answer is yes. One change GLSO needs is in the financial category. The organization is pursuing possible grants and other fund-raisers, but that will take time. This issue of GLSO News carries the group's financial report. The cost of providing GLSO News, running the Gayline and organizing Pride Week does not come close to covering expenses. Thanks to the generous support of our many new advertisers, the News now pays for itself. Hopefully, we can maintain and expand this revenue. But, GLSO needs help: financial help. As a tax exempt, non-profit organization, GLSO donations are tax deductible. Even small amounts help like the couple who brought in a cup of pennies to a recent forum. If a young college couple can give \$10 in change, how much can our community raise from loose change in our collective pockets? Our goal is to raise \$2000 at least to cover last year's losses. In honor of this couple's pennies, GLSO is asking people to donate for the Spare Change Project. Even if it is a nickel or simply a GLSO membership or subscription of \$10 or \$5 respectively, it will help our community's leading resource. GLSO may be the crusty ol' grandmother of our community's many current groups, but at least she is OUR GLSO.

Student Groups Spring Into Fall

Last year saw the beginnings or reorganization of several lesbigay student groups at various Kentucky universities. The new Fall semester/quarter finds many of these groups coming off a summer hiatus.

UK Lambda hosts its first meeting at 7:30pm, Thursday, Sept. 3 in Rm. 228 of the New Student Center. Over the summer Lambda has designed a slick new brochure/resource guide and got Lambdanet, a computer network, off and running. Lambda's usual Tuesday Flambe lunches, Womynsweave potlucks/socials and other activities are also starting up after the summer break. Contact: Andrea (253-0955) or Jeff (276-5383).

EKU's new Gay and Lesbian Student Service Organization (GLSSO) is also reorganizing. Due to a time delay from an administrator's vacation, GLSSO is still not officially recognized by EKU because several of its 15 listed members needed for an official group membership list graduated. If you are attending EKU and are willing to use your name for this list, please contact Laurie at 623-3072. GLSSO also welcomes new members.

Not stopping for a summer break, U of L's GLOBAL group remains one of the most active organizations in Louisville. GLOBAL meets every Wednesday at 7pm. Contact: David at (502) 634-9642.

Other local groups:

NKU: Alliance of Gays, Lesbians and Friends- 572-5604 (Pat)

WKU: WKU Lambda- (502) 777-1249 (Larry)

Centre: B-GLAD- 623-3072 (Gary)

Berea: ACE League

GLSO Annual Budget Report 1991-2

Income

GLSO News subscriptions:	310.00
ad revenues collected:	565.90
ad revenues due:	232.50
GLSO memberships:	1100.00
Donations:	305.00
Speakers honorarium:	80.00
Pegasus Travel rebate:	140.39
TOTAL:	2733.79

Expenses

Phoneline:	875.86
Phoenix Phoneline:	466.39
GLSO News:	
Printing:	1407.64
Bulk rate:	75.00
Stamp:	145.00
Mailing:	250.00
Envelopes:	161.15
Misc.:	203.54
TOTAL:	3584.58
Income + Expenses:	-850.79

Coffeehouse Active

The New Morning Coffeehouse invites the lesbigay community to participate in its schedule of events including its coordinating meetings every Monday at 7pm. A meeting at 7:30pm on Sept. 3 will be to coordinate activities for October, Indigenous People's Month, as an alternative to Columbus Day celebrations. Contact Pam Wood at 277-7611.

Headin' for DC!

The September GLSO Forum will be at 7:30pm at Alfalfa's Restaurant on Monday, September 14. This forum centers on starting arrangements for the 1993 March on Washington on April 25th, 1993. Of course, all forums are also a good way to get out and socialize with "the family."

NIH Seeks Volunteers

The National Institutes of Health is seeking HIV- people with symptoms similar to AIDS for a study of this new phenomenon. For further information, call NIH at 1-800-243-7644.

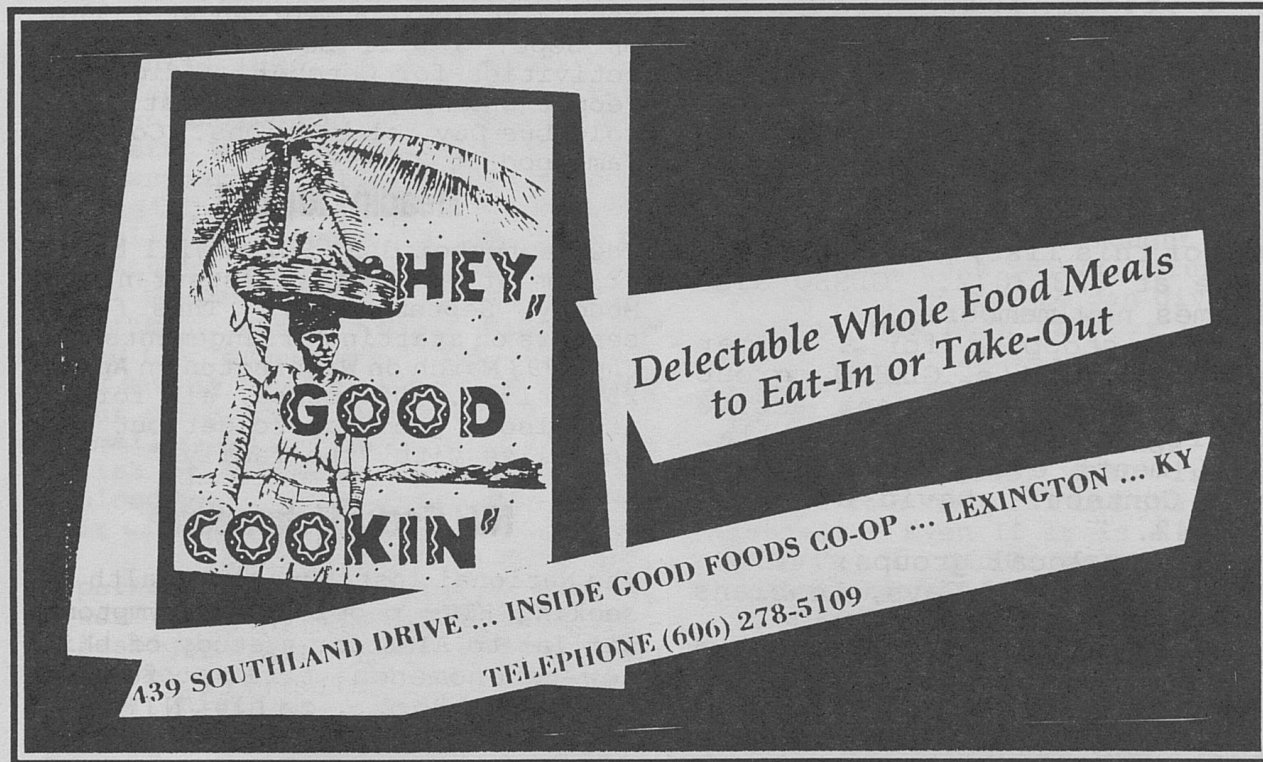
GLSO News proudly offers a free 25 word announcement of Holy Unions and Anniversaries. Send your information to GLSO News, P.O. Box 11471, Lex., KY 40575.

Belated Announcement: (Very belated!) Beverly L. Lauderback and Kristin B. Smith were joined together in Holy Union on December 15th, 1990 at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington.

Alex D.. and George H. celebrate two wonderful, moderately monogamous years together on Sept. 8.

GLSO Adopts Highway

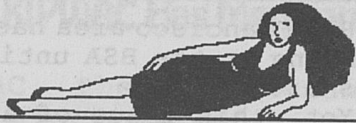
GLSO recently adopted a 2 1/2 mile stretch of route 1969 (coincidentally the year of the Stonewall riots) off Versailles Rd. as part of the Adopt-A-Highway program. The sign on this section will read: "Gay and Lesbian Services" and is the first in the area to specifically refer to gays and lesbians. The Bluegrass COLTS, however, also have adopted a section of Old Frankfort Pike. Under the terms of this program, GLSO is required to clean this area twice a year. Volunteers will be needed in the future, so look for notices of GLSO Cleanup Day. Former GLSO Boardmember Bill Loggins said that GLSO had no trouble in adopting the section unlike the Southern Appalachian Lesbian and Gay Alliance (SALGA) in Asheville, NC, which had to take the Dept. of Transportation to court before having its full name successfully put on its stretch of road.



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Esmerelda's Parlour

The Decision- by Laura Jones

Congratulations! You've reached your decision! If you have decided not to have/adopt children, you know what a difficult and courageous decision this is. It seems like once we consider parenting, it becomes almost impossible to 'go back.' Our Baby Group friends who decided not to parent did so after several unsuccessful inseminations and struggled with their decision for months. They eventually concluded that children of friends and family could better fulfill their desire to share children's lives.

If you have decided to parent, then your next step is to list personal priorities. How important is it that this child is your own "flesh and blood?" Would you prefer to avoid the pregnancy experience? What are your limits? Are you ready for late night feedings and dirty diapers or do you have more to offer to an older child? Do you have those special strengths for a sibling group, a handicapped child or a HIV+ baby? In making this decision I found myself in a judgement trap: was I selfish to want to birth my own child while there were so many "needy" children? The system will also pressure you. In Georgia it was "easy" for gays and lesbians to foster HIV+ infants (which would be offered back to their natural families if they converted to HIV-). Older children, sibling groups of 3 or more, and special needs children were a possibility for single parents who played "het," but healthy children under the age of 6-7 were reserved for heterosexual, married couples of appropriate color. Let yourselves

think this through without judgement. You alone know your strengths and limitations. I decided it was important for me to experience pregnancy, childbirth and my son's infancy. I also hope that some day I will be ready to bring a child with different needs into my life.

Finally, if your decision is donor insemination (DI), you must decide who will carry the child. For many couples there is no decision. One partner knows without a doubt that she will never be pregnant. Fortunately, that usually leaves another volunteer. If both partners are considering pregnancy, weigh your options:

-Are you considering having more than one child? If one partner is heading towards 40 she should inseminate first.

-Do either of you have careers that cannot be interrupted?

-Who is in better health?

-Are there any genetic disorders in your family?

-Are you the generation due for twins?

-Which salary would be missed more?

-Who has the best health insurance? Prenatal care and the delivery cost my partner and me \$2500 and our hospital bill

for less than a 24 hr. stay and normal delivery was \$3500.

So, think it through carefully. My partner and I both parent Alex, and while I know Ann struggled early on to find her role as Alex's "non-biological" mother, it doesn't seem to matter now who birthed him. He loves us both and wants (read demands) equal time and attention. We don't usually discuss which of us "had" him unless pressed: he is truly OUR son. Next month: Who in town will perform DI on "single" women, what is it like and info on adoption and alternatives for lesbians and gay males in Lexington.
-Laura

To Fund or Not To Fund

The Human Rights Campaign Fund, the largest lesbigay political lobby and one of the 25 best-funded ones in the U.S., is calling for a boycott of any United Way (UW) chapter that continues to support the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). This boycott stems from the BSA's exclusion of lesbigay troops and leaders. UW chapters provide over 50% of some BSA councils' funding. Locally, the United Way of the Bluegrass (UWB) provides the BSA with \$200,000 annually from an 8 county area. Both the HRCF and Queer Nation oppose the use of lesbigay contributions to the UW to financially support a group that discriminates against lesbigays. One UW chapter

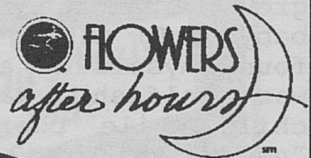
in the San Francisco area has already cut funding to the BSA until policy changes are made.

Yet, this issue of a boycott is necessarily ticklish for many long-term lesbigay contributors to the UW. The GLSO News spoke with George Hearn, president of the UWB, after readers sought advice on this issue. Hearn explained that each UW chapter is largely autonomous with 22 chapters existing in Kentucky alone. UWB's policy is that it will not fund an organization with a singleness of purpose or one that is deemed controversial by the UWB. Thus, the UWB does fund 158 local agencies including the Rape Crisis Center, the Spouse Abuse Center, the Child Abuse Center and MASH, a program for runaways. Unlike the

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KIPWAC Has Merchandise

KIPWAC, the Kentuckiana People With AIDS Coalition, is selling buttons (\$2 ea.), T-shirts (\$20 ea.), and stickers (\$3-5 for roll of 100) to raise money. T-shirts include "Silence=Death," "Red Cross Pump Up the Budget" and Keith Haring's "Ignorance=Fear." Buttons also read "Silence=Death" and "Vote As If Your Life Depended On It." Stickers read the ubiquitous "Silence=Death", "The government has blood on its hands" and "The AIDS crisis is not over." To order, call 1-800-676-5490.

Lexington Hosts First Leather Derby

The Bluegrass COLTS hosted Thoroughbred I: the 1st Leather Derby in Lexington Aug. 7-9. With 116 participants from 22 levi/leather clubs, attendees included men from Great Britain, Texas, Florida, Minnesota and the Bluegrass COLTS brother chapter in Hartford, CT. Events centered on Crossings and the Radisson Hotel. Artsplace, however, was the setting for "Personals," an original play by member Russell H. about a new Lexingtonian's odyssey through various subcultures in the gay community before finding happiness with the leathermen. This benefit play helped raise money for the COLTS' Fayette County Health Department AIDS medication fund.

Mason's Works to Be Read

Fictional works by Belinda Mason, the late, outspoken AIDS activist from Whitesburg, KY, and co-founder of KIPWAC, will be read at a program titled "In Her Own Words" on Sat., Sept. 12 in the UK Old Student Center Theater. Starting at 7pm, admission is free will donations accepted for KIPWAC. "Belinda," a documentary on Mrs. Mason, will also be shown. For more information, contact Kate Black at 257-8634.

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Community Spotlight

By Tom Murphy

The gay, lesbian and bisexual students attending UK this fall will once again have the opportunity to join the group Lambda. Originally formed as a revival of Gay and Lesbians United in Education, the name was changed as a way of signifying the desire to include students of all sexual preferences, and their friends. Lambda now exists as a way of giving these people a means of representation, and a gathering point for any type of political action which might be needed.

One of the projects Lambda took on last year was an education program designed to increase tolerance among students. Posters explaining the prevalence of homosexuality, and the irrationality of disliking a person based on sexual preference were distributed across campus. Lambda also supported the Southern Coalition, a network of gay student groups, by sending delegates to a meeting at Vanderbilt, and by serving as host at a later meeting. A rally opposing the school newspaper's position on the AIDS epidemic, lectures from members Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and AVOL were also presented through the efforts of Lambda members.

This coming year, Lambda

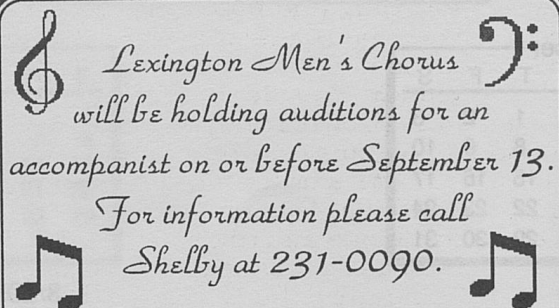
has plans to continue its work of changing public perceptions, but it will also be trying to change university policy. A provision protecting both students and employees from discrimination based on sexual preference is the main, long range goal of Lambda at present. With luck, it may become a reality.

Anyone with questions about, or advice for Lambda can contact Andrea at 253-0955, or Jeff 276-5383.

Look Out for the Rhythm Fest

The 3rd Annual Rhythm Fest of Women's Music, Art and Politics is scheduled for Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3-7, atop Lookout Mtn. in Cloudland, GA. Prices for the 5 days range from \$125 to \$195 with reduced rates for children. For more information, call (919) 419-1923.

GLSO News regrets any inconvenience to Crossings, Joes and/or other businesses/individuals created by the "Dishin' With Auntie Hedda" column. In publishing this column and a recent letter to the editor, GLSO News failed to follow guidelines for submittals requiring authors' names.



Lexington Men's Chorus
will be holding auditions for an
accompanist on or before September 13.
For information please call
Shelby at 231-0090.

Scouts Continued.....

News is unable to report if this policy has been enforced in the Bluegrass.

Already facing legal battles over excluding a young woman from becoming an Eagle Scout, the Boy Scouts are facing other calls to end their discriminatory policies. The Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), the national governing body of Reform Judaism, issued a strong letter condemning the BSA anti-gay policy as conflicting with the UAHC's human rights position. The Unitarian Universalist Church has also called on the BSA to change their biased position. Gay activists demonstrated outside of Scouting functions including a recent awards ceremony in Cincinnati. And on April 8, the United Way of the Bay Area in San Francisco cut \$849,000 in donations to six BSA councils because of their anti-gay policy. Levi-Strauss Inc., the Bank of America and Wells Fargo Bank have also cut BSA funding as it conflicts with their companies' anti-discrimination policies. Conservative groups, however, have condemned the companies and organizations for their pro-human rights stance.

Similarly, Eagle Scout James Dale is suing the BSA and the Monmouth, NJ, Boy Scout Council for expelling him after he came out in a local article on the psychological and health needs of lesbian and gay teens. The dismissal letter did not follow BSA's own internal procedures for a fair hearing, and BSA admitted under pressure that Dale's membership was revoked because he is gay. Dale is suing under New Jersey's new civil rights law prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. Other legal claims aim at the BSA's denial of a fair hearing to Dale under its own procedures and misrepresentation by BSA for advertising itself as non-discriminatory body open to "all boys."

On the positive side, a Boy Scouts troop in the Bay Area has stated that it will not follow the BSA policy because although it does not have any openly gay members, it considers the policy to infringe on human rights and the essence of Scouting's message.

By comparison to the BSA, Mary Beth Ludt with the local Girl Scouts states that their policy is that sexual orientation is a private matter and not an issue for the Girl Scouts. Boys and Girls Clubs also do not exclude children and adult volunteers due to sexual orientation.

Two Women's Events Offered in Virginia

The 12th Annual Roanoke Valley Women's Retreat will be held Sept. 18-20 with camping, workshops, dancing and entertainment. Cost is on a sliding scale from \$65-\$75. Contact: RVWR, PO Box 3337, Roanoke, VA 24015.

The 1992 Virginia Women's Music Festival will also be held in Kent's Store, VA, from Sept. 26-27. Louisville's own Yer Girlfriend will perform. Tickets are on a sliding scale: \$25-40 (one day), \$40-80 (both days). Contact: INTOUCH, Rt. 2, Box 1096, Kent's Store, VA 23084.

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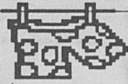
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Louisville- The City of Louisville and the Board of Aldermen donated \$10,000 from their 1992-3 budget to KIPWAC (Kentuckiana People With AIDS Coalition) for outreach, support and education.

Columbus, OH- On June 8 the Columbus City Council added by unanimous vote to add "sexual orientation" to the list of classes protected from discrimination in private employment. Public employment, housing and public accommodation anti-bias ordinances already included sexual orientation. Effective July 9 it is now illegal in Columbus to fire or not hire someone for being gay, lesbian, bisexual or heterosexual. A similar ordinance failed in 1984.

Portland, ME- Portland, Maine, became the latest American city to extend civil rights protections on the basis of sexual orientation. As with Louisville's as yet unsuccessful Fairness campaign, this new law prohibits bias in employment, housing and public accommodations.

Chicago- The Chicago Transit Authority now features a poster by the Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force to help lesbigay youth. The award-winning poster shows a series of lockers with "Die Queer" on one of them. Below reads: "Don't Get Scared, Get Help." For more information, call IGLTF at (312) 975-0707.

Washington, DC- The entire AIDS Memorial Quilt of the NAMES Project will be shown Oct. 9-11 in Washington, DC. This

International Display will be the largest unfolding ever with panels from 17 countries. If interested in helping set the Quilt up in DC, call Katie at 272-2588.

Sweden- Selma Lagerloef, Nobel Prize winner in literature (1909) and considered Sweden's greatest female writer, is pictured on a new Swedish currency note. This money is believed to be the first to carry a lesbian on a paper currency note. Lagerloef's love for fellow writer Sophie Elkan was discovered recently when historians discovered 6,000 love letters exchanged between the two and ordered sealed for 50 years after her death by Lagerloef's will.

Hampton Roads, VA- The Hampton Roads Lesbian and Gay Pride Coalition has adopted a stretch of highway in front of fundamentalist Pat Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network through Virginia's Adopt-A-Highway program.

Washington, DC- The League of Women Voters amended its "social policy" on June 19 to explicitly oppose discrimination based on sexual orientation.

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UW chapter in Charlotte, NC, that has come out strongly with financial support for AIDS prevention and care services, the UWB's funding for AIDS programs has been through the Red Cross' AIDS Education Program and initial funding for the Fayette Co. Health Department's AIDS education packet. More frontline care services such as AIDS Volunteers of Lexington (AVOL) have not been funded up to this point. Vickie Lamb with AVOL says that AVOL recently received an application for the UWB but have not yet decided if they will apply due to fund-raising restrictions placed on recipient agencies by the UW. When Mr. Hearn was asked if AVOL would be funded if it should apply, Mr. Hearn responded that it was uncertain but probably unlikely because AVOL might be "detrimental to fund-raising as it fits into the category of controversial or single purpose organization, not because it is a gay or lesbian organization." Considering that AVOL is not a lesbigay organization but a multi-purpose AIDS education, care and fund-raising group, this last statement is rather cryptic.

Mr. Hearn, however, was aware of the BSA policy and said that the majority of callers were parents concerned that the UWB would cut funding to the BSA. The BSA policy locally had not become an issue yet according to Mr. Hearn. In a July article for the Kentucky Kernal, local officials expressed more concern currently for renewing confidence in donors over the misappropriation of funds by now dismissed UW of America president, William Aramony. Thus, the UW shows its fund-raising efforts to be sensitive to controversy and perhaps reveals why the UW and UWB shy away from more explosive human rights issues.

For lesbigay donors, however, several choices remain. 1) Continue funding the UWB as is. 2) Cut off

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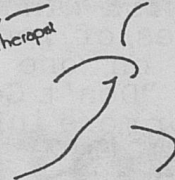
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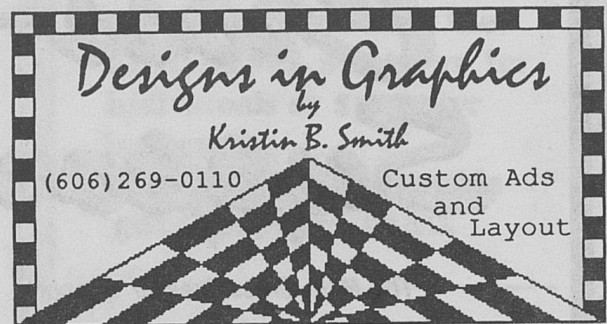
The Lexington Women's Chorus is holding a reorganization meeting on Thursday, Sept. 10, from 7-9pm. The original list of singers from the first meeting is no longer available to organizers (read=lost!), so please try to attend. For more information, please call Connie at 276-2554 or Diane at 263-0500. Bring your enthusiasm, music and magic!

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