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GAY PRIDE '89 IN LEXINGTON

Lexington's plans for Gay Pride '89, coinciding with the twentieth anniversary of the Stonewall Riots which mark the beginning of the modern gay and lesbian freedom movement, have changed considerably from those announced in last month's issue of **GLSO News**. The final schedule for the week is:

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| Monday | June 12 | GLSO Forum/Elections, 8:00 pm at Comprehensive Care Center. Free. |
| Tuesday | June 13 | Bowling Night, 8:30 pm at Joyland Lanes |
| Wednesday | June 14 | Safe Sex Presentation, Conference Room B at the new Lexington Public Library. Presented by AVOL. Free. |
| Thursday | June 15 | Bar Night. Special offerings from the bars to be announced. |
| Friday | June 16 | 8:00 pm. Pizza and Movies, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, \$3 donation |
| Saturday | June 17 | 1:00 pm. Picnic, at Jacobson Park, way out Richmond Road. Look for signs announcing the "Mary" Family Reunion. Free. Speaker, Greg Fischer, Member of the Board of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Location to be announced. Free. |
| Sunday | June 18 | 10:30 am. Interweave's Annual Service, "A Celebration of our Journey," Unitarian Universalist Church. Free. 7:00 pm. Arts Night, at ArtsPlace. Free. |

Attention all "art types" people: the Lexington gay pride committee is searching for interested people to display their art work (pottery, paintings, photography, or anything else you can think of) and/or themselves for "Arts Night." On Sunday, June 18, from 7 to 9 pm at ArtsPlace on North Mill, the Pride Committee will present Arts Night, and we need you to help make it happen. If you or anyone you know, sing, dance, or do anything else that may be deemed "art" by others, please have them call Teresa at 252-3106. Last year's Art Night was a huge success and we would really love to repeat that this year. So come "out" and don't be shy.

Last year's picnic, the now annual reunion of the "Mary" Family, proved what we all already know: We are Everywhere! Members of the "Mary" Family came from all over Kentucky, and even from outside the state. One of the identifying traits of the "Mary" Clan is that its members, aside from being gay, all put their family name first, much like the ancient Chinese tradition. Consequently, at first impression some people who attended might even have been mistaken for nuns! ("Mary" Catherine, "Mary" Mary, "Mary" Joseph, etc., etc.). Though in each of our cases they weren't... At any rate, during the course of the afternoon, more than 200 people from Central and Eastern Kentucky rambled in and out of the picnic, bringing food and games with them, and ate, dozed in the sun, played volleyball and Gay Trivia and frisbee and softball, and had a lot of fun.

Greg Fischer, the Pride Week '89 Speaker, should provide an interesting perspective on the present state of the gay and lesbian movement across the country. A resident of Nashville, Mr. Fischer is one of those rare examples of just what the religious right fear most: a former fundamentalist preacher who gave up that life to be his gay self. Mr. Fischer was recently elected to the Board of NGLTF, and comes with rave reviews from Sue Hyde (Ms. Hyde is familiar to Central Kentucky's gay men and lesbians, having appeared in Lexington as the Pride Week '87 Speaker and more recently during the Symposium on Gay Equality held by the Unitarian Universalist Church).

All of the details have not been finalized for Bar Night and the Speaker from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Look for more details to be announced in a mailing in early June.

Please send me a free introductory issue of **GLSO News** and information on GLSO.

I'd like to become a voting Member of GLSO, including home delivery of the **GLSO News** and discounts at GLSO functions. My Membership fee of \$10/year is enclosed.

I don't wish to become a Member but please send me the **GLSO News** each month. I enclose the \$5 annual fee.

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PRIMARY ELECTION NOTE

GLSO received a solicitation for support from Leo Foushee, a candidate for Fayette County Constable in the May 23rd Primary. Mr. Foushee's campaign literature arrived after publication of the May edition of **GLSO News**. He was the only candidate who contacted GLSO to seek gay/lesbian support in the Primary Election.

Our tax exempt status prohibits active participation in political campaigns and issues, but we would have reported his outreach effort without endorsement if it had arrived earlier. We believe our public awareness advertisements running in the **Herald-Leader** attracted his interest. Mr. Foushee lost his bid for election as Constable, 2nd District.

FOR A QUICK PICK ME UP...

Don't park your car in the back parking lot of Barney Miller's (the one to the right of The Bar's parking lot) or in the back of the Kentucky Theatre (to the left of The Bar's parking lot - Barney Miller's rents this parking area, too.) For the past few weeks, Bluegrass Towing (233-9711) has been "picking up" cars of the The Bar's patrons and spiriting them away with little or no warning. The only notice about parking restrictions is posted where only a Zulu warrior could see it and the print on the notice is very small (and weather worn).

The Bar has been announcing where not to park but not everyone listens or hears these warnings. The story being passed around goes that Mr. Barney got his pansies picked up out of ther beds (oh, my) late one night. Sorry, Barney - not all of us are responsible for the acts of a few. But all of us are consumers and with all of the bad feelings you are getting from people who visit The Bar - which would you rather have, pansies or paying patrons? Apparently Barney doesn't realize how many gay men and lesbians buy stereo systems and other such items each year. To voice your opinion about this matter write to Barney Miller, Inc., 232 E. Main, or call 252-2216.

**SPEAKING OUT
AGAINST ANTI-GAY DISCRIMINATION
IN LEXINGTON**

Have you been harassed, threatened or even fired from your job because you're gay or lesbian?

Have you been refused a lease or a mortgage because you're gay or lesbian?

Have you been turned away from a hotel or other public accommodation because you're gay or lesbian?

If so, we're not surprised. Because in Kentucky, it is perfectly legal to be fired or be refused housing or public accommodations - solely because you're gay!

And there's absolutely nothing you can do about it.

Until now.

Now you can anonymously report your experience of being discriminated against to Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates, a new gay and lesbian political group in Lexington.

We'll listen to you, console you, maybe even give you some advice - but most importantly, we'll document what happened. And that data will be added to other reports like it. And we'll keep gathering information until we have a body of facts that proves conclusively what we already know: that gays and lesbians, in disturbingly large numbers, are being discriminated against in Lexington and surrounding counties.

And one day soon - maybe not this year, maybe not next year, but sooner than anyone thinks - we plan to present this accumulated evidence of injustice to the Urban Council.

And since we, personally, know all too well how easy it is for people to discriminate against us, all reports we take about incidents will be completely anonymous. We won't even ask for your name, because we won't take any chances with providing people with yet another opportunity to discriminate against even one of us. The survey appearing on the insert of this issue of **GLSO News** is the first step in documenting anti gay and lesbian discrimination in Lexington and at UK. Please fill out the survey anonymously (don't even put your return address on the envelope) and mail it to BHRA at the post office box shown on the survey. No one will take us seriously until we can prove on paper that we have a case.

We will ask the Council members and the Mayor to read our evidence, absorb it, and hopefully be made angry by it.

Then we'll ask them to act.

We'll ask them to add sexual orientation

to the list of protected categories under the city's existing anti-discrimination ordinance. In the face of demonstrated need, they will be hard-put to turn us down, despite the pressure from the forces of fear, hatred and intolerance by which we are surrounded.

We're not asking for the fundamentalists to love us.

We're not asking for anything special. We're not asking for anything that every other minority doesn't already have - legal recourse in case of discrimination based solely on who we are.

If the Council does bow to the pressures and turns us down, we'll try again. And again, and as many times as it takes to get this legislation on the books. If necessary, we'll fight.

You may think that would be a losing battle. You may think we have no friends. If you do, you're wrong.

We have friends everywhere. A recent resolution supporting anti-discrimination laws was passed by the American Bar Association. The resolution was supported by church groups, civil rights groups, civic organizations, and a variety of individuals with names you would recognize.

Right here in Lexington, we have friends, straight friends, who support us. Over time, with the right kinds of contacts, the right kinds of bonding, they will go to bat for us.

That brings us to another task that Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates will undertake. We don't intend to exist in a vacuum. Instead, we intend to operate with full recognition that oppressed minorities in America have many common goals. The struggle of gays and lesbians for equality and human rights bears a startling resemblance to the parallel struggle of women, blacks, Hispanics, workers, the poor, the home less, people with AIDS, and others. We are all, to varying degrees, being shut out of the political process. Or worse, we are throwing up our hands and giving up on the process, leaving it to others.

We are those others. If change is to come, we are the ones who must make it happen. We must find our collective voice, and we must make it heard.

The way we motivate ourselves for this task is to remember that we are a community. Or we should be. If I am comfortable, if I am safe from discrimination and hate-based violence, that's great. But will it last? And what about my neighbor? I care about that person, and I want that person to be safe too. That's what Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates

MIS-PAGINATION



Esmerelda's Parlour



Hello again, the semester is finally over and I survived, so I'll have a little more to say this month!

A few months ago someone asked what had happened to the **Lavender Letter** out of Louisville. Well, we received a copy recently that had been through several post office forwardings and in the mail for over 2 months. **Lavender Letter** is very much alive and well. If any of you are interested in subscribing here is their address: **The Lavender Letter**, P. O. Box 19795, Louisville, KY 40219-0795. The subscription cost is very reasonable, \$8.00 per year, and it is full of interesting tidbits. As a Louisville native I find it good to read of happenings at home.

I haven't received any comments on the Old Dykes' Home. I think this is an important issue for u and am wondering if everyone is just too busy to respond. What about it?

Last month my contribution was a poem written in anger by my friend over discrimination at work. So this month I thought I would report some good news. I came out in my graduate class during a class discussion I was leading. The professor asked a question about the status of a subject within the gay and lesbian press/community and it was obvious that he knew (or assumed-based on our discussions of the topic during an individual advising conference) that I read gay publications and would know about the topic. I acknowledged that I had read several articles on the subject and we continued the discussion. I was concerned that my classmates would see me differently after that, but if anything, they are more open with me now and more inclined to talk with me before, during, and after class. Maybe my graduate program is simply less discriminatory or more open-minded, but whatever the cause, it is encouraging. The professor has not shown any concern about my being a lesbian and ended up giving me an "A" in the course.

I have been following the case of Karen Thompson and Sharon Kowalski for several years. Sharon was injured in '83 or '84 in a traffic accident and her parents took over for her since she was brain-injured. Her long-time lover, Karen was excluded from decisions regarding her care and eventually was

prevented from seeing Sharon. After 5 years of court battles, Karen recently won the right to see Sharon and to participate in her rehabilitation therapy.

Sharon's parents were unaware of the women's loving relationship and reacted to the knowledge of it with vengeance and hatred. I would like to think that no one in my family would treat someone who I loved in such a cruel way, but I'm sure Sharon never expected how strongly her family would react either. Karen has written a very interesting book, **Why Can't Sharon Kowalski Come Home?**, about her fight which is a combination of love story and legal brief. I highly recommend this book. It has prompted me to leave in writing my wishes regarding my lover's involvement in any medical decision I may be unable to make. It also gives my family information regarding her status in my life and financial affairs. At this point in time, I do not feel able to be out with my family, but want my lover to be protected should the unthinkable occur. My arrangements are not legally binding on my family but would provide the necessary proof should my lover need to proceed with court action to honor my wishes. Karen lacked the proof, since both women had been careful not to leave any written instructions in order to preserve their secret.

This issue has been important to me since a friend who had shared a life with her lover for 18 years was threatened by her lover's parents after her death. They wanted to decide on funeral arrangements, place of burial and were appalled their daughter's will made it clear that her lover was her heir. It took a great deal of pressure from other friends and the women's minister to convince them to honor their daughter's written wishes.

Those of us in committed relationships need to think about what would happen in case of our sudden death or an accident. Have we left adequate protection so that our lover will not be thrown out of our home? If we own property jointly, is the survivor legally protected from our next of kin? Maybe I'm a natural-born worrier, but I have been concerned about this for some time. It's something we all need to think about and discuss with our partners and our families if they know about the relationship. Since the law does not recognize our partners as our next of kin, we have to be sure that our desires are carried out after our deaths.

That's about all for now. I know you all must think I'm terribly morbid, but I'm not really. I consider it being practical, always prepared, like the good girl scout I was raised to be! Hugs and kisses. P.

HARVEY MILK AND DAN WHITE

By Kevin Nance

(Part Three of a review/condensation of Randy Shilts' book, *The Mayor of Castro Street: The Life and Times of Harvey Milk.*)

Three days after California voters rejected the homophobic Briggs Initiative in November 1970, Dan White resigned from the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. As detailed in taut, gripping narrative by Randy Shilts, who covered the events as a reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle, White's resignation - prompted by his coinciding financial and psychological crises--was the beginning of the end for America's leading openly gay politician, Supervisor Harvey Milk.

Ten days after his resignation, White emerged from a meeting with the Police Officers' Association and the Board of Realtors to say he wanted his seat back. At first Mayor George Moscone appeared to be ready to reappoint the right-wing supervisor; but Milk reminded Moscone that White had been the swing vote in several 6-5 defeats of the mayor's liberal proposals. Besides, White was the only openly anti-gay supervisor; the city's massive gay population knew it; and Moscone would be facing re-election the next year. "You reappoint Dan White to the board," Milk told Moscone, "and you won't get elected dogcatcher." The mayor changed his mind.

On November 26, the night before Moscone had scheduled an announcement, White got a call from a television reporter. "I have received information from a source within the mayor's office that you are not getting that job," she told him. He then stayed up all night, eating cupcakes (which would become significant later) and drinking Cokes.

At 9 a.m., he picked up his fully loaded .38 Smith & Wesson, some extra ammunition, and headed for City Hall. Sneaking in through a side window - a sure way to avoid the metal detector at the main entrance - he presented himself at the mayor's office. Five minutes later, while the two men were alone, White fired two bullets, downing Moscone. Then White knelt next to the prostrate body and fired two more bullet through Moscone's ear canal and directly into the brain.

Horrible as that was, White saved his most cruel arsenal for Milk. White re-loaded with hollow-headed dum-dum bullets that explode on impact, ripping a hole into the victim two to three times the size of the slug itself. He headed for Milk's office, sticking his head in through the door.

"Say, Harv, can I see you?"

White took Milk to his old office across

the hall. His name plate had already been removed. He planted himself between Milk and the door, then fired. Here, in Shilts' words, is what happened next:

"Oh no," Milk shouted. "N--" He reflexively raised his hand to protect himself.

White knew that bullets went through arms; he fired again, cutting short Harvey's cry. The slug tore into Harvey's right wrist, ripped into his chest and out again, finally lodging near his left elbow. Another dum-dum bullet pounded Milk in the chest. He was falling now, toward the window. As he crumpled to his knees, Dan White took careful aim from across the office. The first three bullets alone would not have killed Harvey. White took careful aim at the staggering figure and fired a fourth bullet which sliced into the back of his head and out the other side, spraying blood against the wall. . . Harvey had fallen to the floor. White gripped the revolver's handle and pulled the trigger once more. The bullet left only a dime-sized wound on the outside of Harvey's skull, but shards from its hollow tip exploded when they struck Harvey's skull, tearing and ripping into his brain. Harvey Milk died at approximately 10:55 a.m. on the dark gray morning of November 27, 1978, a year and a half short of his fiftieth birthday.

That day, as word got out that Milk had been killed by Dan White, outrage mounted. By evening, a massive crowd of 40,000 stretched the entire distance from City Hall to Castro Street. Milk's message, his eventual successor on the board of supervisors Harry Britt told the stunned crowd, was that "no matter what the world has taught us about ourselves, we can be beautiful and we can get our thing together. . . He was to us what Dr. King was to his people. Harvey was a prophet. Like Dr. King, he lived by a vision. . . Harvey will be in the middle of us, always, always, always."

NEXT: THE TRIAL OF DAN WHITE

is all about.

If any of this resonates with you, and if you'd like to join us, call Amy or Kate at 231-0350. We need you. We need your talent, your energy, and your spirit.

And if you have been or are being discriminated against, call us. We need to know about it.

We're never going to end homophobia in Lexington. If we face facts, discrimination against gays and lesbians is probably here to stay. That doesn't mean we have to just lie down and be kicked like an old dog.

But one day Lexington will be a place where, if your boss fires you because of your sexual orientation, **you can sue the bastard.**

GAY CONGRESSMAN INTRODUCES BILL TO COUNTERACT REAGAN-ERA HOMOPHOBIC LEGISLATION

U.S. Representative Barney Frank (D-MA) has introduced HB 1280, The Immigration Exclusion and Deportation Amendments Act of 1989. The bill would delete the current "sexual deviation exclusion" used to block lesbians and gay men from entering the United States. The bill will affect tourists, resident aliens, and immigrants who wish to become citizens.

Under current law, "sexual deviation" is used as a reason to deport or deny a visa to any foreign gay man or lesbian. The Supreme Court has ruled "sexual deviation" refers specifically to homosexuals. By mid-April, 55 Representatives had signed on as co-sponsors.

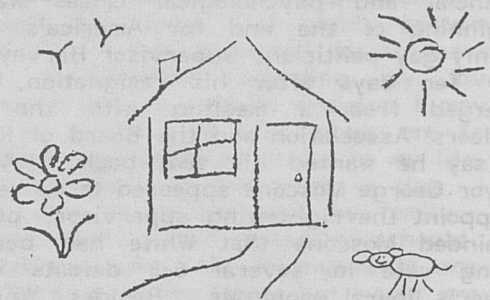
KENTUCKY NATIVE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL PWA GROUP

Belinda Mason, formerly of Ohio County, Kentucky, was elected President of the National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA) at the group's April meeting. Ms. Mason was infected with HIV through blood transfusion at a Madisonville hospital over two years ago.

The daughter of state Rep. Paul Mason (D-Whitesburg) Ms. Mason has been outspoken on society's need to show compassion towards those infected with the virus. She organized KIPWAC, the Kentucky-Indiana People With AIDS Coalition, encouraged the formation of AIDS Southern Kentucky, and frequently speaks at AIDS education sessions and TV programs throughout Kentucky. She is well known in Lexington and has participated in AVOL programs.

Ms. Mason now resides in Tobinsport, IN with her husband and two children.

WE ARE THE PEOPLE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD



Your next door neighbor, that nice father down the street, the mom in the carpool, your child's best friend's father or mother at the PTA meeting, we are Lesbian mothers and Gay fathers. The fact that we are Gay and Lesbian does not affect our ability to be good parents-prejudice does. For more information, contact:

LEXINGTON GAY/LESBIAN SERVICES ORGANIZATION

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or contributions write
GLSO

P.O. Box 11471-Lexington, Ky. 40575

Have you seen this ad in the **Lexington Herald-Leader**? GLSO ran has run it twice this year, as part of our publicity campaign funded by the Chicago Resource Center.

Each month since October, GLSO has been running similar ads in the **Herald-Leader** and the **Kentucky Kernel**. We have also been placing ads in approximately 20 community newspapers around Central and Eastern Kentucky. Ads usually run on Wednesdays. Let us know when you see one of our ads. We're proud of them, and are proud of the positive response we've been getting from our fellow Kentuckians, gay and straight alike.

The questions in this survey pertain to the quality of life for lesbians and gay men both in Lexington and at the University of Kentucky, in particular, during the past 12 months. Even if you do not live in Lexington but have experienced, in Lexington, a situation such as one of those described below, please fill out the survey.

For the purposes of this survey, those associated with the University of Kentucky include students, staff, faculty at the Lexington and Medical Center Campuses as well as all of the Community Colleges. If you are not included in any of these categories, but have experienced or or know about events of anti gay or lesbian discrimination at UK, please answer relevant questions as they pertain to your experience at UK. If you can answer any questions in the contexts of both UK and Lexington, please give two answers, one for each category. Please return the completed survey to:

BLUEGRASS HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES SURVEY
P.O. Box 1501, Lexington, KY 40591

1. Which of the following most closely describes the extent to which others, in general, know of your sexual orientation?

- I am "out" to no one.
 I am "out" to a majority of people.
 I am "out" to only a select few.
 I am "out" to just about everyone.
 I am "out" to about half the people I know.

2. Have you experienced or been present when any of the following were directed toward you or someone else solely because of being gay or lesbian? Please place a check under the yes and indicate how many times it has occurred in the past 12 months.

If you are associated with the University of Kentucky, please indicate in the right hand column the number of times such an incident occurred during the past year at UK.

Please place a check mark here if you are associated with UK.

YES

| YES (Refer to No. 2 above) | NUMBER OF TIMES | |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | In Lexington (excluding UK) | At UK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> *verbal harassment or threat on phone? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> *verbal harassment or threat in person? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> physical confrontation or assault? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sexual assault or harassment? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> social ostracism? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> refusal of membership or housing or pressure to leave (at UK would include at a frat or sorority or dorm)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> denial of or pressure to leave a job? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> penalties in a work situation (negative treatment from supervisor or co-workers)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> denial of promotion or tenure? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> denial of admission to or pressure to leave an academic program or curriculum? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> denial of access to or pressure to leave social activities? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

*verbal assault includes any spoken comments ranging from insulting names to threats of violence.

Questions 3-8. Please indicate your degree of agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements. Give answers pertaining to UK if you are a student, staff, or faculty, or have been during the past 12 months, at the University of Kentucky.

1 = Strongly Agree; 2 = Agree; 3 = Neither Agree nor Disagree;
4 = Disagree; 5 = Strongly Disagree

3. Anti lesbian and gay attitudes are prevalent.

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| In Lexington | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| At UK | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

4. Grievance procedures should be established to address harassment of individuals on the basis of their sexual orientation.

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| In Lexington | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| At UK | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

5. Being openly lesbian or gay adversely affects one's chances for academic or professional/job advancement.

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|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| In Lexington | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| At UK | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

6. Being simply perceived as lesbian or gay adversely affects one's chances for academic or professional/job advancement.

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| In Lexington | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| At UK | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

7. Anti lesbian and gay harassment is prevalent enough to cause me to fear for my own safety.

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| In Lexington | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| At UK | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

8. Have you ever felt it necessary to indicate that you were NOT lesbian or gay?

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| In Lexington | Yes | No |
| At UK | Yes | No |

9. Do you work for a corporation/organization that has a nondiscrimination clause that includes sexual orientation?

| | |
|-----|----|
| Yes | No |
|-----|----|

10. What is your sex? Female Male

11. What is your age? Under 18 18-22 23-30
31-40 Over 40

If you have been the victim of anti gay or lesbian discrimination and/or have additional comments, please feel free to describe them anonymously on a separate sheet of paper. Please mail this survey and comments to:

BLUEGRASS HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES
P.O. Box 1501
Lexington, KY 40591

THANK YOU!

PRESSURE FROM GAY/LESBIAN VOTERS BECOMING SUCCESSFUL

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force reports that nearly half of all U.S. Senators and a quarter of the members of the House of Representatives are co-sponsors of the Federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act. This is this largest number of co-sponsors ever for a lesbian and gay supported bill. NGLTF attributes this to the efforts of individual citizens who wrote their Senators and Representatives, lobbyists, local gay and lesbian groups, and the 60-member Hate Crimes Coalition NGLTF launched in 1987.

The Hate Crimes Statistics Act mandates the collection of data on crimes motivated by prejudice based on race, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation.

NGLTF first secured introduction of the Hate Crimes Bill in 1987. In 1988, NGLTF lobbying led to overwhelming passage of the bill in the House of Representatives, marking the first time a federal bill containing reference to sexual orientation had passed either body of Congress. In 1988 the Act also passed the Senate Judiciary Committee by an overwhelming margin but stalled in the Senate when Sen. Jesse Helms threatened to attach anti-gay amendments which included provisions that homosexuality was a threat to the family and that sodomy laws should be enforced.

The Senate version of the Hate Crimes Statistics Bill, SB 419, has unanimously passed the Judiciary Committee, but Sen. Helms plans to introduce an amendment similar to last year's when SB 419 comes to the Senate floor. "We cannot be complacent about the support we have won for this bill," said NGLTF lobbyist Peri Jude Radecic. "Co-sponsors must be lobbied to stand up to Helms' anti-gay rhetoric. We cannot afford passage of the anti-gay amendments which could wipe-out the gains we are making on a number of civil rights fronts."

Letters from voters have already been responsible for the number of co-sponsors of the 1989 version of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act. More letters are needed to convince Congressional representatives to support the bill. Your friends' letters have been successful, and yours will be, too. Please write Sen. Mitch McConnell (155 E. Main St., Lexington, KY, 40502; (606) 252-1781) and Sen. Wendell Ford (343 Waller Ave., Lexington, KY, 40503; (606) 233-2484). Urge our senators to vote in favor of this landmark legislation. Evidence shows Congress has been listening. Your letter could be the deciding factor in our Senators' votes.

ASK AUNT MARY

Dear Aunt Mary: While driving down Tates Creek the other day I looked at the large churches - one larger than the high school I went to - and couldn't help but think of what they teach about homosexuality. I'm comfortable with my sexuality, but at times Lexington does seem a bit conservative. I have friends who take "sanity" trips to Cincinnati, Louisville, Chicago or New York, but I really can't afford to take off. Besides, it sometimes hits me on a Wednesday night. What can I do to occasionally escape? -- Andy

Dear Andy: Surrounding yourself with others who share similar interests is often the best way to "escape" the pressure that a community can impose on minority groups. For almost everyone, whether you're gay, lesbian, bisexual, or "other," the easiest way to meet people is in the relatively non-threatening setting of some sort of organizational meeting. Lexington is fortunate to have several organizations that sponsor gay and lesbian activities - check the listing of phone contacts for an idea of what's available. Take a chance and get involved. In addition, this is the month in which to celebrate your gay pride and heritage and Aunt Mary encourages everyone to participate in the gay pride activities that will be going on the week of June 11-18 here in Lexington.

Lexington also is fortunate to have four gay bars that offer a variety of atmospheres from sit-down and talk, to dance your fanny off. If you're new to town or don't know many people, it's sometimes frightening to go into a bar alone, but it can be encouraging just to be around many gay men and lesbians.

If all else fails, consider reading a good gay or lesbian novel. Even if you can't be in New York you can escape through a vicarious experience. Both Joseph-Beth booksellers and Special Media offer numerous gay and lesbian books. Or if you want to know what's going on around the country, pick up a copy of *The Advocate* at the Newsstand on New Circle Road or at Little Professor Bookstore in Tates Creek Center.

In any case, remember that you're not alone. Most of us at some time or another feel oppressed by homophobic attitudes and behaviors - we can and must work to change those attitudes and behaviors. But while we're doing it, we can support other gays and lesbians and at the same time gain support from them.

Aunt Mary
June GLSO 11

CROSSINGS

WHERE MEN MEET

117 N. LIMESTONE
LEXINGTON, KY
606/233-7266

GLSO ANNUAL ELECTION

GLSO is a non-profit corporation formed in 1977 to provide educational and referral services for/about gay men and lesbians in central Kentucky. GLSO is run by a Board of Directors consisting of the four Officers and six At-Large Directors. Each year the positions of two Officers and three Directors (half the Board) are open for election. Candidates are nominated at the May Forum meeting and the election is held at the June Forum, which usually coincides with the annual Pride Week Celebration.

Both the Presidential and Vice Presidential position are open this year, plus three At-Large positions. Candidates nominated are:

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| President: | Craig C. |
| Vice President: | Debbi C. |
| At-Large Directors: | |
| Sydney S. | Bobbi S. |
| Kenneth S. | John C. |

The nominee for President is currently GLSO's Secretary, which will create a vacancy in that office. Our newsletter Editor, Steve, was elected as Treasurer last year but has expressed his intent to resign that position to avoid "overload." The Board therefore expects two vacant positions after the election. Vacancies are filled by Board appointment under the By-Laws, and out-going President Dave has offered to accept appointment as Treasurer. The Board has discussed a possible amendment to the By-Laws to create "alternate" At-Large positions, thereby establishing an elected pool of candidates available to fill vacancies which may occur on the Board in the future. That issue will be explored after this election because By-Law amendments require Membership approval.

All GLSO members are encouraged to attend the June Forum Meeting to meet the candidates and vote in the annual election. Please refer to the monthly Calendar for the specific time and place.

3RD LOUISVILLE GAY PRIDE MARCH FOR JUSTICE

On Sunday, June 24, for the third consecutive year, Louisville's annual Gay Pride celebration will include the March for Justice. Entitled "Stonewall 20: A Generation of Pride," the March gives all gay and lesbian Kentuckians an opportunity to celebrate pride in ourselves while supporting the Louisville community in its pursuit for equality.

The event will begin with a Pre-March Rally at 11:00 am in Central Park, Fourth and Magnolia Streets just south of downtown Louisville. Live music, balloons, food and drink, letter writing to elected officials, and informative literature will be provided.

The March will leave the Park at 12:30, and will travel, via sidewalk, to the Jefferson County Courthouse at Fifth and Jefferson Streets. Trained peacekeepers and march organizers escort the crowd during the March, providing protection and assistance. Fortunately, no incidents have ever required the involvement of the peacekeepers, or the local police who hold traffic so marchers can cross intersections without splitting the crowd.

When the last of the marchers reach the Courthouse, around 1:45 pm, the Main Rally will begin. Numerous supporters of equal rights for lesbians and gay men will speak for about one hour. Rides back to the park after the rally will allow marchers to easily return to their cars.

In 1987, the first March for Justice saw 300 participants with nearly half the marchers heterosexual. The 1988 March included 250 participants in spite of the day's 105 degree heat. Nearly all of that crowd was gay or lesbian. Additionally, both marches boasted a long list of endorsing organizations, including civil rights and churches.

With this year's milder weather and progress with local government, march organizers anticipate a larger turnout than ever. Each year, gay men and lesbians from all over Kentucky, including a large group of Lexingtonians, have shown their support. Supporters are encouraged to take part in this important event which demands our rights while celebrating our pride.

NEO-NAZIS ON TRIAL FOR GAY MURDERS

Douglas Sheets and Robert Eugene Jackson, two former members of the White Patriot Party, will go on trial soon in Shelby, North Carolina, for the mass murder of three men, in an adult bookstore on Jan. 17, 1987.

The motive for the murders, according to an informant, was to "avenge Yahweh on homosexuals." Both Jackson and Sheets previously had been convicted in cases related to white supremacist work.

GAY AMERICA

NATIONAL

Early this Spring, National Gay Rights Advocates will be filing a lawsuit against Trans World Airlines, Inc. (TWA) for its refusal to allow a gay man, Bill Brierley, to use his Frequent flight Bonus Miles to travel with his lover.

Under the terms of TWA's program, an enrolled member may use his or her bonus award for themselves or for certain family members. Eligible family members include many different relatives, as distant as a cousin's spouse, but forbids unrelated family partners, such as those found in gay and lesbian couples.

WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA

National Gay Rights Advocates and the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Southern California recently won a client the right to fly the Gay Pride Flag from the balcony of his apartment. New owners of John Stout's apartment building ordered Stout to remove the rainbow flag last summer. After a recent hearing asking for a preliminary injunction on the discriminatory action, the owners agreed not to prevent Stout from flying the Gay Pride Flag and gave him four months free rent.

DES MOINES, IA

A state senate subcommittee defeated a gay rights bill that had been approved by the house of representatives, but house supporters indicated they would attempt to resuscitate the legislation by proposing it as an amendment to another civil rights bill.

Separately, a senate committee rejected an effort to remove gays as a protected group under a proposed bill that would increase penalties for hate-motivated crimes. The hate crimes bill now goes to the full senate.

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has filed suit in Minnesota challenging the refusal of the Minneapolis Library Board to extend health care benefits to the domestic partners of three lesbian employees. Like most employers, the Library board offers health care coverage to spouses of heterosexual employees but not to same-gender couples.

COLUMBUS, OH

State Senator Gary Suhadolnik, (Republican) introduced legislation forbidding gay men and lesbians from becoming foster or adoptive parents in Ohio.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

In a shift in policy, the immigration service will permit foreigners with AIDS to enter the U.S. on temporary visas to attend conferences or for medical treatment, a Justice Department official announced May 18. Foreigners with AIDS will continued to be denied tourist visas.

BROWARD COUNTY, FL

David Schwartz was sentenced to ten years in prison for his part in the beating death of a Miami musician outside a Fort Lauderdale gay nightclub.

MAINE

Attorney general James Tierney reversed himself and announced his support for a state gay rights bill, telling a news conference that antigay discrimination is getting worse and that a rising antigay sentiment is in the air. Gov. John McKernan said he opposes the bill, and the measure's chances of enactment are said to be slight, since the state legislature defeated gay rights legislation each time it was proposed in recent years.

DALLAS, TX

The Gay Community Center and AIDS Resource Center burned to the ground recently. Police believe the fire was the work of arsonists. The Center was robbed of computer equipment and cash before the fire was set. Damage was estimated by fire inspectors at \$750,000. Several threats had been received in the past few weeks before the fire. Police arrested one man for these threatening calls.

AUSTIN, TX

The Texas Human Rights Foundation filed a lawsuit challenging the state's sodomy law, which makes consensual same-sex intercourse illegal.

INTO THE FUTURE

Events listed are representative of the many gay and lesbian-oriented cultural, political and social activities taking place around the country.

- June, 1989. 20th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots!
- June 7-11, 1989. Womowrites '89, 11th Annual Southeastern Lesbian Writers' Conference.
- June 11-18, 1989. Lexington's Annual Gay Pride Week Celebration. Lexington, KY.
- June 18, 1989. Cleveland's first Gay Pride celebration in 15 years!. Cleveland, OH.
- June 15-25, 1989. Stonewall Awareness Week. Columbus, OH.
- June 17-25, 1989. GLUE's Annual Pride Week. Louisville, KY.
- June 24, 1989. 3rd Annual March for Justice. Louisville, KY. (See article).
- June 25, 1989. Stonewall Union's Gay/Lesbian Rights March and Rally, and 1st Annual Midwest Gayfest. Columbus, OH.
- June 30, 1989. National Day of Mourning for the Right to Privacy. Third Anniversary of the Hardwick v. Bowers Decision.
- June 30-July 3, 1989. Campaign to End Homophobia. Second Conference on Anti-Homophobia Education. UCLA, Los Angeles, CA.
- July 2-8, 1989. National Association of Black and White Men Together. Ninth Annual Convention. Tallahassee, FL.
- July 4, 1989. Northwest Gay/Lesbian Sports Festival. Seattle, WA.
- August 5, 1989. Chicago Celebration Ball. Chicago, IL.
- August 4-11, 1990. Celebration '90, Gay Games III and Cultural Festival. Vancouver, Canada.
- August 24-27, 1989. International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews. Chicago, IL.
- September 2-4, 1989. Dignity Convention. San Francisco, CA.
- November 11-13, 1989. National Gay & Lesbian Task Force. Creating Change Conference. Washington, DC.
- November 24-26, 1989. Texas (Gay and Lesbian) Open Tennis Tournament. Houston, TX.

DIRECTORY

- GLSO Gayline 231-0335
- GLSO Board..... call Steve, 266-8887
- GLSO Newsletter
.... call Craig/Steve, 266-8887
- GLSO Speakers Bureau
.... call Bobbi, 259-0694
- GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance
.... call Esmerelda, 255-3851
- GLSO Summer Volleyball
.... call Kenneth, 266-5069
- GLSO Cards & Games
.... call Peter, 259-3292
- GLSO Rainbow Bowling League
.... call Keith, 278-5620
.... or Chuck, 266-8541
- Lesbian Potluck.....
.... call Esmerelda, 252-7837
- Lesbian Passion Discussion Group
.... call Esmerelda, 255-3851
- Women's Writers Collective, 272-3776
- Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates
.... call Kate/Amy, 231-0350
- Gay/Lesbian AA
.... call Dave, 277-9522
- Imperial Court of the Bluegrass Empire..... call Terry, 266-8715
- Lesbian Overeaters Anonymous
.... call Esmerelda, 252-7837
- Dignity/Lexington
.... call Keith, 278-5620
- Liturgy.... call Don, 299-4458
(Lexington's chapter of the national Catholic gay and lesbian support organization. See the Dignity page included in this newsletter.)
- Interweave ... call Craig, 266-8887
(A group within Lexington's Unitarian Universalist Church composed of gay men and lesbians and their non-gay friends.)
- AVOL 254-AVOL
(AIDS support and education)
- ACT-Lexington 281-5151
(AIDS education and speakers)
- HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group
.... call Edwin, 233-0444
- Lexington-Fayette County Health Department
AIDS Testing 252-2371
(For anonymous AIDS counseling and testing, call the above number and ask for an AIDS Counselor.)
- Madison County Health Department
AIDS Testing 623-7312
(For anonymous AIDS counseling and testing, call the above number and ask for an AIDS Counselor.)
- Louisville Crisis Hotline (502) 637-4342
- National Gay and Lesbian Task Force
Crisis Line and AIDS Crisis
Line(800) 221-7044

JUNE EVENTS CALENDAR

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Contact names and numbers for all events listed can be found in the Directory on the previous page. The Comp Care Center is located at 201 Mechanic Street, Lexington.

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| THU 1 | HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm | WED 14 | AVOL Pride Week Safer Sex Program, 4th floor, Conf. Rm. B, 7 pm, New Lexington Library, Main Street; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |
| FRI 2 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm | THU 15 | Pride Week Bar Night; HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |
| SAT 3 | Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120 | FRI 16 | Pride Week Pizza & Movie Night, 8:00 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |
| SUN 4 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian OA, 5:30 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Kings Island Day, Wear Red | SAT 17 | Pride Week Picnic, 1 pm, Jacobson Park; Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120; Pride Week Speaker, Greg Fischer. |
| WED 7 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Celebration of ICBE's Eighth Reign, Great Moments, \$3 donation, 9 pm. | SUN 18 | Interweave Pride Week Church Service, 10:30 am, Unitarian Universalist Church; Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian OA, 5:30 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Pride Week Arts Night, 7 pm, Arts Place |
| THU 8 | HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm | WED 21 | Interweave, 8 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |
| FRI 9 | GLSO Volleyball, 6:30 pm, Jacobson Park, Shelter #5; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm | THU 22 | HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; GLSO News Layout, 7:30 pm; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |
| SAT 10 | Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120; GLSO News Deadline for Submissions | FRI 23 | GLSO Volleyball, 6:30 pm, Jacobson Park, Shelter #5; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |
| SUN 11 | GLSO Phoneline Meeting, 1 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian Potluck, 2 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian OA, 5:30 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; AVOL, 5:30 pm, Comp Care Center | SAT 24 | Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120 |
| MON 12 - | SUN 18 Lexington's Gay & Lesbian Pride Week | SUN 25 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian OA, 5:30 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120 |
| MON 12 | GLSO Pride Week Forum/Elections, 8 pm, Comp Care Center | WED 28 | GLSO Board Meeting, 7:30 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |
| TUE 13 | Pride Week Bowling Night, 8:30 pm, Joyland Lanes | THU 29 | HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |
| | | FRI 30 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |

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July 8

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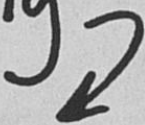
Come out, Come out... 
"Whatever" you are!!!
(music, Dancing, Fun times)


Fri. April 14 *
(2nd Fri. this month)

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Lexington, Ky.

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