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GLSO RECEIVES GRANT

June! You saw it here first during May and June! Then another 100,000 people saw it in the Lexington Herald-Leader during Gay and Lesbian Pride Week. Now Kentucky will keep seeing it time and time again for the next year! No, this is not a late April fool joke. What we are referring to is our ad, "Are You Abusing Your Child Without Knowing It?"

The Chicago Resource Center has awarded \$7,500 to GLSO for a Community Outreach Project. The project will include a monthly advertisement in the Herald-Leader similar to the one you've already seen. We plan to develop other ads for the Herald-Leader which follow the same format, and will also run them in the Kentucky Kernel and selected small town newspapers. During the next year Kentuckians will learn gays and lesbians live here too! Probably some gays and lesbians living in rural areas will hear of GLSO for the first time and realize there is a place where they can turn for support.

The Chicago Resource Center funded a similar GLSO project during 1985-1986. You may remember seeing billboards around Lexington which read, "Someone You Know is Gay... Maybe Someone You Love." Although restricted to Lexington, that project increased the visibility of local gays and lesbians. The new project is even more ambitious since the Herald-Leader is read all over central and eastern Kentucky. And if we can place ads in rural weekly papers, we'll be touching an even larger audience. Watch the newspaper, and remember GLSO is trying to help Kentucky overcome some of its homophobia.

GAY ACA GROUP FORMING IN LEXINGTON

Several local members of Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA) will be starting a new support group for gays and lesbians in Lexington if at least eight people express interest. ACA provides a safe, comfortable place for you to talk about the pain and fear that resulted from growing up with an alcoholic in the family. Often, people who have no history of family alcoholism benefit from these sessions because their families were unable to express affection or respect to each other. If you had an uncomfortable childhood or a potentially dangerous one, you will find others at ACA who can understand because they have been there, too.

Four ACA meetings already occur at St. Joseph Office Park. This new group is not meant to replace those meetings. Instead it is

planned simply as a supplement for those members who want to discuss aspects of their lesbian or gay lives without being concerned about possible homophobic reactions. Of course, people not wishing to take part in any other sessions may attend only these Gay ACA meetings. As with all these programs, anonymity it assured and attendees take part in meetings only to the degree with which they feel comfortable.

Meetings are tentatively scheduled for Saturday afternoons at St. Joseph Office Park. Anyone requesting more information may call Karen at 259-3292. If the answering machine answers please leave a message including your first name and phone number so she can

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AUGUST COFFEEHOUSE

In keeping with the spirit of a summer filled with movie sequels, we've decided to have a sequel of our own for the GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance on Friday, August 19. So watch for "Mingle With the Arts II" at your local Unitarian Universalist Church turing some of your favorite artists. at y of art forms will be represented by the form a nice healthy dosopre the period of dings and a whole is some of the period of dings and a whole is some of the period of dings argy" will again be argy to have a summer filled to have a sequel of our own for the GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance on Friday, August 19. So watch for "Mingle With the Arts II" at your local Unitarian Universalist Church turing some of your favorite artists.

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month D to sell T-shirts and other items with original artwork by Delight Voignier. Ten percent of all sales will be contributed to GLSO, so please take the time to check out their artwork. If you have a particular message or design in mind, "Pure Energy" can custom make what you need. For special orders you can also call (606) 272-5189.

Hope to see you at the C & D!

ANNUAL WOODLAND PARK CLEAN-UP

Every summer when the weather turns hot so do the men, and some go "on a cruise" to cool off. Most can't afford the QE II, so Woodland Park is an inexpensive alternative. If you feel the urge to go "on a cruise," beware! As in years past, the man behind the bushes in Woodland Park may be a police officer.

The Lexington Police don't generally hassle gays and lesbians, but if you're inclined to make "woopie" in public (not Whoopie Goldberg) you're asking to spend the night in the Detention Center. That's inconvenient and embarrassing. Last summer we heard about 50 guys in that predicament, but if we had counted the names in the "Herald-Leader" we'd have found more. We know of several arrests in Woodland Park so far this summer, and assume the police also watch other parks, rest stops, and other public areas. Be smart, and play safe.

SEX LAWS CHALLENGED IN MICHIGAN

The Michigan Organization for Human Rights (MOHR) and 12 individuals filed suit on June 29 challenging the constitutionality of Michigan's laws which outlaw private, consensual, adult sexual behavior. Relying on the Michigan Constitution, the lawsuit asserts these laws, which carry penalties of up to fifteen years in prison, violate every Michigan citizen's rights of privacy and equal treatment under the law.

The suit was filed in Wayne County on the eve of the second anniversary of the United States Supreme Court decision in "Bowers v. Hardwick," decided June 30, 1986. In that case the Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision, refused to extend the right of privacy under the United States Constitution

to gay sexual conduct.

Michigan sodomy and gross indecency laws are written to subject all persons in Michigan to criminal prosecution on he basis of antiquated notions of human sexuality - whether they are gay or straight, single or married.

Lead attorney David Piontkowsky said, "Use of force or sex with someone underage or incompetent is the proper concern of government and the criminal sexual conduct statute covers those situations. The laws challenged here go beyond that to regulate the sexual behavior of adults in the privacy of their bedrooms, which is not the business of the State."

In addition to Piontkowsky, the Plaintiffs are represented by attorney Paula Ettelbrick from Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund in New York and Eileen Scheef and Donald Greenspon, volunteer attorneys for the American Civil Liberties Union Fund of

Michigan.

"The purpose of this lawsuit is to have the statutes declared unconstitutional and unenforceable as applied to private sexual acts between consenting adults. The issue is whether all people, not just certain people, have the right to choose what sexual acts they will or will not engage in," Scheff said.

Ettelbrick, explaining Lambda's involvement, states, "This case has national significance in light of the Supreme Court's Hardwick decision which said criminal laws for consensual sexual behavior will be up to the states. We believe Michigan can be an example for the nation in striking down these laws. Michigan has the opportunity to tip the balance in favor of individual freedom because

the states are now equally divided, half of the states have repealed these types of laws and

half have not yet done so."

The individual plaintiffs are lead by a 75-year-old lesbian, Lucille Portwood, Ph.D., of Okemos, Michigan. Ms. Portwood is a retired microbiologist who served 38 years with the Michigan Department of Public Health. She has participated in numerous civic, cultural and professional activities. Ms. Portwood states, "These laws invade my privacy. Though I cherish my privacy, I voluntarily surrender it to speak out against them."

Another plaintiff, Verna Spayth, a heterosexual woman with a physical disability, represents the unique impact the statutes have on those who are physically challenged. "Michigan law denies any sexual expression at all to people who are physically unable to have intercourse. I fear most that these laws will be used against my brothers and sisters who are locked up in nursing homes and other institutions across the state," she said.

Likewise, the lesbian and gay plaintiffs are precluded from any sexual expression under Michigan law. Additionally, they are

more likely to be prosecuted.

Fear of prosecution is not the only consequence of these laws. Gay men and lesbians often suffer collateral consequences such as discrimination in housing, employment, custody, and other areas, and experience harassment and violence based on their sexual orientation. "These laws give the State seal of approval to discrimination and harassment," Piontkowsky noted.

Greenspon summed up, "There is no place in a democratic society for laws which authorize the government to police purely private sexual acts between consenting adults. There is no place in a democratic society for a constitutional interpretation which allows the government to deny lesbians and gay men, or any other group of people, the same privacy and sexual freedom it permits straight people."

THE PHILIPPINES ADOPTS HIV POLICY

The Philippine government has decided to require an HIV blood test certificate from all foreigners who plan to reside in the country for six months or longer. This will include about 40,000 US service personnel and dependents. No information was available on possible actions to be taken by the Philippine government in cases of positive HIV test results.

AVOL SUMMER BENEFIT

Benefit on July 10. Held at ArtsPlace, the event raised about \$5,000 to house people with 250 attended AVOL's Summer AIDS (PWAs) who are unable to support themselves because of their illness. friendship and beverages were available in the ArtsPlace Gallery, while New York performers Bryan Murphy and Ron Bailey entertained in the adjoining Performance Hall. The human tragedy of AIDS was underscored when a local PWA addressed the crowd later in the evening, publicly disclosing his illness for the first

Those who missed the Benefit can still contribute to AVOL's housing project. Make your check payable to AVOL and mail it to P.O. Box 431, Lexington, 40585. Donations are tax deductible and will be used to provide

housing for local AIDS patients.

AVOL thanks all who made the evening a success, both those who attended as well as those behind the scenes who did the planning, preparation and clean-up. A special thanks to AVOL's friends in the business community who donated the excellent food and refreshments.

AVOL REPRESENTED AT STATE CONFERENCE

On July 15, Chuck Conn and three other AVOL members attended an all-day conference in Frankfort sponsored by the Kentucky AIDS Education Project. The conference was held for AIDS Coordinators from local and district health departments within the state. About 25 of the 90 trained Coordinators attended. Besides AVOL, AIDS Southern Kentucky (ASK) of Bowling Green was the only other community based AIDS service organization which participated.

The session offered information on current state health department activities, and Dr. Reginald Finger from the Department of Epidemiology reported his experiences at the recent International Conference on AIDS in Stockholm. A Department of Education representative discussed their efforts to introduce AIDS education into the Kentucky

public schools.

AVOL was well received by the Health Department Coordinators. Those from rural areas serviced by Lexington's hospitals learned of AVOL's services, and special interest was expressed in the housing project. AVOL's participation gave the organization higher visibility outside Lexington and may result in the referral of more rural PWAs needing help.

NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER OUSTED FOR REJECTING SAFE SEX AD

The owner of the Dayton Daily News fired the newspaper's publisher after gay activists protested the publisher's rejection of classified ads submitted by two gay groups.

David Easterly, president of Atlanta -based Cox Newspapers which owns the Daily News, dismissed publisher Dennis Shere on June 8 after Shere refused to resign or change his position on rejecting the ads. In a statement, Shere said his "Christian convictions" led him to believe publishing the ads would give the appearance the newspaper was "promoting unacceptable behavior."

Easterly was quoted in the Daily News as saying, "Personal feelings, religious or otherwise, cannot be allowed to override our obligation to treat people fairly ... As newspaper people, it's our job to defend freedom of expression for all people, even when we do not condone their life-style or

philosophy."

Easterly's statement was followed quickly by the newspaper's acceptance of the ads. Five hundred religious fundamentalists then rallied in front of the paper's offices, canceled hundreds of subscriptions and threatened a two week boycott. Easterly and J. Bradford Tillson, the new publisher, stood by the decision to publish the ad.

AMTRAK OFFERS REDUCED RATES TO GAY AND LESBIAN COUPLES

Same-sex couples and gay/lesbian families are eligible for reduced fares under Amtrak's Family Plan, according to a new clarification of National Railroad Passenger Corporation's director of Community Affairs John Jacobsen. This application of the policy was announced after Walter Wheeler, president of Couples, Inc., a national organization serving needs of gay and lesbian couples, was refused a reduced fare Family Plan ticket for himself and his male partner.

Anyone can obtain a Family Plan ticket, Jacobsen said, by presenting herself or himself as the head of a household and others as members of the family. The couple must be willing to say they are married to obtain the reduced rates, which are full fare for the head of the household, half fare for the other adult member, and quarter fare for children

between the ages of 2 and 11.

ANOTHER SENATOR SUPPORTS FEDERAL GAY RIGHTS BILL from The Sentinel

As a result of constituent lobbying by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force members, and efforts by the Human Rights Campaign Fund, John Chaffee (R-RI) became the tenth Senator to sign onto the Senate version of the federal lesbian and gay civil rights bill. Senator Chaffee stated, "I believe that equal opportunity must be guaranteed for all Americans. To discriminate against individuals because of race, sex, age, or sexual orientation is to deny them their civil rights. Based on this conviction I am proud to give my strong support to S. 464."

S. 464 amends the 1964 Civil Rights Act to include non-discrimination based on sexual or affectional orientation. Other Senate cosponsors include: Alan Cranston (D-CA), Lowell Weicker (R-CT), Daniel Inoyue (D-HI), Paul Simon (D-IL), Edward Kennedy (D-MA), John Kerry (D-MA), Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), Daniel Moynihan (D-NY), and Brock Adams

(D-WA).

"Senator Chaffee's willingness to stand up for the civil rights of all Americans, including lesbian and gay Americans, is a victory for us all," said Jeffrey Levi, Executive Director of NGLTF. "Until this kind of legislation is enacted, discrimination against lesbian and gay people in employment, housing and other areas will continue with governmental approval. Senator Chaffee's co-sponsorship acknowledges that the federal government does have a duty to protect lesbian and gay people from fundamental violations of our civil rights and that it is a bipartisan issue."

NGLTF Lobbyist Peri Jude Radecic credited the co-sponsorship in large part to constituent lobbying by NGLTF members in Rhode Island. "We started lobbying Senator Chaffee back in December of 1987," said Radecic. "Our strategy was to build upon the work of activists during the March on

Washington Lobby Days."

According to Levi, NGLTF members and activist organizations in Rhode Island participated in a letter writing campaign. "We were pleased to see our members respond and even more pleased to see that work pay off in the form of another cosponsor to S. 464," said Levi.

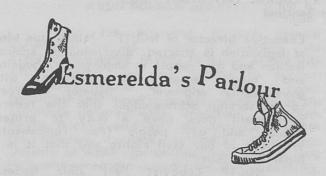
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It's hot - what more can we say? Our plants are wilting, and so are we. Yet somehow we've found the energy to get excited about the month ahead. August, traditionally one of the most insufferable months of the year, is a wonderful month for lesbians! For, among other things, it gives us the Womyn's Music Festival in Michigan, an event many lesbians literally plan their year around. While to be best of my knowledge no one in our little household will be venturing up north this year, our thoughts will be with those of you who do. What a wonderful experience you have ahead of you. And what wonderful stories we have to look forward to!

Also in August, fall league softball will get underway, and what a great way to see and/or meet a whole slew of women. Whether as a spectator or a participant, you'll be enjoying a favorite lesbian pastime. If, on the other hand, you are more of the indoor type check out the lesbian potluck or the lesbian passion discussion group. They offer a nice, low-key way to meet other lesbians. Or if you're just one more party animal looking for someplace other than a bar to cut loose, come to the GLSO Coffeehouse and Dance on Friday, August 19. Opportunities abound for minglin' and dancin', whichever suits your fancy.

By the way, a little bird tells us that there is a new group in town called OWL (Older and Wiser Lesbians.) Formerly called the SOL group (Slightly Older Lesbians), the group changed its name for reasons that should be obvious, and they're on their way again. We hope those of you who have been in search of such a group will check it out. Until next month,

Debbie & Teresa

FIRST CONTEST WINNER

The following selection is the first winner of Esmerelda's Write-Off. We hope that you all enjoy it as much as we did, and that you will feel inspired to send in some of your work. Each winner will have her work published in Esmerelda's Parlour; and will also receive two free passes to the GLSO Coffeehouse and Dance. And now, our first winning selection . . .

"Too Hot To Handle"

"Lordy, lordy, I don't think I can stand much more of this hot weather," I said out loud to myself. This is a common complaint this summer in Lexington, especially among those of us who work outdoors. I work at a racetrack, and it has been brutal. Seems like the only thing I really look forward to is coming home to the air conditioning. I drag my poor, hot, sweaty, sticky body home to the luxury of a nice cool shower. After I catch my breath and cool down a bit, I head for the ice-box and an ice-filled tumbler of Bartle & Jaymes. Still naked from my shower, I relax in front of the fan with my drink. Pretty soon Jo comes home, much in the same shape as I. After a similar, quick metamorphosis, she is ready to join me on the couch.

"Wouldn't it be cooler in the bedroom?" she asked pensively. "On the waterbed - wouldn't it be cooler, Jan?"

I think to myself: What could she be up to? Maybe she just wants to take a nap, so I innocently follow her into the quiet, dark, cool solitude of the bedroom. Gentle fingers delicately caress the tension from my rigid and tense muscles. Beginning at my throat and moving leisurely downward, these wandering messengers of relief and pleasure find my most sensitive areas and arouse them slowly but surely to shimmering and delightful commitment. There was no turning back now as I quickly and gratefully returned these ministrations to Jo. Suddenly, there was new relief to be found in these long, hot summer afternoons.

Jan Windsong

THE PASSION GROUP

We have nothing but good things to report about the Lesbian Passion Discussion Group. Our first actual discussion took place on Sunday, June 19. The chapter we discussed was "Healing the Child Within" (where better to begin?), and the discussion was such a good one that we decided to carry the topic over for our July meetings. That topic alone seems to have limitless potential for discussion. But we will be moving on.

After considerable thought negotiation, we've come up with a schedule for our discussions that should meet almost everyone's needs. We will meet on the first Thursday, at 7:30 pm, and the third Sunday, at 1 pm, of each month. Feel free to attend either one or both, for although the same chapter will be discussed at each, chances are that the discussions will be very different. "Lesbian Self-Esteem" will be the chapter covered at the August 4 and August 21 meetings. We hope to see lots of you there!

And now, JoAnn Loulan on "the magic of

lesbian love":

"I've found that the more I show people that being a lesbian is a positive, loving thing to do, the more they are willing to believe that lesbianism can be popular, that it can be wonderful. After all, lesbianism is magical. That's why I'm a lesbian. I am not a woman of little brain. I would never pick a weirdo, terrible sexual orientation. I am just not that dumb. For me, being a lesbian is magical. It's just fabulous.

the first time? Remember necessarily your first sexual experience, but the first time you felt that flush of love for a woman. For me, it was for Mrs. McAndrews in second grade. I would just sit and stare for hours. She was tall, with slightly curled grey hair, and beautiful smooth skin. I was in heaven. That's lesbian magic. Remember that feeling? I remember when Mary Simmer whistled at me in fourth grade and I thought I would faint. I came out of the house dressed in white shorts and a white top with red trim, and Mary Simmer, my girlfriend from down the street, was standing in front of my house, and she whistled at me. I nearly fell over. I didn't know what the feeling was. I didn't know anything about sexuality. I didn't know who Sappho was. I was only in fourth grade. But I still remember that feeling. It's one of my favorite feelings.

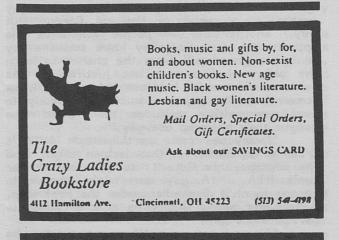
That feeling is one of the reasons we go

through all that we go through. We put up with a lot of homophobia in this culture, and in ourselves. We do it because we know the magic of lesbian love."

from Lesbian Passion

WOMYN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL OPENS AUGUST 10

The annual Michigan Womyn's Festival is coming around again. Beginning Wednesday morning, August 10, thousands of women will gather together for five days to celebrate womynhood/sisterhood and to share our experience through music, dance, and a variety of workshops focused on women's issues. The workshops will all take place on Wednesday and offer a range of topics from "Women in Resistance" to "Applied Healing with Sight and Sound." And, yes, JoAnn Loulan will do a workshop on "Lesbian Passion." There are 21 additional workshops and if space permitted, I would love to list them all. After the workshops on Wednesday, the remainder of the festival will be devoted to music, music, music. Deidre McCalla, Teresa Trull, Alix Dobkin and Edwina Lee Tyler & A Piece of the World will be among the many artists participating in this year's festival. In addition, the festival presents a huge open-air womyn's craft bazaar, and women come from all over the country to present their art, crafts, wares and services. For tickets and/or additional information, send a large self-addressed, stamped envelope to WWTMC, Box 22, Walhalla, Michigan, 49458. Hope to see you there!



NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY SET FOR OCTOBER

On October 11, hundreds of thousands of gay men and lesbians will participate in a bold, new national campaign, "National Coming

Out Day '88: Take Your Next Step."

"This is a grass roots project designed to include everyone in our community. National Coming Out Day will build individual self-esteem and commitment, energize our local communities, and increase our national visibility and strength," announced Jean O'Leary, executive director of the National Gay Rights Advocates. NGRA will co-sponsor the event with the Experience Weekend.

National Coming Out Day '88 is jointly sponsored by NGRA, NGLTF and other national gay organizations and will enlist the active support of more than 8,000 local and state gay/lesbian groups across the country, as well as the community's local and national

media.

"A National Coming Out Day is an idea whose time has come," declared Rob Eichenberg, founder and key spokesperson for the Experience Weekend. "As last year's March on Washington showed, this is a community that is growing and thriving. we are determined to bring that spirit home - to show our strength, out rich cultural diversity, and our boundless creativity and vitality - even in the face of the AIDS epidemic."

As last October's March also proved, the full force of the nation's gay and lesbian community is prepared to take a stand for its rights. If each of last year's 600,000 marchers come out to just one more non-gay person as a result of National Coming Out Day, another 600,000 people will have the opportunity to realize they know someone gay or lesbian, and will have the chance to learn the old prejudices are not justified. As evidence shows, heterosexuals who know someone openly gay are much more likely to hold gay-positive attitudes than those who believe they know no one gay.

"Everyone can participate," NGRA's O'Leary explained. "One lesbian might find the courage this Oct. 11 to come out to her son's PTA. A gay man might choose to engage in civil disobedience for the first time. A teenager might finally be able to admit to

herself she's gay."

"There are countless ways to be involved," continued O'Leary. "Our job as campaign coordinators will be to encourage widespread participation from every corner of our community and our organized movement

and to act as a clearinghouse for the hundreds of innovative ideas this campaign will engender."

Although details of the National Coming Out Day campaign will evolve further as the broader community gets involved, three basic steps have been outlined:

1. People will be encouraged to fill out a commitment card affirming their decision to

"take the next step" on Oct. 11.

2. People will participate on Coming Out Day in "whatever way you choose - telling a friend, going to your first gay political meeting, putting a photo of your lover up at work - whatever is your next step."

3. People will be encouraged to attend a Coming Out Day party the evening of Oct. 11 to share with others "your coming Out Day story - whether at an intimate dinner party, rap group, or a large community town-hall-type meeting."

NGRA will track the development of many of these Coming Out Day stories and plans to collate them into a commemorative book and video about this important day.

National Coming Out Day emerged as one of four consensus projects from the "War Conference," a gathering of 200 gay and lesbian leaders in Virginia in late February. Each project will be supported by all organizations, with key sponsorship by one or

two groups

Other projects are the formation of a national emergency response network to link all organizations and provide the means to pressure elected officials; a national voter registration drive; a national media and public relations campaign to promote our visibility as a multicultural, diverse community; and an annual conference of gay and lesbian activists open to all.

In order to help facilitate National Coming Out Day, NGRA and the Experience Weekend will provide several organizing tools to local groups and individuals, including:

A basic coming out kit;

A list of resources to help plan local

campaigns;

A list of national slogans, old and new, such as "We Are Everywhere!" and "Silence=Death;"

Commitment cards and certificates of

participation;

Buttons, bumper stickers, T-shirts, etc. In addition, NGRA will act as a national clearinghouse soliciting ideas for slogans, a National Coming Out Day song, Coming Out

day party ideas, etc.

As part of Campaign Countdown to Oct.

11, NGRA will seek endorsements from celebrities, civil rights, professional and educational organizations, as well as religious, business, and political leaders. The support and active participation of families and friends of gays and lesbians will be encouraged through a parallel media campaign to reach the heterosexual community.

Essential to the fullest participation of the gay and lesbian community will be the involvement of the gay media and all the 8,000 groups across the country. GLSO will, of course, lend its full support to this national

campaign.

RAINBOW BOWLING SEASON BEGINNING

GLSO's Rainbow Bowling League will begin its 1988-89 season with a pre-season party at Chuck and Keith's house, August 23 at 8 pm. Call Chuck (268-8511) or Keith (269-8417) for directions. Last year 24 bowlers participated every Tuesday evening at Joyland Lanes on Paris Pike, just north of New Circle Road. This year there is room for even more people, so all you closet bowlers looking for a good time should call for information, or simply come enjoy the party and join the league. Don't worry, you don't have to be a "professional quality" bowler to join! In fact, if you average over 100 you'll be eligible for our "hall of fame."

CURRENT AND OLD EDITIONS OF GLSO NEWS NOW AVAILABLE AT UK LIBRARY

GLSO recently donated two subscriptions of GLSO News to the M.I. King Library at the University of Kentucky. One subscription is being sent to the library's Department of Special Collections and Archives to be included in the largest Kentuckiana collection in the state. The second copy is kept in the Periodicals Department for use by students, faculty, staff, and the public. Neither of these departments allows items to be checked out, but patrons are free to use any materials at their leisure and photocopy machines are available for public use.

Issues housed in the Special Collections Department date back to 1986, and, like all materials in this department, must be requested at the service desk. Copies kept in the Periodicals Department extend back as far as August 1977 and do not require staff

assistance to locate.

The newsletters afford a fascinating history of gay Central Kentucky. For example, few people are aware GLSO's officers, board and membership have always included an impressive mixture of both lesbians and gay men. Few organizations in the country can claim that characteristic.

GLSO's newsletter has changed title several times during the past eleven years. The publication began simply as the Lexington Gay Services Organization, Inc. Newsletter. This work was a small but proud organizational newsletter which ran only a few pages each month. Some time later the title was changed to Gayzette, with a community monthly events calendar included. With the renaming of the newsletter to Gay Newsletter in August of

1981, the publication made an obvious effort to provide more community information and

support than previous issues.

In 1982, the newsletter became the GSO News. Efforts to serve the larger gay and lesbian community were more fully realized during the editorship of Jim Weichers, a period which lasted during both years of his presidency. During this time the newsletter took on a "magazine" appearance and greatly expanded its content to include news, advice columns, local events, and personal accounts, as well as GSO news. When GSO became the Gay/Lesbian Services Organization (GLSO) in 1986, in order to better describe GLSO's membership and Central Kentucky's gay community, the newsletter became GLSO News.

Throughout its history, GLSO's newsletter has reflected the organization's commitment to serving our growing community. Accounts of specific events, ranging from community-wide meetings held at Shakertown in the 1970s, to the successful challenge of Kentucky's sodomy laws within the Fayette County Circuit Court, provide an insightful look at ourselves and our predecessors.

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FROM DIGNITY'S PRESIDENT

I had an interesting experience recently. A friend and I took four new friends to The Bar. These four friends are all married with children, and heterosexual. Despite some initial concern, fear, and general lack of knowledge, all four were quite curious about the place.

Needless to say, within five minutes we were having a great time. We danced until closing and were all disappointed when it came time to leave (alas, no Afterhours on

weekdays).

We all agreed it was the most fun we'd had in quite a while. One friend said he felt freer in The Bar than in most places. He could dance with whomever and it did not matter. There were no judgments. My friend - father of one girl whom he did not stop taking about - has a simple premise: life is a time to enjoy the person you are dancing with. The ultimate personal freedom is to be able to dance with whomever he wants - himself, one woman, two men, a group of friends - and to be himself, enjoy and not worry about people's judgments. That is the whole point to coming out, whether its about your sexuality or anything else. I think we all learned a little that evening - not to mention all having a good time.

Maybe life's message was found in a gay bar. We'll talk about freedom and liberation at

the August Rap Session. Join us!

I hope to see you at Dignity soon.

Peace, Keith

DINNER WITH DIGNITY

Beginning in August, Dignity members will be dinning out together once a month. Locations and dates will be set at the August Rap Session. All are welcome. Call Dignity for more information.

TOLEDO DIGNITY OUSTED FROM CHURCH

Bishop James Hoffman evicted Toledo's chapter of Dignity from a church building where it had met for more than ten years. Soon after the eviction, the Toledo Diocese named David Gercak, a member of the Dignity chapter who was nominated by Dignity, to the Diocesan AIDS Task Force.

JOIN DIGNITY!

For \$25 you can become a part of Dignity/Lexington. Belong to an organization working to make life better for you and other lesbian and gay people. Send your check today to our address shown in the logo. Student rate is \$20, and couples are \$45.

1988 DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION BOASTS LARGEST-EVER NUMBER OF OPENLY GAY/LESBIAN DELEGATES from the Gay/Lesbian VOICE '88

In numbers that testify to the continued activism of lesbians and gay men within the Democratic Party, nearly 100 gay and lesbian delegates participated in the 1988 Democratic Convention in Atlanta, July 18-21. The 1988 Convention marks the first time the number of

openly gay delegates had been this high. In

1984, approximately 70 openly gay delegates participated in the Convention and in 1980, 76

participated.

Openly gay delegates attending the Convention convened a Gay and Lesbian Caucus, which met daily and held briefings, press conferences and sponsored visibility actions aimed at ensuring the incorporation of gay and lesbian rights issues and AIDS issues into the Party's platform and campaign.

"The level of participation at the Democratic Convention by openly gay and lesbian delegates is significant for two reasons," observed Christine Riddiough, Executive Director of the Gay and Lesbian Democrats of America. "First, it reflects the growing electoral activism and involvement of gay men and lesbians across the country; delegates came pledged to virtually every campaign and from at least 20 states. Second, this high degree of participation is important because it shows the Democratic Party that by embracing gay and lesbian rights, it is bringing a large, highly motivated community into the fold."

LE CHAT

Ever elusive
She sits just beyond reach
Eyes flickering mysteriously
No mirror of
what goes on
behind them

Languidly
She stretches
Rolls lazily
For a moment
a cat
With only a cat's concerns

She preens openly
Nonchalantly
A defiant display
of confidence
independence

You watch her

You watch her
want her
But know instinctively
to not reach out
grab ahold
Or she'll be gone

What attracts you
Also confounds you
Her enigmatic nature
alluring
yet unsettling
A puzzle waiting to be solved

So you watch her
Patiently
You touch her
when you can
When she lets you
Then quietly you wait

Occasionally
You throw caution to the wind
Plunging ahead
with playful abandon
Only to have your nose swatted
For invading her space

How rudely she puts you In your place

Yet she wants you there
For more than just
your admiring gaze
your gentle touch
You can almost see that tail
flick once, twice
As she considers the possibilities

She studied you
Even as you study her
Her penetrating stare
Seems to sear your flesh
As she looks right through
to the creative within
One very much like herself

It seems a standoff
Yet so much is happening
Boundaries are being tested
Rules established
then broken
Negotiations of the highest order

Where will this lead,
she asks
Where can it lead,
you wonder
Then, for a moment
She softens
Rubs up against you
Purring with contentment

For a time
You curl up together
Two private gentle souls
Soft to the touch
But fiercely independent
And self-protective to a fault

And as you drift off
into sweet oblivion
You wonder one last time
"Where indeed?"

- with affection, D.L.C.

THE NEED FOR SAFER SEX EMPHASIZED

The San Francisco Center for AIDS Prevention Studies has reported a study which again stresses the need for safer sex. The study revealed a significant number of people at high risk for contracting AIDS would be unwilling to tell casual sex partners they were

carrying the virus. Researchers asked persons testing for AIDS if, having found they had the AIDS virus, they would inform a casual partner of the fact. Of those, 26% said they would not. Remember, there is no way to know if a casual partner is healthy.

MARINE'S VICTORY APPEALED BY ARMY

First time a court grants homosexuals same protection as other minorities

In 1981, the U.S. Army held a discharge review board which decided Sgt. Perry Watkins be immediately discharged on the basis of his admitted homosexuality. What followed is as important an episode in the history of the American gay movement as any in recent years. The final outcome has not been decided. Sgt. Watkins is still engaged in court battles in an attempt to overrule the military's traditional harassment and degradation of homosexuals.

Watkins admitted his homosexuality during his initial induction into service in 1967. After the Army subjected him to a psychiatric evaluation and approved him for duty, Watkins began a 15 year long military career which was marked with frequent and

rapid promotions.

Watkins applied for a security clearance while on duty in Germany. After initially denying his clearance, the Army later granted clearance. Approval was based on the fact that his admission of homosexuality prevented his sexual orientation from compromising security.

In 1980, the Army sought to revoke Watkins' security clearance. Eventually the sergeant sought the assistance of the ACLU and filed suit in federal court to regain his clearance. In response, the Army notified

MARINE IMPRISONED FOR LESBIAN SEX

A woman marine corporal was convicted on charges of having sex with another woman and sentenced to a year in prison. Marine Cpl. Barbara Baum, 23, was convicted of sodomy, obstruction of justice, and committing indecent acts with women and sentenced June 10, 1988 at the Parris Island (South Carolina) Marine Corps Recruit Training Depot.

Baum's conviction is part of an ongoing investigation of lesbianism at the Parris island facility, but she was the first woman to be court martialed on sex charges. Of the four other women investigated, one has been discharged in lieu of court=martial, and three

others have been discharged.

The NGLTF urges lesbians and gay men to protest this military homophobia. Letters urging Baum's conviction be overturned and her sentence waived should be mailed to Maj. Gen. Joseph P. Hoar, Marine Corps Recruits Depot, Parris Island, SC 29905.

Watkins he was to be discharged because of his homosexuality, after 15 years of outstanding service.

During this past winter, a federal court ruled the Army could not discharge the sergeant simply because he is homosexual. The Army complied with the ruling, but stated Watkins would have no possibility of re-enlistment, retirement or pension.

The Army has also appealed the decision. Consequently, the Ninth Circuit Court withdrew, but did not reverse, its decision until the case can be retried before the entire Circuit panel of eleven judges. Regardless of who wins this in this ruling, the case will petitioned to the U.S. Supreme Court, which will then decide whether to hear the case or leave the latest decision intact.

A foundation, "Rebel with a Cause," has been established to increase awareness, education and publicity for homosexual rights, civil rights and homosexuals and the military. RWAC will also sponsor a national speaking tour which will begin October 7, 1988 in Washington, DC, during the display of the Names Project Quilt. For more information, or to send donations, write to Evan Lozon, C/O "Rebel with a Cause," P.O. Box 860 Tacoma, WA, 98401, or call (206) 752-4551.

GAY MARINE PORNOGRAPHIC RING

A Camp Pendleton marine is being discharged for his role in a gay pornographic ring that featured as many as 25 male marines engaging in sexual acts together. Officials refused to identify the man, but said he was given an administrative discharge for "lewd and lascivious acts for compensation."

AIR FORCE OFFICER DISCHARGED

The U.S. Air Force discharged a sergeant who was allegedly harassed by fellow airmen into leaving his base in the Netherlands because he is gay. The Air Force would not say whether the discharge was honorable or dishonorable, or whether Sgt. Jack Green's sexual orientation was a factor in the charges filed against him.

ANTIGAY BRITISH LAW A FIASCO, DRAWS PROTESTS

30,000 angry people, including four members of Italy's parliament, marched through London April 30 to protest antigay British legislation effective May 24. Also included were delegations from Holland, Germany, Belgium, and Scandinavia. Supporting protests were also held in Sydney, Paris, Berlin, Rome, Hamburg, Cologne, Milan, Amsterdam, New York City, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., Chicago, New Orleans, and Houston.

Marchers were protesting Clause 28, which bars local governments and schools from promoting homosexuality or treating a gay relationship as a "pretended family relationship." The Clause threatens a wide range of gay services in the United Kingdom, where gay groups, community centers, and hot lines have traditionally been funded by the

state.

Britain's largest national television network aired a teenage gay love story, "Two of Us," in April. The movie about two suburban 17-year-olds included a scene in a high school gym shower in which one boy caressed the other's face and chest, assuring him "it's all right," and another scene where the two boys whirled arm in arm on a beach to the music of "Shall We Dance?" in a "joyous, naturalism-breaking moment," according to London's Gay Times. The show can not be aired in any nation of Great Britain since enactment of Clause 28.

Just after passage of Clause 28, supporters of the bill were enraged to learn Clause 28 does not apply to British schools. One Conservative legislator declared, "This had got to be a mistake. The major point of it was to protect children in schools from having homosexuality thrust upon them." However, Education Department officials ruled a 1986 regulation preventing teachers from advocating homosexuality already protects children from that which conservatives fear. Said one Education staff member, "So long as they (schools) are not setting out to promote homosexuality they may, for example, include in their public libraries books and periodicals about homosexuality, or written by homosexuals, and fund theatre and other arts events which may include homosexual themes. Section 28 does not affect the activities of school governors nor of teachers. It will not prevent the objective discussion of homosexuality in the classroom, nor

counseling of pupils concerned about their sexuality."

While gay activists are concerned about the loss of funding for their programs and an increase in homophobia as a result of this legislation, they also recognize certain benefits from publicity surrounding Clause 28. Said one gay activist, "Putting Clause 28 through parliament was one of the greatest promotions of homosexuality we have ever seen."

ASK AUNT MARY

Dear Aunt Mary: My mother is about to make me crazy (or crazier, as the case may be). She knows how important having a relationship is to me, but insists on using every available opportunity to tell me that there is no such thing as a lifetime gay relationship. I insist that there is, but I have a hard time giving her any specific examples. She says if that is what I want, I better be prepared to become straight. What a joke, but heaven forbid that she may be right! What do you think?

Distraught in Frankfort

Dear Distraught: Don't panic! It really isn't all that bad! There are plenty of long term relationships around, I promise you. I suggest two things. First, read The Male Couple, by David P. McWhirter, M.D. and Andrew M. Mattison, M.S.W., Ph.D. and also Man to Man, by Dr. Charles Silverstein. These books will help you. Next, get the old girl into therapy to help her deal with the fact that her son is gay. That will help her (and hopefully, you too!)

Good luck to you both.

Aunt Mary

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

ISRAEL REPEALS ANTIGAY LAW

The Israeli government unanimously voted to repeal a colonial law imposed under British rule during the early twentieth century. The old law imposed a ten-year prison sentence for men committing homosexual acts.

GAY AMERICA

BOULDER, CO

A Colorado lesbian who applied in April to adopt a child has been approved as an adoptive parent by the Boulder County Department of Social Services. This marks the first time a gay person has been allowed to adopt a child in Colorado.

ROANOKE, VA

Three Pentecostal ministers from Georgia have been charged by a federal grand jury with transporting young boys across state lines for prostitution purposes between May 1983 and July 1987.

NASHVILLE, TN

State attorney general Michael Cody recently issued a nonbinding legal opinion denying homosexual couples the right to marry. Though such marriages are neither authorized or prohibited under Tennessee law, Cody based his decision on the implication the wording "the male and female applicant" allows only heterosexual marriage.

CHATTANOOGA, TN

A street preacher who says he wants to protect the public has offered \$100 to each person who identifies a gay employee in a restaurant. Dan Martino, who said he was once gay but now has a divine mandate to "reform" gays, offered his bounty during a city commission meeting. He said he would picket restaurants he finds employs gays.

MADISON, WI

An anti-gay bill proposed by a fundamentalist-run boys' camp was set aside by the Wisconsin legislature in favor of clarifying an existing law. Present regulations allow religious organizations to give preferential hiring to members of their own creed if the hiring position is clearly related to the religious teachings of the group in question. The boys' camp had attempted to lobby the state government to create exemptions from the state's Fair Employment Act by allowing religious institutions to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation, marital status or religious affiliation.

BOSTON, MA

Two firefighters convicted of assaulting two lesbians will not be disciplined by the Boston Fire Department. The department said since an appeals court had reduced the two men's sentences they had not been found "guilty of anything."

The trial judge gave the men suspended sentences of six months each, but an appeals court reduced the sentences to the six months of pretrial probation. The fire department interpreted the ruling as "not guilty."

LOS ANGELES, CA

The city recently took first steps toward granting domestic partner rights to gays, lesbians, and other unmarried employee couples.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

For the first time in ten years there will be no homosexual on the San Francisco Police Commission. Lesbian Commissioner Dr. Juanita Owens was removed from the Commission when Mayor Art Agnos announced his new appointments.

SACRAMENTO, CA

Proposition 69, an AIDS quarantine referendum initiated by right-winger Lyndon Larouche, was defeated by a 68% to 32% margin in a June 7th statewide vote. The proposal resembled an initiative voters rejected 18 months ago. Another AIDS referendum will be put to the state's voters in November. This proposal, sponsored by antigay Rep. Dannemeyer, would permit employers and insurance companies to use HIV-antibody status as criterion for determining eligibility for employment or insurance coverage.

CALIFORNIA

Apple Computer recently added a ban on antigay discrimination to its corporate nondiscrimination policy. Apple Lambda, a group of gay and lesbian employees, had proposed the policy revision. "This change is not intended to correct a problem but to emphasize that we value differences at Apple," said the firm's human resources director.

INTO THE FUTURE

Due to space limitations and the tremendous number of opportunities, events listed here are only a small portion of gay and lesbian oriented cultural, political and social activities taking place around the country.

August 8, 1988. Gay Bowling benefit for the Indiana AIDS Hotline. Indianapolis, IN. August 10-14, 1988. Womyn's Music Festival. Walhalla, MI.

Walhalla, MI.
August 10-22, 1988. International Gay Nudist
Convention. Summit Lodge,
Rockbridge, OH.

August 20-27, 1988. GAYLA X - Gay Men's Conference at Ferry Beach. Saco, ME.

August 21, 1988. Stevie Wonder, Concert on the Common. Summer Fun to Benefit the AIDS Action Committee. Boston, MA.

August 28, 1988. Anita Baker, Concert on the Common. Summer Fun to Benefit the AIDS Action Committee. Boston, MA.

September 30, 1988. Annual Stonewall Union Dinner/Dance. Columbus, OH.

October 7-9, 1988. 5th Annual Conference of Emergence International: Christian Scientists Supporting Lesbians and Gay Men. Washington, DC.

October 8-10, 1988. NAMES Project Quilt display at Capital Mall. Washington, DC.

October 11, 1988. National Coming Out Day.
February 17-19, 1989. 5th Annual Continental
Convocation of Unitarian Universalists
for Lesbian & Gay Concerns.
Lexington, KY.

CLASSIFIEDS

GWM looking for male or female roommate who already has an apartment. I am employed, responsible, reliable. Call Bryce at 272-1941.

FOR SALE: 2 bedroom house with central air, gas heat, large yard. \$54,000; monthly payments \$380. Call Marijo at 272-1941.

GWM, 22, blonde hair, blue eyes. Seeks athletic jock-types for fun and friends. Blacks especially. Your photo and letter gets mine. Only serious need respond. Send to: Greg, HC85, Box 635, Garrett, KY 41630.

DIRECTORY

GLSO Gayline	231-0335			
GLSO Boardcall Steve,	266-8887			
GLSO Newsletter				
call Craig/Steve,	266-8887			
GLSO Speaker's Bureau				
GLSO Coffeehouse &	268-3935			
Dance				
call Esmerelda,	255-3851			
GLSO Cards & Games	255 5051			
call Karen,	259-3292			
GLSO Volleyball & Potluck				
call Kenneth,	266-5069			
Lesbian Potluck				
call Esmerelda,	255-3851			
Gay/Lesbian AA	274 1:220			
Imperial Court of the	271-4320			
Bluegrass Empire				
Jerry,	272-7381			
Dignity/Lexington	272 7301			
call Keith,	269-8417			
Liturgycall Don,	299-4458			
(Lexington's chapter of the n	ational			
Catholic gay and lesbian supp	ort			
organization. See the Dignity page included in this newslett	,			
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Interweavecall Craig,	266-8887			
(A group within Lexington's Unitarian				
Universalist Church composed	of gay			
men and lesbians and their no friends.)	on-gay			
AVOL	252-2447			
(AIDS support and education)	232-2441			
ACT-Lexington	281-5151			
(AIDS education and speakers)			
HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Gr	oup			
call Edwin,	233-0444			
Lexington-Fayette County				
Health Department				
AIDS Testing	252-2371			
(For anonymous AIDS counsel	ing and			
testing, call the above number	r and			
ask for an AIDS Counselor.)				
Madison County Health Depart	ment			
AIDS Testing	023-7312			
(For anonymous AIDS counsell testing, call the above number	and			
ask for an AIDS Counselor.)	and			
Louisville Crisis Hotline.				
(502)	637-4342			
National Gay and Lesbian Tasl	k Force			
Crisis Line and AIDS C	risis			
Line (800)	221-7044			

AUGUST EVENTS CALENDAR



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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TUE		HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120;				
тни	4	Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm Lesbian Passion Discussion Group, 7:30 pm; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Gay				
FRI	5	Men's AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120 GLSO Cards & Games, 7 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335,				
SUN	7	8 - 11 pm Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center				
MON	8	GLSO Forum, 8 pm, Comp Care Center				
TUE	9	HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group				
WED	10	GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance Committee, 8 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; GLSO News Deadline for Submissions				
THU	11	Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Gay Men's AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120				

FRI	12	GLSO Volleyball & Potluck, 6:30 pm, Jacobson Park, Shelter #5; Gay/Lesbian
		AA. 8 pm. Comp Care Center;
		Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
SUN	14	Lesbian Potluck, 2 pm;
		Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp
		Care Center; AVOL, 5:30 pm,
		Comp Care Center
TUE	16	HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group Interweave, 8 pm, Unitarian
WED	17	Universalist Church;
		Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St.
		Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120;
		Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
THU	18	Gayline 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
FRI		Cay/Leshian AA 8 pm. Comp
		Care Center: Gayline, 231-0335,
		8 - 11 nm: GLSO Coffeenouse
		& Dance CANCELLED THIS MONTH
		TO AVOID HEAT STROKE
SUN	21	Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp
		Care Center; Lesbian Passion
		Discussion Group, 7:30 pm
TUE	23	HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group;
		GLSO Speaker's Bureau, 7 pm
WED	24	Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St.
		Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm;
		GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance
		Committee, 8 pm
TUI	J 25	GLSO News Layout, 7:30 pm;
THU) 25	Dignity Rap Session, 7:30 pm;
		Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm;
		Gay Men's AA, 8 pm, St.
		Joseph Office Park, Km. 120
FRI	26	GLSO Volleyball & Potluck,
		6:30 pm, Jacobson Park,
		Shelter #5; Gay/Lesbian AA,
		8 nm Comp Care Center:
		Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
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