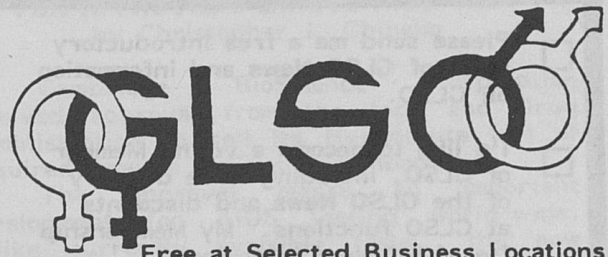


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DIGNITY REGION V MEETING A HUGE SUCCESS

Over seventy people from four states gathered in Lexington, Kentucky on December 2-4, 1988, for Dignity's Regional House of Delegates meeting.

Friday began the weekend with a party at Keith's house. Saturday meetings were held at the Unitarian Universalist Church. The workshop led by past Dignity/Lexington people, Kris and Shirley, was one of the best workshops ever. Its focus was on increasing participation of women in Dignity - a long time Lexington success story.

A delicious banquet dinner was followed by a dance (including the Region's two traditional dances the Hokey Pokey and the Bunny Hop). The meeting concluded Sunday with the weekend's fifth standing ovation for the week's work and a final congratulatory resolution stating that in addition to all the hard work from the presenters, the visitors felt loved and cared for. Many felt so good about the weekend they want Lexington to host the Convention in 1990. It was a great weekend for Region V and for Dignity/Lexington.

GLSO ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTOR OF SPEAKERS BUREAU

Bobbi Stout, member of GLSO's Board of Directors, has been appointed as the director of the Speakers Bureau. Ms. Stout brings with her a master's degree in counseling psychology and years of experience with organizations dedicated to equal civil rights for women, gay men and lesbians, and political prisoners. One of her most recent involvements was the recently successful Lexington Prison Project, which worked to bring more humane treatment for several women incarcerated in Lexington on political charges. Ms. Stout is also currently working with the Convocation '89 Planning Committee as it prepares for the continental conference of Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian and Gay Concerns to be held in Lexington in February.

GAYLINE BACK IN OPERATION

The Gayline (231-0335), GLSO's telephone hotline, is up and running again. The computer which runs the phonline gasped its last breath in October and then broke down completely. A new computer was purchased in early December, and the system was soon in full operation again.

Phonline staffers have reported the line has been extremely busy, with many calls coming as a result of GLSO's Public Awareness Program. The Gayline is staffed each Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evening from 8 pm to 11 pm; hours may be extended, however, as additional people volunteer to answer calls. With use of the computer, calls are forwarded to the phone of the volunteer working that shift. This method allows volunteers to answer calls in the comfort and privacy of their own homes.

Training is provided for new staff members; continuing staffers may attend training sessions at any time. Anyone interested in staffing the phonline one or two nights each month can call Edwin Hackney at Comp Care Center (233-0444) during regular work hours.

Ms. Stout replaces Barry Grossheim, who recently moved away from the Lexington area after several years of involvement with GLSO. Mr. Grossheim's activities included several terms on the Board, interim editor of the newsletter, working with Pride Week Committees several years, serving as GLSO's public spokesperson, and directing the Speakers Bureau.

Anyone interested in taking part in the Speakers Bureau may call Bobbi at the number listed in the Directory. New people are needed, as well as those who have participated in the past. A training session covering methods for focusing on content while speaking and dealing with hostility, will be held January 24, at Comp Care Center at 7 pm.

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DALLAS JUDGE GIVES LIGHTER SENTENCE TO MURDERER BECAUSE VICTIMS WERE GAY

A gay rights leader in Dallas warned that outraged voters would remember a judge's statement that he gave a lighter sentence to a murderer partly because his two victims were homosexuals.

"These two guys that got killed wouldn't have been killed if they hadn't been queers cruising the streets picking up teen-age boys," State District Judge Jack Hampton stated. "I've got a teen-age boy."

Hampton, 56, who has been on the bench eight years, said the homosexuality of the murder victims entered into his decision Nov. 28 to give the 18-year-old killer a 30-year prison term instead of a maximum life sentence.

The judge said he would have given a harsher sentence to Richard Lee Bednarski if his victims had been, for example, "a couple of housewives out shopping, not hurting anybody."

Hampton expressed no reservations about his statements, a newspaper reported.

"Just spell my name right," Hampton said. "If it makes anybody mad, they'll forget it by 1990 (election year)."

William Waybourn, president of the Dallas Gay Alliance, said the organization's eight telephone lines began ringing constantly after Dallas newspapers published the judge's statements.

He said he hoped Hampton's remarks would prompt the public to work to remove him from the bench when he comes up for re-election.

"Judge Hampton said it himself: No one will remember this in 1990. But we will remember."

"Being at the wrong place at the wrong time is just a tragedy," Waybourn said of the killings. "I'm sorry for the families of the men who were killed. They don't deserve this. And Hampton doesn't deserve to be a judge."

Robert Flowers, executive director of the Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct, declined to comment on Hampton's statements and said the commission would investigate, but only if a complaint were filed. A high ranking official in the Texas Department of Justice stated on national television news that he considers Hampton a good judge with an outstanding record behind him.

None of the numerous media reports concerning the judge's statements pointed out that the two murdered gay men had not, in fact, been "cruising the streets."

SEXUAL ORIENTATION CANNOT BE CHANGED, 11 RESEARCHERS AGREE

A person's sexual orientation is largely determined by a biological predisposition present at birth and cannot permanently be changed by external means, including therapy, 11 prominent researchers agree. Opinions of the experts are included in a new booklet released this week by an international organization composed largely of parents of gay and lesbian children.

Researchers surveyed by Tineke Bodde, a writer and mother of a gay son, agree that the origins of sexual orientation are complex and involve a combination of genetic, hormonal, psychological and social factors. They were unanimous in rejecting the notion that so-called "learning" factors alone can determine sexual orientation.

There "is no evidence that male homosexuality is caused by a dominant mother or a weak father, or that female homosexuality is caused by girls choosing male role models," said one of the researchers, Dr. June Reinisch, director of the Kinsey Institute for Sex, Gender and Reproduction in Bloomington, Indiana. The scientists generally agreed that people who are exclusively gay cannot permanently change their inherent sexual orientation, although some can learn to suppress their homosexual behavior. The homosexual inclination, however, usually will persist in dreams and/or fantasies.

"Scientific research is laying to rest the myth that persons 'choose' to be homosexual," said Paulette Goodman, president of the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (Parents FLAG). "The only choice our lesbian and gay children have is whether to accept or hide their innate sexual orientation, whether to admit it or live a lie."

Copies of the booklet, "Why is My Child Gay?" are available for 25 cents each from the Federation of Parents FLAG, PO Box 27605, Washington, DC, 20038; (202) 638-4200. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

"In the gay rights movement, we try to emphasize that we are the same as everybody else except for what we do in bed. The American Indian cultures I studied do just the opposite; they emphasize the difference, but instead of seeing that difference as abnormal, deviant, or threatening, they see it as a 'specialness,' and extra gift."

- quoted from *The Spirit and the Flesh: Sexual Diversity in American Indian Culture*, by Walter Williams, 1987.

FDA APPROVES 5 MINUTE AIDS TEST by Christopher J. Chipello

Cambridge BioScience Corporation received approval from the food and Drug Administration to sell its five-minute test of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

The approval marks an important development for AIDS testing world-wide. Unlike currently available tests, the new product doesn't require laboratory instruments and thus could be administered in remote areas. It also shortens testing time from the three hours or so now required - a factor that can be crucial in certain situations, such as organ transplants.

The test will be marketed in the U.S. and overseas exclusively by Baxter Healthcare Corp. Cambridge BioScience said the tests, which can be run on a drop of blood from a finger, could be used in doctor's offices, emergency medical centers or venereal disease clinics. They will be priced at about \$10 each, depending on volume, and sales are expected to begin within the next few weeks. "AIDS tests now are priced at \$1 to \$3 each, and are used mainly by blood banks.

Clinical trials on more than 7,000 specimens at nine sites have shown that the 5-minute test yields only 0.4% false negative readings and 0.4% false positive readings - levels he said are as good or better than currently available tests.

The FDA said the 5-minute test, the first for AIDS virus infection to be developed by gene-splicing techniques, isn't intended to replace current tests used by blood banks for screening donated blood.

The test would enable doctors to tell patients right away if they tested negatively for the AIDS virus. For those patients testing positive, doctors would be advised to immediately repeat the test. After a second positive finding, a larger blood sample would be taken for further laboratory confirmation.

Cambridge BioScience is seeking FDA approval during 1989 for a confirmation test that can be done in just two hours, compared with the 24 hours for the procedure commonly used.

The new test has already been approved for sale in Sweden, Norway, Belgium, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Ireland. Licenses for the test are pending in West Germany, France, Spain, Italy, and Japan. Buck said sales in Africa will be negotiated with the World Health Organization to reflect the lower levels of income on that continent.

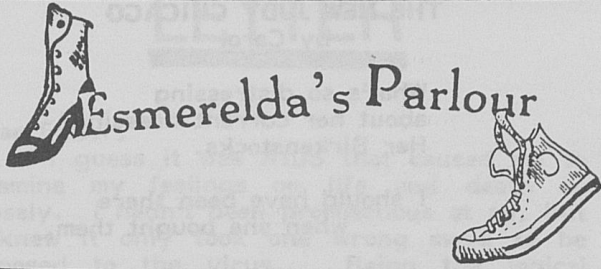
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ESMERELDA'S PARLOUR

It's 1989! Do you know what your New Year's resolutions are? It's funny how the new year and high expectations drive many of us to set ourselves up for the ultimate fall. Even though it is (in reality) just another date on the calendar, it is a date packed with all the potency of fifty-two Mondays when it comes to the potential for "failure" in our eyes. How ambitious we are, giving ourselves a whole new set of challenges to start off the new year: change this, fix that, do this, don't do that. Unfortunately, more often than not our hope and aspirations exceed our determination and/or ability, and by the end of January, our New Year's resolutions are nothing more than a dim memory. What a waste of a great opportunity for reflection and self-assessment! Esmerelda's challenge to you is to be kind to yourself this New Year's. Reflect a little. Give some thought to your accomplishments of the past year, and pat yourself on the back. Think of some things that you'd like to accomplish or work on during the next year. Be realistic! Then pick two or three things to work on, and give yourself the whole year to work on them. (What a concept!) Anyway, this is your mission, should you choose to accept it.

As this new year begins to unfold, we can't help but look ahead to March, when our term as co-editors of Esmerelda's Parlour will come to an end. When Laura left and we took over as editors we had no idea what the year ahead would be like. Alternately exhilarating and exhausting, it has definitely been a learning experience for us both. We are proud of what we have accomplished so far, but we are also aware of missed opportunities and our own limitations. It excites us to think of the the new directions that Esmerelda's Parlour might take under our successors. Of course, we are somewhat fearful (hopefully without cause) that no one will want to take over for us when we leave, as we took over for Laura when she left. After nurturing Esmerelda's Parlour for over a

year (since its inception), it would be tough to see it die. All we can do, though, is trust that that isn't going to happen . . . that you won't let that happen. Thanks in large part to Esmerelda, the lesbian community is broader and stronger than it has been in a long time, and we know that there is someone out there who would be just perfect for the job. Perhaps several of you would like to work on it together. However you would like to do it, don't be shy--Esmerelda is waiting to hear from you!

Debbie & Teresa

(If you would like to get involved in working on Esmerelda's Parlour, call Debbie or Teresa at 255-3851 or Steve or Craig at 266-8887.)

PASSION GROUP

After a brief lull during the holidays, the Passion Group is ready to take on the world of JoAnn Loulan once again. Our meeting in January will be a little later in the month than usual, due in part to the holidays. However, we will probably be moving it to later in the month on a permanent basis in February, so that the meetings will stop sneaking by everyone. We have heard from far too many of you that you don't hear about the meetings until they are already over with. Well, we don't want anybody to miss out, so we'll do our best to make sure that you know about it. We've had some great discussions so far, so why not join us when you get a chance. With JoAnn as our guide, the sky's the limit as we tackle each new topic. This month we'll be discussing what we want to discuss for the next six months or so, so you'll have an opportunity to express your feelings as to which topics you'd like to see us go after next. We'll be meeting on January 26 at 7:30 pm. Call Esmerelda at 255-3851 for more information. Hope to see you there!

NEW AROUND TOWN

Two new stores appeared on the scene recently, and they each have a lot to offer. Located in the same building at 506 East High Street are "Blue Moon" and "Customs". Each store has a unique feel of its own, even though they are connected by an interior door (a distinct advantage during these cold weather days). "Blue Moon" is primarily a bookstore, concentrating on self-help, metaphysics and new age topics. It also has a healthy supply of crystals and other jewelry.

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"Customs" is a cozy import store with a limited selection of high quality items. Featured are some beautiful clothing (the sweaters, in particular, are impressive), along with jewelry, purses, belts, and novelty items. Be sure to stop in when you get a chance - they're a real treat!

RESOLUTIONS FOR '89

Admit it, you've made them, and sometimes not kept them. We all have. The dreaded New Year's Resolutions. Amid all the talk and banter at the December potluck, I managed to finagle sampling what kinds of promises and resolutions are going around in the womyn's community. From the mundane to the spectacular, the predictable to the shocking, the serious to the "come on, you've got to be kidding," here they are folks, the Lexington Womyn's Community New Year's Resolutions for 1989 (or at least a few of them):

- "Lose Weight." --Angela
"Get another job." --JoAnne
"Try to be a little more imperfect so my girlfriend won't feel so bad." --Angela M. (who "obviously" needs to work on her self-esteem)
"Crawl out of the Hills more often." --Kate and Kim (from the Boonies of Jessamine County)
"Find Marilyn (my bird) a new home." --Candy (our animal loving friend)
"Be more receptive to the feeling of others." --Jane
"To lose control." --Debbie
"To find a woman who is a Natural Blond." --Dana (who's tired of buying Miss Clairol)
"To survive my first semester of graduate school." --Debbie (we know you will)
"To learn to look within and like what I'm seeing a little more often." --Teresa
"To spend three weekends a month in Lexington." --Tina (rumored to be spending her time with a special someone of the female persuasion in Western Kentucky --good luck Tina, we all know how those long-distance relationships are.)
"To have more confidence in myself." --Kathy
"To let my leg and armpit hair grow." --Lori (an aspiring P.C. Dyke)

Well, there you have it ladies. Recognize anyone? We hope all of you are successful in meeting those desires in the coming year. Let us know how they turn out.
Teresa

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THE NEW JUDY CHICAGO

by Carol

What's so distressing
about her current dressing?
Her Birkenstocks.

I should have been there
when she bought them.

Jesus sandals
a shoulder pouch
French braids she's grown

since the time I'd known her

heard from a friend she's bought
the new Judy Chicago
print
the Birth Process

for a wall
and as I recall
she never heard
of Judy Chicago

a year, or two, ago.

when we hung
a New York skyline
Naked at Midnight
and dreamed
in the blur
of our ceiling
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a life among palms
and ferns
staring out the attic
that starry, starry

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LETTER

Dear Editor,

I guess it was AIDS that caused me to examine my feelings on life and death so closely. I hadn't been promiscuous at all, but I knew it only took one wrong move to be exposed to the virus. Being the logical person that I am, my brain drew the following conclusions: I have had sexual contact with at least one person of "unknown background", therefore my odds for having been exposed to the HIV virus and eventually developing AIDS are greater than those of the general population; therefore the odds of me dying at a young age were also greater.

Don't let me mislead you. This wasn't something that I came up with over my bacon, egg and cheese biscuit one morning. It was more of a long-term thought process over the course of many months if not several years. But the final conclusion, that there is a very real possibility that I could die of AIDS within a few years (whether it was a probable conclusion or not) forced me to come to terms with my mortality.

I considered taking the test to find out if I had in fact been exposed to the virus. A seemingly simple answer. But I hesitated for several reasons: I knew the test wasn't 100% accurate; I knew that even if I tested positive it wouldn't necessarily mean that I would ever actually develop AIDS. And one thing I didn't know was: How would knowing the results of the test, whether positive or negative, affect my life and the lives of those with whom I chose to share the results?

So it was many more months of being a logical person before I came to my second, but vastly more profound conclusion: I was going to die someday whether it was one year from now from AIDS, 90 years from now from old age, or next Monday from sudden impact with a runaway tobacco truck (fitting irony for a non-smoker such as myself). Yet the fact remained that I was going to die someday, the odds for that generally run around 100%.

Having made this earth-shattering discovery it was a lot easier to stop worrying about dying, the part over which I have little control, and start concentrating on enjoying life, the part over which I have lots of control. This isn't something that you learn to do by reading an article about it in some newsletter, but I hope it's something someone might decide to strive for after having read an article about it in some newsletter.

Vita Brevis

ASK AUNT MARY

Dear Aunt Mary,

My lover and I have been together for 10 years. A friend had sex change surgery almost a year ago and my lover has become obsessed with the idea. I'm deeply in love with him - not a woman - but he doesn't think it should change our relationship if he becomes a woman. Can you help?

Appalled

Dear Appalled,

UK has an excellent reputation for this kind of surgery. But that doesn't solve your problem. You may be deeply in love, but I'm afraid it sounds like the two of you are moving in different directions. Some men genuinely believe they should have been born as women. Others look for a way to avoid being gay. Since this problem is a recent development, your lover may be exploring his feelings about his gayness.

He needs to understand several things. He can't change back to being a man again should he want to, if he has the surgery. He's got to live with the decision for the rest of his life. There are no guarantees for happiness or acceptance by society. If you truly love him, encourage him to explore what's involved. I'm sure the surgeons and counselors try to do what's best for each individual. If he becomes a she, I assume he already understands you won't be his husband anymore.

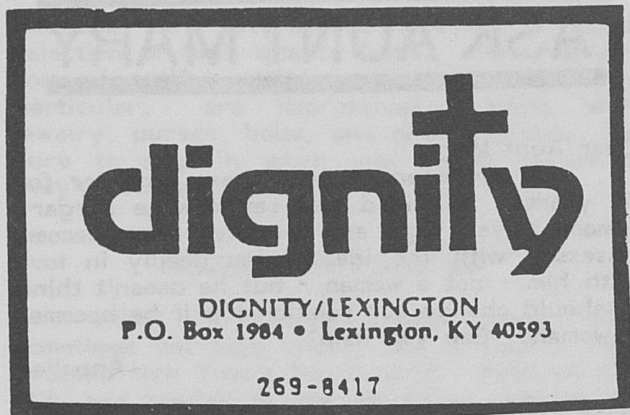
Good Luck, Aunt Mary

From **Unnatural Quotations** by Leigh W. Rutledge (Boston: Alyson Publications, 1988):

"I've been trying today to bring back your face - to remember just how you look ... Most clearly I remember your eyes, with a kind of teasing smile in them, and the feeling of that soft spot just northeast of the corner of your mouth against my lips."

- Quoted from a letter by Lorena Hickok to Eleanor Roosevelt. Shortly after becoming First Lady, Eleanor had Lorena moved into the White House, where she secretly lived for four years. In a letter to Hickok, Eleanor wrote: "Hick darling. All day I've thought of you and another birthday I will be with you ... Oh! I want to put my arms around you, I ache to hold you close. Your ring is a great comfort. I look at it and think she does love me or I wouldn't be wearing it!"

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FROM DIGNITY'S PRESIDENT

It's over.

Actually, that could apply to the holiday season, but I'm referring to the regional meeting. What a great weekend! I have never been more proud to be a Dignity member than I was that weekend (or when I think about it.) The teamwork of the weekend was unbelievable. Highlights for me would be: when the room for dinner was transformed from the liturgy in 20 minutes - a bare room became spectacular and everyone marveled at the change - the great workshop done by Kris and Shirley, and the hugs and kind words of everyone.

A big thanks to Gerry who did incredible work all week long. Thanks to Debby, Joe, Ben, Brian, Craig, Steve, Don, Kenneth, Laura, Janette, Jerilyn, Robbie, Jim, John, Steve, Bill, Mark, Ann, Jean and everyone else (gee, I hope I didn't forget someone) for their work. The work they did and the love they gave will be long remembered.

Our regional director, Jack Hezek, said he felt like part of a family. Another delegate said it was the best regional ever. Delegates from Flint, Grand Rapids and Cincinnati were doing the wave after dessert. Many said the energy was so good here and the weekend so wonderful we should host the Convention in 1990. I don't know about that. All in all, I consider it to be the highlight of the chapter's existence, a weekend where we put our best foot forward and were rewarded immensely.

Perhaps most importantly, Dignity/Lexington showed what it is all about - loving and caring for one another. I urge those of you who are not involved to find out what I mean.

I hope to see you at Dignity soon.

In peace, love, and thanks
Keith

MEMBERSHIP

Join today. Membership in Dignity can be yours for \$25 (\$20 for students, \$45 for couples.) Join the Dignity team. Send your check to Dignity today!

FURTHER OPPRESSION BY THE CHURCH

Father Matthew Fox of Oakland, Calif., was silenced by his Dominican superiors for his stands on homosexuality and on the role of women in the Roman Catholic Church. The 47-year-old priest is now prohibited from expounding on or teaching his views in public.

SAN FRANCISCO GAY CATHOLICS MOVING MASSES

Many San Francisco members of Dignity said they remain firm in their commitment to the Church, despite being told they can no longer hold a weekly mass on church grounds.

"We have faith in the gospel and what the Church means to us," Dignity member Kevin Calegari said November 20, the day after Archbishop John Quinn evicted the group from St. Boniface Church in the city's tenderloin district. Quinn told the group it could no longer hold its weekly mass in the church because Dignity endorses gay sexuality.

Members of the 350-member local chapter pledged to keep celebrating mass elsewhere. Dignity leaders said they have received offers of space from several Protestant churches.

The San Francisco Bay-area chapter of Dignity was reportedly the last one in a major U.S. city to sponsor masses on church grounds, according to Church officials. The group had been holding services in various Catholic churches for the past 15 years.

DAYTON DIGNITY MAKES ITS STATEMENT

Dayton, Ohio's chapter of Dignity is still holding masses on Catholic church grounds. In order to be allowed to continue meetings on church property, the chapter officially endorsed the church's views on homosexuality.

REGION V HOUSE OF DELEGATES REPORT

Dignity's Region V meeting here in town was eventful and significant. The highlights included the election of the interim treasurer, preparation for the national convention in San Francisco next September, news that our Region had won the membership drive and one free convention registration and housing space, and reports from each of the region's 16 chapters.

Perhaps the most significant event was a new commitment on many chapters to be more inclusive of women. That, thanks to a workshop on the topic, may prove to be the best seed planted during the weekend.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Here's a breakdown of the Dignity Region V chapters and noteworthy items from each.

Chapter	Members and Friends	Men	Women	Notes
Lexington, Kentucky	22	12	10	men and women working together
Louisville, Kentucky	5	4	1	chapter reorganizing
Ann Arbor, Michigan	16	9	7	good women's participation
Detroit, Michigan	162	151	11	membership up 150%; chapter is 15 years old
Flint, Michigan	30	27	3	almost 14 years old, growing
Grand Rapids, Michigan	81	76	5	hosted regional convention
Greater Lansing, Michigan	(15-25)			chapter in formation; being reborn
Lafayette, Michigan	28	24	4	membership includes good age diversity
Tri-Cities Area, Michigan	18	18	0	helped form AIDS support group
Cincinnati, Ohio	40	36	4	will host next House of Delegates Meeting
Cleveland, Ohio	64	54	10	no president; chapter is now 15 years old
Dayton, Ohio	40	38	2	still meets on Catholic property
Toledo, Ohio	79	78	1	almost 12 years old
Fort Wayne, Indiana	16	15	1	just turned 1 year old
Muncie, Indiana	10	10	0	no meetings held this year
Central Indiana	19	18	1	getting good press on local TV and in the newspaper
Total Region V membership	650	591	59	

TAKING A STAND

Our January Forum, to be held on Monday the 9th, 8 pm at Comp Care, will focus on the principles and emotions involved in taking stands, whether it be done personally or as a group. This topic is particularly important now, as the past year and the coming year will have proven to be a period of major, visible activities for Lexington's lesbian and gay organizations. GLSO's Outreach Grant Project, begun in 1988, will continue through June of 1989; Dignity's Regional House Meeting was just held in Lexington; the Rainbow Bowling League sponsored a regional tournament in Lexington in November, and the Unitarian Universalist Church and Interweave's Continental Convocation of UU's for Lesbian and Gay Concerns will take place this winter.

This topic is also extremely important on a personal level, since simply coming out as a gay man or lesbian requires taking a stand about oneself and one's lifestyle.

Come ready to talk about taking a stand. This meeting will also be a good opportunity to discover what's happening in Lexington's gay and lesbian community.

GAY AMERICA

NATIONAL

The Society for Lesbian and Gay Philosophy was founded to promote philosophical inquiry into lesbian and gay issues, reported the newsletter of the Sociologist's Lesbian and Gay Caucus. A gay and lesbian caucus within the American Philosophical Association was also established.

VALENCIA, CA

The student senate at College of the Canyons gave approval for the establishment of a campus gay group, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance. The senate's move makes the group an official campus organization and the first gay organization in the Santa Clarita Valley, north of Los Angeles.

WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA

A city councilman filed a lawsuit against two men who allegedly assaulted him outside a West Hollywood restaurant in April because he is gay. John Heilman accuses the men of assault, battery, false imprisonment, emotional distress, conspiracy, and slander. California law allows victims of violence to seek civil damages from alleged attackers.

NEWARK, NJ

Member of the New Jersey Greek Task Force, a statewide group of college fraternities and sororities, pledged to work together to curb drinking, hazing, and other problems, including discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The Reverend John Spong, Episcopal bishop of the diocese of Newark, N.J., was honored by the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey. Spong has been outspoken in his support for gay rights.

PORTLAND, ME

Police are investigating a group of white-supremacist skinheads suspected of initiating an unprovoked attack on two gay men. Calling itself the Portland Area Skinheads, the group is described by police as a youth group espousing hatred of gays, blacks and Jews.

HOUSTON, TX

The president of the Houston chapter of American Gay Atheists was arrested last month for stealing a Bible from a public monument. Donald R. Sanders surrendered to police two days after he was charged with the crime. Sanders allegedly broke open a glass display case in the Harris County civil courts building and replaced the Bible with a gay erotic magazine. Sanders maintains the religious display violated the principle of separation of church and state.

A state task force on AIDS has agreed to recommend condoms be made available for sale in state prisons. Recommendations were also passed to prohibit discrimination against people with AIDS in the workplace, housing, education, and public accommodations.

ARLINGTON, TX

For the third year in a row, the Gay/Lesbian Association at the University of Texas at Arlington won the president's trophy for the best homecoming float display, independent division.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS CANADA

Svend Robinson, the first openly gay member of the Canadian Parliament, was re-elected November 21 in his first campaign since publicly coming out last March. Robinson, a member of the leftist New Democratic Party, won by 4,400 votes over the second place finisher, John Bitonti of the Progressive Conservative Party.

Another openly gay candidate, Doug Wilson, came in a distant third in an attempt to win a seat from a Toronto district.

UNITED KINGDOM

The British government plans random, anonymous HIV-antibody testing using blood samples collected at hospitals and health clinics. Beginning this spring, doctors will be allowed to run the test on blood samples taken for other reasons. Names of test recipients will not be kept; information collected will include sex, age and area of residence of test subjects.

INTO THE FUTURE

Due to space limitations and the 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.

February 17-19, 1989. 5th Annual Continental Convocation of Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns. Lexington, KY.

February 17-20, 1989. Mid-winter Meeting of Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns (Quakers). Minneapolis, MN.

March 17-19, 1989. Dignity Regional House of Delegates. Cincinnati, OH.

April 13-16, 1989. 14th Annual Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men. Dallas, TX.

August 4-11, 1990. Celebration '90, Gay Games III and Cultural Festival. Vancouver, Canada.

September 2-4, 1989. Dignity Convention. San Francisco, CA.

CLASSIFIEDS

DEAR CRAIG, happy 3rd anniversary on the 24th! Congratulations on completing your political science degree, too. It's something to be proud of. If we survived the last three years with both of us at UK, we can survive anything. Love, Steve.

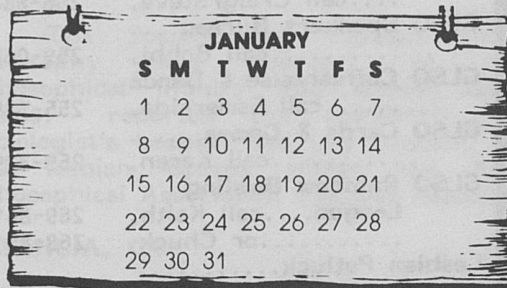
WANTED: Women interested in learning and using co-counseling (re-evaluation counseling) skills. Write: Spiral Women's Land Collective, HC72, Box 94-A, Monticello, KY 42633, or call (606) 348-6597 or 348-7913.

GWM or GWF wanted to share spacious house in Cardinal Valley area. Choice of 2 bedrooms, one with private bath. Utilities, phone, and cable included for total rental price of \$250 or \$275 (depends upon choice of room). Call 254-6119.

DIRECTORY

GLSO Gayline.....	231-0335
GLSO Board....call Steve,	266-8887
GLSO NEWS.....	
....call Craig/Steve,	266-8887
GLSO Speakers Bureau....	
.....call Bobbi,	259-0694
GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance	
.....call Esmerelda,	255-3851
GLSO Cards & Games.....	
.....call Karen,	259-3292
GLSO Rainbow Bowling	
League....call Keith,	269-8417
.....or Chuck,	268-8514
Lesbian Potluck.....	
.....call Esmerelda,	252-7837
Lesbian Passion Discussion	
Group.call Esmerelda,	255-3851
Women's Writers Collective,	272-3776
Gay/Lesbian AA.....	
.....call Dave,	271-4320
Lesbian/Gay ACA.....	
.....call Karen,	252-3292
Imperial Court of the Bluegrass	
Empire....call Jerry,	272-6559
Dignity/Lexington.....	
.....call Keith,	269-8417
Liturgy....call Don,	299-4458
(Lexington's chapter of the	
national Catholic gay and	
lesbian organization. See	
Dignity page in this issue.)	
Interweave.....call Craig,	266-8887
(A group within Lexington's	
Unitarian Universalist	
Church composed of gay men,	
lesbians & 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,	
ask for an AIDS Counselor.)	
Madison County Health Department	
AIDS Testing (606) 623-7312	
(For anonymous AIDS	
counseling and testing,	
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

JANUARY 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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| SUN | 1 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center | SAT | 14 | Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120; GLSO Cards & Games, 7:30 pm |
| TUE | 3 | HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes | SUN | 15 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; AVOL, 5:30 pm, Comp Care Center |
| WED | 4 | GLSO Board Meeting, 7:30 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm | TUE | 17 | HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes |
| THU | 5 | Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm | WED | 18 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Interweave, Topic: Feminism, 8 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church |
| FRI | 6 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm | THU | 19 | Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Gay Men's AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120 |
| SAT | 7 | Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120 | FRI | 20 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance, 8:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church |
| SUN | 8 | GLSO Phonenumber Meeting, 1 pm, Comp Care Center; Lesbian Potluck, 2 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center | SAT | 21 | Dignity Brunch, 12 pm, Festival Market's Food Court; Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120; GLSO Cards & Games, 7:30 pm |
| MON | 9 | GLSO Forum, Topic: Taking A Stand, 8 pm, Comp Care Center | SUN | 22 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center |
| TUE | 10 | Dignity Liturgy, 7:30 pm; HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes; <u>GLSO News</u> Deadline for Submissions | TUE | 24 | HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes |
| WED | 11 | GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance Committee, 8 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm | WED | 25 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |
| THU | 12 | Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Gay Men's AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120 | THU | 26 | <u>GLSO News</u> Layout, 7:30 pm; Lesbian Passion Discussion Group, 7:30 pm; Dignity Rap Session, Topic: Messages We Have Gotten, 7:30 pm; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Gay Men's AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120 |
| FRI | 13 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm | FRI | 27 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |
| | | | SAT | 28 | Gay/Lesbian ACA, 2 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120 |
| | | | SUN | 29 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center |
| | | | TUE | 31 | HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes |