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DANGER IN THE LEGISLATURE

As this issue of the GLSO News went to the presses, the Kentucky House of Representatives had just decided to shelve House Bill 10, which proposed an amendment to the state constitution to allow the General Assembly to ban sodomy and provide for punishments. The bill in its original form would have punished all instances of sodomy, including between consenting adults, gay people, and even straight married couples. There was, however, a proposed change to the bill which would have singled out same-sex sodomy only.

The bill will apparently not be voted on, due to a decision of the House majority committee, which selected two other constitutional amendments to consider instead of the sodomy amendment. The House limits itself to two constitutional amendment proposals per legislative session.

There is still a possibility that the Senate will push a sodomy amendment; several different options have been filed there. And in the House, Rep. Greg Stumbo defended the shelving of HB 10 by promising that sodomy would be addressed during this session by some means other than a constitutional amendment.

Stumbo, deflecting criticism from Republican supporters of the anti-sodomy measure, said on the House floor that, although he does not necessarily condone sodomy, it should not be prohibited through the state constitution.

Supporters of HB 10 complained that if the

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LESBIAN BATTERING

by Debbie Ault

I have lived in a small, rural community in south-central Kentucky for four years as an out dyke in an even smaller, closeted lesbian community. I write this after a long week of watching my good friend being battered *again* by her lover, and holding her while she cried. This is not the first time a friend has been beaten by her lover, abused by the person we all usually trust the most.

Potlucks and politics are fine, but it is long past time that our community began to deal with what is happening to our lesbian sisters. We need to acknowledge this is happening, learn to understand the turmoil in these women's lives, start confronting the batterer, and support the survivor.

What is lesbian battering? Battering is the violent and coercive behaviors that one lesbian uses to control the thoughts, beliefs, and conduct of another lesbian, or uses to punish her for resisting that control and violence. Under this definition, individual acts of violence are not battering. But when the assaulted partner changes her actions in order to avoid further abuse (e.g. is afraid to say or do something

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HOW TO BEAT THE HIGH COST OF DYING

by BRIAN THROCKMORTON

Although AIDS has increased our awareness of death in the last decade or so, death has always been an eventual reality for all of us. Because most people tend not to think about the practical details of dealing with a death, we are often unprepared when the time comes, and risk making bad decisions because of grief, distraction, or lack of information.

In Lexington, the Memorial Society of Central Kentucky helps people educate themselves about death, especially from the standpoint of being consumers of funeral home services. The Memorial Society is one of many such organizations nationwide, and is a member of the Continental Association of Funeral and

Memorials Societies. The local group is "a nonprofit consumer society for simplicity, dignity, and economy in funeral and memorial arrangements."

One of its purposes is to help people find low-cost funeral alternatives. The average American funeral costs more than \$4,700! Yet, by choosing cremation or educating yourself about funeral home sales tactics, and doing some comparison shopping before the time of need, you could bring this price way down. (Donation of the body to medical science—in our case, UK—is the cheapest possible choice, but is not available to persons who have any of a number of restricting conditions, including AIDS.)

Are you aware that federal regulations require every funeral home to give you a printed list of their fees for services, along with price ranges for products such as caskets. All you have to do is show up in person and ask.

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The Memorial Society also has offered a series of public talks on subjects such as the Living Will, planning memorial services, hospice, physician-assisted suicide, and interviews with morticians. Our next public meeting is Sunday, April 24, at 2:00 in the conference room on the fourth floor of the Lexington Public Library downtown. The meeting is free and open to everyone.

To find out more, write for a brochure: Memorial Society of Central Kentucky, 3564 Clays Mill Road, Lexington, KY 40503.

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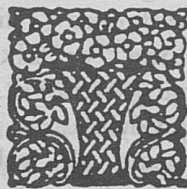
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After the flambé incident, I decided to skip his stomach and go straight for his heart.



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LESBIAN BATTERING - (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

because of what her lover will do), *this is battering*. This violence can and does include personal attacks, pet or child abuse, or destruction of property, and is usually accompanied by homophobic attacks, emotional/psychological abuse and economic exploitation. In *Naming the Violence: Speaking Out Against Lesbian Violence*, edited by Kerry Lobel (National Coalition Against Domestic Violence Lesbian Task Force, Seal Press, 1986), it is noted that "a lesbian who finds herself controlled by her partner because of fear of violence may be battered even if she has not been physically assaulted."

Physical abuse includes, but is not limited to, assaults with weapons (knives, guns, cars, cigarettes, etc.); biting, kicking, punching, slapping, unwelcome tickling; deprivation of food, heat, sleep. **Sexual abuse** includes: rape; sexual withholding; forced sex with others; sexually degrading language. **Emotional abuse** includes: isolation; lying; humiliation; insults; bursts of fury; withdrawal. **Other factors** of battering are property destruction (arson, pulling out the telephone), threats of violence against you or members of your family, and homophobic

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control (threatening to tell your employer or family that you are a lesbian, or telling you that you deserve what you get *because* you're a dyke).

It is fairly easy for us to support and identify heterosexual victims of battering, but hard to identify lesbian victims ("Surely this doesn't exist in our politically correct lesbian utopia!"). But it does exist and it happens every day.

Community Responsibility. Lesbians first need to acknowledge that domestic violence exists in our community. But once we admit that possibility—what then? We must listen to battered lesbians to find out how best to help them. It is

not helpful just to make a list of rules and expects the victim to follow them. Battered lesbians need time to learn how to regain control over their lives. Supporting a survivor of this violence is never easy. As soon as the abuser feels herself losing some control over her victim, the violence may escalate. I do not advocate anyone putting herself in jeopardy, but we can at least let the victim talk to us, and tell her we care about her. Do not minimize her pain. It takes tremendous courage to tell the story.

Abuse happens. We need to always believe the victim. Her life may depend on it. We began to understand men's violence against women by listening to battered straight women and rape survivors. Can we do any less for one of our own?

Don't just tell the victim to leave the relationship and then be mad if she doesn't. She probably can't—yet. The abuser has probably threatened her, her family, her home. Perhaps she stays in the situation because the only control she has is to feel she is protecting others. Be patient. It takes time to recognize that you're not alone, and that you have a right to life free from violence.

Many lesbians are afraid to turn to the police or battered women's shelters. Asking for help from family is also hard, especially if you aren't out. Even if you are out, the possibility of your family putting the blame on your lifestyle—instead of on the batterer, where it belongs—can be too intimidating to allow you to ask for support.

What Is Safe Space? Safe space is where the abused lesbian can go to rest, think, and be herself without fear of the abuser's harassment. This may be your living room for an hour, or a non-homophobic shelter. As supporters of battered lesbians, it is our responsibility not only to educate ourselves but to support any program that exists in the larger community to help victims of domestic violence. This can include staffing the local hotline, or talking to abused lesbians, or contacting straight agencies to discover their policy on dykes.

It is vital to educate all lesbian and gay organizations. Everyone, from the bookstore to the political group, should include a provision in

their mission statement providing safe space for abuse victims. If you don't have such a statement, write one. If you already have one, enforce it. This may include escorting the batterer out of the room. Aware and trained lesbians can easily do this. It's not complicated—just state that you recognize that "all lesbians who have been battered are entitled to be free of fear from assault or discrediting by any batterer in our meetings and literature" (quote from *Naming the Violence*).

One of the hardest things about writing this article is the fear that I will open up the discussion without offering any real support to the victim/survivor. In no way do I mean to minimize your pain. I understand that many lesbians find no support from (or have no trust in) the police, courts, or shelters. Many therapists are unaware of this issue. I urge everyone in a non-abusive home to open that home and your hearts to your sisters in need.

I have not addressed why lesbians batter. My focus is only on the survivor. I will only say that one reason they batter is because they decide it is safe to do so.

I call on our lesbian community to work on issues of domestic violence, locally and statewide. I am available for homophobia and domestic violence workshops. I have designated my home as a "safe home" for any lesbian who needs a few days of rest and safety. I can be contacted at the address below; my phone number will remain confidential for now in order for the abuser not to track you down. If you write, I will gladly give you the number. Battered lesbians are some of the most courageous women I know. There should be hope, health, and life for all of us.

—Debbie Ault, P.O. Box 212, Russell Springs, KY 42642.

Battering is not just a problem for lesbians. Gay men also suffer abuse in their relationships. If you can write about this side of the issue, the GLSO News welcomes your contribution.

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DANGER IN THE LEGISLATURE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) bill is shelved, legislators would lose a chance to prohibit sodomy, which was cited as a means of the transmission of the AIDS virus.

What's next? Because of the monthly deadline of the GLSO News, we are unable to provide the most timely information about the legislature. If other anti-gay legislation has advanced since our press time, the Herald-Leader is sure to have reported it.

To protest any pending bill, write your senator and/or representative and mention the bill by its number, stating that you oppose the bill and why. You can also call their offices directly in Frankfort, or use the Legislative Message Desk (800 - 372-7181) to leave a message. You do not have to state that you are lesbian or gay. It will help if you can get your gay friends as well as straight acquaintances and family members to write, too. It would be especially helpful to urge people from rural areas to write their legislators, since none of the sponsors of HB 10 was from Fayette County.

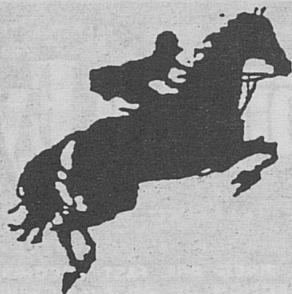
Even if there is no pending bill, it is not a bad idea to let your representatives know where you stand on these issues.

Analysis:

RATIONALES OF THE ANTI-GAY POLITICIANS

Why is sodomy such a hot issue for Kentuckians? Rep. Jim Bruce, sponsor of the derailed House Bill, is reportedly pushing the issue to appease religious conservatives in his district who feel he has been soft on issues of their brand of morality. Rep. Paul Clark, chair of the House Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments, which allowed the bill to be considered by the full House, said he passed the bill out of committee as a personal favor to Bruce. "He wants it bad," Clark was quoted as saying.

Some legislators say that their motive is discouraging the spread of AIDS, but that is a spurious claim. After all, two uninfected gay men could practice sodomy endlessly and not come



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down with AIDS. Sodomy, in and of itself, is not a cause of AIDS.

It is likely that the real reasons lawmakers are targeting sodomy are the same reasons it has been illegal in many places since long before the advent of AIDS: sodomy is supposedly unfamiliar to the mostly straight lawmakers of our country; sodomy is "unnatural"; and the Bible is against it.

Fear of the unfamiliar, of course, is no good reason to ban something.

And if sodomy is unnatural, then why do generation after generation of human beings keep spontaneously re-discovering it?

With regard to the Bible, if the elected representatives of our state want to adhere to Biblical advice, they are being awfully choosy - there are many other taboos which appear in the Bible, but not in the Kentucky Revised Statutes. And the Bible is not the proper basis of the law of the land, anyway, since many of us are not Christian, or have widely varied interpretations of what Christianity means.

Of all the rationales for banning sodomy, it is difficult to find one that is not based on fear, ignorance, or state-imposed religion.

Fortunately, sodomy is usually defined as sex which involves contact between the genitals of one person and the mouth or anus of another. Kissing, mutual masturbation, and many other forms of sex play are too imaginative for our elected officials to keep up with.

Perhaps some of our legislators think that banning sodomy would make AIDS disappear. No. Many cases of AIDS begin in the marital bed, with the missionary position. Yet no one is proposing to punish heterosexual relations that transmit AIDS.

It is sad that many of those in power have a fear of sex, which is what condemnation of sodomy amounts to. They can claim that they are fighting AIDS, but not all AIDS cases stem from sodomy, and not all sodomy results in AIDS. Banning sodomy because of AIDS is like banning pizza because of heartburn.

Who Is Responsible?

The sodomy bill was filed by Representatives James Bruce (Hopkinsville), Lonnie Napier (Lancaster), Royce Adams (Dry Ridge), Woody Allen (Morgantown), Ray Altman (Finley), Jeffrey Buis (Liberty), Robert Damron (Nicholasville), William Donnermeyer (Bellevue), Danny Ford (Mt. Vernon), Walter Gee (Grayson), Stephen Keith (Manchester), Jim Maggard (Jackson), Allen Maricle (Pioneer Village), Ramsey Morris (Hopkinsville), Ray Mullinix (Burkesville), Charles "Preacher" Nelson (Bremen), Fred Nesler (Mayfield), Richie Sanders (Smiths Grove), Thomas Todd (Nancy), and Pete Worthington (Ewing). Of these, 9 are Democrats and 11 are Republicans. Religious preferences represented include 8 Baptists, Catholic, 2 "Christians," Church of Christ, Church of God, Disciples of Christ, 3 Methodists, 2 "Protestants," and one with no recorded affiliation.

Perhaps the person most individually responsible for allowing this bill to progress is Paul Clark (D-Louisville), who is chairman of the committee that could have let this bill molder. Clark has been quoted as saying that he let the bill out of his committee as a favor to sponsor Jim Bruce, adding, "He wants it bad." The atmosphere in the General Assembly is such that some legislators feel pressure to appease the religious right by bringing up bills on topics such as sodomy and abortion.

Notes from the Typesetter...

The deadline for articles and ads is the 17th of every month, just like you're used to.

For those of you who thought you had my address: I moved. Call me to get the new one.

For errors, directory changes, generous praise and the like, you can contact me via voice mail at 275-7801. You can leave messages there for me at any time.

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GLSO Welcomes a New Spring

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by Kelly

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Les'Bian started in October 1993 to give Lexington's lesbian community an opportunity to come together on a regular basis, to meet new people and participate in book discussions, yoga, art, and now walking.

Looking forward to seeing you in April!

Gay-Positive Family Sought

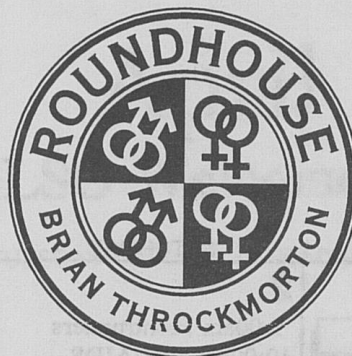
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Gay Couple To Appear at Joseph-Beth's

Gay body-building couple Rod Jackson and Bob Paris will appear at Joseph-Beth's Booksellers on April 5 from 12 - 1 to sign their book *Straight from the Heart*. Paris is a former Mr. Universe. The couple have been featured in several national lesbigay magazines, including cover stories in *The Advocate* and *Out*.

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Q: What do you do if someone on the street calls you a "faggot or dyke"?

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In fact this has been close to what I have told some silly frat boys in a jeep one night outside of Joe's.

A: My favorite responses: "Thanks! I didn't think you were so perceptive!" or "Didn't I see you at the bar last Friday?" or nonverbal gestures.

Q: What's the best response to someone who claims that gays/lesbians are sinners who will go to hell?

A: "Can you explain to me what the deal was with that guy Jesus who spent all his time with twelve other men?"

A: "Judge not, lest you be judged."

Q: Tell us about something somebody said or did that helped you come out.

A: I have many friends and family members to thank for helping me explode out of the closet. In particular, however, there is one friend who helped me with my deepest fear hindering me from accepting my sexuality. One night when I was so frightened that I began to panic, she asked me what my deepest fear was—deep in my heart. I told her I was afraid of going to hell if I continued to love women. She then hugged me and whispered that the creator of love would never damn me for loving. Those words helped me face my worst fear.

Q: What's the best thing about being gay?

Q: If there were a pill that could turn you straight, would you take it?

To add your answer or to suggest a question to Roundhouse, send your thoughts to GLSO Roundhouse, Box 11471, Lexington, KY 40575.

AIDS CARE TEAM TRAINING PLANNED

-STEVE B.

The Episcopal Diocese of Lexington AIDS Ministry will offer AIDS Care Team Training on May 14 at Church of the Resurrection, 3220 Lexington Road in Nicholasville. The Care Team program is an interfaith effort in the service of people living with AIDS. The program also provides education.

The training is sponsored by a United Thank Offering grant to the AIDS Ministry. Money was granted to train 20 volunteers in the Care Team approach, providing services to HIV/AIDS-affected individuals. The outreach promotes spiritual friendship, as well as laundry, shopping, and transportation. The Catholic Diocese Office of AIDS Ministry will join in this training.

For more information, call Steve at 233-1782, or 252-6527.

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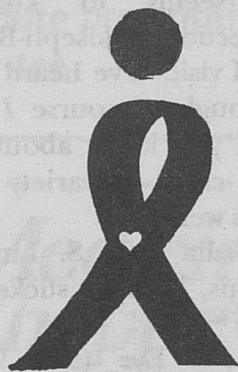
The Human Rights Campaign Fund has issued ratings of America's senators based on their votes on nine lesbian/gay issues over the last year.

Nineteen senators, all Democrats, sided with the HRCF 100% of the time: Daniel Akaka (HI), Barbara Boxer (CA), Bill Bradley (NJ), Christopher Dodd (CT), Dianne Feinstein (CA), Daniel Inouye (HI), Ted Kennedy (MA), Frank Lautenberg (NJ), Patrick Leahy (VT), Howard Metzenbaum (OH), Barbara Mikulski (MD), Carol Moseley-Braun (IL), Daniel Patrick Moynihan (NY), Patty Murray (WA), Donald Riegle (MI), Chuck Robb (VA), Paul Sarbanes (MD), Paul Simon (IL) and Paul Wellstone (MN).

Three Republicans received the only zero scores: Jesse Helms (NC), Lauch Faircloth (NC), and Malcolm Wallop (WY).

In the Kentucky delegation, Wendell Ford voted favorably 56% of the time, and Mitch McConnell had a 33% record.

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Bee's Bytes

by Elizabeth Gilliam

Words which will live in infamy.

Political Correctness. The movement to re-shape thought by re-defining words. This, I feel, is necessary. At work, I come into contact with the information we distribute about our product. In passing, I have noticed phrases such as, "the receptionist can better use her time to...". After they cross my desk, however, they say, "the receptionist can make better use of time to...".

Small words, big difference. How much does it really matter? It's important to neutralize such basic thoughts. A few years ago, when I heard the word "executive", I thought "he". It was natural. Inbred. In a language where a single word holds an almost infinite amount of meaning and brings to mind numerous images ("war" or "season"), and can change basic concepts of other words ("speaking with" vs. "speaking about"), can we be too thorough in the way we look at changing words to reflect equality for sexes, races, and other differences?

On the phone, I am always taken for a woman. In person, however, I sometimes get called "sir". When I correct the person, a comment is usually made about my hair. Meaning: it's short, so I must be a man. But so far, only people my age and older mistake me for a man. I have yet to hear a child get it wrong, even when I wear my boots and ball cap.

It is my opinion that language is helping to make that change. If kids today are not taught that "executive" means "male", then it can only be beneficial in creating egalitarian thought.

It's difficult to be gender-neutral when there are few universal terms. In Middle English, "girle" meant "young person of either gender." Today, *Webster's* says it means "woman of any age". (Incidentally, the definition for "boy" is "male before puberty".) "One" can be used for generalizations, but is hard to modify: "One who goes there can get (his or her/their) car washed."

The Political Correctness theory is not a new one. Consider this:

"Telephonists spelling out words and using specific names to denote letters should substitute German names for Jewish ones. For David, Deutschland; for Nathan, National, etc."

-Order of Berlin Telephone Direction, 1935

The Nazis were quite aware of how to manipulate words, thereby manipulating thoughts. So how do we know when we are going too far? What's the difference between promoting equality and controlling minds?

It's important to question *definitions* of words. Why are they used as they are? What are the alternatives, and why aren't they used instead? Why are they being changed? What images do they invoke? Why?

The debate on whether changes are good or bad will probably never end so long as language exists. But it is something which I feel that each of us should consider, because if we don't stop to think about it, then we only lend ourselves to being merely someone else's definition.

Periodically speaking...

Everyone seems to know about the homosexual section at Joseph-Beth's. It's always packed when I visit. I've heard it's a great place to scope although of course *I* would never do *that*. But did you know about the other local stores which carry a variety of homosexual publications as well?

SQecial Media (371 S. Limestone) has an array of buttons, bumper stickers, and new and used books.

The Hypnotic Eye (504 ½ Euclid) deals predominantly in magazines. They currently have from 15-20 different queer titles. You can also order books; currently, queer titles are 10% off (and oh so appropriate).

I gave up my magazine subscriptions, so that I can buy them locally to support these stores.

Quote of the Month....

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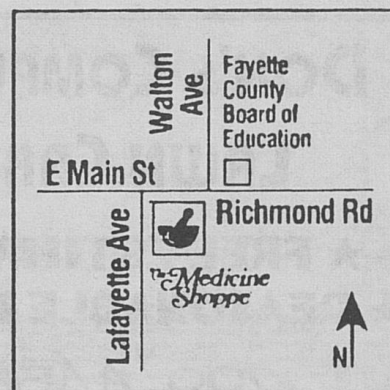
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Russell Henderson is the immediate past president of the club, and Robert Wesley is the current president. Other officers for 1994 are: Larry Stanley, vice president; Dale S., treasurer; Ken H., secretary; and Ron H., road captain.

The club will sponsor the first "Mr. Kentucky Leather" contest August 5-6 in Lexington, with the winner representing Kentucky at the American Leatherman contest in Washington, D.C., in September.

WASSON AWARD DEADLINE APPROACHING

Remember, May 6 is the deadline for submitting nominations for the Wasson Award for outstanding contribution to the lesbian community. Send your nomination to GLSO, P.O. Box 11471, Lexington, KY 40575, Attn.: Wasson Award.

Linda West's "Lesbian at Large" column will return next month.

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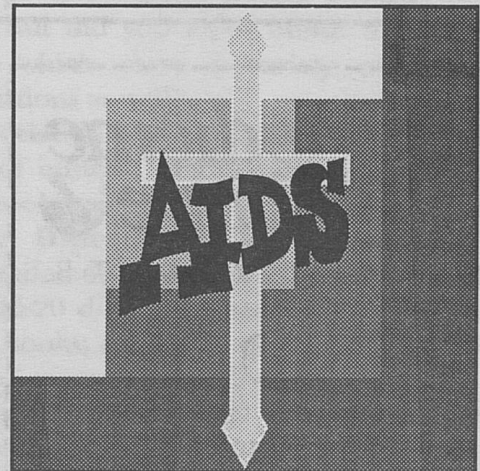
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