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Don't Miss Kate!

Nationally renown lesbian comic Kate Clinton will appear at the Singletary Center for the Arts on the UK campus September 18. Clinton has recently appeared on the Arsenio Hall Show and is brought to Lexington by UK Lambda and Iris Events. Tickets are \$13 (seniors/students), \$15 (advance) and \$17 (at the door). For tickets, call the Ticket Office at Singletary: 257-4929.

P-FLAG SUPPORT GROUP

Activities will soon begin in the formation of a Lexington chapter of P-FLAG, a support group for parents, siblings, and friends of lesbians and gays in their effort to understand, accept, and support their loved ones with love and pride. If you are interested in serving on a committee to organize the Lexington chapter, or if you wish more information, please call Ruth at (606) 276-1777 after September 22. Your support is appreciated.

Project Fair Vote

Project Fair Vote has established and Eighth Ward Committee for the purpose of developing an education and polling action plan. Volunteers will participate in literature drops, polling (telephone and door-to-door) and neighborhood outreach activities. A "Fight the Right" conference is to be held in Cincinnati on September 4 & 5. Fairness supporters will be participating in a regional conference sponsored by the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force and Stonewall Cincinnation countering right wing organizing. Anyone interested in these projects can call Eleanor at (502) 637-1685 or contact the Fairness office at (502) 893-0788.

Get Into the Swing of Things!

A group of local golfers are looking for other golfers to play on a regular basis and for an upcoming tournament being planned by the Diversity Business Coalition. If interested, please contact Gayle Stockdale at the Diversity Business Coalition number (281-8444).

LOUISVILLE AIDS WALK

Louisville is taking a step in the right direction for battling AIDS.

On Sunday, September 26, Louisville will see a number of caring and concerned individuals marching together to raise money for various AIDS groups and organizations.

For those interested in participating in the walk, sponsor sheets for individuals and companies can be obtained by calling (502) 574-5947.

Use these sponsor sheets to sign up family members, friends, co-workers, and others to sponsor you. Raise as much money as you can. Ask your employer to sponsor a team so that you and your co-workers can carry your employer's banner and wear team t-shirts.

Contributions must be collected in advance for the walk. Only money turned in on the day of the walk counts toward incentive awards. This saves you time, saves expenses associated with collecting money after the Walk, and allows for the proceeds to be distributed more quickly to people in need.

Make checks payable to "Louisville AIDS Walk."

Contributions are tax-deductible.

Wear comfortable shoes and clothing to suit the weather. Rain or shine, help step out AIDS!

Registration is at 12:00 noon. Warm up! Warm up is from 1:30 2:00 pm. Walk begins at 2:00 pm. The walk begins at the Belvedere.

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EDITORIAL

by Bo Robertson

My daily routine is normally very mundane. I get out of bed first and shower. My lover, James, and my dog, Max, get the luxury of an extra half hour in bed while I prepare myself for the battle in corporate America. Well, corporate Lexington anyway.

After showering and dressing, I wake James and shove the dog out the door for his daily constitutional.

After a small breakfast and a quick kiss on the cheek and perhaps a suggestive pat on the butt, we go our separate ways and leave our children (a miniature dachshund and a snow white cat from Hell) behind to enjoy the fruits of our labor.

At lunch we race around in the usually vain hope that we might get to eat lunch together before running back to the daily grind.

After work we come home, clean house, fix a quick dinner, wash dishes and watch Rosanne.

At 10 we turn on Star Trek: The Next Generation and at 10:15 we realize there is no way we are going to be able to stay up any later so we go to bed.

We retire to our bed and congratulate each

other for getting through another day.

Sound a little mundane? Our weekend usually consists of an afternoon movie and (dare to walk on the wild side) staying up 'til 12:30 or 1 to watch Saturday Night Live.

Sunday is spent with my parents where we eat

a great dinner and talk about the new fall TV season.

We pay taxes, are educated, contribute to society, and try generally to just keep our heads above water.

Before you begin to wonder just where I am going with this let me point one thing out. We are just like everyone else, despite the picture that conservatives would paint of all homosexuals. They would have everyone believe that homosexuals can only lead one lifestyle. Being gay isn't just about who you have sex with. It isn't about being given special privileges.

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The only special interests we have are the rights to be treated like what we are. Human beings. Not just interpretations of passages in the Bible.

It's about being left alone to pursue a livelihood, not just a lifestyle, that is remarkably similar to the ones lived by those who are most critical of us.

Some people go out to bars every night. Some are rich and some are poor. Some are kinky and some aren't. The qualities are shared by gays as well as straights. They are not universal to everyone nor should they be. People are different and unique.

Stereotyping us into one large group of "deviants" who are clamoring for the right to have sex in the streets is just not true. We are all people, no matter what our lifestyles are and should be judged on an individual basis.

We are doctors, lawyers, dentists, bankers, construction workers, democrats, republicans, libertarians, and yes, some are parents and ministers.

We are neighbors and given the chance,

friends.

Don't allow the media or conservative Christians to dictate what your lifestyle has to be like.

You have a world of personal lifestyle choices and only you can decide which one is right for you. You have options. Use them.

APOLOGY

To all of the faithful readers of the G.L.S.O. newsletter and to the tireless staff that puts it together, I want to apologize for any inconvenience and unnecessary grief I may have caused by skipping town before handing over the articles for this month's newsletter. In the rush to get to Washington DC for a job interview that could have changed the rest of my life, I neglected to turn the articles over to Krisitin. In case anyone is wondering, the interview has changed my life—I'm leaving the US for the former USSR on a fellowship that will last a year, starting in October.

—B.R.

Esmerelda's Parlour

Well, I felt a little loss of direction after the parenting series was over. But, recently I've met a woman who is just coming out, and in helping her find resources, I reflected back to what helped me find an identity in 1977 during my own coming out beginnings. I guess I pretty much floundered with the Bar (The Living Room/Johnny Angel) scene until I began meeting more gay girls in the early eighties and became wrapped up in the softball/Hidden Door days. Those were days of drinking, dancing and softball widowhood (I could never play the game—just sit in the stands, sip beer and cokes, and root my girlfriend on).

But in 1983 I attended my first Michigan Womyns Music Festival and was introduced to lesbian politics, music and writings. Of the writings, lesbian fiction will always be my favorite flavor, but, what has offered me the most footholds through the years is Lesbian Connection. When I first started reading this national Forum of News and Ideas I felt less isolated and in fact empowered by the knowledge of the sheer number of us and the diversity of who we are. When you don't look like k. d. lang you learn you're still lesbian if you're femme or fat, of color, young or old, disabled or even celibate.

But Lesbian Connection is not the only lesbian publication, so over the next few months I or a friend will introduce several of these to you along with

subscription information.

Lesbian Connection is produced by Ambitions Omeyan (?????) of East Lansing, Michigan. Its distribution runs above 10,000 and is international. It comes 6 times a year and this includes a spring and winter catalog of services and products produced by and for lesbians.

For the rest of this article let me just introduce a section of L.C. and give you an example of what you'll

find in its 30 pages.

The first section is Articles and News. Example: One of the most popular events during the weekend of the March on Washington was Saturday night's Dyke March, sponsored by the Lesbian Avengers and the Ad Hoc Committee for Lesbian Visibility. Chanting, "We're dykes! Don't touch us! We'll hurt you!" thousands of lesbians marched from Dupont Circle past the White House. At the presidential mansion shouts of "Red Rover, Red Rover, send Hillary right over!" could be heard. The march ended at the Mall near the Washington Monument. in the darkness there was a ceremony honoring Hattie Mae Cohens, the lesbian who was killed in a firebombing in Oregon last September. A

circle of Lesbian Avengers stood with torches, and as the crowd chanted "The fire will not consume us. We take it and make it our own," the Avengers one by one put the flaming skewers into their mouths.

—Southern Voice & Washington Blade

The next section is Letters:

The following is a letter I sent to the editor of the Jewish Exponent, a weekly newpaper (sic) here: I was thrilled beyond belief to see in the Exponent's April 30 Birth Announcements the inclusion of a lesbian couple and their new baby. I called the Exponent's office to let them know how pleased I was. My call was met with horror and disbelief. The office had not intentionally let a lesbian couple print a birth announcement in the paper. They had assumed that "Abbe" was a short form of Abraham. it would never happen again. I reminded them that I was calling not to complain, but because I was happy at the inclusion. I wanted to know if they were planning on censoring such birth announcements in the future. I was told they weren't sure. As a Jewish educator at several local synagogues, I am deeply disturbed to have encountered such a reaction within my Jewish community, and more disturbed that such a reaction cam from the major source of Jewish news in the Philadelphia area. By judging families that are not just like ours, we are setting in motion something we have promised to never let happen again, "...'Then they came for me. But there was no one left to speak up..."

-Sincerely, Mindy, Ardmore, PA

Bits and Pieces are tidbits of information from

readers' letters:

NEW MEXICO, Rural Santa Fe: There are at least 15 lesbians living out here in the country between Santa Fe and Las Vegas. Some of us live communally, some are working at establishing Dyke Neighborhoods, and some live in small villages. The area is mostly populated by Hispanic families who have lived here for up to 400 years, but we fit in nicely and there are no harassment problems. We can always use more lesbians! Call Kathe, ...

Reviews of books, publications, or videos are followed by Responses (a hot-bed of Lesbian Diversity—here I learned about lesbian pornography, S & M, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, sexual abuse and more...):

I have a very wonderful and fulfilling relationship with a woman who DOESN'T LIKE SEX. To be honest, there are times when it is hard for the both of us, since I love sex, anytime, anyplace. (Don't get me wrong, not with other people, only my lover.) To be honest, I still don't understand her lack of need for sex. For me, sex with her is another way to show my love. It has taken some

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A Brief History of the Local LesBiGay Community

As everywhere, people have entered into same sex relationships in this area for centuries. Because earlier Native American societies were structured much differently, the modern concept of a lesbian or gay man is not exactly parallel. Around 1800, John Tanner, a Kentuckian captured as a boy and raised among Native Americans, does report the existence of "A-go-kwa" among the Ojibway Indians around the Great Lakes. Other tribes had other names for such people including "berdaches" or males [sometimes females] who were looked on as a third gender taking on opposite sex roles and considered spiritual leaders who married other non-berdache men/women. Later during the Civil War, Louisville papers reported cases of women who dressed as men and passed as males in the military. The sexual orientation of these particular cases is not cited but other transvestite women have been found to have historically married other women and led respected lives until coroners discovered lifelong masquerades upon the "man's" death. Census records from the 1880's also reveal Kentucky men jailed for sodomy with a disproportionate number of black men incarcerated nationally at this period. Sodomy laws as a form of social control were and continue to be largely used against specific minority populations although they usually apply to all members of society [blacks in the 1880's; homosexuals in the 1980's). Lexington has had a large, open and active lesbigay (lesbian, bisexual and gay) community for well over three decades with the city's first gay bar opening in the late 1950's. The horse farms, Kentucky Derby and legendary Derby parties that continue to this day attracted many prominent closeted gay men and lesbians to Lexington. Local lore says that movie star Rock Hudson was part owner of what is today The Bar Complex on Main St. and that it was here in Lexington that Hudson discovered Lee Majors, an EKU student. Following the birth of the modern gay movement at the Stonewall Riots of June 1969 (25th Anniversary is next year in NYC), UK's first gay/lesbian student group was formed in the fall semester of 1971. The following January the Gay Liberation Front petitioned to become a recognized student group and was denied on the grounds that the GLF would attempt to "recruit" heterosexuals and that homosexuality was still listed (until 1974) by the American Psychiatric Association as a mental disorder. A court case ensued between UK and the GLF with the judge of the 6th District of the Federal Circuit Court (Cincinnati) ruling that denying recognition to the GLF based on members' sexual orientation did not violate members' constitutional freedoms of speech and assembly. The case was not appealed. UK officials have since quietly said that the political climate of the time caused them to not recognize the group more than any actual issue on the part of the administration. In an act of political manuveuring, it was expected by UK that the court would decided in favor of the GLF based on similar decisions in Oklahoma and elsewhere on gay student organizations. Surprisingly, UK won the case although it was expected that an appeal would be made. The GLF continued to meet on campus through the University's Free University Program by convening each semester a class in "gay liberation." Members of GLF eventually organized off-campus the Gay Services Organization (GSO which eventually became Gay and Lesbian Services Organization [GLSO]). Today, GLSO is the oldest gay organization in the state of Kentucky and is 20 years old in 1994. As members graduated, GLF lost steam and ceased to exist. It was not until 1982 that a gay/lesbian student group was recognized by the University with the birth of GALUS (Gay and Lesbian United Students). GALUS was originally denied University recognition until a favorable ruling was received in an appeal to the UK Judicial Board. In 1986 the group petitioned for the inclusion of "sexual orientation" in the UK anti-discrimination policy. This policy was turned down although prohibition of discrimination in grading due to one's sexual orientation was included as a token measure in the Student Code at that time. GALUS existed for several years before it became inactive as its leadership graduated. The late 1980's saw the GALUS structure re-organized as GLUE (Gays and Lesbians United in Education). Despite the rather unfortutious name in an area of horse farms, the organization of gay students under this name lasted until the fall of 1991. At that time, four students (Beth Daly, Jeff Gillispie, Jeff Jones and Andrea Lonon) reorganized the group into what is today UK Lambda. The group's name was changed to be more inclusive of bisexuals and supportive heterosexuals. Since 1991 UK Lambda has been very active in the education, social and political arenas. UK Lambda members have served on the Board of GLSO and been founding members of other new gay service groups off-campus. Politically, UK Lambda or a group of its members have represented UK's community at the Louisville March for Justice, Lexington 4th of July parade, Frankfort sodomy law protest and 1993 March on Washington. In the fall of 1993, UK Lambda members approached the UK Student Government Association with our concerns about discrimination and fear of discrimination. This eventually led to the near unanimous SGA vote calling on the UK Board of Trustees to include "sexual orientation" in UK's anti-bias policies. Educationally, UK Lambda has brought to campus a number of

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speakers on such issues as AIDS/HIV prevention, legal rights of same sex couples, gender roles and drag queens, and counseling needs of lesbigay clients. Faced with a limited budget and often fearful newcomers, we began Lambdanet, a computer listserv that has exceeded our expectations considerably. Subscription is free. Lambdanet provides information from international, national and local sources as well as offers a "virtual space" for community support when issues of harassment and discrimination have surfaced. Socially, UK Larnbda has brought a number of gay/ lesbian talents to the University including Canadian singer Heather Bishop, the play "Sisters", and comming in September nationally known lesbian comic Kate Clinton. As our part in Lexington's LesBiGay Pride Week, UK Lambda hosted a techno dance at the Virtual Gallery downtown specifically aimed at younger people of all orientations to promote awareness and acceptance. This fall semester UK Lambda also hopes to bring to UK the lesbian grand dame of women's music, Cris Williamson [December], and gay writer Frank Browning, author of the best-selling "Culture of Desire" and a Flemingsburg native. UK Lambda will undoubtedly remain busy also with fundraising activities working concessions at various local events. UK Lambda views 1994, the 25th Anniversary of the modern gay movement, as a time to emphasize the benefits that lesbigay women and men have brought to our communities as well as the multi-faceted personalities and humanness to be found in lesbigay people beyond labels and private aspects of one's life.

September is Full of Fests!

Besides the Ohio Lesbian Festival on Sept. 18 outside of Columbus, there will be two other women's festivals fairly close to Lexington:

RhythmFest Womyns Festival: Sept.2-6, Camp Rock Mont, Black Mountain, NC, (near scenic Asheville).

For more info, call 404-873-1551.

This festival was held on Lookout Mtn. near Chattanooga last year. Black Mountain is a scenic mountain resort east of Asheville. If visiting, be sure to check out the local lesbian bed and breakfasts, Scandals/Cahoots (the local lesbian bar/restaurant), Stone Soup (a nice "granola" restaurant like our own beloved Alfalfa's) and the wonderful lesbian-owned/operated Malaprop's (like a small, de-suburbanized Joseph-Beth's ran by ecologically-minded, bibliophile dykes).

Roanoke Valley Womyn's Weekend: Sept. 17-19.

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LLDEF Case of the Month

by Jeff Jones

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund is a group of lawyers, legal workers and supporters defending the rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and PWAs in the courts of the land for 20 years. Below is a case from their 1993 Lambda Update showing their continuing work and the issues facing our community:

Boulais v. Lustig (California) [lost by LLDEF client in trial]: Jan Lustig, a female PWA, was sued in a Los Angeles court by Diane Boulais, a surgical assistant at the Breast Center. Boulais was cut by a knife improperly held by the surgeon during surgery on Lustig.

Ms. Lustig had not revealed prior to surgery her HIV status. Although the health care providers' had failed to follow government and professional guidelines and although Boulais tested negative for HIV infection, she sued Lustig for fraud, intentional infliction of emotional distress and negligent infliction of emotional distress.

The jury in February threw out the intentional claim but did find liability for fraud and negligence. The jury awarded \$105,000 in damages (60% from Lustig, 26% from the Breast Center, 13% from the surgeon, and 1% from Boulais herself). This is the first case where a health care worker has sued a patient with any disease for not disclosing medical information.

Boulais and her lawyers, the LA firm of Mitchell, Silberburg and Knupp, also issued a press release upon filing of the suit in which Lustig's name, her HIV status, her hometown and other personal information were given to the press. This breach of confidentiality brought a counter-suit against the Breast Center that was settled out of court for \$35,000.

On June 18, LA County Superior Court Judge David Horowitz overturned the jury's award for negligence saying that the decision made Lustig liable for Boulais' failure to follow proper procedures. Horowitz also said that because of compelling health reasons, there was "no duty of a patient to be truthful concerning his/her medical condition." He left standing, however, the ruling of fraud. An appeal on this portion of the verdict is expected.

Ohio To Hold Lesbian Festival

by Jeff Jones

The Lesbian Business Association of Columbus will coordinate the 5th Annual Ohio Lesbian Festival on Saturday, Sept. 11. The Festival will be held from 11am until midnight at the Frontier Ranch off Rt. 40 east of Columbus and west of Kirkersville, OH. Cost is \$15 advance and \$20 at the grounds with children under 13 admitted free. The Festival will feature music, crafts, a business fair, workshops and a KidFest. For more information and/or tickets, the closest contact is Crazy Ladies Bookstore in Cincinnati. Or, you can call 614-267-DYKE.

Computer Contacts

by Lisa Scott

If you have a computer, you have a large lesbian/gay community at your fingertips. How? With a modem and membership in one of the many online networks you can reach out and touch people all over the world. If you need a modem do some shopping and you can pick one up for as low as \$25. I recently bought a new computer that came loaded with Prodigy and America On Line. Both of these contain Gay & Lesbian bulletin board areas and AOL has a G&L chat room. The other major online services also have lesbian and gay areas to my understanding. If you are voyeuristic or want some ultra safe sex, try the AOL Gay & Lesbian chat room. The secret to having your screen filled with anxious partners is a snappy "handle", or screen name, and an interesting profile of yourself. I logged on to see what was going on in this area under the name "Amazonia1". In minutes, I had five private, immediate messages on my screen, some wanting to say hello and talk to another lesbian about life in general and others wanting "hot chat". Another time, I had some very interesting conversations about racism and stereotyping in our community with a fellow in S.F., Ca. and another about homophobia in a small Ga. town. As some of the services charge by the minute this can get rather pricey. However, I plan on exploring NVN (National Video Network), which has a flat monthly rate but no chat features. These services also offer a world of other features such as news from around the world, weather, stock prices, encyclopedias, etc. I understand that there is a local gay & lesbian BBS; however, I have not found the number for it, and if anyone has it, I would love to check it out.

FIGHT THE RIGHT

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They're praying that you won't.

The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute and Stonewall Cincinnati are pleased to present a Regional Summit to Fight the Right in the Midwest. National and regional activists have been gathered to structure two days of dialogue and skill-building to counter right wing organizing in the region. The summit will take place over Labor Day weekend, September 4 and 5, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Topics discussed will include "Civil Rights vs. Special Rights;" coalition building—providing practical information on building and essential alliances with our natural allies; Media Advocacy 1—covering basic press tactics and strategies; Grassroots Organizing—discussing the strategies for successful organizing;

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Which Condoms Are Safer?

In August the Mariposa Foundation released the results of an extensive study of six condom manufacturers as to the HIV leakage potential of their products. This study was funded by AmFar and the NIH. A previous study by Mariposa caused considerable alarm over the effectiveness of condoms against HIV.

The new study finds the top eight-ranked condoms showed no HIV leakage 1. Mentor by Circle (no longer on market; bought by Carter Wallace; new CW Mentor brand is substitution of lesser quality condom) 2. Ramses Non-Lube (Schmid) 3. Ramses Sensitol (Schmid) 4. Gold Circle Coin (Circle) 5. Gold Coin (Circle) 6. Sheik Elite (Schmid) 7. Durex Nuform (Schmid-London)

8. Pleaser (Circle)

The lower-ranked brands had 1 condom in 10 that leaked HIV: 9. Ramses Extra (Schmid) 10. Embrace Her (Circle) 11. Hot Rubber (Switzerland) 12. Lifestyles Stimula (Ansell) 13. Ramses Nuform (Schmid) 14. Excita Extra (Schmid) 15. Parrish (Circle) 16. Yamabuki #1 (Fuju) 17. Trojan-Enz (Carter Wallace) 18. Trojan-Enz Lubricated (CW) 19. Duo (Schmid©London) 20. Shields (Ortho Pharm.) 21. Trojan Plus (CW) 22. Zero 0©2000 (Fuju) 23. Prime (Ansell) 24. Lifestyles Nuda Plus(Ansell) 25. Arouse (Nat.Sanitary) 26. Tahiti (Ansell) 27. Lifestyles Contour(Ansell) 28. Lifestyle Nuda (Ansell) 29. Trojan Ribbed Natural (CW) 30. Trojan Ribbed (CW) 31. Contracept Plus (National Sanitary)

Over half of the lowest-ranked condoms leaked HIV. Contracept Plus (#31) has since been taken off the market as it had a 100% failure rate with HIV leakage. Trojan Naturalube Ribbed (#29) also was found to have

a 22.8% leakage rate.

Check your brand and shop wisely. Remember also that petroleum-based lubricants break down the latex in condoms: use of water-based lubricants (KY Jelly for instance) or water-based lubricants with non-oxynol 9 are recommended by most health departments.

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"What do you do in bed?"

by Lisa Scott

If I have heard that question once I have heard it a hundred times, from strayts of course. I have often wondered what this fascination was with our sex lives.

I think it is a many facetted curiosity.

One of the facets, I think, has to do with the basis of so many strayt relationships. It has been my observation that a lot of strayt couples stay together, not out of love, but out of a sense of obligation. They may have loved at one time, but when the romance stage passed, they let their relationship lie there. Now I am not saying this does not happen in lesbigay relationships too, as I know it does. However, given that strayt society lays no true value or validity on our relationships, they see no reason for us to stay together after the initial stage of a relationship, romance, has passed. I have heard many a strayt woman make a comment about having to have sex with her husband in order to get a new outfit, appliance, etc.(fill in the blank). I have also heard strayt men make the reverse comment. How many times have you heard a lesbian/ gay make a comment like this? It seems that once the excitement of the new relationship has ended, that they (strayts) stay together more out of habit than a deep love for one another. Given that they see no reason for a cohesive relationship, given the absence of opposing genitals and therefore societies stamp of approval, they cannot see a long-term, monogamous lesbigay relationship staying together unless there is some kind of strange, wild sex involved. Then again, I could be wrong and the people who ask this question could just have no imagination.

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time for me to understand her, because not having sex made me feel that I was no longer sexy or attractive to her. We have even had large fights over this. All I can tell you from my side is, you must find someone who is very open minded and understands that you do not need sex, but get ready for some ups and downs.

The Contact Dyke Listing is a directory of lesbians across the world that you can call for information about their area. I've been on this list since '83 and have met a woman motorcycling solo across the US and have made friends I still stay in contact with.

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Registration fee is \$35 until August 31, and \$45 thereafter, subject to availability. The fee includes:

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breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday, box lunch on Sunday afternoon, and the latest edition of the NGLTF Fight the Right Action Kit. Accommodations include a special rate of \$ 69 per night available through the Hyatt Regency. Call the hotel directly to make reservations at (513) 579-1234. To qualify for the discount room rate, you must identify yourself as a summit participant when making reservations. The Hyatt guarantees this rate only through August 13.

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Go, Big Blue!

by Jeff Jones
The Board of Trustees for the University of Kentucky
have adopted new policies that benefit all sexual
orientations including lesbians, bisexuals and gay

In July the Board voted to include "sexual orientation" as one of the categories protected from discrimination in the Student Code in the areas of admissions and financial aid. A similar policy change covering grading was adopted in 1986. More significantly, the Board issued a "sense of the Board" resolution affirming that the University of Kentucky will not discriminate in any of its policies or programs against faculty, staff or students because of their sexual orientation. Although not specifically changing the University's general antidiscrimination policy, a legal opinion from the University's EEOC officer and statements by the Dean of Students re-affirm that this resolution essentially protects lesbigay people from discrimination at the University of Kentucky. It has yet to be seen if this affirmation will extend to domestic partnership benefits.

Both the 1986 and 1993 changes result in part from agitation from lesbigay students and faculty (via UK Lambda or its successors in part) for extension of equal benefits. Another factor is a recently released study by the late Dan Mynear in Educational Policies that was completed by Dr. Beth Goldstein. This report

documented widespread fear and harassment of lesbigay students at UK and proposed several changes to the Board to deal with this atmosphere of fear. UK's Student Government Association also voted in the spring to approach the Board of Trustees to include "sexual orientation" in the University's anti-discrimination policies.

Recently UK Lambda has approached the Dean of Students, the Equal Employment Opportunity officer and Residence Life about the needs of lesbigay students, faculty and staff. All three offices have shown themselves to be receptive to dealing with unfair treatment of

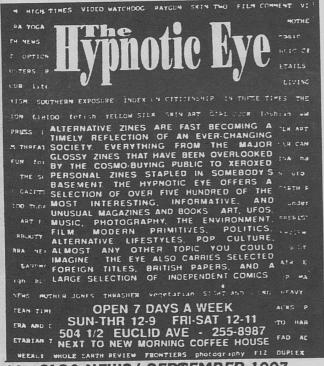
lesbigays at UK.

This academic year will also be the second one in which housing directors and resident assistants (first year for RAs) will receive training in the needs and issues of homo/bisexual residents from UK Lambda speakers. UK faculty have also been instrumental in gaining anti-discrimination resolutions covering sexual orientation from the Deans of the Colleges of Education and Arts & Sciences.

This year will also see a new and openly gay editorial page editor for the Kentucky Kernel: Chris McDavid. The traditionally conservative Kernel editorials were listed as a major source of homophobic rhetoric at UK in the Mynear-Goldstein report. Surprisingly, the Kernel is also the third largest circulation newspaper in Kentucky. Altogether, the atmosphere for lesbigays at UK has improved considerably by the combined efforts of people of all orientations at all levels of the University.

These welcome changes are far removed from the 1974 court case in which UK refused to even recognize a gay student group over issues of "recruitment" and that homosexuality was still considered a mental disorder. UK is far from a leader in gay issues, but alumni, employees and students can be gratified in

these recent steps ahead.





LIVING IN LEATHER VIII SET FOR HOUSTON IN OCTOBER

San Francisco, CA—The National Leather Association International Headquarters announces that the next gathering of leatherfolk from around the world to celebrate LIVING IN LEATHER VIII will take place in Houston, Texas October 8 - 10, 1993 at the Sheraton Astrodome Hotel with everything that Texas southwestern hospitality can offer. The NLA International's annual LIL festival of play and information hosts workshops and demonstrations, along with a weekend of unrivaled social events and vendors.

Over 50 workshops will be presented during the three days, as LIL VIII will offer multitudinous topics of interest to the Leather, S/M and Fetish communities presented by many of the world's most respected leaders in their fields of expertise. In addition, the annual Mr. and Ms. NLA 1994 Contest will feature Andy Anderson and K. T. Chase passing their titles on to the new representatives of the world's largest Leather membership organization. This year's contest will include unusual entertainment and innovative surprises. Other major events will include receptions, a keynote address, a Leather Brunch, 12-step meetings, general membership meetings, an afterglow party, private dungeon parties, and vendors offering their toys and leather goods of interest to the community.

All official events will take place at Houston's Sheraton Astrodome Hotel, located next door to the world-famous sports complex, which offers state-of-the-art amenities and unrivaled Houston hospitality. Rates begin at \$79/night, and reservations can be made directly with the hotel by calling 713/748-3221 or Sheratons international's toll-free number 800/325-3535. The special LIL VIII rates are valid only until 9/

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Registration fees for LIL VIII are: postmarked by July 15, 1993 — \$80 for NLA members/\$110 for non-members; postmarked by September 1, 1993—\$105 NLA members/\$140 non-members; postmarked after September 1, 1993—\$125 NLA members/\$170 non-members. Work Scholarships are available for persons interested in trading various work projects for partial fees. Registration and/or NLA membership information packets may be obtained by writing LIL VIII, NLA INTERNATIONAL, 584 CASTRO STREET, SUITE 444, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94114-2500 or calling 415/863-2444, or faxing 415/626-3011.

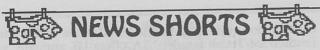
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by Jeff Jones

ONTARIO, CANADA: The Ontario Human Rights Commission has ruled that same sex couples must be included in all employee benefit plans in the province of Ontario. This decision follows a case presented by Elizabeth Clinton, a nurse, and her partner Laurie Ann Mercer against Ontario Blue Cross and York County Hospital. The decision may be appealed up until

August 13.

SAN FRANCISCO: An administrative judge for the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in San Francisco has granted asylum to Marcel Tenorio, a gay Brazilian man who pleaded that his life would be in danger in Brazil due to his sexual orientation. Death squads in Brazil have been blamed for the torture deaths of a growing number of foreign and Brazilian gay men. This decision is the first of its type in the US and the INS is reviewing the decision towards

consideration of an appeal.

VERMONT: The Vermont Supreme Court upheld on July 12 the state's hate crimes law that includes sexual orientation. A convicted gay-basher who had assaulted a Burlington gay man in 1990 claimed that the enhanced penalty for his hate-motivated crime violated the basher's 1st Amendment right to free expression. As with the US Supreme Court decision over Wisconsin's hate crime law, the Vermont court held that penalty enhancement does not infringe on a person's ability to express bigoted ideas but covers conduct not protected by the 1st Amendment. The court also rejected the basher's argument that the law favored one group by noting that sexual orientation covered all people. [Kentucky is one of only 4 states without a hate crimes

SEATTLE: A right-wing hate group has started a paper called The Lambda Report that poses as a gay newspaper and then prints reactionary stories of homosexuals as child molesters and AIDS threats in the manner of the

anti-gay video, The Gay Agenda.

GEORGIA: Cobb County, a suburb county of Atlanta, witnessed its county council pass a resolution condemning homosexuality. Although other counties/ municipalities have passed laws/resolutions barring the extension of civil rights to homosexuals, this is the first known case of a government condemning homosexuality itself that has passed.

CYPRUS: The European Court of Human Rights decided 8-1 that Cyprus' sodomy law violated the right to privacy in the European Convention on Human Rights (of which Cyprus is a signer). This decision obliges the Cypriot government to decriminalize consensual, private homosexual contact.

LITHUANIA: On June 11 the Lithuanian Parliament

repealed this country's law covering consensual, private homosexual acts between adult men. Women were

never technically covered by the law.

OREGON: A gay man is suing the rabidly anti-gay Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA) for distributing a pamphlet written by his ex-wife and published by the This pamphlet shows Scott Gilbert's three children whom Gilbert has joint custody with his exwife, Shelly. The pamphlet lists the custody judge's name and number, Scott Gilbert's home phone and lists that both Gilbert and his partner are HIV+. Gilbert is suing for intentional infliction of emotional distress and invasion of privacy for \$5.5 million.

FLORIDA: In a suit similar to one being decided in Hawaii, a lesbian couple (Shawna Underwood and Denia Davis) are suing the state of Florida to overturn

a law banning same sex marriages.

OREGON: The state legislature has passed a law invalidating local laws that seek to prohibit "gay rights"

> New Zealand Moves Into Select Group

On July 28, 1993, the New Zealand Parliament passed legislation making it illegal to discriminate in employment, housing, healthcare, adoption, military service and other areas because of an individual's disability, employment status, family status, political belief, age, presence in body of organisms capable of causing disease, and sexual orientation. These categories are now added to previous coverage of the categories of race, gender, nationality, ethnicity, religious/ethnic beliefs and marital status. The inclusion of disease organisms will cover TB and HIV. New Zealand now joins Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Israel and France in offering a national law prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. A similar federal law in the United States has been pursued for many years and now has more co-sponsors than at any other time.

by Kristin B. Smith

GLSO NEWS will be featuring a new column devoted to Kentucky campus GLB organizations. These organizations are invited to contribute information (50 words or less) to be place in this column each month. Please write to GLSO POB 11471, Lexington KY 40575 ATTN: Back to School.

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THE REVOLUTION IN LESBIAN/GAY TRAVEL WILL BE COLORIZED

DAMRON COMPANY UNVEILS ITS REDESIGNED ROAD ATLAS

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—It's no secret that the lesbian and gay travel industry is one of the hottest markets in America, Since The Washington Post's feature story brought gay travel out of the national closet, the industry has grown dramatically. to keep on top of this market, the Damron Company released its DAMRON ROAD ATLAS, a lesbian and gay guide destined to be the hottest travel item of the season.

"The road atlas is the only lesbian and gay travel guide with full color maps on the market. that fact alone makes it a must for the lesbian and gay traveler," said Gina M. Gatta, president of Damron Company. Asked why she redesigned the successful guide, Gatta replied, "I wanted this atlas to be more than just an upscale road map. I wanted it to be as indispensable to our readers as their luggage."

Gatta tailored the latest edition of the DAMRON ROAD ATLAS to the needs of frequent fliers like herself. She explained, "The atlas literally covers the reader's basic travel needs from the moment the plane lands to the moment it takes off at the end of their trip. The new

overviews have phone numbers for public transit, taxis, even directions on how to get from the airport to the areas highlighted on the maps."

Readers familiar with Damron's two other publications, the DAMRON ADDRESS BOOK and WOMEN'S TRAVELER, will also find the Road Atlas filled with concise listings for lesbian- and gay-friendly accommodations, bars, restaurants, publications, travel agencies and more. Large color- and number-coded maps make it easy to find favorite bars or accommodations.

Gaga says she is often asked why the DAMRON ROAD ATLAS doesn't include articles detailing the historical and tourist highlights of each city. She replied quickly, "I love reading the stories in other (lesbian and gay) guide books when I'm at home. But when I'm on the road, I don't have much time for reading or fumbling through a bulky book. I want a thoroughly professional travel guide that I can look at for five minutes and know exactly what I want to do and where I want to go. Lesbians and gays no longer settle for second-class citizenship, so why should we settle for second-rate travel guides."

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