

GLSO NEWS

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ON BEING AN ALLY

contributed by Mary Crone

Alex is a twelve year-old boy who goes to the Unitarian Universalist Church and through that community has become acquainted with a number of gay, lesbian, and bisexual people. Over the last few years, Alex has heard an increasing amount of homophobic harrassment at his elementary school. Much of the time it was the use of the word "gay" as a put-down or insult ("That's so gay").

Because he knew and liked members of our community and because his mother's teachings about the need for all of us to be allies with people experiencing discrimination, Alex decided to say something about what he was hearing. He told the harrassers to stop using the word "gay" as an insult and to stop making fun of gay people.

So what was the response? As many of us could predict, Alex became the object of some of their harrassment. When asked if he were gay, he said no, but that gay people he knew were just normal people like everybody else. There was one other student who would back him up some of the time.

The "responsible" adults in the

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NEWS FROM THE PLAINS

contributed by Keith Elston

[Editor's note: Keith a long-time Lexingtonian and early activist in the local gay rights movement has moved to North Dakota. He has agreed to send his perceptions from his new location on a regular basis.

I've entered a time warp. Up here in North Dakota, the gay community is at roughly the same point in their development as Lexington's community was when I first came out some 15 years ago. In some respects it is even farther back the evolutionary chain than Lexington. There are no gay bars, no organized political or special interest groups (like Gay Rodeo Association, Lesbian Avengers, Names Project, etc.) for lesbians, gay men and bisexuals. There isn't even a lesbian and gay Alcoholics Anonymous here!

Oh, there are monthly dances held in Fargo which quite a few people from all over the state are willing to travel the 200-400 miles to attend. There is also a newly formed social group here in Bismarck which meets in my conference room once a month to chat. Some people drive 300 miles to attend these meetings.

That group, called Gala, had its September meeting recently and

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GLSO Goes Online...

You can now submit articles and ads via e-mail:

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YOU HAVE TO HAND IT TO THEM

Here is a provocative item that ran on the net last month. My handwriting does nothing of the sort and I'm wondering about all the rest of you out there. Does your handwriting have any or all of these traits? (taken from *Lavender Lists* by Lynne Yamaguchi)

7 Distinct Traits in the Handwriting of Gay People

(these traits were reported by graphologist Eldene Whiting at the 1975 convention of the American Handwriting Analysis Foundation at teh University of Santa Cruz)

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from the front page
 school did not intervene. Alex has now entered middle school, where he will no doubt hear more homophobic comments.

What can we learn from this? Are we, as adults, able to confront homophobia or support other people who do? Do we talk about or at least try to understand other forms of prejudice and oppression such as racism, sexism, or classism?

It's certainly not easy to question the assumptions behind a friend's joke, or to express an opinion that differs from the majority. It's easier to write an article about one of these issues. In fact, if you have something to say about any form of oppression, please write something for us.

So, Alex, mostly still a young boy, but with steps taken toward manhood, learned that it can be difficult to be an ally, but that it is also wonderful to have something to be proud of. Thanks, Alex. ▼

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from the front page

- 1) Ornate capital letters
- 2) Soft, ballooning letters
- 3) Incurved circles
- 4) Excessive punctuation, such as dashes, parentheses, and underlines
- 5) Sunken humps on the letter "m"
- 6) T-bars and i-dots to the left
- 7) A varied slant, reflecting an ambivalence about male-female identity

(Editor's note: some comments from the sender follow:) Although I could easily discard this a nonsense, I won't do that in light of the many biological differences that have been found between homo's and hetero's. Although many of these studies remain controversial or unreplicated, the evidence is mounting that such differences exist.

Especially relevant is the recent study on dermatoglyphic (fingerprint) differences. Fingerprints are developed early in the fetal life, as the result of hormones. It is not inconceivable to me that these hormones may have a tiny but noticeable effect on digital/manual anatomy development, which can eventually affect handwriting.

Previous studies have also shown cognitive differences between gay and straight men, showing that gay men have brainwaves (or were they scans?) that were closer to those of hetero women. Fine motor skills, such as writing, may be influenced by this. All this is speculative, of course...▼

**National Coming Out
 Day is October 11!**
(see page 5 for national events)

COMMUNITY NEWS

WOMYNWEAVE NEEDS COORDINATOR

Womynweave is without a coordinator, but the calls to Mary by womyn looking for a social outlet are just as frequent. If you would consider coordinating social activities for womyn, call Mary at 266-5904. ▼

COMMUNITY NETWORKING

At the Fairness Community Forum held during Pride Month, there was a desire for more networking expressed by several members of our community. The Stonewall Network - which welcomed participation by all local groups - went out of existence after 1-1/2 years due to lack of attendance.

There is a need and an interest in networking, but it is apparently difficult to have an ongoing group just for that purpose.

One possible way is to have representatives of various LGBT groups together is to designate periodic GLSO Board Meetings for the express purpose of networking.

We suggest that groups or individuals interested in developing this idea come to our November meeting on Monday, Nov 6 at 7:00 pm, upstairs at The Bar, downtown.

Our meetings are always open to the curious or adventurous, particularly if you would like to volunteer some time to one of our projects. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, Oct 4, at 7:00 pm, also at The Bar. ▼

A COMING OUT DAY SPECIAL

In honor of Coming Out Day, October 11, we have a continuing series on coming out issues. Divorced Parents Coming Out to Children Part 1:

Coming out after having children in a heterosexual marriage can be a doubly stressful event for which many parents need assistance. They are often caught in the chaos and quandry of coming out to themselves and coming out to their children simultaneously. Several books have been written on gay and lesbian parenting, GAY FATHERS (1990) and GAY AND LESBIAN PARENTS (1987), which offer

information on coming out to children and helping children understand their gay and lesbian parents.

Consider the following points when deciding if, when, where, why and how to come out to your children:

*Complete the process of coming out to yourself before coming out to your children. Children tend to take your positive or negative cues on how to react to the situation. Deal with your own guilt, failure, shame and fears first.

* Be aware of the legal situation regarding custody and your gay status before going public with the

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information. Historically gays have had parental rights questioned or removed based solely on their sexual orientation. The recent Sharon Bottoms case in Virginia is the most recent public example of the prejudice and discrimination handed down by the courts to gay parents. The Bottoms case is based on a 1985 Virginia State Court decision (*Roe v. Roe*) which found that gays, by definition were unfit parents because children are damaged through their exposure to that sexual orientation. The May 30, 1995 Advocate reports

that dozens of gay custody cases are currently winding their way through the state courts nationwide and the Virginia ruling could set the standard for other states, particularly courts in the south. Besides Virginia, courts in Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota and Oklahoma appear to have already taken the position that homosexuality alone makes a parent unfit.

* If you decide it is in the children's best interest emotionally and legally, tell them before others tell them. Children seldom initiate the discussion. Keep the conversation positive and sincere. Children are never "too young" to be told, but the conversation must be tailored to their level of understanding, using

age-appropriate language.

After the telling, be prepared for the answering. Be prepared to answer their classic questions: What does being gay mean? What makes a person gay? Don't you like men (or women)? Will I be gay? What should I tell my friends? Does dad (or mom) know? Be prepared to answer these questions again as the child develops. What the child understands at age 5 is different at ages 10, 15 and 20.

Next month: Advice from the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International on reducing problems experienced by children of lesbian/gay parents. ▼

NATIONAL NEWS

NEW AIDS DRUG ON HORIZON

The following article has been taken from the August 18th issue of the Winnipeg Free Press, in Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada.

Winnipeg Cancer researchers have developed drugs that can paralyze the virus that causes AIDS. "It's as if the virus isn't there at all," said Dr. Jim Wright of the Manitoba Institute for Cell Biology at the Manitoba Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation. "The cells would act as though they were normal."

The research, tested on lab animals and human tissue, is being hailed as a major breakthrough. The two genetic drugs called anti-sense molecules, which mimic DNA, were designed by Wright and colleague

Dr. Mike Anazodo using insights gleaned from cancer chemotherapy drugs. The new drugs are so promising that Wright and his colleagues have applied for patents for both.

Wright synthesized man-made genes in a test-tube to mimic the ones in HIV. He found that injecting the substance into the virus immobilized it, stopping it from growing. It's a completely new approach to blocking the AIDS virus. Wright said it acts much like an antibiotic at a genetic level. Gene therapy works by stopping the virus from copying itself. In turn, it can't spread in the body.

In three years of research, the two drugs have passed two preliminary but major hurdles. The crucial test for the new drugs is

expected within a year, pending federal approval, for clinical trials on people infected with the AIDS virus.

Lab tests in Winnipeg have proven the drugs immobilize the virus in monkey cells. Preliminary, collaborating research in Montreal, where one of Canada's top AIDS researchers has joined the Winnipeg work, shows that the drugs also kill AIDS in human cells in lab tests. Institute director Dr. Arnold Greenberg said that if the clinical trials confirm the promise shown so far the drugs will be hailed in headlines around the world. ▼

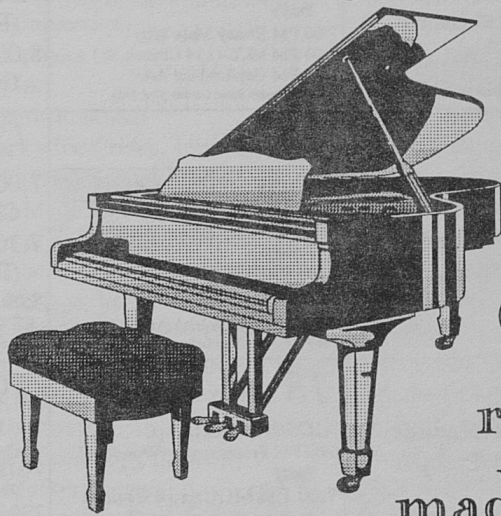
NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY 1995 EVENTS CALENDAR

The National Coming Out Project is the Human Rights Campaign Fund's ongoing campaign to encourage and empower every gay and lesbian person to make a difference in educating America by

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October 1995

GLSO Wishes Everyone a Happy National Coming Out Day!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
1 <small>1st Quarter</small> 11:30 AM MCC (134 Church St.) 2:00 PM "Fat Men in Skirts" (Actors' Guild) 4:00 PM TSGRA Mtg. (Fahnest) 7:00 PM Dignity 7:00 PM Gay/Lesbian AA P-FLAG National Conference (Indianapolis)	2 Country Dance Lessons (The Bar & Lifestyles) 7:00 PM GUESS (EKU) 7:30 PM Pride Ctr. Taskforce	3 7:30 PM Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon 8:45 PM Rainbow Bowling (Joyland Lanes)	4 Yom Kippur AIDS/HIV Sppt. Grp. 6:00 PM Frontrunners (Woodland Park) 7:00 PM Ebony Male Mtg. 7:00 PM MCC (134 Church St.) 8:00 PM Gay/Lesbian AA 9:00 PM Country Dance Lessons (Club 141)	5 7:00 PM Lex.Men's Chorus Rehearsal 7:30 PM UK Lambda (Rm. 231 Student Ctr.) 8:00 PM HIV/AIDS Sppt. Grp.	6 7:30 PM Gay/Lesbian AA	7 9:00 AM Frontrunners		
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what a meeting it was. The major topic of discussion was whether we wanted to attract or restrict new membership. If we decided we wanted to attract new members, then how would we go about letting people know we exist? Explicit to this discussion was a rather disturbing subtopic on whether to allow bisexuals to come to our meetings. Some folks seemed to argue that bisexuals, for some unexplained reason, could not be trusted to respect the privacy of the group. Others argued, at times quite forcefully, that as lesbian people, we have been the recipients of just this sort of arbitrary discrimination and to wield that bigotry against others was a dangerous road to travel.

As I listened to this discussion, I was struck by a strange sense of *deja vu*. This was incredibly similar to discussions I participated in back in the early 1980s in Lexington. Saturating the discussion then and now was the fear that if strangers were allowed in our midst, our anonymity might be compromised. Of course, this could happen at any time—not just at times when we are expanding our circle of associates.

What it comes down to, for me,

is that there is always a certain amount of risk involved as we try to create community. Each person has to calculate that risk for her or himself and decide whether the rewards outweigh the risks. If the rewards don't outweigh the risks, then it may be that that individual is not ready to be a part of the lesbian community.

Risk is a natural part of the coming out process. If there was no risk, then there would be no need for a supportive community and consequently, no growth. As I continued to watch this little rerun unfold, I noticed that most of the participants were accepting the assumption that if the group's existence were known publicly, large numbers of gay-bashers would disrupt our meetings. In reality, such assumptions are more a measure of imagination than experience.

Of course, there have been occasions when homophobes confronted gay people—sometimes with unpleasant results. However, the occurrence of such incidents is a rarity and virtually never have “large numbers” of homophobes been involved. In all the years that GLSO held volleyball games out at Jacobson Park, I cannot recall a

single time when the events were disrupted, either by bible-toting zealots or bat-wielding punks. As far as I know, no one who participated in those Friday night social gatherings lost their job or their home as a result of attending.

Allowing one's imagination to override common sense leads a person who lives 150 miles from Bismarck to fear that someone he knows will see him here with a group of other adults (in the basement conference room of a locked building on a Sunday afternoon), conclude that he and they are gay, and broadcast that information to his employer, his landlord, his friends and his family, thereby causing him to lose his job, his home, and his support network. I guess that is why some people seem willing to be just as bigoted as the society that has forced them to fear and distrust everyone around them.

Fortunately, Lexington's lesbian community has put this demon to rest for the most part. I only hope that North Dakota's gays, lesbians and bisexuals will hurry up and get through this ugly and self-possessed stage. If not, we will never truly become a “community.”

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letting others know who they are. Every October 11, National Coming Out Day serves as the day to commemorate the importance of this single act of courage.

The following calendar lists National Coming Out Day events all over the country on and around October 11. Having knowledge of local events encourages people to come out and support events. To encourage maximum visibility we would like this list to be as complete as possible. We need your help in compiling a complete listing of events. If you are sponsoring, or know of an event in your area please e-mail us at: NCOD@HRCUSA.ORG. You can also call us at: 800-866-NCOD.

Please present the info in the following format: State -City- Organization, event specifics, contact: name & phone number. 1995 Calendar of NCOD Events as of 9/13/95 ▼

Other Events Scheduled for October Around the Nation...

Boston- Alyson Publishing will release *Coming Out In The Workplace*, by Richard Rasi and Lourdes Rodriguez-Nogoes. Contact: Christine Sanni(617) 542-5670

Capitol Hill - There will be a press conference at the US Capitol with NCOP spokespeople Candace Gingrich and Dan Butler, in addition to HRCF Executive Director Elizabeth Birch and NCOP Director Wes Combs, This marks the end of Candace's 51 city tour. Other dignitaries and celebrities to attend. Contact: Frank

Butler at (800)866-NCOD.

Dignity/USA, a Catholic organization supportive of G/L/B/Tissues, will sponsor a nationwide event on 10/8 called Solidarity Sunday. Participants will be asked to wear a rainbow ribbon on their lapel. Contact: (202) 861-0047 or (800) 877-8797

Los Angeles - On October 11, Elizabeth Birch, Dan Butler, Wes Combs, Candace Gingrich, and other public figures will speak. Shrater Boulevard will be closed off for festivities. The Second Annual Dick Sargent National Coming Out Day Award will be presented. Contact Jim Key (213) 993-7603.

New York City - Comedy Central will air "Out There in Hollywood" starring Scott Thompson and other openly G/L comedians in the third annual show of its kind. Contact: Monique Hart (212) 767-8546.

New York City - Liz Winfeld & Susan Spelman's book, *Straight Talk About Gays in the Workplace*, will be released. This book makes the case for inclusion of G/L employees in diversity initiatives and domestic partnership benefits. Contact: (800)866-NCOD.

New York City - Actor Dan Butler's PSA which declares, "I'm not a straight man, but I play one on TV." This will appear on FX, Comedy Central, and many others stations in the top 25 media markets. Contact: (800) 866-NCOD.

New York City - BMG Classics will run a TV Campaign beginning at the end of September through National Coming Out Day on VH-1. This will include coming out stories and info on NCOD. Contact: Cargos

Alice (212) 930-4726

New York City - Release of the Book, *Untold Millions: Positioning Your Business for the G/L Consumer Revolutions* by Grant Lakenbill. Contact: Suzanne Oaks (212) 207-6909 or Bran Farrington (212) 207-7000.

Sacramento - Paulette Jacobsen will be host several signings of her book, *Letters From the Closet* with proceeds to benefit the National Coming Out Project. Contact: Shades of Diversity (916) 684-0974▼

HRCF HEAD ADDRESSES CHRISTIAN COALITION

Elizabeth Birch Calls for New Ethic of Respect and Decency

Washington — Some members of Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition today joined with progressive clergy and other supporters of lesbian and gay equal rights to hear a speech by Human Rights Campaign Fund Executive Director Elizabeth Birch during the group's annual "Road to Victory" conference at the Washington Hilton. More than 300 people crowded into a ballroom to hear the head of the largest national lesbian and gay organization deliver an address in the form of an "open letter" to Christian Coalition members. The speech was held next to a Gramm for President luncheon, and just down the hall from the conference's main ballroom where most of the 1996 GOP presidential hopefuls were addressing the two-day gathering.

In the 20-minute address during the lunch break of the conference, Birch called for a new ethic in the public dialog. "We may work for different outcomes..., but we can engage in an ethic of basic respect

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and decency.”

Birch's speech was delivered despite being rebuffed by a Coalition spokesman after formally requesting to speak at the Conference. I have had the opportunity to meet thousands of individuals from all walks of life who have grave concerns about misconceptions put forth by representatives of the Christian Coalition when addressing the hopes, dreams and aspirations of lesbian and gay Americans and their families, Birch wrote in a July 5 letter to Christian Coalition Executive Director Ralph Reed. I believe that it is time to address our differences face to face, she wrote.

When the formal request was turned down, Birch decided to reserve a room in the same hotel that would host the conference, to deliver her message directly to Christian Coalition members. "Although your podium was not available to me, I am grateful for those who have come today and will give me the 'benefit of the doubt' and be willing to consider what I have to say."

The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), the nation's largest lesbian and gay political organization, works to end discrimination, secure equal rights, and protect the health and safety of all Americans. With a national staff, and volunteers and members throughout the country, HRCF lobbies the federal government on lesbian, gay, and AIDS issues; educates the general public; participates in election campaigns; organizes volunteers;

and provides expertise and training at the state and local level. ▼

COALITION REPORTS GANG RAPES OF TEENAGE GAYS & LESBIANS

SEATTLE (AP) — Five girls and three boys said they were gang raped by other students in state schools for being gay or lesbian, according to a report released Wednesday.

The rapes were among 27 anti-gay attacks in schools since 1990, ranging from name-calling to violent assaults, the Seattle-based Safe Schools Coalition said.

In one case, a 14-year-old girl said she and a 13-year-old girl were forced by a group of boys to have sex with each other under the bleachers, then the boys raped the younger girl and broke her hand.

The coalition gathered the information through telephone interviews with children and teens who called an advertised hot line. Most of the attacks took place in the past year.

To protect the students' privacy, the researchers did not attempt to corroborate the accounts and are not revealing where the attacks took place.

The survey was believed to be the only one of its kind in the nation, its organizers and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force said. The coalition's first report last year found 23 anti-gay attacks, many of them name-calling.

The attacks in the latest report happened at 18 schools in 12 school districts, almost all in the Seattle area, said the coalition of gay-rights groups, nonprofit organizations and government agencies. "This report confirms that our gay or

lesbian children are at huge risk, and even children who are simply perceived to be gay or lesbian, and may not be," said Marilyn Cass, a chapter president of coalition member Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

One rape and two other attacks were at elementary schools, the report said. The others happened at middle schools or high schools. Besides the gang rapes, eight other sexual assaults were reported.

Only one of the rapes was reported to police and the outcome of the case was not immediately known.

Nine of the 27 attacks were not reported to school staff because students feared retribution, wanted to protect someone or believed nothing would be done, the coalition said.

Of the other attacks, the response by school staff varied. In some cases, teachers failed to stop harassment, the report said. However, none of the sexual assaults were witnessed by school staff, said Beth Reis, sexuality educator with the Seattle/King County health department and an author of the report. ▼

Coming in November:

Special Political Issue - featuring articles covering Bill Clinton, Bob Dole, and where they stand on issues important to gays & lesbians.

GLSO ANNUAL CAMP-OUT IN SCOTT COUNTY

The 15th Annual GLSO Campout is scheduled for Saturday, October 14. Once again, Eddie will host the campout at his secluded farm in rural Scott County. Campers will begin arriving at 4pm. There is no rain date this year.

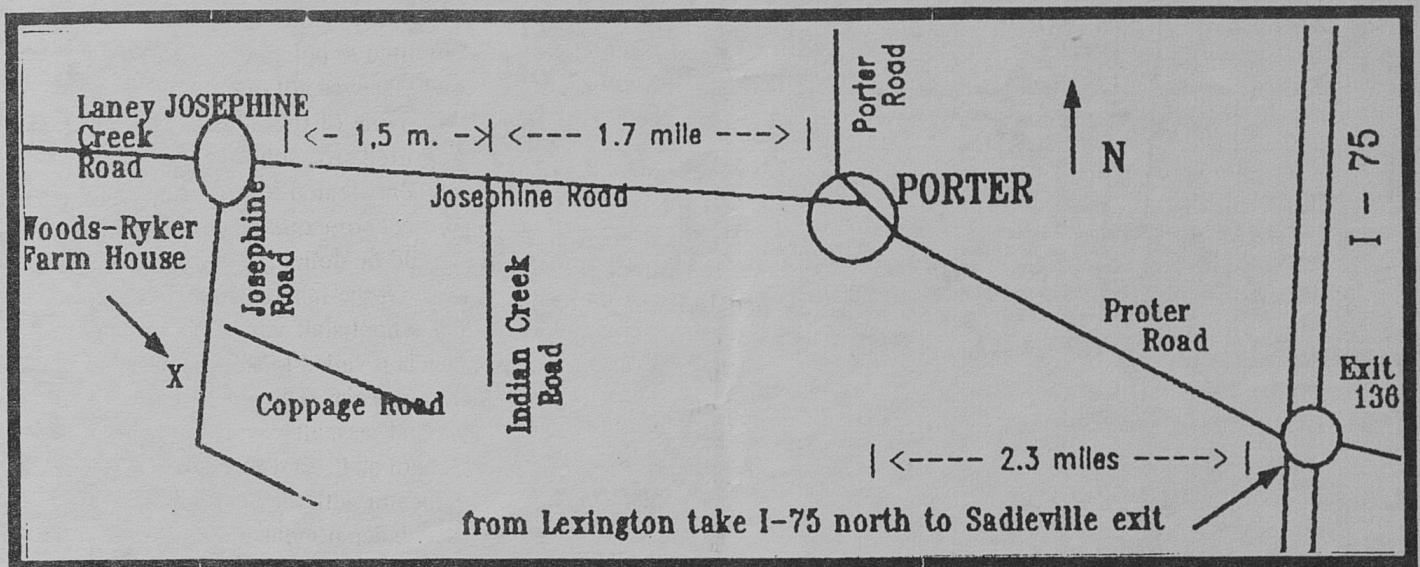
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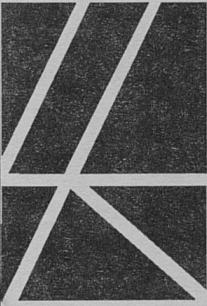
both central Kentucky and Louisville. Regulars at the event say it is a great way to meet and enjoy new friends and old, and it's just 30 miles north of Lexington.

Campers will "rough it" - there are no facilities. Those attending are to bring your own supplies: warm clothes, sleeping bags and food for dinner and breakfast.

Eddie will provide a comfortable ground to sleep on, a campfire, and a clear sky.

Because the campsite is not visible from the road, if you have not attended a previous campout, please call Eddie at his Lexington home - 259-0878 - for detailed directions. The map provides the basic directions for finding the farm. ▼






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STUDENT GROUPS

ACE League:Berea (Ed) ext. 7472 evenings only	986-9314
AGLF: NKU (Pat)	572-5604
B-GLAD: Centre College (Mykol)	238-5332
GUESS: EKU (Greg)	622-3764
UK Lambda (Julien) before 10pm	272-7232

ANONYMOUS AIDS TESTING

Jessamine County	885-4149
Lexington-Fayette County	288-2437
Madison County	723-7312
Woodford County	873-4541

AIDS INFO/SERVICES

AIDS HOTLINE	231-7545
AIDS Volunteers of Lexington	254-2865
AVOL Legal Referral Program	254-2865
Health Department HIV Support Programs	
(Patty)	288-2377
(Amanda)	288-2374
HIV/AIDS Legal Project	(502) 584-1254
HIV+ Youth Support Group	254-2865
Kentucky AIDS HOTLINE	(502) 564-6539
Saturday HIV+/AIDS Support Group	
(AVOL)	254-2865

**For an address update, contact
Terry M. at 255-5469**

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TAMMY AT 225-3953**

COMMUNITY

Bluegrass COLTS (Mark)	233-7266
Country Dykes (Debbie)	(606) 871-7452
Cumberland Cares	(606) 678-0587
E-Male (Juno)	252-2353
Fairness of Lexington HOTLINE	275-7812
Fairness of Louisville	(502) 893-0788
Front Runners (Keith)	254-6850
G/L AI-Anon	277-1877
G/L Defense Fund	(502) 589-2896
IGBO Mid-Year 1995 (Steve)	276-3058
Kentucky ACLU (Keith)	281-1482
Kentucky Fairness Alliance (Keith)	281-1482
Kentucky Legislature	
Bill Status Line	(800) 382-2455
Legislator Message Line	(800) 372-7181
Meeting Info Line	(800) 633-9650
Lexington Men's Chorus (Shelby)	231-0090
Louisville Youth Group	(502) 635-1302
Names Project, Lexington (Katie)	272-2588
Newcomers Group (Joe)	278-5032
P-FLAG (Ruth)	272-7075
Pegasus Travel	268-4337
Rainbow Bowling League (Teri)	268-8563
RISC (Mike)	225-5151
(Jack)	272-8354
Tri-State Gay Rodeo Assn. (Terry)	255-5469
(Paul)	278-8023

RELIGIOUS GROUPS

Dignity [Catholic] (Don)	299-4458
Episcopal Diocese AIDS Ministry (Steve)	233-1782
Honesty [Southern Baptist] (Eddie)	(502) 637-7609
(Dorothy)	(502) 458-5392
Interweave [Unitarian]	223-1448
MCC-Hopkinsville & Horse Cave	(502) 897-3821
MCC-Lexington (Rex)	271-1407
MCC-Louisville	(502) 775-6636
MCC-Paducah	(502) 441-2307
Pagan Forum (Pat)	268-1640
Quaker FLGC (Connie)	276-2554

**ITYG LESBIGAY YOUTH HOTLINE
800-347-TEEN
7p-midnight Thurs. & Fri.**

The following is a *partial* listing of employers who have extended health coverage to their employees' same-sex domestic partners.

(Source: World Wide Web
<http://www.data lounge.com/hsupports/employer-listing.html>)

Adobe Systems
Advanced Micro Systems
Albert Einstein College of Medicine
American Civil Liberties Union
American Friends Service Committee
American Psychological Association
American University
Apple Computers
Autodesk, Inc.
Bell-Northern Research
Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, Inc.
Berkeley Unified School District, CA
Beth Israel Medical Center, NY
Blue Cross & Blue Shield of MA
Boston Globe
Bowdoin College, ME
Brown University
California Academy of Sciences
California Pacific Medical Center
CalTech University
Cambridge Technology Partners
Carnegie Mellon University
Celestial Seasonings Teas, Inc.
Central Massachusetts Health Care
Children's Hospital, MA
City & County of San Francisco, CA
City & County of Santa Cruz, CA
City of Ann Arbor, MI
City of Baltimore, MD
City of Boston, MA
City of Brookline, MA
City of Burlington, VT
City of Cambridge, MA
City of Chicago, IL
City of Corvallis, OR
City of East Lansing, MI
City of Hartford, CT
City of Laguna Beach, CA
City of Los Angeles, CA
City of New Orleans, LA
City of New York, NY
City of Oak Park, IL
City of Oakland, CA
City of Portland, OR
City of Rochester, NY
City of Sacramento, CA
City of San Diego, CA
City of Seattle, WA
College of William and Mary, VA
Columbia University
Coors, Inc.
Cornell University, NY
County of Alameda, CA
County of Dane, WI
County of Hennepin, MN
County of King, WA
County of Marin, CA
County of Multnomah, OR
County of Wayne, MI
Dartmouth College
Digital Equipment Corp. (DEC)
Entertainment Radio Network
Episcopal Church of Newark
Florida International University
Georgia State University
Greenpeace International
Grinnel College
Harvard University
Home Box Office, Inc.
Interleaf Computers, Inc.
International Data Group
Jewish Community Centers Association
KOED Radio, San Francisco
Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund
Legal Aid Society
Levi Strauss Corp.
Los Angeles Philharmonic
Lotus Development Corp.
LucasFilms, Inc.
Mary Washington College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
MCA/Universal, Inc.
Microsoft Corp.
Middlebury College
Minneapolis Public Library
Minneapolis School District
Mission College
Montefiore Medical Center
National Organization of Women (NOW)
National Public Radio
New York Times
New York University
NeXT Computers Corp.
North Dakota University
Northern Telecom Communications, Inc.
Novell Computing Corp.
NYNEX Telephone Corp.
Oregon State University
Paramount Pictures, Inc.
Planned Parenthood of America
Polaroid Corp.
Princeton University
Public Broadcasting Systems
Quark, Inc.
Research Triangle Park, NC
Rockefeller University
Seattle Times
Silicon Graphics
Smith College
Stanford University
State of New York
State of Vermont
Sun Microsystems, Inc.
SUNY-Stony Brook
The Gap, Inc.
Thomas Jefferson University
TicketMaster, Inc.
Time, Inc.
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
United Way
University of California at Los Angeles
University of Chicago
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Iowa
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of New Mexico
University of Pennsylvania
University of Tampa
University of Vermont
University of Wisconsin
Vermont Girl Scouts Council
Viacom, Inc.
Village Voice
Warner Brothers, Inc.
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
William Morris Agency
Wyatt Company
Writers Guild of America
Xerox Corp.
Yale University

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GLSO SIGNS WITH EXCEL

In looking for ways to increase our monthly income, the GLSO Board has decided to become a managing representative for Excel Telecommunications, Inc., a national long distance company.

Excel will pay GLSO a percentage (up to five percent) of each "downline" customer's monthly long distance bill. In this way, every individual, business or organization that signs up as a customer or as a representative under us will be helping GLSO achieve financial security.

Excel offers high quality service at competitive rates. This company is different from other long distance companies in that it acquires new customers through network marketing rather than through advertising.

Excel encourages organizations or individuals to become managing representatives, to sign up new reps. and new customers under them. The representatives receive a percentage of each of his or her new customer's monthly billing. In this way, the profits that would otherwise be put into advertising are returned to representatives as incentives to sign up new members.

Unlike other companies we have looked into who offer a one-time payment for new members, Excel's payments to us will continue for as long as we have representatives and customers down the line from us. The percentage of payments is particularly good when we have at least three representatives and twenty customers who sign up under us.

Excel not only appeals to us because of the profit potential, but also as an excellent company for customers. They offer free calling

cards, good discounts of up to five percent when calling other Excel residential and small business customers, and additional services comparable to other long distance companies.

Any customer wanting to give Excel a try will have a ninety-day guarantee of satisfaction, or Excel will reimburse you for the cost of switching you back to your previous company. In this way, you can see for

yourself how Excel's service and costs compare to your current company.

GLSO and a number of Excel managing representatives associated with GLSO are organizing a number of informational sessions for members of our community who may have some interest in becoming managing representatives or customers. Please call Carrie Straub or Denise Peskar at 233-3462, or Gina Baker at 289-8305 for more information. ▼



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