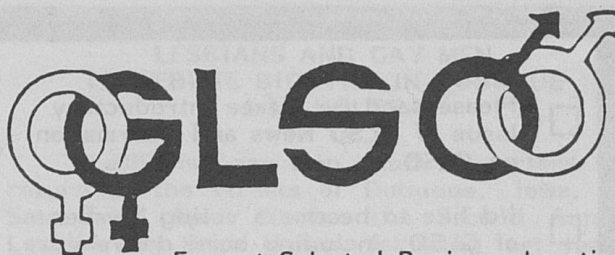


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REAGAN'S 1989 AIDS BUDGET DECEPTIVE AND INSUFFICIENT from the AIDS Action Foundation

President Reagan submitted his Fiscal Year 1989 (FY89) Budget to Congress on February 18th. It called for \$2 billion in domestic spending for AIDS; \$1.3 billion of which was recommended for Public Health Service activities (FY88 equivalent funding is \$925,609,100).

The remaining \$700 million does not represent an additional financial commitment to the AIDS epidemic; rather, it represents other government obligations and includes the federal share of Medicaid and Medicare expenditures, and budgets within other departments. An estimated \$500 million of Medicaid/Medicare funds currently pay health care of eligible persons. The increase in cases will increase these costs in FY89.

Do not be confused and think the President is recommending a 100% increase! The FY89 budget still does not go far enough in undertaking the level of effort necessary to bring this epidemic to an end.

GLSO BOARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Five GLSO Board positions will be filled at the annual election scheduled for the June Forum. Candidates for secretary, treasurer, and three at-large positions are being sought by the nominations committee. Candidates will be announced in May. Those interested in serving on the Board should call Edwin Hackney at Comp Care during business hours, 233-0444, or Esmerelda at 266-0757.

FEDS IMPLEMENT POLICY BARRING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST EMPLOYEES WITH AIDS

On March 24th the federal government implemented a policy banning discrimination against federal employees with AIDS. The directive from the Office of Personnel Management requires that PWA's be treated like any other employee with a serious illness.

"THE WORD IS OUT" TO BE SHOWN from the DSA

The Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice will host its annual media fair and dinner at the Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church at 180 East Maxwell Street, Saturday, April 9. The media fair is free, and will start at 3:00 pm. Several films and videos on peace and justice issues will be shown. "The Word is Out," a documentary by and about gays and lesbians; "The Secret Team Behind Iran-Contragate,"; and "Women for America, for the World", will be featured in the afternoon.

Following the fair, a Mexican dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. The cost of the dinner is \$5 for adults, and \$2.50 for children. The after dinner entertainment will be provided by Ann Braden of the Southern Organizing Committee for Economic and Social Justice, and comedian Jerry Moody. Tickets are available through April 2 by contacting any of the council's member groups.

CINCINNATI GAYBEAT EXPANDS

GT!, a Columbus gay publication, has decided to suspend operations indefinitely. The newspaper stated that publication may resume within the next several months. As a result of GT!'s folding, Cincinnati's GayBeat has announced plans to begin circulating in the Columbus area.

Ill employees are to continue working as long as they can perform their duties. Managers are obligated to provide other employees with information and counseling, but may take disciplinary action against those who refuse to work with AIDS patients.

- Please send me a free introductory issue of **GLSO News** and information on GLSO.
- I'd like to become a voting Member of GLSO, including home delivery of the **GLSO News** and discounts at GLSO functions. My Membership fee of \$10/year is enclosed.
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APRIL COFFEEHOUSE

We've got both good news and bad news regarding the April GLSO Coffeehouse and Dance. First the good news, which is actually great news: the Reel World String Band will be honoring us with an encore to their fabulous 10th Anniversary Concert, which many of us attended on February 27th. Those of us who were there already know the special atmosphere fostered by Reel World, whose music, as described in one of their flyers, is "traditional mountain music influenced by Texas, Kansas, and Kentucky roots, and their songs cover a wide range of political and social issues." We consider ourselves very fortunate to have another opportunity to hear these talented women perform, and are pleased to offer those of you who missed their earlier concert a second chance to hear them.

As we said, however, that's the good news. The bad news is that for the first time in our short history we are going to have to limit the attendance at the Coffeehouse and Dance. We hate to have to do it, but we really have no choice. The church can comfortably accommodate just 175 people, and judging by the crowd at Reel World's February concert, we expect to be filled to the rafters with fans eager to hear them again. Our first step toward handling this delicate situation was to sell tickets for the April Coffeehouse during the March Coffeehouse. But don't panic if you didn't get one - there will be tickets available at the door on April 15 beginning at 8:00 pm. Arrive early, though, because tickets sell for just \$4.00 each on a first come, first served basis - and when they're gone, they're gone.

The focus of the evening will be Reel World's much-anticipated performance, but we'll still have the usual three hours or so of dance music after they've finished up. The band will begin playing at 8:30 sharp and will treat us to two 45-minute sets, which means that the dancing should start about 10:30. By the way, the band has asked that there be no smoking during their performance, so be forewarned, and please cooperate. And while we're at it, we have another bit of information to pass on. Unfortunately, we've had a complaint from the church that some garbage is being left on the church grounds after the Coffeehouses. Let's do our best to pick up afterwards so we'll continue to be welcome there. Lately the church feels like home, and we'd hate for the Coffeehouse to have to move elsewhere. Well, gotta go. Hope we see you!

REGIONAL CONFERENCES HAPPENING IN APRIL

Two conferences of interest to gay men and lesbians will be sponsored by affiliates of the Unitarian Universalist Association in April. Of most immediate interest is the 5th Annual Unitarian Universalist Gay and Lesbian Concerns Conference of the Ohio-Meadville District, which will take place April 29-May 1. Registration fee is \$25 (\$30 after April 22) and includes all food and events, including the dance. Home Hospitality is available upon request.

The 11th Annual Ohio-Meadville District Theology Conference will take place at the First Unitarian Universalist Society in Marietta, Ohio on Saturday, April 23. This year's theme, "Living with Courage in the Face of Death" will be addressed by the conference's keynote speaker, the Rev. Mark DeWolfe. DeWolfe, an openly gay man living with AIDS, has been the minister of the Unitarian Congregation of South Peel in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada since 1982.

Call the Interweave number listed in the Directory for info and registration forms.

DIONNE WARWICK AIDS FOUNDATION

Singer Dionne Warwick, having already contributed more than \$1.5 million for AIDS research from her hit single "That's What Friends Are For," has announced plans for forming a foundation to raise money for AIDS education and health care services.

The first fund-raiser for the Warwick Foundation will be held in Washington, DC, in June and expects to feature Warwick, Gladys Knight, Stevie Wonder, Elton John, Whoopi Goldberg, Robin Williams, and Lionel Richie.



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LESBIANS AND GAY MEN TO REBUKE BIGOTRY IN DUBUQUE from NGLTF

Lesbians, gay men, and supporters will return to the streets of Dubuque, Iowa, on Saturday, April 30 for the Second Annual Lesbian/Gay Pride March, following last year's event, at which marchers were harassed and pelted with obscenities, epithets, and eggs. Dubuque police officers took no action to intervene while anti-gay counterdemonstrators nearly turned the peaceful pride march into a riot.

"This year will be significantly different," said Ginny Lynns, a Dubuque organizer of the march. "We're inviting people from the Upper Midwest region to stand with us and show the Dubuque police and city administration that lesbians and gay men are here to stay."

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force enthusiastically endorses the second annual Dubuque Lesbian/Gay Pride March. Privacy Project director Sue Hyde will speak at the rally, scheduled for 1:00 pm in Washington Park. "We urge lesbians and gay men from the surrounding states of Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, as well as lesbian and gay citizens of Iowa to rebuke bigotry and prejudice and march for justice and freedom in Dubuque," said Hyde.

GAY WORKSHOPS AT KIRKRIDGE

Several workshops are planned at Kirkridge, a mountain retreat center in eastern Pennsylvania, 85 miles from New York City and Philadelphia. "The Suffering and Healing of Men" will be conducted June 2-5. The workshop is designed to deal with the wounds men experience during their lifetimes. On June 16-19, John Fortunato, author of *Embracing the Exile*, will lead a workshop entitled "Gay, Lesbian and Christian," along with Virginia Mollenkott, author of *Is the Homosexual My Neighbor?*. Finally, July 22-24, "AIDS Grief and Healing," a workshop for professionals, volunteers, and loved ones, will be held. For more information on any of these workshops, contact Kirkridge Retreat Center, Bangor, PA 18013.

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FROM DIGNITY'S PRESIDENT

When I die and am reincarnated, (imagine a Dignity president mentioning such a word) I want to come back as a miniature schnauzer cared for by two gay men.

Between my housemate and I, our schnauzer, the Baroness Ilse Von Bach (Ilse for short), gets more needs met in a day than most of us do in a year. Considering that as a schnauzer I would get my neck rubbed daily, get to sleep wherever and whenever I want, go for walks in the park, and have all the Puppy Chow I could throw down, well, who could ask for anything more?

But perhaps the best thing about being a schnauzer is that I would get to love two men unconditionally. While that could be labeled as an interesting fantasy, it is more of a wish. The ability to love is a gift. I am often envious of my schnauzer. She doesn't get miffed at catty comments, an inappropriate remark, or an unwarranted course of action. She just loves. And while in many instances loving like she does could be unhealthy, I believe I would be a better person if I could do that as easily as she. Ilse gives back as much, if not more, as she gets.

My schnauzer is also a teacher. I hope that you and I are as fortunate as she to have what we get from what we give be so wonderful. I hope to see you at Dignity soon.

In peace, Keith

APRIL DIGNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday 5th	7:30	Liturgy at Don's, 299-4458
Monday 11th	8:00	GLSO/Dignity Forum, at Comp Care Center, call Keith, 269-8417
Thursday 28th	7:30	Rap Session at Keith's, 269-8417

MEMBERSHIP

Is it time to renew your Dignity membership? Is it time to become a member? For only \$25 you too can become a member of Dignity (\$20 for students, \$45 for couples). Yes, folks, that's right! For only \$25 you too can be a part of this wonderful organization. Dignity-Lexington membership entitles you to the newsletter at no additional cost, national mailings, the chance to participate as regional and national members. Join today!

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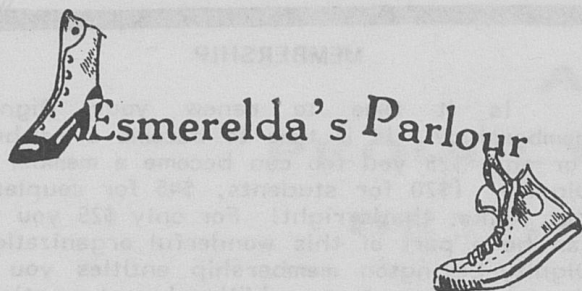
Thanks to Great Moments restaurant for helping us celebrate our 5th Anniversary in wonderful style! The food was great!

Thanks to Kris & Shirley back from Columbus and Judy from Dignity-Philadelphia for being our special guests. Thanks to all of us there (and those there in spirit too)! Thanks again, Great Moments.

NGLTF CONDEMNS US COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

On February 12th, the US Commission on Civil Rights passed a resolution calling on Congress to enact legislation requiring the federal collection of "hate crimes" and publishing such data on a yearly basis. The original resolution, however, contained language concerning data collection based on sexual orientation, as well as race, religion and ethnicity. Commissioner William Allen stated he was not "comfortable with the language of sexual orientation prejudice . . . I would be much happier if it were not there." Rather than pass a resolution with a "sexual orientation" clause, the Commissioners approved an amendment substituting the term "hate crimes."

Kevin Berrill, Director of the NGLTF's Anti-Violence Project, called the Commission's action "a revolting act of bigotry - a slap in the face of the lesbian and gay community. It is shocking that the Commission cannot bring itself to support the collection of anti-gay violence statistics despite the fact that a recent Justice Department study concluded that gay people are probably the most frequent victims of hate crimes. We can only infer that the Commission believes that violence against gay people is less reprehensible than violence against other groups."



Well, folks, spring has sprung, and we are once again being serenaded by the familiar sounds of bat hitting ball and ballfield banter. And guess what? Esmerelda has her very own softball team. And as if that's not enough, there are all sorts of other things to look forward to this spring. Yes, our baby Esmerelda is doing pretty well for being less than a year old. Esmerelda's Sunday Socials (a.k.a. the Lesbian Potlucks) continue to thrive - if you have not attended one yet, give it a try; it's a great way to meet some really nice women. In addition, Esmerelda's Parlour has become established and has proven to be a wonderful forum for us; we would love to have even more participation from all of you. A new discussion group is also in the works (see related article), and we're working on some other possibilities as well.

In addition to Esmerelda's activities, there are all kinds of community-wide events coming up - so many, in fact, that it will be tough to take advantage of all of them. What a nice dilemma! GLSO's Coffeehouse and Dance Committee has pulled off quite a coup and will present the Reel World String Band as the featured performers at the April Coffeehouse & Dance. In May, GLSO will be hosting its annual Kentucky Derby event, which rumor has will be a mock Anita Madden party on Derby Eve. Oh, the possibilities! The Southern Women's Music Festival will be taking place Memorial Day weekend in Georgia. Quite a few local lesbians are planning to make the trek down south, so give some thought - you may decide to join us (see article for more information). Then in June, Gay Pride Week will take center stage - more to follow on that next month. As you can see, there's an exciting Spring ahead, so get out there, get involved, and grow with us. We need you!

Before signing off for this month, there are a few loose ends to tie up. First of all, we would like to thank Teri W. for her wonderful article on separatism in last month's

Esmerelda's Parlour. Her name was left off because we weren't sure if she wanted it included, but we had several inquiries as to who had written the article so we wanted to thank her and give credit where due. Secondly, I want to say, both for myself and for Esmerelda, farewell to one of Esmerelda's dear friends and founding mothers. With great reluctance we must finally accept that Laura Joans really is moving on, and having accepted that, we wish her and Anne all the best as they embark on their adventure in Atlanta. We shall miss you! Finally (how I do go on!), I suppose I should introduce myself. My name is Debbie; Teresa and I will do our best to keep Esmerelda's Parlour afloat now that Laura has left. We'll need a lot of help from all of you though, because it's a big job. If you would like to be involved in the production of Esmerelda's Parlour, please let us know. Believe me, we'd love to hear from you!

LESBIAN PASSION GROUP

If one of your favorite topics is "lesbian passion," you may be interested in a new discussion group that is in the works. The group is to be based upon JoAnn Loulan's book Lesbian Passion, which was reviewed in last month's newsletter. Although the specifics such as time and place have not been settled upon yet, the general concept behind the group is beginning to take shape. Participants anticipate approaching the subject on a chapter-by-chapter basis, devoting as many meetings to each chapter as are necessary to cover them thoroughly. Some chapters may only take one meeting, while others will take three or four. And that's just fine - there's no point in rushing lesbian passion.

The first step in assuring a successful group is for everyone to have a copy of the book, or at least have access to a copy. It can be ordered at Special Media, or if you're lucky, you may even find a copy on the shelves. The price is \$10.95.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, enough simply cannot be said about this book. Those women who have read it are quoting it constantly, and probably driving everyone else up a wall. The solution, of course, is for everyone to read the book and join this group - just imagine the discussions we'll have! If you're interested in such a group and would like more information, call Esmerelda at 266-0757.

THE GLSO BOARD - A WOMEN'S PERSPECTIVE by Debbie

Last fall I joined the GLSO Board of Directors, which is composed of four officers and six at-large members. I became its third female member. Being involved in the inner workings of GLSO has been a wonderful experience. It has also been a real eye opener. Although not a political organization, we are politically aware, and thus experience occasional bouts of frustration when we are unable to take action. We do what we can, and I am learning a lot about cooperation and working within the system.

In addition to the excitement of working with the women, I have gotten a great deal of personal satisfaction from working with the men on the Board. I really like these men! Their ready acceptance of me and their respect for what I say has been gratifying and has given me a real sense of community. I know that ideally I should have expected no less, but in reality, I didn't know what to expect. I've found my contributions do matter, and I really can make a difference.

It has also been rewarding to aid in the strengthening of the connection between the women's community and GLSO, and to see both groups benefiting as that bond continues to grow. The women's community has made great strides in strengthening itself and, through those efforts, has made a real contribution to GLSO. And believe me, our efforts have not gone unnoticed. In fact, it was my involvement in the GLSO Coffeehouse and Dance Committee and in Esmerelda that resulted in my position on the GLSO Board.

Now, with the GLSO elections rapidly approaching, we have an opportunity to make that mutually beneficial connection even stronger. Five positions, including Secretary and Treasurer, open in June; I hope several women will be interested. Unfortunately, one of the positions being vacated is held by a woman, so we're down one before we even get started. Nevertheless, the men and women on the Board have expressed their receptiveness to having more women on the Board, so let's get going and make a move in that direction. I have volunteered to be on the nominating committee and am already on the prowl for willing and able candidates. Such a commitment obviously is not for everyone, but if you think you might be interested, or have any questions about the commitment involved, call Esmerelda at 266-0757. Hope to hear from lots of you!

WOMEN NEEDED

For the Gayline, that is. To date, there are still no women on the Gayline - the male volunteers really are desperate! Women frequently call the Gayline and want to talk to a woman. And they should be able to! In an effort to attract women to the staff, a woman has been recruited to help with the training. If you can find an evening each month to sit at home and talk on the phone, or if you're simply curious about what is involved, call Esmerelda at 231-7985, or the Gayline at 231-0335 for details.

S.O.L. GROUP FORMING

A new group is forming in Lexington's lesbian community. It's the "Slightly Older" Lesbian (S.O.L) group. The group is forming for lesbians (40+) who avoid bars, require anonymity, and enjoy socializing in private homes. The first potluck and social will be held on Sunday, May 1. For more information and directions call "Modine" at 269-8670 or "Phoebe" at 255-7645.

GEORGIA FEST '88

It's that time of year again - finally! The 1988 Southern Women's Music and Comedy Festival in Georgia is right around the corner. Expanded this year to five days, the festival starts at noon on May 26 and runs till 3 pm on May 30th.

Set on 200 beautifully wooded acres, accommodations include pitching a tent or staying in a cabin (they hold 12-24 women, bunk style). The ticket price of \$125-135 (sliding scale) includes camping, music, comedy, crafts, swimming and tennis, dancing, workshops, and vegetarian food. Showers are available. Rumor has it the water is even warm!

Some of the musicians performing include Cris Williamson, Tret Fure, Alix Dobkin, Deidre McCalla, Tendre, and Rhiannon. But music is only a part of the festival. There also will be comics, theater, a film festival, and keynote speakers, one of whom is JoAnn Loulan, the author of the book everyone is reading, Lesbian Passion.

Imagine camping, music, entertainment, and 2,000 lesbians to help you enjoy it all. Don't miss out!

For more information, including how to get a flyer to send off for tickets, call Esmerelda at 231-7985.

ASK AUNT MARY

Dear Aunt Mary: I am 18 years old and live in Somerset, Kentucky. I am very lonely, and feel really isolated. I don't know any other gay people and don't have anyone to talk to. I would like to meet people by attending some of the GLSO meetings, but do not have any way of getting to Lexington. Do you know of anyone who lives in Somerset and who comes to Lexington for your meetings that might be willing to give me a ride? I would also like to have someone to exchange letters with. Can you help?

Alone in Somerset

Dear Alone: Most gays remember only too well how isolated and lonely they felt while they were in the process of coming out. Most say they thought they were the only gay person in the world. Once they came out they were often shocked by how many gays they found all around them, people they came into contact with every day, but didn't notice before. You are never alone, believe me. Many people have gone through or are going through the very same thing you are.

Now, lets see if I can be of any practical help to you. Readers, if any of you live in Somerset or nearby and come to any of the GLSO functions in Lexington and would like some company on the trip here and back, or if any of you would like to correspond with this young man, please contact me so I can put the two of you in touch. Good luck!

Aunt Mary

THANKS TO GREAT MOMENTS

GLSO would like to thank Great Moments Restaurant for donating the dinner-for-two prize for the winners of the Know Your Valentine Game at the February Coffeehouse. Kathy and Teresa had a great time, and loved the food.

Great Moments has something for everyone. Besides great food, they have shows for your entertainment. Wednesday night is ladies' night (but not limited to females) with special drink prices and a version of "Win, Lose, or Draw."

Come on out and show your support for the newest hot-spot in town - Great Moments. You'll have a blast.

MASTERS AND JOHNSON CAUSE UPROAR

Renowned sex therapists William Masters and Virginia Johnson released a book on AIDS last month which was immediately attacked by experts in the field. Previewed as a cover story in *Newsweek*, "Crisis: Heterosexual Behavior in the Age of AIDS," implies the virus can be spread by casual contact, declares the transmission rate through blood transfusion seven times higher than current estimates, and warns "the AIDS virus is now running rampant in the heterosexual community." The conclusions were based on a survey in four cities. Two cities showed a high incidence of the virus in participants who claimed they were neither gay nor addicted to IV drugs.

Other researchers denounced the work as a gross exaggeration and criticized the scientific methods used in the survey. The controversy led to revelation that Dr. Masters is trying to develop a product to prevent heterosexual transmission of the AIDS virus. Although conceding he isn't qualified to do drug research, Dr. Masters received \$25,000 from Ortho Pharmaceutical last October for research into a spermicidal jelly. If successful, Ortho would market a product using his formula. This prompted questions about the authors' financial interest in promoting AIDS hysteria.

ORAL HISTORY OF THE STONEWALL RIOTS

from Michael Scherker

An oral history of the Stonewall riots is planned for release in June 1989 to help celebrate the 20th anniversary of the riots. Participants, witnesses, police officers, Stonewall Inn employees, journalists, public officials, and other interested and involved persons who were present at the riots in June 1969, are being sought. People who were not at the riots but whose lives were directly or dramatically affected by them will also be interviewed. Photographs, fliers, clippings, letters, diary entries, and any other documentary material on or generated by the Stonewall riots will be included. The author's proceeds from the book will be used to create a fund for gay archives and historical work. Please contact Michael Scherker, 135 Amersfort Place #6A, Brooklyn, NY 11210, 718-434-6814.

NIGHT OF A THOUSAND GOWNS TO BE HELD
from The New York Imperial Court

On the last Saturday in April New York City television cameras and enthusiastic crowds will gather outside the Park Avenue entrance of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel to witness nobility and the creme de la creme emerge from limousines and carriages. The hotel's doormen will hold back astonished onlookers as they bid entry to countless bejeweled, coiffured and resplendently clad individuals headed for the rooftop Starlight Ballroom. "Casino Royale" is the theme for the gala, an evening that last year made history and dollars for gay charities.

Hosted by Their Majesties Emperor George and Empress Sybil Bruncheon, co-presidents of New York's Imperial Court, the night will consist of cocktails, lavish dinner, dancing to a complete orchestra, and a lively Monte Carlo style casino. Featured entertainment will spotlight Jimmy James as Marilyn Monroe. The "Introduction of the Debutantes" will allow a closer inspection of anyone who wishes to be formally presented as their names and titles are announced by the Master of Ceremonies. The emotional climax of the evening will be the coronation of the new Emperor and Empress of New York, whose identity is a closely guarded secret eagerly awaited by millions throughout the realm.

This year's ball salutes the accomplishments of Charles Ludlam, founder of the Ridiculous Theatrical Company, who contributed a unique vision of style and glamour to our community before his death from AIDS last May.

Tickets are \$150 per person general admission and \$200 per person for table seating surrounding the dance floor and stage. Night of a Thousand Gowns is produced by the Imperial Court of New York whose fundraising activities have benefited both local and national gay organizations. Proceeds from the evening will go to The People with AIDS Coalition, The Human Rights Campaign Fund - AIDS Campaign Trust, The New York Gay-Lesbian Community Services Center, and the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force.

A "Debutante's Guide" to the evening is included with each formal invitation. This booklet describes all necessary information for attending a Royal Cotillion Ball.

For an invitation you may telephone 212-222-2999, or write to: 1000 Gowns, 315 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10025.

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GAY AMERICA

BERKELEY, CA

Three openly gay Lutheran seminarians have been unanimously certified for call and ordination in two separate but related actions by Lutheran church authorities. One of the seminarians, Jeff Johnson, was reminded by his examining committee that church policy denies ordination to "practicing" gay men and lesbians. But none of the three was required to make any pledges of behavior other than that required of all candidates for ordination.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

A San Francisco Baptist church that has an estimated 30% gay members in its congregation has had a \$3,000 contribution rejected by the California Southern Baptist Convention. The Dolores Street Baptist Church's pastor, the Rev. Jim Lowder, maintains that the Bible "affirms homosexual relationships that are faithful, loving, life-enhancing, and caring."

LOS ANGELES, CA

More than 400 persons participated in the National Black Gay and Lesbian Conference, held February 12-14 in Los Angeles. The conference, which is to be an annual event, had among its speakers the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, and activist Angela Davis.

NEWARK, NJ

The Episcopal Diocese of Newark has become the first in the country to back ministers and congregations who bless the relationships of committed gays and other unmarried couples. The move by one of the country's largest Episcopal dioceses, with 46,000 members in northern New Jersey, to "affirm" gay relationships is a significant departure from the position taken by most Christian denominations.

LAWRENCE, KS

On Jan 20th the City Commission voted to ignore a proposed ordinance to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation. Membership in the Citizen's for Human Rights, the local gay group, more than quadrupled in the last three months as the gay and lesbian community mobilized.

CHAPEL HILL, NC

Students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill voted by a margin of 58% to 42% to stop funding the campus gay student group, the Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association (CGLA). Because the referendum is non-binding, leaders of the CGLA still expect to receive funding from the school through its student congress, which is believed to have a majority of pro-funding members.

NATIONAL

According to a UPI survey a majority of Americans would not vote for a gay presidential candidate. Sixty-five percent of adults surveyed said they would not vote for a gay candidate even if the candidate held many of the same views of the respondent.

INTERNATIONAL - UNITED KINGDOM

The British House of Lords passed the Ban on Homosexuality bill which passed the House of Commons in December. Britain's largest-ever gay rights protest was held in January, attracting 10,000 persons in protest of the bill. The bill, which is expected to become law this summer, is expected to stop local governments from "promoting homosexuality or its acceptability" or "promoting the acceptability of homosexuality as a pretended family relationship." Teachers, librarians, council members, mayors, or other public officials who promote homosexuality could be fired from their jobs and/or fined.

INTO THE FUTURE

- April 14-17, 1988. Southeastern Conference for Lesbians & Gay Men. Atlanta, GA.
- April 30-May 1, 1988. 6th Annual Volleyball Derby - Men's & Women's Open Division. Louisville, KY.
- May 20-22, 1988. National Organization for Changing Men's National Conference on Homophobia. Washington, DC.
- May 20-22, 1988. Interweave Spring Retreat. Sunrise, KY.
- May 27-30, 1988. International Mr. Leather Contest. Chicago, IL.
- June 3-5, 1988. 9th Annual World Conference of Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International. Columbus, OH.
- June 12-19, 1988. Gay & Lesbian Pride Week. Lexington, KY.
- June 25-26, 1988. New York City's Annual Gay/Lesbian Pride March, Rally and Dance. New York City, NY.
- July 2-4 1988. Dignity Region V Convention. Grand Rapids, MI.
- July 21-24, 1988. 6th Bi-Ennial International Assembly of Lutheran Concerned/North America. Toronto, Canada.
- July 24, 1988. The Fund for Human Dignity's First National Lesbian and Gay Education Conference. Boston, MA.
- August 20-27, 1988. GAYLA X - Gay Men's Conference at Ferry Beach. Saco, ME.
- February 17-20, 1989. 5th Annual Continental Convocation of Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns. Lexington, KY.

CLASSIFIEDS

GWM, 32, 5'9", 150lbs, dark brown hair/eyes, clean shaven. Looking for that "someone special," 18-29, ave wgt, clean shaven w/smooth chest, for friendship and possible relationship. Serious inquiries only. Reply to: J.C., Box 12225, Lexington, KY 40581.

GWF - 35, recently unattached looking for friendship or lover. I am outgoing, enjoy a good cup of coffee and conversation. I don't drink or drug, but I do have lots of fun. Serious inquiries only. If not at home please leave name and number. Call 231-7102, Lynne.

DIRECTORY

- GLSO Gayline..... 231-0335
- GLSO Board.....call Jim, 299-0352
- GLSO Newsletter.....
...call Craig/Steve, 266-8887
- GLSO Speaker's Bureau.....
.....call Barry, 268-3935
- GLSO Coffeehouse &
Dance.....
.....call Esmerelda, 231-7985
- GLSO Cards & Games.....
.....call Karen, 259-3292
- Lesbian Potluck.....
.....call Esmerelda, 266-0757
- Gay/Lesbian AA.....
.....call Craig, 266-8887
- Imperial Court of the
Bluegrass Empire.....
.....call Mark, 266-1779
.....or Jerry, 272-7381
- Dignity/Lexington.....
.....call Keith, 269-8417
- Liturgy.....call Don, 299-4458
(Lexington's chapter of the national Catholic gay and lesbian support organization. See the Dignity page included in this newsletter.)
- Interweave.....call Craig, 266-8887
(A group within Lexington's Unitarian Universalist Church composed of gay men and lesbians and their non-gay friends.)
- AVOL..... 252-2447
(AIDS support and education)
- ACT-Lexington..... 281-5151
(AIDS education and speakers)
- HIV Positive Support Group
.....call Edwin, 233-0444
- Lexington-Fayette County
Health Department
AIDS Testing..... 252-2371
(For anonymous AIDS counseling and testing, call the above number and ask for an AIDS Counselor.)
- Madison County Health Department
AIDS Testing..... 623-7312
(For anonymous AIDS counseling and testing, call the above number and ask for an AIDS Counselor.)
- Louisville Crisis Hotline.
..... (502) 637-4342
- National Gay and Lesbian Task Force
Crisis Line and AIDS Crisis
Line..... (800) 221-7044

APRIL EVENTS CALENDAR



Contact names and numbers for all events listed can be found in the Directory on the previous page. The Comp Care Center is located at 201 Mechanic Street, Lexington.

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| FRI | 1 | GLSO Cards & Games, 7 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm | MON | 11 | GLSO Forum, 8 pm, Comp Care |
| SUN | 3 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center | TUE | 12 | Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes; HIV Positive Support Group |
| TUE | 5 | Dignity Liturgy, 7:30 pm; Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes; HIV Positive Support Group; ICBE Show, 10 pm, The Bar | WED | 13 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |
| WED | 6 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance Committee, 8 pm | THU | 14 | Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Gay Men's AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120 |
| THU | 7 | Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Gay Men's AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120 | FRI | 15 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance, 8:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church |
| FRI | 8 | GLSO Cards & Games, 7 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm | SUN | 17 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center |
| SAT | 9 | Central Kentucky Council for Peace & Justice Media Fair, 3 pm, Maxwell St. Presbyterian Church, 180 East Maxwell | TUE | 19 | GLSO Speaker's Bureau, 7 pm; Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes; HIV Positive Support Group |
| SUN | 10 | Lesbian Potluck, 2 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; AVOL, 5:30 pm, Comp Care Center; ICBE Show, 9 pm, Great Moments | WED | 20 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Interweave, 8 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church |
| | | | THU | 21 | GLSO News Layout, 7:30 pm; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Gay Men's AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120 |
| | | | FRI | 22 | GLSO Cards & Games, 7 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Interweave Potluck, 7 pm |
| | | | SUN | 24 | Gayline Training Session, 1 pm, Comp Care Center; Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; ICBE Coronation, 8 pm, Sheraton Inn |
| | | | MON | 25 | GLSO Board Meeting, 7:30 pm; AVOL Benefit, 10 pm, The Bar |
| | | | TUE | 26 | Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes |
| | | | WED | 27 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |
| | | | THU | 28 | Dignity Rap Session 7:30 pm; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Gay Men's AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120 |
| | | | FRI | 29 | GLSO Cards & Games, 7 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 8 - 11 pm |

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FRIDAY EVENING • MAY 6th • 9:00 O'CLOCK

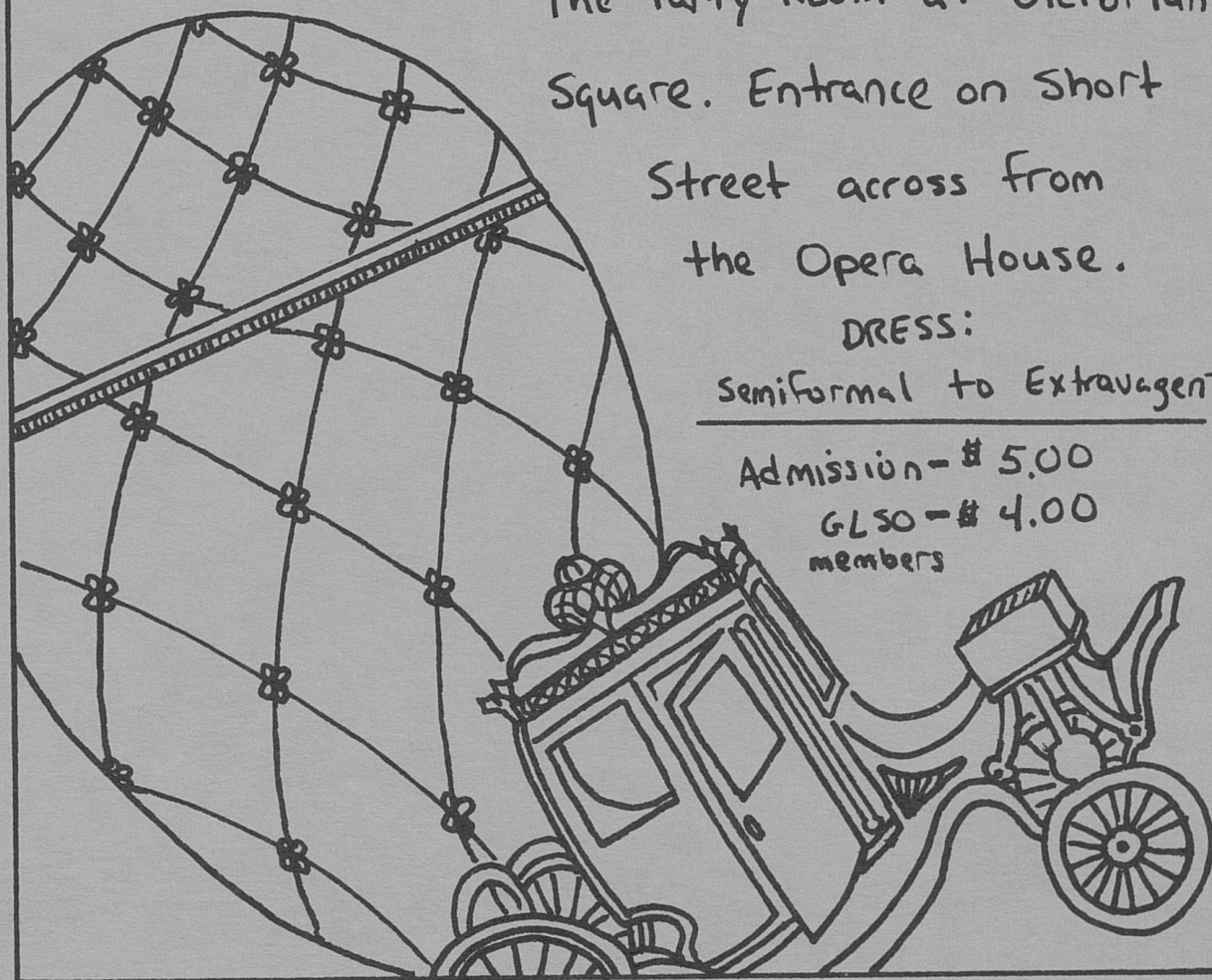
The Party Room at Victorian
Square. Entrance on Short
Street across from
the Opera House.

DRESS:

SemiFormal to Extravagent

Admission - \$ 5.00

GLSO - \$ 4.00
members



Loose Item