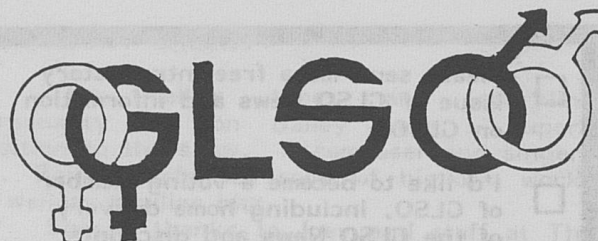


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LEXINGTON'S GAY PRIDE WEEK PLANS

by Craig Clere

Lexington and Central Kentucky's 1988 celebration of gay and lesbian pride is scheduled for June 12-18. Lexington's Pride Week Committee has been hard at work for two months to make this year's Pride Week the best yet. The Pride Week Committee this year consists of representatives from: the GLSO Board, Coffeehouse and Dance Committee, and Speaker's Bureau; Dignity; Interweave; AVOL; the Imperial Court; and the Central Kentucky Democratic Socialists.

The final plans for the week were not set at press time; however, the tentative schedule is as follows:

Sunday, June 12 - Interweave will hold its 3rd annual Pride Week Service at 10:45 am at the Unitarian Universalist Church. The Imperial Court will sponsor a benefit show for Pride Week later that evening.

Monday, June 13 - GLSO will host the featured speaker, still to be announced, and a dinner at Great Moments. Tickets for the dinner will be \$7 and are available from Pride Week Committee members.

Tuesday, June 14 - GLSO's Rainbow League will sponsor Bowling Night at Joyland Lanes.

Wednesday, June 15 - Arts Night at Victorian Square. Contributions to Arts Night are welcome - painting, drawings, poetry, anything! Contact any Pride Week Committee member for more information.

Thursday, June 16 - Video Night at Arts Place. Several videos concerning lesbian and gay issues will be shown. Suggestions?

Friday, June 17 - GLSO's Coffeehouse & Dance at the Unitarian Universalist Church.

Saturday, June 18 - Pride Week Picnic on Saturday afternoon, location to be announced. AVOL will host a Party that night or on Sunday evening.

Final plans for Pride Week will be published, with final times and locations, in the June edition of the GLSO News. For more information, or tickets to the Pride Week dinner contact:

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MAY FORUM TOPIC

Anti-gay violence will be the topic of conversation at the monthly Forum in May. We will see a 20 minute documentary, exploring crimes of violence directed at the gay community, taken from the news program 20/20 with Barbara Walters and Hugh Downs. Information on this topic being collected by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force will be used, in addition to the film, as the springboard for our discussion.

As with the rest of our country, reports of anti-gay violence in Lexington and surrounding areas are increasing. Everyone who has been the victim of anti-gay violence locally is requested to attend the meeting and contribute their thoughts and fears.

If you have any topics you would like considered for discussion at further Forums, please contact Keith at 269-8417, or Mark at (606) 365-3130.

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DOING THE DERBY THE GAY WAY IN LEXINGTON

On Friday, May 6th, at 9 pm GLSO will host its own version of an Anita Madden Derby Party. The site will be the recently completed Party Room at Victorian Square. Admission is only \$5 (\$4 for GLSO members with membership card).

We'll have Victorian Square all to ourselves, since the stores close earlier in the evening. Reach the party through our private entrance on Short Street across from the Opera House. Parking is available in the Victorian Square garage, and is free since the attendants will open the gates and go home before the party ends. The theme of the Madden's party will be "Romancing with the Romanovs", so if anyone just happens to have attire suitable to the extravagant days of old czarist Russia, come and show it off to the rest of Gay Lexington at the GLSO Mock Madden Derby Party!

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FOR RENT: 1-2 bedroom duplex apartment, newly remodeled, quiet street, near downtown, \$250 + uts., deposit, pet considered, 266-5500, leave message for Laura.

WANTED! Home for newlyweds. Gay couple seeks low-rent house (fixer-uppers considered). Must be in East Lexington to Mount Sterling area. Call Daniel, 278-4642 evenings, or Dennis (606) 666-4941.

AVOL BENEFIT PRESENTS EXCELLENT TALENT

New York City performers Bryan Murphy and Ron Bailey delighted the audience at a benefit for the AIDS Volunteers of Lexington on April 25. An experienced professional who has appeared in numerous clubs, on TV and in Las Vegas, Mr. Murphy was stunning in his portrayal of Pearl Bailey as he sang and joked with the captivated crowd. The vitality of his performance illustrated why he has received rave reviews from such national media as Variety and The Advocate.

GLSO PARTICIPATES IN MEDIA FAIR

from Craig Clere

GLSO was one of a dozen participants in the Central Kentucky Council for Peace & Justice's Media Fair on April 16. The fair consisted of an information area where groups distribute pamphlets and newsletters about their organizations, and a video display area where numerous films were shown throughout the afternoon. Among the films were the March on Washington video and the Life and Times of Harvey Milk.

GLSO News staffers developed a brochure explaining our organization and its various programs for use at the Media Fair and similar future events. Copies of the GLSO News were also available.

The Media Fair gave GLSO an opportunity to be visible within an environment which was non-threatening to interested newcomers. In addition, several people expressed support as they stopped by the table. A Presbyterian minister taking our brochure commented she frequently has persons talk to her about being gay, but could not refer them to anyone gay or lesbian because she was unaware of any gay organizations in Lexington. Those who participated felt it a worthwhile opportunity to make Lexington's gay community more visible.



FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE '88

GAY & LESBIAN PRIDE MONTH IS COMING!

The mellow tones and sparkling personality of Ron Bailey were a superb addition to the show. A composer and singer, Mr. Bailey performed some of his own works as well as familiar hits.

Special thanks to Joey and staff at The Bar for use of The Showroom, and for their continuing support of AVOL activities. The evening of entertainment raised another \$250 for local AIDS education and support services.

DISNEYLAND SUED AGAIN OVER ANTI-GAY DISCRIMINATION

The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has joined a suit filed against Disneyland in Orange County, California on behalf of three gay men who allege the park discriminated against them when it barred them from same-sex dancing.

The suit asks for punitive damages from Disneyland because of its blatant disregard of an earlier ruling in a similar suit requiring it not to discriminate. In that 1984 suit the park was found to be in violation of California's Civil Rights Act which prohibits arbitrary discrimination by businesses on the basis of race, gender, marital status, creed, and sexual orientation, among other criteria.

The current suit alleges that Christopher Drake, Eric Hubert, and Jeffrey Stabile, all part of a group outing to Disneyland in April 1987, sponsored by the lesbian and gay student groups at the University of California and California State University, had been dancing with male partners for nearly an hour to rock music. When a ballad was played and the men began slow-dancing, they were approached by park security officials and told, in essence, "You're going to have to stop dancing. Touch dancing is reserved for heterosexual couples only."

Mr. Walker, cooperating attorney with Lambda on the case, stated that "Overall, it's not Disneyland's business to determine with whom its patrons can dance. We're simply demanding equal rights. You would think Disneyland would have learned its lesson after losing the 1984 suit."

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Esmerelda's Parlour



Well, it's hard to believe that May has already arrived, but here it is, and practically bursting with things to do. Good things, too, since spring fever has been fully operational for a solid month-and-a-half now, and we've been seeing a lot of new and eager faces out and about. We hope to see even more of you now that classes are about to end and the students will be loose for the summer (lord help us!) You'll find lots of friendly faces wherever there's a potluck or a coffeehouse or a cookout or a softball game or a . . . You get the picture - it's going to be a great summer!

From a personal standpoint, I'm afraid I have to give the month of April somewhat mixed reviews. Although some wonderful activities were going on (see below), taking over the responsibility for Esmerelda's Parlour and becoming co-editor along with Teresa has been no piece of cake, and in particular, this issue has been a real test of our fortitude. You see, rather foolishly, we chose to move into a new apartment in April. And since we had nothing but cleaning, painting and moving on the brain for the entire month, it was pretty tough getting this thing together. All in all, though, we're fairly pleased with the results. By the way, make note of Esmerelda's new phone number in the directory - you may need it sometime to get in touch with us.

Before looking ahead to May, I'd like to take a moment to look back upon a few of the exciting things that happened in April. It was both gratifying and very exciting to see Esmerelda's softball team, officially known as the Critters, become a reality. If you'd like to head out to the ballpark to help root them on, they play on Tuesday nights at Castlewood Park. Another worthwhile event last month was the Women Writers Conference at UK. The highlight for me was something that was not on the agenda. Rather, it was an informal discussion that took place one evening after

the conference. As a handful of us sat around a kitchen table chatting, we suddenly found ourselves talking about (gasp!) sex - and what a discussion it was! I think we were all a bit wide-eyed as the discussion became more and more frank. Alternately enthralled and embarrassed, I was thrilled to be there, and hope that more take place in the future. It certainly got me psyched up for the Lesbian Passion Discussion Group that is going to get under way this month (see accompanying article). Yet another highpoint last month was the GLSO Coffeehouse and Dance. Wasn't Reel World just wonderful!? And let's not forget the Diedre McCalla concert. What a boom month for women's music!

May is also a month packed with opportunities for good times. On May 6, be sure to hit the Mock Anita Madden Party at Victorian Square - it'll be the place to be on Derby Eve! On the 8th, we'll be car-pooling to Berea for the Lesbian Potluck, which will make it an extra special potluck. Then on May 14, the GLSO Coffeehouse and Dance Committee will be having a party. No business, we promise. We just want to let loose and have a good time (and pat ourselves on the back while we're at it). And finally, over Memorial Day weekend, a whole slew of us will be heading down to Georgia for the Southern Women's Music Festival. If you're still debating about whether or not to do, just give one of us a call - we'll be glad to twist your arm. We can't resist the thought of spending four days in the wilderness celebrating music and art with 2,000 other lesbians. Can you?

Well, I appear to be rambling on somewhat, so now is probably a good time to exit gracefully. Until next month.

Debbie

LESBIAN PASSION DISCUSSION GROUP

Believe it or not, we are finally ready to get under way. Thanks to all of you who have expressed an interest in this group, and thanks also for your patience in waiting for me to get my act together. Our first meeting will be on Sunday, May 22, at 1 pm. To help get things rolling, this meeting will take the form of a dessert potluck followed by an informal discussion of how we'd like the group to progress. Thereafter, the meetings will be held on the fourth Sunday of each month, when possible. Call the new phone number in the Directory for more information.

SECOND CHANCES

by Debbie

Hearts, ever hopeful
Yearn for past familiarities
The security of what once was
Though it was not right

We try once more
With renewed feeling
To have it all
When it is not there to be had

I love you
And you love me
But sometimes love alone
is not enough
And even a second chance
cannot make it so.

STONE HEART

by TSR

I went looking for my stone heart today
The one I wore around my neck as a child
It always made me feel big and strong,
whenever I was feeling particularly small.

I don't know how
it got its magic,
but I felt it
whenever I wore that small purple stone.

Of course now - in all my adult maturity
I know that there really is no such thing
as magic - still.
I woke up this morning
wishing for the comfort,
and the protection (magic)
that I know my stone heart would bring.

DIEDRE McCALLA CONCERT A SUCCESS!

On Wednesday March 23, Lexington was treated to a concert by the well-known musician and comedienne, Diedre McCalla. McCalla is touring the country to promote her new album entitled "With a Little Luck," a blend of jazz, rock, and easy listening. During the intermission McCalla talked to everyone and signed autographs.

With her strong clear voice, and excellent guitar-playing ability, McCalla's

concert was enjoyable and exciting. One of the crowd's favorite moments was when she sang along to a tape of the title track from "With a Little Luck," complete with her playing an "air guitar."

If you missed the concert in March, don't worry. Diedre McCalla will be in Georgia at the Southern Festival in May. Be sure to catch her act!

PLAY BALL!!

In a close competition, GLSO/Esmerelda, "The Critters" defeated "Ebony Express" by a score of 7-5. Down by a run through the 4th inning, The Critters took the lead by scoring 4 runs one by one. Ebony Express came back in the 5th inning making 4 runs, bringing the score to 5-4.

After a startling display of physical prowess and athletic grace, The Critters scored three impressive runs and the game was called due to time. Thus The Critters earned their first victory of the season.

The Critters' play every Tuesday night at Castlewood Park. Their schedule this month is:

May 3rd, 9:00	May 10th, 8:00
May 17th, 9:00	May 24th, 7:00
	May 31st, 8:00

Let's go out and support our Dyke-Jocks!

SOUTHEASTERN LESBIAN WRITERS' CONFERENCE

Lesbian writers from throughout the Southeast will gather in Central Georgia on June 1-5. Womonwrites '88 participants will share their stories, celebrate their lives, and enrich one another by bringing together a fertile blend of experience and insight.


To inspire and stimulate creativity among Lesbian writers, Womonwrites must continue to evolve as a thoughtful, innovative gathering. Lesbians of all colors, all nationalities, all ethnic backgrounds, all income levels and degrees of physical ability are invited to celebrate the tenth year as a place where Lesbian writers share common lives and different experiences though writing.

For information about the conference send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Womonwrites '88, 7135 5th Ave. North, St. Petersburg, FL 33710.

DIGNITY & INTERWEAVE TO HOST DANCE

Dance! Coffeehouse!

The wonderful folks of the the GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance Committee needed a rest, so the Interweave-UU Church Convo '89 Planning Committee and the Dignity/Lexington chapter gladly volunteered to co-host the May Coffeehouse & Dance, on Friday May 20. The GLSO committee suggested people just want to dance, so come and dance from 8:30 pm to 1:00 am. There will be some surprises! Dignity tradition requires we dance the "Hokey Pokey" and the "Bunny Hop." This time, however, you can bid to let someone else join in. Just say to yourself, "I know I'd pay \$_____ to see _____ dance the Bunny Hop." You fill in the blanks! It should be great fun. All proceeds will go to the two groups, so come ready to dance while helping to support Convocation '89 and Dignity. Anyone who supports with a \$10 contribution will receive a gift. A \$25 contribution will get you two gifts! The cost is sliding scale at the door - \$3 and up. (BYOB and Bring Many Friends). Both Dignity and Interweave will be using funds raised from the May C & D to host upcoming events. Dignity is hosting a Regional House of Delegates meeting in October. The Continental Convocation for Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns is next February. Both are "firsts" for Lexington, and will be drawing lesbians and gay men from across the region and throughout North America.



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We've had difficulty with the line occasionally because it's computer activated, but the gremlins of modern technology have now created another problem. Two different answering machines have failed within the past month, and we're now working on number three. If you've called GLSO during "off hours" only to find no one home, we apologize. Hopefully our newest machine will talk to you.

LOCAL MINISTER SPEAKS OUT FOR GAYS AND LESBIANS

The following letter appeared in the Lexington Herald-Leader. Since you may have missed it, we decided to reprint it.

Your publication of the September 21 letter from Hulen Girdler, "It's clear God hates homosexual activity," both outraged and saddened me.

To condemn homosexuals to unending punishment and shame in a public forum is equivalent to denying the full humanity of blacks, women or Jews. The Bible has some denigrating things to say about the above-mentioned groups, yet our society has begun to redress the wrongs historically inflicted upon those groups.

For those willing to let go of their fear, there is ample evidence to establish that homosexuality (1) is less common, but no less

normal than heterosexuality; (2) it is not chosen; (3) it is not an illness; (4) it is not "catching"; and (5) it is far less likely to be the sexual orientation of child molesters.

I was made sad by the letter because of the effect it may have on the thousands of gay and lesbian men and women who may have read it. They have committed no sin, have done no wrong and have hurt no one in being themselves. We are the ones who have sinned if we do not speak out for the cause of compassion and dignity. The church is as good a place as any to begin. It seems it was in a church that I heard something about a man called Christ, whose supreme commandment was to "love one another."

David S. Blanchard, Minister
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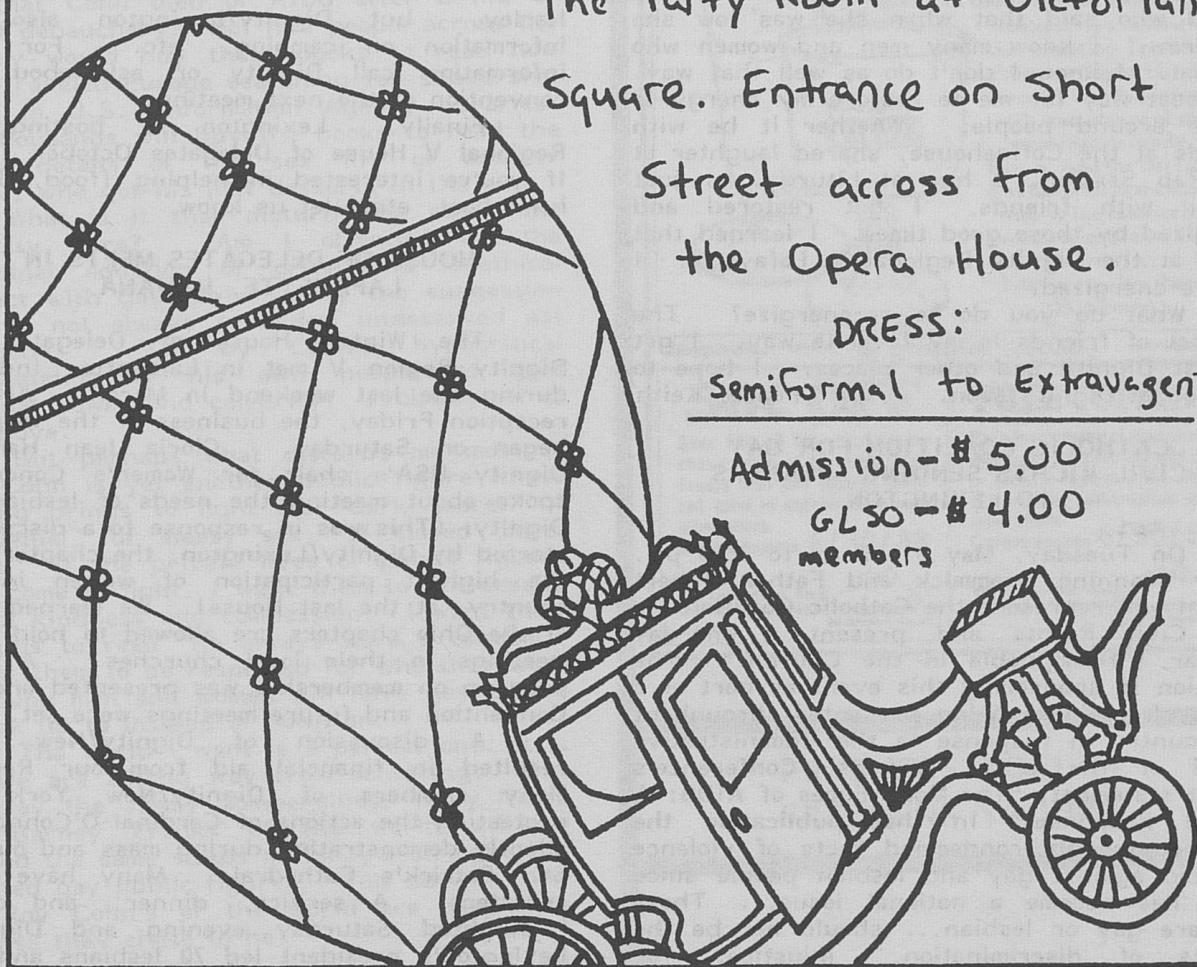
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FROM DIGNITY'S PRESIDENT

Energy . . . There are times I wish I had more of it. It's very difficult sometimes to fulfill all that one wants to do or is expected.

Recently I had a conversation with a friend who said that when she was low she withdrew. I know many men and women who do that. I know I don't do as well that way. The best way for me to restore my energy is to be around people. Whether it be with friends at the Coffeehouse, shared laughter at the Rap Session, a hug at Liturgy, or just dinner with friends, I get restored and energized by those good times. I learned that again at the Dignity Regional in Lafayette. I was re-energized.

What do you do to re-energize? The support of friends is my favorite way. I get that at Dignity and other places. I hope to see you at Dignity soon. Peace, Keith

CATHOLIC COALITION FOR GAY CIVIL RIGHTS SENDING SPEAKERS TO LEXINGTON

On Tuesday, May 31, 9 am to 3:30 pm, Sister Jeannine Grammick and Father Robert Nugent will represent the Catholic Coalition for Gay Civil Rights and present a one-day seminar, "Homophobia in the Church." The Coalition is sponsoring this event as part of a series of seminars being presented throughout the country in response to the Administrative Board of the U.S. Bishops' Conference's recent statement, "The Many Faces of AIDS: A Gospel Response." In that publication the bishops strongly condemned "acts of violence directed against gay and lesbian people since AIDS has become a national issue... Those who are gay or lesbian... should not be the objects of discrimination, injustice, or

violence." Lexington's seminar will be held at the Newman Center, 320 Rose Lane. Cost is \$25, preregistered, or \$30 at the door.

Dignity/Lexington will host a reception for Sister Grammick and Father Nugent that evening at 7 pm in the Newman Center. All are welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Several events will be taking place soon. The Spring House of Delegates for Dignity/Region V is May 20-22 in Flint, MI.

A regional convention is set for July 1-4 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Dr. John McNeill, a gay former Jesuit priest and noted author, will be the featured speaker. Workshops will be conducted and it should be lots of fun. Registration is \$55 through May 31, afterwards \$65 until June 15. The host hotel is the Harley, but Dignity/Lexington also has information on camping, etc. For more information call Dignity or ask about the convention at the next meeting.

Finally, Lexington is hosting the Regional V House of Delegates October 21-23. If you're interested in helping (food, being home host, etc.) let us know.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETS IN LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

The Winter House of Delegates for Dignity Region V met in Lafayette, Indiana, during the last weekend in March. After a reception Friday, the business of the weekend began on Saturday. Gloria Jean Hammel, Dignity USA's chair for Women's Concerns, spoke about meeting the needs of lesbians in Dignity. (This was in response to a discussion started by Dignity/Lexington, the chapter with the highest participation of women in the country, at the last House). We learned none of the Ohio chapters are allowed to hold their meetings in their local churches. A good program on membership was presented and the Convention and future meetings were set.

A discussion of Dignity/New York resulted in financial aid from our Region. Many members of Dignity/New York are protesting the actions of Cardinal O'Connor by silently demonstrating during mass and outside St. Patrick's Cathedral. Many have been arrested. A service, dinner, and dance highlighted Saturday evening and Dignity/Lexington's president led 70 lesbians and gay men in "The Hokey Pokey" and "Bunny Hop." All in all, it was a great weekend!

**REFLECTIONS ON THE DEATH
OF A GAY ANTI-HERO**
by Dennis Stutsman

I have recently been bombarded with reviews of two books about the life of Roy Cohn, a loathsome, unethical attorney who prosecuted the Rosenbergs and served as chief counsel to Senator Joseph McCarthy during the communist witch hunt of the 1950s.

Cohn apparently was a "queer hating" homosexual, denying his sexual preference even as he hired his latest male prostitute. The writer of one of the books suggests (rather unconvincingly) this was not hypocrisy: Cohn perceived male homosexuals as effeminate; since he was not effeminate, he was not gay even though he slept with men.

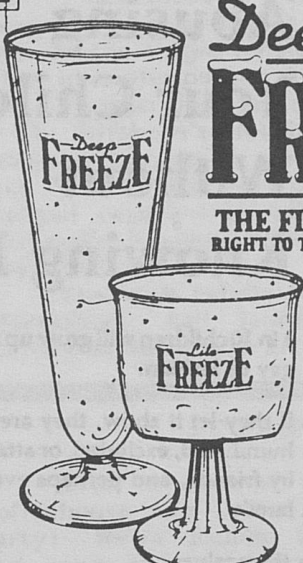
As I flipped through the reviews in *Time* and *Newsweek* and listened to NPR, I couldn't help but feel these books - his life, in fact - would scarcely be worth notice but for the fact that Cohn died of AIDS after a life of sexual debauchery. Not five people across the country would buy these books to read how Cohn traveled Europe searching for subversive books in U.S. Information Agency libraries. But thousands will buy the books to read the sordid details of the sex life of another pervert who got his just desserts in the end.

What is it that disturbs me about the publicity here? Am I offended by the subliminal equation of crime and unethical conduct with gay life? Or by the suggestion AIDS is not always a random undeserved act of god? Or by Cohn's hypocritical condemnation of his own people to gain personal power and celebrity? Probably all of the above.

But perhaps what disturbs me most is that Cohn is yet another public figure whose passing brings to light his "dark secret" of self-denial, of sleazy sex, of closed closet doors. If the private lives of public figures must come to light, I want them to universally reflect kindness and compassion. I want their epitaphs to read "He always wore a condom." I want them to be respected for who they were so young men and women will have gay people to look up to instead of down on.

The world I want is a perfect one. It is one we are a long way from achieving. But one day the Jimmy Sommervilles, Holly Nears and Barney Franks of the world will be allowed the same status as today's straight and closeted gay public figures. And we will know the Roy Cohn's of the world are despicable because they chose to be.

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ICBE CORONATION VII

The Imperial Court of the Bluegrass Empire held their annual coronation at the Bluegrass Budget Inn on April 24. In true ICBE tradition, the event was a splendid, exciting evening showcasing the best of local, state and national entertainers. Using the "American Popular Song" as their theme, ICBE dedicated this year's three hour extravaganza to the late Gary Rash, Prince Royal VI. The Sovereign Court of Denver, Colorado hosted the festivities. Court representatives from both Houston and Fort Worth, Texas also attended.

Congratulations to Jerry Bray and Jerrica James on their election as Emperor and Empress, respectively. Best of luck to ICBE for a fabulous Reign VII.

THE QUILT: STORIES FROM THE NAMES PROJECT

A keepsake book about The NAMES Project Quilt, the national AIDS memorial, with full-color photos and text, will be ready for distribution May 11. In The Quilt: Stories from The NAMES Project (A Pocket Books Hardcover edition, \$22.95) the beauty and spirit of the Quilt lives on. The Quilt is dedicated to preserving the memory of those who have died and to increasing national awareness of the disease.

Created by family, friends, and lovers, the 3' x 6' panels making up the Quilt come from 48 states and five foreign countries. Each panel is unique with its own meaning and memories, each celebrating a life.

The Quilt: Stories from the NAMES Project is at the same time a visual book and moving narrative. Full-color photographs throughout highlight the panels that have become the moving and passionate memorials to those who have died of AIDS. The accompanying text captures the grief and courage symbolized by the panel makers and volunteers involved in this endeavor steeped in American tradition.

The May publication of the book coincides with the national tour to further focus attention on the NAMES Project. Profits from the book are going to the the NAMES Project and will help raise funds for local support groups providing direct services to people with AIDS. The Quilt is written by Cindy Ruskin and designed by Deborah Zemke, with photographs by Matt Herron.

KENTUCKY ARTIST FEATURED IN NEW BOOK

"The Outrageous Life of Henry Faulkner: Portrait of an Appalachian Artist." by Charles House, was published on April 1, 1988 by the University of Tennessee Press.

This absorbing account traces the life of gay painter and poet Henry Lawrence Faulkner (1924-1981) from his traumatic childhood in rural Kentucky to a flamboyant bohemian existence in New York, Los Angeles, Key West, and Sicily to his death in an automobile accident near his home in Lexington, KY. In his meticulous scrutiny of this not-quite-famous figure, the author sheds light on the tragic tensions experienced by the artist in contemporary America.

Incarcerated (as a "sexual psychopath") at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, DC, Faulkner became a protege of fellow inmate Ezra Pound. He went on to a long and highly charged relationship with Tennessee Williams, who make Faulkner the subject of his last play.

The book retails for \$24.95. For Further information, call Jennifer Siler or Lindalee Fortney at (615) 974-3221.

IT'S A PARTY!

After a year of hard work, the GLSO Coffeehouse and Dance Committee is ready to party! We've decided to be nice to ourselves and give ourselves the month of May off. Don't panic, though - there will be a Coffeehouse & Dance on May 20, which will be put on by the Interweave Convo '89 Committee and Dignity/Lexington, but it's their baby, so we get to play this month!

The GLSO C & D Committee will be celebrating a successful year of working together with a party on Saturday, May 14. If you've been wanting to get involved with the Committee, this will be the perfect opportunity. In keeping with the tradition of the Coffeehouses, pop and munchies will be provided. If you'd like to bring something to drink, feel free. For more information, ask any dance committee member or call the new phone number listed in the directory. Hope to see you there!

NEW BOOKS IN PRINT

As many lesbians and gay men know, publishing of gay and lesbian literature has blossomed in the past several years. In fact, over 600 new lesbian and gay titles were published during 1986 alone. Even NEWSWEEK recently reported sales of gay and lesbian literature in the United States have greatly increased during the last year alone. (Holding with its apparently homophobic tradition, NEWSWEEK implies this increase in sales is due to interest on the part of straight people as a result of the AIDS crisis.) The following list is only a tiny portion of recent publications. Most of these titles can be found in Lexington at Special Media (371 S. Limestone) or Joseph-Beth Booksellers (The Mall at Lexington Green). Both these stores, as well as Little Professor Books (Lansdowne Shopping Center) will gladly order any lesbian or gay publications upon request. Any title may also be ordered through the mail from Lambda Rising, 1625 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20009, or by calling (202) 462-6969.

OSCAR WILDE, by Richard Ellmann (Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., \$24.95)

Interesting, scholarly biography of the famous English author.

STARTING FROM SCRATCH: A different Kind of Writer's Manual, by Rita Mae Brown. (Bantam Books, \$16.95)

LESBIAN PLAYS, selected and introduced by Jill Davis (Methuen, \$13.95)

LOVE ALONE: 18 Elegies for Rog, by Paul Monette (St. Martin's Press, \$13.95)

A true account, in verse, of the illness and death of Mr. Monette's lover, Roger Horwitz, and the things Mr. Monette did after his lover died.

THE BEAUTIFUL ROOM IS EMPTY, by Edmund White (Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., \$17.95)
Sequel to **A BOY'S OWN STORY**.

SECOND SON, by Robert Ferro (Crown Publishers, \$17.95)

A novel about hope, "one of our first AIDS romances," from the author of **THE FAMILY OF MAX DESIR**.

GAY BOOK OF LISTS, by Leigh Rutledge (Alyson Publications, \$6.95)

VALLEY OF THE SHADOW, by Christopher Davis (St. Martin's Press, \$13.95)

One of the best novels concerning attempts to deal with the loss of friends and lovers who have died of AIDS, from the author of **JOSEPH AND THE OLD MAN**.

THE MOTION OF LIGHT IN WATER: Sex and Science Fiction Writing in the East Village, 1957-1965, by Samuel R. Delaney (Arbor House, \$18.95)

An autobiographical memoir.

TO THE LIGHTNING, by Catherine Ennis (Naiad Press, \$8.95)

Novel of lesbian prehistoric fantasy.

PAGAN LOVE SONGS, by Gavin Dillard (Bhakti Books, \$7.95)

Beautifully written, romantic, and often sensual poetry.

DREAMS OF THE WOMAN WHO LOVED SEX, by Tee Corinne (Banned Books, \$7.95)

Lesbian erotica.

FRONT RUNNER, by Patricia Nell Warren (New American Library, \$7.95)

Republication of the famous heartwrenching novel of gay love and heroes in everyday life.

SHOULDERS, by Georgia Cotrell (Firebrand, \$8.95)

A sexy, literate, engaging lesbian novel spinning erotic stories about coming out in the 70's and surviving love affairs into the 80's

LESBIAN PSYCHOLOGIES, by the Boston Lesbian Psychologies Collective (University of Illinois Press, \$12.95)

DRAWING ON THE GAY EXPERIENCE, by Gerard P. Donelan (Liberation Publications, \$8.95)

Cartoons from **THE ADVOCATE**.

BUDDIES, by Ethan Mordden (St. Martin's Press, \$7.95)

Enticing, exuberant and thoroughly wonderful short stories that explore the paths of male love, from the author of **I'VE A FEELING WE'RE NOT IN KANSAS ANYMORE**.

NIGHT LIGHTS, by Bonnie Shrewsbury Arthur (Mother Courage Press, \$8.95)

Novel about lesbian love.

ASK AUNT MARY

Dear Aunt Mary: I am a 22 year old gay man living in Lexington. My parents and other family live in a small town in southeastern Kentucky and are very religious (Southern Baptist). We are not particularly close because I have a great deal of trouble with their moralizing and constant attempts to drag me back to church. I try to see my family several times each year but it is hard because I feel like I am constantly lying to them about myself. For this reason, I have considered coming out to them, but so far haven't for fear of their reaction. I already have a problem with self esteem, and I'm just not sure how well I can deal with the possibility of rejection by my family. Other areas of my life are good, including good friends and a good start on my career. Do you think I should come out to my family.

Anxious in Lexington

Dear Anxious: I think at this point it probably would not be a good time to come out to the folks back home. It seems certain that your family will have a difficult time dealing with it, and if you have a self esteem problem it will be hard for you to convince them you feel good about your life and are happy as a person. Why not give things a little more time before taking the plunge, if you feel you must. Meanwhile, please try to read "Now that You Know" and "A Family Matter," two excellent books on dealing with your family. I am sure they will help you decide when and if you may want to come out to Mom and Dad. In the mean time deal with your trips home as best you can, and try not to feel guilty about the necessity of being less than totally open with them. Good luck!

Aunt Mary

If you would like to write to Aunt Mary, send your letter to: Aunt Mary, c/o GLSO, Post Office Box 11471, Lexington, Kentucky, 40575. If you would like a personal reply, please include a stamped, self addressed envelope. All names are strictly confidential.

LETTERS

I must express disagreement with Aunt Mary's reluctance to take a firm stand against the sexual exploitation of children in the March column. As an attorney who has represented too many "junior high school" children who have been "lovingly" and "affirmingly" introduced to sex by a father, uncle or mother's boyfriend, I cannot agree that such relationships should be tolerated by society - gay or straight.

Obviously we can argue about establishing an arbitrary age for emotional maturity. Kentucky has established age 18 as the age of emancipation, and age 16 (roughly speaking) as the age for consensual sex between minors and adults. The objective is the protection from exploitation of people who are, as a class, likely to be unable to exercise mature judgment in a human activity as profoundly perplexing as sexual love.

Benignly permitting me to decide for myself alone whether the law's purpose is served if I sleep with little Johnny guts the protection of the law for any child. This is true regardless of whether Johnny's redneck father beats him regularly or whether I can give him a better chance to drive a Porsche than his mother who receives food stamps.

Reluctance to criticize harmful subgroups within the gay community is apparently induced by the fearful recoiling of gay people from all conventional morality. Since some bad moral views were enacted into law to oppress us, then all morality and laws which embrace moral views should be ignored. The result is a normless, atomic subculture whose continued existence will depend upon the perpetuation of underground gay ghettos.

I suggest, instead, gay people who seek affirmation of their human dignity and integrity within (not apart from) society, should respond to the North American Man Boy Love Association in the same fashion most human beings would respond to an American Society for Straight Sex with Kids. The principle is the same - the moral worth to be accorded an individual bears no relationship to sexual preference.

Dennis Stutsman
Booneville, Kentucky

GAY AMERICA

DETROIT, MI

An openly gay police officer, Sgt. Michael Foley, has been awarded \$65,000 after a federal jury agreed that his constitutional rights were violated when he was arrested and ridiculed by Detroit police in 1984 because of his sexual orientation.

ST. PAUL, MN

The Gay/Lesbian Archives, now located in Los Angeles, CA, may move to the St. Paul-Minneapolis area. A local group is attempting to raise the estimated \$250,000 required, recruit volunteers, and find a suitable home for the archives in the Twin Cities area. The archives has outgrown its present Los Angeles location.

NASHVILLE, TN

About 150 protesters held a candlelight vigil in Nashville on March 26, complaining that a new state law, which prohibits employment discrimination, discriminates against people with AIDS. Under a provision Gov. Ned McWherter signed into law late last year, people suffering from AIDS are not covered by state laws barring discrimination against the handicapped.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Producers of the new quarterly magazine for lesbians and gay men, OUT/LOOK, were forced to delay mailing the premier issue of the journal when their Philadelphia printer refused to do the job. The printer stated the graphics in the magazine "would be offensive to his staffers." A printer was found in Michigan and the first issue of the magazine hit the newsstands March 5.

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors, in a 6-5 vote, approved a hotly debated resolution imposing several pro-gay demands on the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) as conditions of the city's bid to stage the

games. The resolution, backed by the new mayor Art Agnos, calls on the USOC to: officially recognize and allow gays to use the term "Gay Olympic Games", place a gay on the USOC executive board, provide financial support for gay sport groups, and support congressional lobbying efforts to ease immigration restrictions on gays.

HONOLULU, HI

A plurality of Hawaiians favor a state law barring discrimination against gays in employment and housing even though more than half of Hawaii's adults still believe that homosexual activity is "always wrong." In February Honolulu enacted a non-discrimination law that added "sexual orientation" to the list of prohibited discriminatory practices.

WASHINGTON, DC

Georgetown University has agreed to comply with a District of Columbia Court of Appeals order and provide gay student groups with facilities equal to those given other campus organizations. By agreeing to the ruling, the university forfeits its right to appeal the ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court.

LOS ANGELES, CA

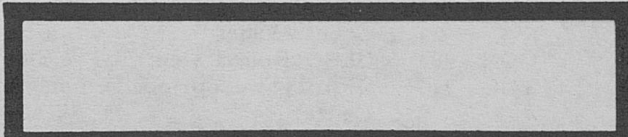
One month after granting official recognition to the nation's first openly lesbian sorority, UCLA has approved a fraternity of gay men. The fraternity, Delta Lambda Phi, was chartered with eleven gay men.

NATIONAL

A member of President Reagan's AIDS commission, Kristine Gebbie, charged that the Reagan administration has failed to provide needed leadership in the fight against AIDS. Gebbie stated "The President himself has avoided any conversation about the epidemic. The Secretary of Health and Human Services has been relatively invisible."

INTO THE FUTURE

- May 26-30, 1988. Southern Women's Music Festival. Georgia.
- May 27-30, 1988. Interweave Spring Retreat. Sunrise, KY.
- May 27-30, 1988. International Mr. Leather Contest. Chicago, IL.
- June 1-5, 1988. Womonwrites '88 10th Annual Southeastern Lesbian Writers' Conference. Central GA.
- June 3-5, 1988. NAMES Project Quilt Exhibit. Cleveland, OH.
- June 3-5, 1988. 9th Annual World Conference of Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International. Columbus, OH.
- June 4, 1988. Gay & Lesbian Pride Day. Dayton, OH.
- June 12-18, 1988. Lexington's Annual Gay/Lesbian Pride Week. Lexington, KY.
- June 16-19, 1988. Kirkridge's "Gay, Lesbian, and Christian" workshop. Bangor, PA.
- June 25-26, 1988. New York City's Annual Gay/Lesbian Pride March, Rally and Dance. New York City, NY.
- June 26, 1988. Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Pride Celebration Parade. Los Angeles, CA.
- June 26, 1988. 7th annual March on the Midwest, Equality in '88. Columbus, OH.
- July 1-4, 1988. Northwest Gay/Lesbian Sports Festival. Seattle, WA.
- July 2-4 1988. Dignity Region V Convention. Grand Rapids, MI.
- July 4-9, 1988. 8th Annual Convention of the National Association of Black and White Men Together. Boston, MA.
- July 21-24, 1988. 6th Bi-Ennial International Assembly of Lutheran Concerned/North America. Toronto, Canada.
- July 22-24, 1988. Kirkridge's "AIDS Grief and Healing" workshop. Bangor, PA.
- 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.



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, 255-3851
- GLSO Cards & Games**.....
-call Karen, 259-3292
- Lesbian Potluck**.....
-call Esmerelda, 255-3851
- Gay/Lesbian AA**.....
-call Craig, 266-8887
- Imperial Court of the Bluegrass Empire**.....
- 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

MAY EVENTS CALENDAR

May 1988						
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Contact names and numbers for all events listed can be found in the Directory on the previous page. The Comp Care Center is located at 201 Mechanic Street, Lexington.

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| SUN 1 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center | FRI 13 | GLSO Volleyball & Potluck, 6:30 pm, Jacobson Park, Shelter #5; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |
| TUE 3 | HIV Positive Support Group | SAT 14 | AVOL Monthly Meeting, 5:30 pm, Comp Care Center; GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance Committee Party, 8:30 pm |
| WED 4 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance Committee, 8 pm | SUN 15 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; ICBE Show, 9 pm, Great Moments |
| THU 5 | Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Gay Men's AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120 | TUE 17 | HIV Positive Support Group |
| FRI 6 | GLSO Mock Anita Madden Derby Party, 9 pm, Victorian Square; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm | WED 18 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Interweave, Topic: Gay/Lesbian Ceremonies of Union, 8 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church; GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance Committee Planning Meeting, 8 pm |
| SUN 8 | Lesbian Potluck, 2 pm; Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center | THU 19 | Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Gay Men's AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120 |
| MON 9 | GLSO/Dignity Forum, Topic: Violence, 8 pm, Comp Care Center | FRI 20 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Convo '89 - Dignity Coffeehouse & Dance, 8:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church |
| TUE 10 | Dignity Liturgy, 7:30 pm; HIV Positive Support Group; GLSO News, Deadline for Submissions | SAT 21 | Interweave Potluck, 7:30 |
| WED 11 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm | SUN 22 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center |
| THU 12 | Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm; Gay Men's AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120 | TUE 24 | HIV Positive Support Group |
| | | WED 25 | Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |
| | | THU 26 | GLSO News Layout, 7:30 pm; 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 27 | GLSO Volleyball & Potluck, 6:30 pm, Jacobson Park, Shelter #5; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm |
| | | SUN 29 | Gayline Training Session, 1 pm, Comp Care Center; Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; ICBE Show, 9 pm, Great Moments |
| | | MON 30 | GLSO Board Meeting, 7:30 pm |
| | | TUE 31 | Dignity Reception, 7 pm, Newman Center |