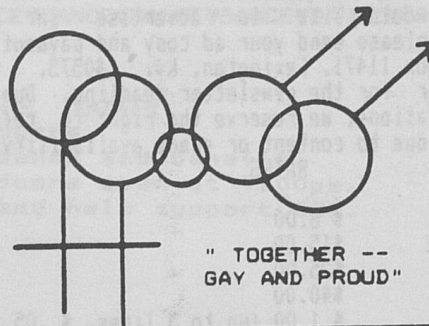


GSO NEWSLETTER

LEXINGTON GAY SERVICES ORGANIZATION
POST OFFICE BOX 11471
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY 40511



February 1985

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I was encouraged to see the new faces at our last General Business Meeting. I would like to thank those who attended and to encourage others to also attend. You don't have to be a GSO member to participate in any of our activities including the monthly business meetings.

So come to any activity or meeting and find out what GSO is all about and how you can help. There are all kinds of opportunities for you to help. Every little bit will help us and also give you the pride and satisfaction of doing something worthwhile for our community. Learn what it means to be "Together--Gay and Proud."

ASK AUNT MARY

We regret to announce that, due to health problems, Aunt Mary's column will not appear this month. She is currently in serious but stable condition at the University of Kentucky Medical Center where she was admitted after suffering a serious heart attack at her home on Nellie Street in Berea. According to a close friend who was with her at the time of the attack, she was stricken only moments after reading an irate letter from a disgruntled newsletter reader who had received a confidential, personal reply to a problem he had written to her about last month. Apparently unhappy with her response, he wrote back with numerous obscene suggestions as to how Aunt Mary could put her typewriter to better use.

We sincerely hope Aunt Mary will be able to resume her column shortly, and we will keep her many well wishers posted as to her progress. To Aunt Mary, all of us at GSO wish you a speedy recovery.

If you would like to write to AUNT MARY, send your letter to: Aunt Mary, % GSO, Post Office Box 11471, Lexington, Kentucky 40575. All names are kept strictly confidential. If you wish a personal reply, please include a stamped self addressed envelope.

GSO THANKS ICBE

The Imperial Court of the Bluegrass Empire held a benefit on January 9 called the "Miss Ellaneous Contest." Proceeds from this event went to help support the Lexington Gay Services Organization.

GSO would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Court and all those who attended. It was an extreme success, bringing \$479.00 into GSO's treasury.

This money will be spent on community services for gays and lesbians in the Lexington area, including: sports activities, GSO newsletter, phoneline, Speakers' Bureau and many social activities.

Special thanks go to Greg and Ron for making this event possible.

FEBRUARY POTLUCK

This month's potluck will be held at Charlie and Darrell's. For this month only you are asked not to bring an entire, although desserts or wine would be appreciated. For more information, call 299-0352.

COLLEGE REFUSES DEGREE TO GAY MAN

A Chicago man was refused a bachelors degree earned at a private Christian college in southern Illinois based on unspecified charges of homosexuality. He reportedly had completed all academic requirements for graduation in May, 1981, when a fellow student told the Dean that the man was gay. Subsequently, the college withheld his diploma.

National Gay Rights Advocates, a San Francisco-based public interest law firm and the prestigious Chicago firm of Jenner Block are representing Greg Johnson in a suit demanding release of his degree and monetary damages. His attorneys noted that Johnsons graduate study and career have been stalled because of the college's action.

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If you would like to advertise in the newsletter, please send your ad copy and payment to GSO, P.O. Box 11471, Lexington, Ky. 40575. See the calendar for the newsletter deadline. Due to postal regulations, we reserve the right to refuse advertising due to content or space availability.

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Submissions for the newsletter are welcome. All submissions become the property of the Lexington Gay Services Organization, Inc. All Submissions must indicate the full name and address of the author, although no byline will be published without permission of the author. Non-original material must indicate that that person has given his/her permission for the use of his/her name in the publication. Anonymous submissions cannot be accepted. The editorial staff has the right to alter submissions (including advertisements) to meet publishing requirements.

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National Gay Task Force Crisis Line.....	(800) 221-7044
NGTF AIDS Crisis Line.....	(800) 221-7044



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GAYLINE
231-0335

PHONELINE VOLUNTEERS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

As reported, the GSO phonenumber is now back in operation. Anyone wanting information pertinent to the local gay community may call the phonenumber at 231-0335 for a recorded message. For people who wish to talk to someone in person, the phonenumber will also be manned by volunteers periodically throughout the week (see the Calendar for times).

Everyone has those moments when they need someone to talk to, but imagine what it would be like if there was no one you could confide in, ask advice of, or simply chat with when you are experiencing that need. Many of our callers are in that very situation, desperately needing to talk to another person who is gay, wondering just what it means to be gay, or maybe just to share the pain of being different with someone who might understand. For many individuals their first call to the GSO Phonenumber may be the first step in coming out and learning to deal with their sexual identity. As a Phonenumber listener, you can make a real difference in someone's life. Most everyone can spare a few hours each month, and this extremely worthwhile project needs your help.

Phonenumber listener training sessions are held at The Comprehensive Care Center on the 4th Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm or as indicated on the Calendar. If you would like more information about how to volunteer to take part in one of GSO's most important projects, call Barry at 268-3935.

KEITH BUCHANAN
TRENDSETTERS
3513 LANSLOWNE DRIVE
273-1097, 273-1610

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES 1/7/85

Previous minutes and treasurer's report were read and accepted.

The treasury stands at \$4,949.08.

Jim announced that the phonline message has been updated, and that the mailing list is upto approximately 180 names.

Doug gave a report on the activities of the Speakers' Bureau.

Edwin announced that volunteers are still needed for the phonline. The next phonline training session will be at 2 pm on Sunday, January 20, at the Comprehensive Care Center.

Jim announced that The Bar is willing to have the Valentine's Day Dance fund-raiser again this year. The entire \$3 cover charge will go to GSO.

David is to contact the Court concerning entertainment for the dance.

Steve B. volunteered to contact Louisville and Telecable of Lexington concerning airing the Whispers video.

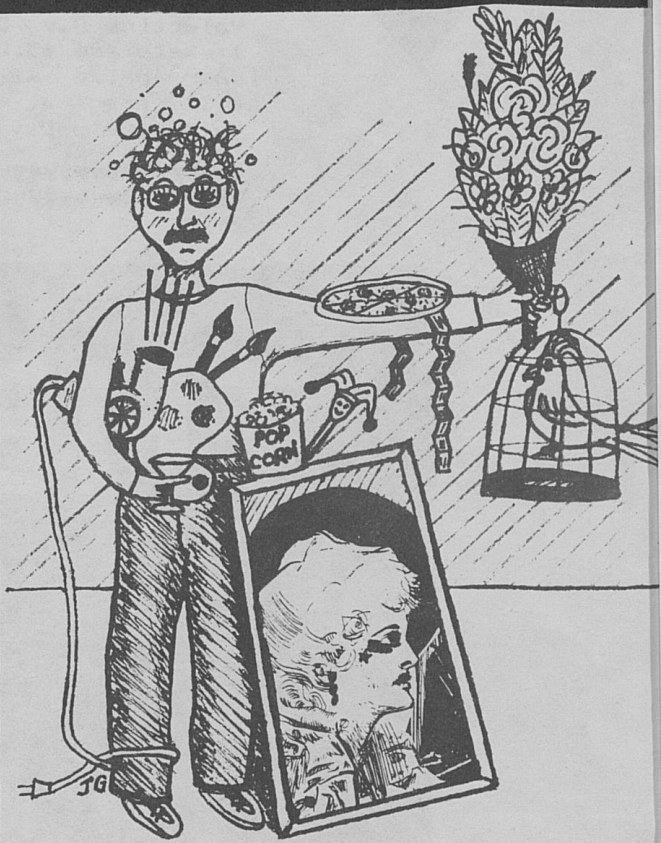
Marshall gave a brief history of the grant from the Chicago Resource Center.

A letter acknowledging the acceptance of the grant was signed by the Board.

The renting of office space for GSO was discussed at length.

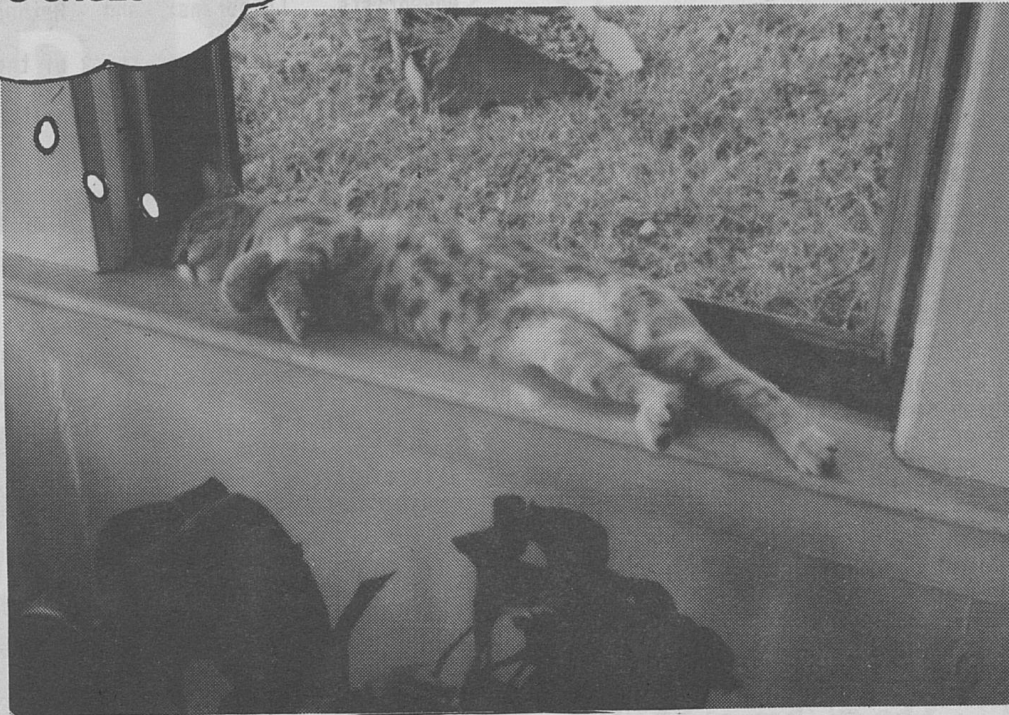
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ADVICE FROM A COMPUTER

Ah!, the wonders of the computer world. The following is from the Consumer Information Service Network. The article is part of a Computer Forum, discussing human sexuality.

Question: Is gay acceptable to God? Will there be any gay people in heaven?

Answer: For this question we sought the advice of Jim Peterman, editor of the Washington Cascade Voice in Seattle.

We are grateful to Mr. Peterman for sharing his expertise.

He writes:

Your reader who asked if there is a place for gay people in heaven needs to know:

First, that he or she is only one of thousands with that nagging question.

Second, that many believe the answer is "yes."

Gay Catholic Meeting

I was privileged to cover for my paper the biannual international convention of DIGNITY, the organization of Gay Catholics, in Seattle this summer.

Over 600 lay men and women and religious (priests and nuns) met in Seattle.

They were welcomed warmly by Archbishop Raymond G. Hunthausen, who allowed them to use the cathedral of St. James for a liturgy the evening before the closing session.

I interviewed many of the participants and convention organizers, and I was struck by the sincere joy and spirituality they all shared.

Seen As Morally Neutral

Even though the church still views homosexual "activity" as morally wrong, the fact of being homosexual--that is, of being sexually attracted to the same sex--is now generally viewed by theologians as morally neutral.

There are some theologians who have actually advocated monogamous same-sex relationships as a positive good, as an alternative to promiscuity.

Aid From Religious Groups

Perhaps the majority of young people who must face the decision that they are homosexual must also deal with the religious teachings they received while growing up.

Those to whom the faith of their childhood means a great deal often suffer terribly from the feeling of being "cut off" from their church family.

There are many organizations like DIGNITY offering comfort to these people.

At the same time they are working with established churches to gain acceptance for homosexual believers.

Some of these organizations are:

DIGNITY (Roman Catholic)

EVANGELICALS CONCERNED

INTEGRITY (Episcopalian)

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

There are Gay Synagogues in most major cities.

There are groups of Gay Mormons, Seventh-day Adventists, Lutherans and Methodists, United Churches of Christ.

We have literally lost track of the groups now offering outreach and fellowship to the gay or lesbian looking for a way back to the faith they were raised in.

My advice to the questioner is to find one of the organizations mentioned and talk to someone their who can provide the benefit of his or her own experience in the search.

Hope this helps.

It's off the top of my head, but I know how urgent the question can be to some.

If anyone needs the address of an organization or group in a particular city, I will be glad to supply.

Write the Washington Cascade Voice, 801 E. Harrison, Suite 105, Seattle, WA 98102

Cordially,
Jim Peterman



ICBE NEWS

- Feb 3..... Sunday, Country Western Night at Circus Disco
Doors open at 8:00pm, Show at 8:30pm
Proceeds to help start a new court system in Columbus, GA
- March 3..... ICBE At the Circus Disco
Doors open at 8:00pm
Proceeds go to Cisco Kids, a government appointed day care center for mentally, Physically and sexually abused children
- March 17, 31.. ICBE Shows, Look for coming events form the Court. Also coming in March Mr. Gay Kentucky
- April 13..... Saturday, Out of State Show and Imperial Roast at LMNOP's
\$3.00 Doors open at 8:00pm
- April 14..... Sunday, Corination IV, Sheraton Inn, Open at 7:00pm
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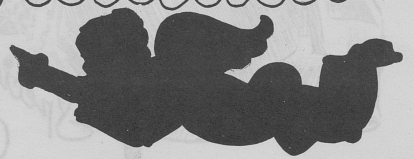
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MOTORCYCLIST DISCOVERS WHAT PREJUDICE IS ALL ABOUT
by Sydney J. Harris

A young college instructor I met recently said, "I never understood much about the nature of prejudice until last year--when I bought my first motorcycle. Then, in a couple of months, I learned what it felt like to be a member of a minority group."

He went on to explain: "For the first time in my life, I knew I was being judged not for myself, but for what I stood for in the public's mind. I was no longer a separate and distinct individual, but a type--or, rather, a stereotype called a 'motorcyclist.'"

"Even though only a small fraction of men who ride motorcycles are hoodlums, or even roughnecks, the public's perception of the whole class is influenced by the conduct of the worst element. Statistically, that perception is a very crude caricature of the average motorcyclist."

"But this fact makes absolutely no difference. We are all regarded with the same suspicion and uneasiness, if not downright hostility as if we were all charter members of the Hell's Angels. Everywhere I rode, I felt the hot breath of prejudice on the back of my neck."

"And, you know, after a while, I got so teed off at this attitude that I began to act like a toughie--as if to say, OK, you expect me to be mean, so I might as well be hanged for a wolf as for a sheep."

Most of this is what the psychiatrists call "paranoid projection," and is far from being limited to a lunatic fringe of mankind. Rather, it is a prevalent trait in all societies, which tend to displace their fear or anger or aggressiveness upon some group easily identifiable by race or religion or political heresy or lifestyle that deviates from the conventional norms of that society.

By projection from some small percentage of motorcyclists to the whole class, we "legitimize" our irrational fears and transfer our own latent aggressive feelings to some "alien" group. In England, in the past, he points out, the Scotch, Irish and Welsh were subject to the same suspicion and defamation that backs, Jews, Latinos, and other minorities have experienced in the United States.

FROM THE ADVOCATE ADVISOR

My "other half" and I never really talked about monogamy. But we have both been around (I'm 38, he's 35) and know the score. So I've always assumed that if I'm out of town on business, and don't get arrested or come home with a case of the crabs, what I do doesn't hurt our relationship. Well, the last time I had to take a trip, it turned out that the sales representative I met with was very attractive and gay. So we just took off after our meeting, he showed me all the night life, I found somebody interesting, so did he, and we all went back to his place for drinks in the hot tub. Etc. Meanwhile, Tommy was calling my hotel once every hour. At eight o'clock in the morning he gave up. I came back to the hotel to find a stack of phone messages. Nobody met me at the airport. Turns out Tommy has been faithful for three long years (to hear him tell it) and has turned down offers he now regrets because he thought I was doing the same thing. I'm confused, pissed off, and afraid of losing a guy I really cherish. Did I do something wrong?

Yeah, you did something wrong, but Tommy was making the same mistake. Most people assume that their personal morality is (or should be) universal. They also assume that somebody they love automatically shares their code of conduct. Obviously, this is not true. According to hindsight, you and Tommy probably should have talked about monogamy before you became lovers. But since the two of you disagree on this issue, who knows? Maybe you wouldn't have had three nice years.

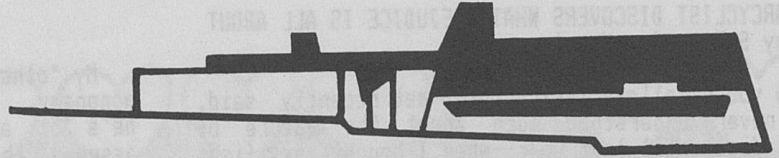
Keep telling Tommy you love him. Let him punish you for a little while, then put your foot down and tell him it's time to decide if your relationship really has a future. You don't sound rampantly promiscuous to me, and he doesn't sound like he's ready to be put on a shelf with the knickknacks, so maybe a compromise is possible. Remind him that he never told you what his expectations were, so that although you are sorry you hurt him, you have not deliberately deceived him; you just kept your own rules about tact and discretion.

Pat Califia



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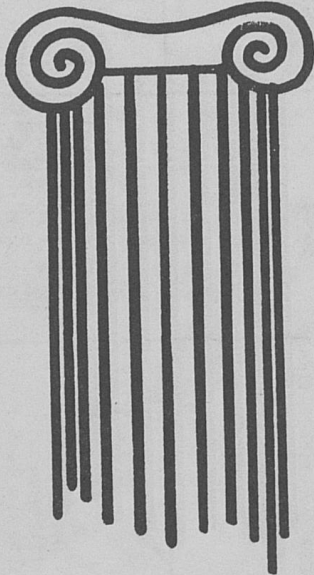
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We are not a "gay church". We welcome people of all creeds and beliefs and nonbeliefs, regardless of sexual orientation. You can be openly gay in our church community and you will be loved and accepted as you are. Our church community includes families in traditional married relationship with children as well as families in nontraditional relationships. We welcome singles and gays and lesbians, and we do not ask you to declare your personal situation, although you are welcome to do so.

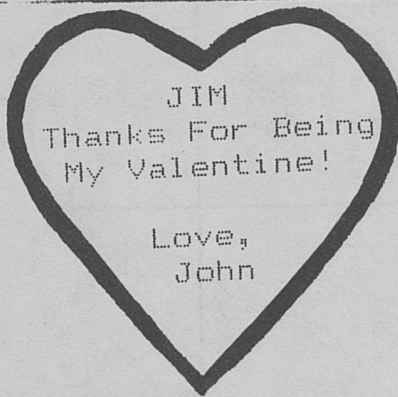
If you are looking for a place to worship, please consider our church community. We gather Sundays at 10:45. We also have a variety of activities going on throughout the week. Come visit and try us out.

We do not seek converts nor do we send out missionaries. If you'd like more information, just call or write and we will send you literature. There will be no attempt to contact you again unless you request it. All communication from you will be kept in confidence.

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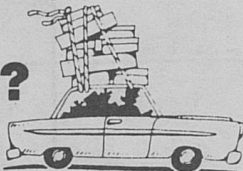
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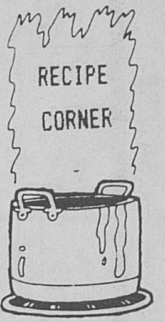
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BACHELOR'S DINNER FOR FOUR

- 1 medium onion
- 1# hamburger
- 1 can tomato soup (10.75 oz)
- 1/2 can water
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 can of green peas (15 oz)
- 6-8 slices of velveta
- 4 cups mashed potatoes (can be instant)
- 3-4 pats butter



Brown hamburger and diced onion, drain and mix with soup, water and spices. In a large cassarole dish, layer peas, cheese, potatoes, butter and finally the meat mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 30 minutes. Sprinkle with paprika and serve.



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 Join GSO and help us to serve the Lexington Gay and Lesbian Community.

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 6:00pm Gay Al-Anon Room 186 St. Joseph Hospital
 MCC Fellowship Dinner 7:00pm, Unitarian Universalist Church 4th & York Streets, Louisville

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 Take advantage of your GSO membership by using it to obtain discounts at participating GSO Sponsors.

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 Doubles Tournament Rosebowl Lanes, Louisville for more information: (502) 589-3486
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