

GAY NEWSLETTER

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Editorial

News

HERALD-LEADER EXPLOITS GAY NEWS

RECREATION FOR GAYS SUCCESSFUL

Why is it that I almost never see an article about a caring, hard-working gay in the Herald-Leader? If I relied solely on the basis of the news as presented by the Herald-Leader, I would certainly believe the large majority of the gay community in Lexington to be homosexual prostitutes, killers, and the like.

Recreation events sponsored by GSO have been very successful thanks to the organizing efforts of a few intensely interested members.

Somehow I imagine that the editors of the Herald-Leader have a list of "newsworthy homosexual subject matter." This list would include the arrest, conviction, torture, beating, killing, or complete nervous breakdown of a member of our community.

Held on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Jacobson Park, Shelter 5, the events have become self-sufficient. The charge for the event is \$2.00 per person. Monies collected go toward the purchase of recreation equipment for the event.

The Herald-Leader does not recognize the existence of successful gay people in Lexington. Obviously all "homosexual" persons in Lexington are scared, closeted, unsuccessful dregs of society, doing what they how how to do best--fail.

The activity which up until now has attracted the largest number of players has been the volleyball game. Therefore, the Board of Directors of GSO has appropriated funds to purchase their own volleyball equipment.

Everyone is welcome to participate in GSO Recreation this month and always, of course.

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CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT JUDGE

TALK TO GSO

Indicative of the type of intellect entrusted with providing us with 'our daily news' is the persistent use of the outdated term "homosexual" in reference to the sexual preference of gay persons by the Herald-Leader. I am never quite sure to whom they are referring since all my friends and acquaintances seem to be "gay," and I have yet to meet a true "homosexual." Gay people consider their sexual preference a lifestyle which they cannot deny (at least not to themselves).

At our monthly business meeting in May, GSO sponsored a forum for candidates for the offices of District Judge and Mayor of Lexington.

Three candidates for District Judge attended the forum: Rick Rose, Bill Shelton, and Rebecca Overstreet. The purpose of the forum was not for the group to form an endorsement of any one candidate, but to provide the gay community with an opportunity to talk with the candidates about issues that concern them as a group and as voters.

Thought is a function of language; we use language to form opinions and ideas, derived by way of thought. If you take just a moment to think about the ideas expressed by the Herald-Leader, you will notice that their language is helping to form your opinions about yourself and other members of your gay community.

All three candidates in attendance were extremely cooperative in frankly answering questions from the membership.

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MEMBERSHIP IN GSO

The membership requirements for voting status in GSO may have changed since you last attended a meeting.

The By-Laws were recently amended to require the payment a \$2.00 membership fee for voting status. This does not mean, however, that you won't receive the newsletter if you don't pay up. (While, of course, we would encourage you to dish out the 2 bucks.) Also, you are welcome at all GSO functions, member or not. Check the calendar for scheduled events for June.

Membership fees must be paid to the Post Office Box of GSO or in person to our Treasurer, Doug Burnham. You should receive a membership card shortly after you remit your dues.

Just think! You will be a card-carrying, officially registered, truly authentic, virtually-doubtless member of GSO!

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UK PSYCHOLOGISTS CONDUCT STUDY OF
SATISFACTION & COMMITMENT IN
LESBIAN & GAY RELATIONSHIPS

"It is only through increased knowledge and understanding of gay people and their relationships that destructive myths and stereotypes may be eliminated."

Source: Letter from Caryl Rusbult & Sally Duffy to Participants, 15 April 1981.

As part of a larger study being conducted on interpersonal relationships, Sally Duffy, a member of our group, and Dr. Caryl Rusbult, both from the Department of Psychology at UK, are conducting a study of satisfaction and commitment in lesbian and gay male relationships.

Participation is voluntary and will be held strictly confidential. You may become a participant by picking up your survey form in the Office of Dr. Caryl Rusbult in the basement of Kastle Hall on the campus of the University of Kentucky.

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GSO NEWSLETTER

The GSO Newsletter (formerly called "THE GAYZETTE") has not been published since November 1980--until now. Our Vice-President/Secretary, Greg S. Butler, has volunteered to act as Newsletter Coordinator for a period of one year.

The name of the newsletter will be changed and we are open to suggestions for a new name for your newsletter. Mail your suggestion to the GSO Post Office Box.

As a monthly publication, the GSO Newsletter will provide you with information on activities of GSO and other matters of interest to the gay community in general.

You may receive the publication by mail, free of charge, by sending your name and address to the GSO Post Office Box; be sure to indicate on your request that you wish to receive the newsletter.

If you wish to submit articles or ideas for the newsletter, you may do so either by mailing them to GSO or by calling Greg at 273-2375. All entries welcome.

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GAY PRIDE CELEBRATION PLANNED

GSO is currently busy making plans for a Gay Pride Celebration in Lexington. All the hard facts are not available at this time regarding date, time and location. You should receive something by mail about this event as soon as things are settled.

Watch your mailbox for this titillating tidbit of true and tasteful information.

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CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT JUDGE . . .

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Those candidates for District Judge who were invited, but did not attend, were: Pery Southard, Paul D. Ross, Julian Reid Gabbard, Debra McVey Johnson, and David Mossbrook. None of these candidates made any effort to respond to our correspondence.

There were no candidates for Mayor of Lexington in attendance!

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GSO ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On Monday, June 8, at 8:00 p.m., the Annual Meeting of the Lexington Gay Services Organization (GSO) will be convened at the Southland Branch Library on Southland Drive.

The main order of business for the meeting will be the election of Officers for the fiscal year 1981-82. Nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President/Secretary, Treasurer, and 4 At Large Members of the Board of Directors were accepted at our last meeting on May 4.

Nominations were accepted as follows:

- President: Belinda Tarpley
Vice-President/Secretary: Greg S. Butler
Treasurer: Doug Burnham
Board of Directors: Sally Duffy, Terry Foody, Edwin Hackney, Kathy Hanley, Birch Land, Trixie LaRue (Ricci Marler), Andy Perry, Becky Reed, Rusty Williams

Voting will be conducted by Secret Ballot.

GSO meets on the first Monday of each month to conduct organizational business. Everyone is welcome.

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GSO NEGOTIATES FOR OFFICE SPACE

GSO is currently negotiating for an office space/meeting facility.

This space will allow the group to conduct meetings of various types in the facility, as well as provide room for clerical work to be performed. It will also provide us with a location from which to base our help line project.

Hope for good news in the next newsletter regarding GSO office space.

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BRIDGE FOR GAYS ORGANIZING

Are you a bridge player? If so, you will be interested in knowing you are not alone.

Because it is felt that some gay people would enjoy playing bridge with other gays, the first meeting of Bridge for Gays is scheduled for Sunday, June 14, at 2:00 p.m., at the home of Greg S. Butler. You will need to call ahead to make reservations to play. Invite a partner if you wish.

Call Greg at 273-2375 to make your reservations now.

EDITORIAL POLICY

Editorial submissions will be accepted in the form of articles for publication or letters to the editor. Letters to the editor do not have to be signed, or may request that the name be withheld. Any submission is subject to review and approval by the editor. Submissions cannot be returned, whether or not printed. Articles should not exceed 350 words.

The editorial statements in this newsletter in no way reflect the opinion or endorsement of the Lexington Gay Services Organization, Inc., or any of the group's leadership; ideas are solely the responsibility of the editor/coordinator for the newsletter.

COMING UP NEXT MONTH . . .

- THE BAR SHOWS SUPPORT FOR GSO
GAY PALIMONEY SUITS?
National Gay News
Gay Literature Review
. . . and more!!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 GSO BUSINESS MEETING (Annual Meeting) Southland Branch Library 8:00 p.m. Election of Officers	2	3	4	5	6
7 GSO POTLUCK PICNIC Woodland Park 1:00 p.m. Games, tool Everyone Welcome	8	9	10	11	12 GSO RECREATION Jacobson Park Shelter #5 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$2.00/person	13
14 BRIDGE FOR GAYS Greg's house 2:00 p.m. Reservations call 273-2375	15	16	17	18	19	20 DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES FOR JULY NEWSLETTER
21 GSO RAP SESSION Southland Branch Library 8:00 p.m. Open to Everyone	22	23	24	25	26 GSO RECREATION Jacobson Park Shelter #5 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$2.00/person	27
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