



# GLSO NEWS

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## Safe Schools?

Safe Schools, a Washington statewide coalition of 90 organizations, released a study recently revealing the profound failure of many adults in schools to address the anti-gay harassment faced by students. In the past 4 years, 91 incidents were reported, including 8 gang rapes, 19 physical assaults, 14 cases of physical harassment and/or sexual abuse short of rape and 34 cases of ongoing verbal or physical harassment.

Eight of the cases involved adults who were approached for help, but who then offended the youth or actively contributed to their harassment. One teacher told a young man, after his classmates spit on him, "Maybe you should do more push-ups. What's the matter, don't you like girls?"

In incidents where teens or children were targets, about one-fourth had adult witnesses. According to Beth Reis, from the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health and author of the report, "In half of those cases, the adults stood by in silence. What young people are telling us, loudly and clearly, is that they feel abandoned by the very adults whose job it is to protect them."

The state of Massachusetts also conducts a survey of students every two years in which they ask specifically for information about sexual orientation, sexual behavior, and behaviors related to health and well being. Students who describe themselves as gay, lesbian, or bisexual and/or who report same sex sexual contact

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## Pride Center Films

The Lesbiganaytrans community has produced some excellent documentaries that could be useful in our outreach to the larger Lexington Community. The GLSO Speakers Bureau will be showing a number of these films on Saturday, January 24th at the Pride Center starting at 2:00 PM.

We want to invite everyone that is interested in viewing these films to attend. We are interested in stimulating discussion of how to reach out to the heterosexual community, particularly to schools and churches. As the research reported in the adjoining article on safe schools shows, there are lesbiganaytrans adolescents in great need of our help. Although it may be awhile before we can show gay positive films to high school students, we can reach out to teachers, counselors, parents, and ministers.

Two of the films we will be showing were made particularly for religious groups and are inspiring even if religious issues are not a personal concern. *Straight From the Heart* portrays parents of gay children talking about their spiritual beliefs and, for some, their struggles to accept and love their gay children. *All God's Children* is

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## Urban Bush Women

On Saturday, Jan. 31st, Urban Bush Women is coming to the Singletary Center as part of the Next Stage Series at the University of Kentucky. Using dance, live music, theatre and vocalization, this group explores the struggle, growth, transformation, and survival of the human spirit.

Urban Bush Women is an unusual group in a number of ways. It is an ensemble of artists, educators, and administrators who are dedicated to exploring the use of culture as a basis of artistic expression. They draw on the folklore, religion, and artistic expressions of Africans throughout the diaspora.

They use the term "vocalization" rather than singing because they include field hollers, chants, and shape note singing within their performances. These African American women have performed to appreciative crowds at the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival. Tickets are available at the Student Center Box Office for \$19.

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reported being significantly more likely than their peers to face threats, attempt suicide, or abuse drugs. Only 4.4% of the students in this survey describe themselves as lesbigay or as having same sex sexual contact. Because over four thousand high school students are randomly surveyed, the results of this study are considered to be representative of Massachusetts students in general.

Taken together, these surveys indicated that lesbigay youth are on the front lines of homophobic abuse. As the adult queer community has become more out, and as our lives are increasingly portrayed on TV and in movies, teenagers, particularly the more obvious ones, have been put in a vulnerable position. It is more difficult for them to stay in denial, or to pass as straight even if they want

**1995 Massachusetts Youth Risk Behavior Survey**

| Reported Behavior   | GLB Students | Other Students |
|---|--------------|----------------|
| Attempted suicided in past year   | 36.5%        | 8.9%           |
| Was in a physical fight in the past year  | 62.3%        | 37.3%          |
| Skipped school in the past month because of feeling unsafe en route to or at school | 20.1%        | 4.5%           |
| Was threatened/injured with a weapon at school in the past year                     | 28.8%        | 6.7%           |
| Used cocaine in their life  | 31 %         | 6.8%           |

**Networking  
Forum  
and  
Pride Planning**

**Tuesday Jan 20**

**6:00 p.m. Potluck**

*come share good food*

*and information*

**Pride Center**

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**Newcomers: this is  
a great place to get  
connected.**

to. Often adults in the schools do not do enough to support them by stoping harassment when they see it or by offering them safe space to talk about their concerns. I know it is particularly difficult for lesbigaytrans teachers and administrators to know how to make helpful interventions while maintaining job security.

There are things we can do to make a difference. We have a youth group and we could work on increasing referrals to this group.(pager# 222-1919) We could do outreach to school counselors and social workers. We could also do outreach to area churches and hope to reach adults who influence these young people's lives.

The GLSO Speakers Bureau is interested in increasing its numbers and in developing strategies for working with schools and churches. As a starting point, come to the films at the Pride Center on Jan. 24th at 2 PM and discuss possible alternatives.(see page 1)

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a similar film with an African American focus, includes interviews with ministers, political leaders, parents, and gay activists. Both of these films were nominated for academy awards for best documentary.

The third film we are hoping to show is a documentary featuring Mel White who shows clips of Pat Robinson and debunks his misstatements (and lies) concerning gay people. Before coming out and learning to accept himself, Mel used to be a speech writer for Robertson and other conservative religious leaders. He has good insights into the misuse of biblical references by the religious right.

Join us for these films and a discussion on how we might outreach to the Lexington Community. I am particularly interested in hearing from people who attend mainstream churches and think that their minister might be open to talking with us. Call Mary Crone for information. (266-5904)



## Networking Meeting Initial Pride Planning

The next Networking Meeting is set for Tuesday evening, Jan. 20th at the Pride Center. We encourage all community organizations to send a representative. Everyone is invited and we particularly enjoy meeting people who are new to our community.

We will begin with pot luck at 6 PM and we are looking for a group willing to bring the entree that evening. The Bourbon Street Restaurant and GLSO Board have provided a main dish in the recent past. Everyone else is invited to bring some food and join us for informal conversation before the meeting.

This meeting will include some discussion of how to organize for Pride Month in June. The dates for Lexington's

celebration are from June 6th through June 21st. Several groups have already begun planning their pride event and members of last year's Pride committee will be available to help other groups get started.

As we begin to form a Pride Committee, we are looking for individuals interested in working on advertising or on planning the Pride Picnic. We hope some new people will be willing to take on leadership roles for Pride 98.

The Networking Committee will not be absorbed into the Pride Committee as in previous years but will continue to meet. Come on Out and join us on Jan 20th and see where you can put some of your time and energy to benefit our community. We need you! For more information, contact Mike Taylor at 225-1828. ☪

## Interweave

Break out of the winter doldrums by attending one of Interweave's events this month.

Tuesday, January 6 marks the beginning of another video festival. Lesbian-themed movies will be shown at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship House (behind the Unitarian Universalist Church) on the first and third Tuesdays through March. Admission is free, but we ask for donations to cover the cost of movie rentals and snacks. Titles we hope to show include *Everything Relative*, *Love! Valour! Compassion*, *Losing Chase*, and *Breaking the Surface*.

Our next luncheon will be Sunday, January 11 following the church service at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship House. Please bring a dish to share.

The Unitarian Universalist Church will also be participating in the Martin Luther King march Monday, January 19. If you are looking for a group to march with, please feel free to join us.

Although Interweave is connected to the Unitarian Universalist Church, individuals from the community are always welcome. For more information about Interweave, please call Davina at 271-6174. ☪

## Dept. of Justice Employees Organize

A local group of Department of Justice employees are organizing an Eastern KY chapter of DOJ PRIDE. The U.S. Dept. of Justice PRIDE is an organization for gay, lesbian and bisexual in all DOJ offices, boards and divisions; the FBI, DEA, USMS, INS, BOP, OJP, and the U.S. Attorneys' offices; AND contractors in any of these components.

Membership is open to any Department employees, former employees, individual contractor/s, or employee of a contractor who is interested in the association's activities and concerns. Associate (non-voting) membership may be accorded by the Board of Directors to any individual not qualified for voting membership who shares the association's goals and interests.

Any DOJ employee or others employed in local or state agencies similar to those in the U.S. Department of Justice who are interested in joining our local chapter, please contact Skeet at (606) 277-0450.



## SISTERSOUND

SisterSound will resume its practice sessions on Sunday, Jan. 4th at 6 pm. at Park United Methodist Church on the corner of Clay and High. There is plenty of parking in the lot behind the church or on the street. We will begin preparing for our Spring concert which is scheduled for the end of March. This concert will be in honor of Women's History Month. All interested women are invited to join us. ☪

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**THE REV. REED SPEAKS**  
by Mary Crone

The following is selected phrases from a sermon by evangelist Fenwick Reed printed around 1935. Your mission, if you should choose to accept it, is to determine what evil sin the Reverend is warning us about.

"I charge the \_\_\_\_\_ with being a hotbed of immorality (in which) modesty is played with and virtue is tempted to ruin. The shameful way in which the women dress is decidedly unnatural, unbecoming and injurious to health. It is injurious to health because it is practiced in rooms heated by excited people, people who have breathed continuously for hours near one another.

The modern \_\_\_\_\_ is worse than the saloon in its influence. I can persuade ten men to give up drinking, where I can persuade only one young man to give up the \_\_\_\_\_ and be saved. The greatest feeder of passion and lust is the \_\_\_\_\_, as every man who \_\_\_\_\_ will be able to testify. It leads to sexual depravity of the worst forms.

Young man, if you would be pure and health, physically, mentally, and morally noble, shun the \_\_\_\_\_ as you would a viper. Young women, beware! Inmates of the brothel point to \_\_\_\_\_ing school as one of the direct causes of their ruin. And they were often sent to these schools by well meaning parents!

To add or update a directory listing, please contact Mary at 266-5904.

For mailing address label corrections please contact Peter at 273-9649

**IF YOUR MAILING LABEL IS YELLOW PLEASE RENEW**

Let it be clearly understood that I speak of the sin and not the sinner. Even if you have \_\_\_\_\_ed for years, there is time to be saved. There are but two classes of people who \_\_\_\_\_, those who are pure and innocent, and those who know the evil and \_\_\_\_\_ because they enjoy it. Now that you know it to be evil, you must stop "and return to God."

All profits on sale of this sermon will be used in the work of spreading the gospel and rescuing the lost.

**TURN OVER FOR REVELATION OF SIN**

So what is this great evil of which the Rev. Reed speaks? Dancing! And from the text it is clear that he is referring to ballroom dancing and parties at which parents are usually present. He goes on about the horrors of dance for 24 pages!

Why is this of interest beyond the humor of his moral indignation? It shows that over time, the object of religious intolerance changes even when the sound of the arguments remain familiar. The passage of time does make a difference in what people are willing to consider moral depravity. Not that fundamentalist ministers of our day will soon give up attacking gay people as the major cause of moral decay, but eventually their sermons will change as they find a new target.

We can speed up this process by coming out to as many people as we are able. Knowing someone gay changes people and it will change religious communities. Do not give in to the belief that the right wing will never change. How often do you hear tirades against the evil of dancing today? It becomes much more difficult for family members to believe the preacher or to sit and listen to him when they know Uncle Bill or Cousin Jane is gay. People leave churches and find new places of worship when their beliefs broaden and become more compassionate. So come out when and where you can..... and keep on dancing!!

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**PINK PAGES TASK FORCE**

No longer "Just in the planning stages", The Pink Pages Task Force is scheduled to meet on January 19, 1998 at the Pride Center at 7:00 pm. YOU ARE INVITED to come and join us as we begin the next issue of this important publication.

Your ideas and comments are needed as we discuss format changes and options available to us. The target date for completion of this issue of the PINK PAGES will be June 1st, just as we begin Pride Month celebrations.

If you can't come to this meeting and you're interested in working with us, please call Charlie Perkins (Facilitator) at (606) 389-9352. He can also be reached on the Internet at charlieky@hotmail.com. Your talents and expertise are needed as we join together to build community and lasting friendships.



**P-FLAG MEETING**

Parents, Friends, and Family of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) is again scheduling regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. We meet at the Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church at the corner of Tates Creek and Armstrong Mill. Contact Perry (502-226-5478) for more information.

**Lexington Fairness Annual Election**

Lexington Fairness Campaign will hold the annual election of the steering committee on Jan. 21, 1998, to fill several spots for 3-year terms. The meeting is at 7:30 pm at the Pride Center.

Fairness is gearing up for the Kentucky Legislative session which will be starting in January. We need committed people to combat homophobic legislation. Call the LFC Hotline at (606) 296-7812 for more information. There is now a LFC Website: <http://lexfair.home.ml.org>

# Family Movies

## OUT ON VIDEO

by Davina Warner

So many women I know didn't like *Chasing Amy* that I've been reluctant to review it. Kevin Smith, who wrote and directed *Clerks*, also wrote and directed this comedy about a young man who falls in love with a lesbian. If you've seen *Clerks*, you are familiar with Smith's dialogue which is filled with lots of cursing and explicit sexual descriptions.

*Chasing Amy* is no exception. I believe this language which includes "sexist" and "homophobic" terms may have been offensive to some women. In most cases, however, Smith offers a counterpoint to this language. The supporting character Banky is very sexist and homophobic, but his best friend does not condone this behavior. In fact latent homosexuality and jealousy are explored as possible explanations for Banky's words and actions.

Another complaint I heard regarded Alyssa Jones, the lesbian character played by Joey Lauren Adams. Many women did not like her representation of lesbians.

I personally liked the character of Alyssa. At first glance, she seems very feminine with Jewel-like looks and a Jennifer Tilly-voice. But viewers soon learn she is a strong woman who lives life on her own terms.

She works in the predominantly male field of comic book writing, creating and selling a comic book which is described as "touchy/feely" and "personal." She is also very secure with her sexuality and sex in general. This is clearly exhibited when she and Banky share stories about "permanent injuries" they have sustained while having sex.

The thing I liked most about Alyssa is that she does not fit into some stereotype.

She is a complex woman, who is secure enough to explore who she is without making excuses for her choices. As the story progresses, we see that she has learned from her life experiences. She tries to remain true to herself and refuses to let anyone make her something she isn't. That includes men and the lesbian community.

For me, this became the underlying message of *Chasing Amy*. Everyone needs to be true to themselves, and we need to love and accept people for who they are. We can't put people in a particular category because of their gender, ethnic background or sexuality.

In exploring this theme, Smith has created a fresh and funny film. The characters are complex and interesting, and the plot is unpredictable. Smith remains true to his story offering an ending which felt realistic. If you can get past Smith's language and let go of your own stereotypes, I think you'll enjoy *Chasing Amy*.

## BUTCH IS CAMPY FROM TOP TO BOTTOM

by Jon Shelton

What a versatile title that is! What a versatile film *Butch Camp* is! This movie manages to be both a slapstick comedy and a slap in the face. It's the kind of slap that wakes you up to reality. What writer-director Alessandro de Gaetano has fashioned is a fine, funny flick that is full of itself. It's filled with wonderful contradictions; familiar yet original situations, cartoonish yet cool characters and padded with predictably unpredictable predicaments.

That's a lot of...diction, but *Butch Camp* is the little pink comedy that could and does deliver the goods by being both campy and insightful. It's like Paul Rudnick (author of *In & Out*) on a budget.

*Butch Camp* tells the story most gay people would like to tell. It appeals to the

majority of us who:

- a) Don't fall into any particular gay stereotype
- b) Don't want to play games in bars
- c) Do very much dream of falling in love

It also appeals to the rest of us thanks to a fine cast. Stand-up comedian Judy Tenuta delivers a hilarious performance as the camp's whip-cracking commandant. The *Butch Camp* of the title is a place somewhere over the rainbow where blue boys fly and learn to defend themselves against some straight and narrow minds. To tell more would rob you of the many surprises the film holds.

*Butch Camp* recently played at the Kentucky Theater. It may turn up there again soon. Look for it coming out on video sometime in the near future. That's an order. Now, drop and give me ten... *Butch!*

## National Black Lesbian & Gay Leadership Forum

This February between the 12th and the 15th, the eleventh annual Black Leadership Forum will be held in Washington D.C. Established in 1988, the Forum works to empower black lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgendered by developing leadership skills, increasing their visibility, and building bridges between various communities.

The first day of the forum will be a health and wellness institute. The following days will have a variety of workshops. Last year workshops included: Healing the Pain of Racism and Homophobia, Transgender Awareness, Lesbian Health Issues, Black Lesbian and Gay Domestic Violence, and Yoruban Culture and Religion.

There is an open call for workshops this year with a deadline of January 7th. For more information and registration material contact: National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum, 1436 U. St. NW, Suite 200, Washington DC 20009. (202) 483-6786 Fax (202) 483-4970 or on line at NBGLLF@aol.com.

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|  |   | 1 THURSDAY   | 2 FRIDAY  | 3 SATURDAY   |
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| <b>4 SUNDAY</b><br>10:45 a.m.<br>Unitarian Universalist Church<br>11:30 a.m.<br>Lexington's Metropolitan Community Church<br>6:00 p.m.<br>SisterSound Rehearsal (Park Methodist Church)<br>7:00 p.m. Dignity (Pride Center)                | <b>5 MONDAY</b><br>8:00 p.m.<br>AA Step Study   | <b>6 TUESDAY</b><br>7:00 p.m.<br>Movie Night (U.U. Church)<br>8:30 p.m.<br>Rainbow Bowling League  | <b>7 WEDNESDAY</b><br>6:00 p.m.<br>Frontrunners (W. Park)<br>6:00 p.m.<br>HIV/AIDS Support Group<br>7:00 p.m.<br>MCC Study Group<br>8:00 p.m.<br>Gay/Lesbian AA<br>8:00 p.m.<br>2 Step & Swing Dancing (Club 141) | <b>8</b><br>7:00 p.m.<br>Men's Chorus Rehearsal (Pride Center)   |
| <b>9</b><br>7:30 p.m.<br>Gay/Lesbian AA  | <b>10</b><br>9:00 a.m.<br>Frontrunners (Arboretum)<br>7:30 p.m.<br>Gay/Lesbian AA   | <b>11</b><br>10:45 a.m.<br>Unitarian Universalist Church<br>11:30 a.m.<br>Lexington's Metropolitan Community Church<br>12:15 p.m.<br>Interwawe Pot Luck (U.U. Church)<br>6:00 p.m.<br>SisterSound Rehearsal (Park Methodist Church)              | <b>12</b><br>7:00 p.m.<br>GLSO Board Meeting (Pride Center)<br>8:00 p.m.<br>AA Step Study   | <b>13</b><br>7:30 p.m.<br>PFLAG (Chapel Hill Presby. Ch.)<br>8:30 p.m.<br>Rainbow Bowling League   |
| <b>14</b><br>6:00 p.m.<br>Frontrunners (W. Park)<br>6:00 p.m.<br>HIV/AIDS Support Group<br>7:00 p.m.<br>MCC Study Group<br>7:30 p.m.<br>Fairness (Pride Center)<br>8:00 p.m.<br>Gay/Lesbian AA<br>8:00 p.m.<br>Ballroom Dancing (Club 141) | <b>15</b><br>6:00 p.m.<br>HIV/AIDS Support Group<br>7:00 p.m.<br>Men's Chorus Rehearsal (Pride Center)<br>8:00 p.m.<br>Bluegrass Colls members<br>9:00 p.m.<br>Colls non-members  | <b>16</b><br>7:30 p.m.<br>Gay/Lesbian AA   | <b>17</b><br>9:00 a.m.<br>Frontrunners (Arboretum)<br>7:30 p.m.<br>Gay/Lesbian AA   | <b>18</b><br>10:45 a.m.<br>Unitarian Universalist Church<br>11:30 a.m.<br>Lexington's Metropolitan Community Church<br>6:00 p.m.<br>SisterSound Rehearsal (Park Methodist Church)<br>7:00 p.m.<br>Dignity (Pride Center) |
| <b>19</b><br>7:00 p.m.<br>Pink Pages Task Force (Pride Center)<br>8:00 p.m.<br>AA Step Study<br><br>GLSO NEWS DEADLINE<br>ALSO SUBMIT ADDITIONS,<br>UPDATES AND<br>CORRECTIONS FOR<br>FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER<br>273-9649                      | <b>20</b><br>7:00 p.m.<br>Networking Forum and Pot Luck<br>7:00 p.m.<br>Movie Night (U.U. Church)<br>8:30 p.m.<br>Rainbow Bowling League  | <b>21</b><br>6:00 p.m.<br>Frontrunners (W. Park)<br>6:00 p.m.<br>HIV/AIDS Support Group<br>7:00 p.m.<br>MCC Study Group<br>7:30 p.m.<br>Fairness Elections (PC)<br>8:00 p.m.<br>Gay/Lesbian AA<br>8:00 p.m.<br>Line & Partner Dancing (Club 141) | <b>22</b><br>7:00 p.m.<br>Men's Chorus Rehearsal (Pride Center)   | <b>23</b><br>7:00 p.m.<br>MCC Game Night<br>7:30 p.m.<br>Gay/Lesbian AA  |
| <b>24</b><br>9:00 a.m.<br>Frontrunners (Arboretum)<br>7:30 p.m.<br>Gay/Lesbian AA  | <b>25</b><br>10:45 a.m.<br>Unitarian Universalist Church<br>11:30 a.m.<br>Lexington's Metropolitan Community Church<br>6:00 p.m.<br>SisterSound Rehearsal (Park Methodist Church) | <b>26</b><br>8:00 p.m.<br>AA Step Study  | <b>27</b><br>8:30 p.m.<br>Rainbow Bowling League  | <b>28</b><br>6:00 p.m.<br>Frontrunners (W. Park)<br>6:00 p.m.<br>HIV/AIDS Support Group<br>7:00 p.m.<br>MCC Study Group<br>8:00 p.m.<br>Gay/Lesbian AA<br>8:00 p.m.<br>Open Dancing (Club 141)                           |
| <b>29</b><br>7:00 p.m.<br>Men's Chorus Rehearsal (Pride Center)  | <b>30</b><br>7:30 p.m.<br>Gay/Lesbian AA  | <b>31</b><br>9:00 a.m.<br>Frontrunners (Arboretum)<br>7:30 p.m.<br>Gay/Lesbian AA  |   |  |

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**Dear Gertie Mae,**

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I keep telling her that I don't believe it was meant for us to be a couple or that we 'd be happier apart. I'm always friendly but I never tell her that we could get back together if.....or anything like that, but she keeps thinking that we might. What can I do to get through to her?

**Want To Be Left Alone**

**Dear "Want To Be"**

Your trouble is easily remedied. Stop using the phrases "I don't believe..." "I don't think..." or we would probably..." You didn't say it, but you're trying to let her down easy, aren't you? I've seen it all before honey - ya think you're being kind by softening your statements with

these phrases, and that's laudable sugar but to her they're phrases of hope because they're not concrete.

Please, don't be rude but don't be try'n to smooth things over. Just tell her that you're sorry but it's over, that you do not want to be in a relationship with her, and that you, at least, will be happier apart from her. You should also consider setting some limits, telling her that you will only see her once a week or even limiting your contact to a phone call a week. There is no reading between the lines with these statements, they are matter of fact and to the point.

If she still won't leave you alone after you have been blunt and set limits, she may have a problem that needs to be addressed by a professional. Hopefully that is not the case, because who knows what the courts are doing with protection orders and stalking behaviors in same sex relationships these days.

**Good luck!**

**Gertie Mae**



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## In Memorium Tim Banks

Timothy Glenn Banks, 38, died Thursday December 12th of a heart attack. Tim worked as an accountant for Aids Volunteers of Lexington and coordinated their spring fund-raising walk, a job he treasured because he could make good use of his accounting skills in an atmosphere that also valued his warm heart and good humor.

Tim volunteered a lot of time and energy to the Lesbian/gay/trans community. He served as the treasurer of the GLSO Board and was a member of the auxiliary for the Lexington Men's Chorus. During their Holiday Concert, the Men's Chorus honored Tim for his work in support of LMC to which he gave financially, emotionally, and spiritually.

The GLSO Board was greatly appreciative of Tim's work with us. Not only did he take on the management of increasing financial responsibility as we added the Pride Center to our projects, he was a delightful person to work with. Tim will be remembered for his thoughtful comments, his ability to notice and express appreciation to those working with him, and for his warmth and kindness.

Tim is survived by his partner of over

twenty years, Jim Slaline. He is also survived by his mother, three brothers, a sister and their families all living in the central Ky. area.

The Rev. Steven Banks, Tim's brother and the minister of a Lexington Baptist Church, delivered the eulogy at his funeral. It was particularly touching to hear of Tim's life from a family member. Rev. Banks spoke warmly of Tim and Jim's long term relationship. He acknowledged that Tim's extended family had to struggle at times with the reality of Tim's life but it was obvious that this family worked to maintain and cherish their loving bonds.

Tim Banks loved well and was well loved. He will be deeply missed.

### Rape Crisis Center Seeks Volunteers

The Lexington Rape Crisis Center needs volunteers to answer the HOTLINE in their homes. Shift choices are flexible. Volunteers must be a least 21 years old and are asked to make a six month commitment.

Upon successful completion of the comprehensive (and free) training sessions, volunteers will be asked to staff the 24 hour RAPE CRISIS HOTLINE, providing support and information for victims and their loved ones. They will also meet victims at local

hospitals and courts, and provide referrals for vital follow-up services. The training program is scheduled as follows:

**Friday, Jan. 23,.....5:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

**Saturdays: Jan. 24, Jan.31,& Feb. 7  
from 8:30 am - 4:30 p.m.**

To apply for this training, please contact Stephanie Perry, Rape Crisis Center Education and Counseling Coordinator at (606) 253-2615.

### Pamphlets Purchased

GLSO has recently purchased pamphlets printed by P-FLAG to help individuals who are coming out and their families. We would like to thank P-FLAG for ordering these pamphlets and for helping us get a low price by ordering some for themselves. We would also like to thank Interweave for ordering some for the Unitarian Church and for donating some money toward our purchase.

We have three titles: *Be Your Self, Questions and Answers for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Youth, Beyond the Bible, and Our Daughters and Sons*, written for parents. We mail these pamphlets to individuals, to therapists, and, perhaps in the future, to ministers.

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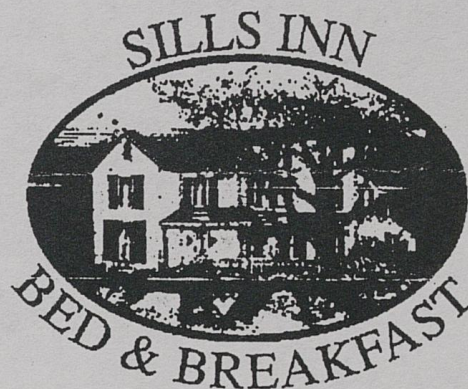
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| Woodford County.....          | 873-4541 |

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| AIDS HOTLINE .....                     | (800) 840-2865 |
| AIDS Volunteers, Inc. ....             | 278-7494       |
| AVOL Legal Advocacy Program .....      | 278-7494       |
| Health Department HIV Support Programs |                |
| (Patty) .....                          | 288-2377       |
| (Amanda).....                          | 288-2374       |
| HIV/AIDS Legal Project .....           | (502) 584-1254 |
| HIV-Education Youth Group .....        | 278-7494       |
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| .....                                  | 678-5814       |
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