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NEWSLETTER

LEXINGTON GAY SERVICES ORGANIZATION
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AUG 1985

GSD FORUM REPLACES GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Beginning this month, in an effort to increase the exchange of information, the GSD General Business Meetings will be replaced with a three part forum. The forum will open at 8:00pm with the Board presenting what it has been doing during the past month including an update of current and future GSD activities. Then at 8:30 the forum will be turned over for input from the membership and the community at large. The Board will accept the information presented and take action as required at its next Board meeting. These results will be presented during the next GSD forum.

Starting at 9:00, a program consisting of a different topic each month to be given by a volunteer(s) will be presented, including social time with refreshments. The topic for August's program will center around a taped report from National Public Radio entitled "The SHANTI Project: When a Friend has AIDS." The SHANTI Project is a group that trains people to assist AIDS patients.

The All New and Improved GSD Forum will be held in the GSD office at 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322. If you have never been to our office before, this is a good chance to see it and possibly some friends you haven't met yet.



BOWLING NEWS

The Rainbow Bowling League will start its second fun filled year, this Fall. On August 27th., 8:00pm, at Joyland Bowl, there will be an organizational meeting held. If you would like to bowl on this year's league, you need to be present at this meeting or send a representative. You can either come as an individual and be assigned to a team on this night or you can come and bring an entire team.

Sign up NOW!! Call 231-0100 to sign up or for more information. Meet new people, bring your friends and have a great time!



CARDS AND GAMES

Yes! A test night of cards and games will be held at the GSD office on Friday night, August 2nd at 7:00pm. B.Y.O.B. Call 231-0100 for more information. Soft drinks and snacks welcome. Come socialize and/or play!

LET'S GET PHYSICAL!

Whether you're a beginner, have some experience or do it very well, GSD would like to know if anyone is interested in participating in an aerobics class. Times and days will be set up according to the desires of those interested and the time constraints of our instructor, who is generously donating his efforts in doing this project for GSD.

So, if you'd like to tone up a few of those flabby muscles, (or show off a few of those firm ones), call John or Jim at 299-0352 or write to GSD, Box 11471, Lex., KY 40575.

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION TO CHALLENGE SODOMY LAWS

The ACLU announced plans to challenge state sodomy laws in the spring issue of "Civil Liberties," the ACLU newsletter.

The Lesbian/Gay Rights Project, ACLUGRP will be based in the group's national office in New York, and will begin to challenge the state sodomy laws that criminalize homosexuality and will also attack the various forms of discrimination that these criminal laws engender.

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 ____ Please let me/us know how I/we can be more involved in GSO or other gay/lesbian organizations by calling _____
 ____ or writing: Phone # _____

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hey guy's!
 We need some AIDS benefits. The bill board is great!
 MC - Lexington

Dear GSO:
 Please use this <check> for the bill board project -- if you cannot use this for that, please accept it as a general donation.
 You are doing GREAT WORK at GSO.
 Love,
 CK - Lexington

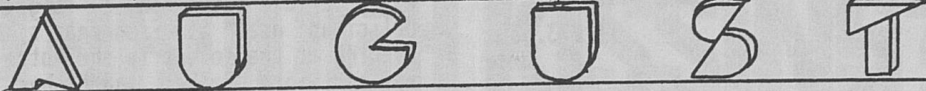
**GSO SUMMER BOWLING LEAGUE
RESULTS FOR WEEK 4**

POS	TEAM NAME	WON	LOST	TOTAL PINFALL	PERCENT
1	Loose Ends	10	6	8903	82
2	Chevy Three	9	7	6803	56
3	Al's Crew	8	8	6756	50
4	Crewettes	5	11	6891	31

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Blue Monday 26 27	Happy Hour All Night 27 28	Planter's Punch 2.00 28 29	"Sit On It & Swivel" ----- Original play by Scott MACHARTY 29	Stingers 2.00 30	White Russian 2.00 31

Try Our new Ice Cream drinks !!!

GSO
OPERATING RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
JULY 1, 1984 TO JUNE 30, 1985

Receipts:

Benefits/Social Activities	\$2,063.73
Memberships	440.00
Billboard	5.48
Computer	200.00
Donations	178.12
Newsletter/Advertising	1,291.32
Whispers Tape	95.00
Total Receipts	\$4,273.65

Expenditures:

Billboard	\$ 480.00
Contribution to Lexington Gay/Lesbian Pride Week Association for 1986	397.23
Newsletter	1,794.33
Phoneline	81.03
Telephone	664.11
Whispers Tape	120.00
Total Expenditures	3,647.18

Excess of Receipts over Expenditures	626.47
Cash Balance, July 1, 1984	327.55
Cash Balance, June 30, 1985	\$ 954.02

As of June 30, 1985, the balance of the Chicago Resource Center grant is \$2,178.80.



ASK AUNT MARY

We are happy to welcome Aunt Mary back from vacation, we all missed her. This month, in place of her usual column, she has agreed to share some of her vacation experiences.

Dear Readers: Somehow Berea is never going to seem the same after spending three weeks in San Fransico. I had only intended to stay for a week, but had such a marvelous time I decided to add two weeks to my vacation. My son and his -- what term should I use? - friend, roommate or perhaps partner? -- proved to be perfect hosts and tour guides.

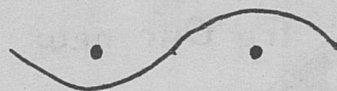
Even the flight to California was enjoyable, thanks to Carl, the flight attendant, who couldn't have done more for me and who was so interested in my trip after he learned I was on my way to visit my bachelor son living in San Fransico. He was so kind he even pretended to be interested when I showed him my son's picture, and then insisted on having Daniel's phone number so he could call and make sure that I made it in from the airport without any problems -- wasn't that thoughtful!!

The lovely, quiet dinner at home that Daniel and Michael prepared for my first night in town certainly did not prepare me for some of the strange and wonderful nights that followed. After a wonderful afternoon of sight seeing and a delicious meal at Fisherman's Wharf we spent the evening at the lounge in the Hotel Atherton where we ran into Daniel and Michael's best friend, a sweet little girl named April with the most beautiful long blond hair. We chatted all evening about make up, manicures, clothes and the high cost of good shoes. Imagine my surprise when April stopped by Daniel's house the next day in jeans, no make up, short brown hair and in need of a shave! Such a delightful person, but it's so confusing -- I'm never sure whether I should refer to him or her, Bruce or April, boy or girl, and worst of all, I never did find out if he/she used the ladie's room or the men's room when we went out!

And then I met Greg, 6'6" tall with dark hair, blue eyes and a neatly trimmed beard -- so handsome I couldn't resist when he asked me to join him at the Hyatt for lunch. Daniel and Michael had to work that day anyway, so I thought 'why not?' Well, Greg picked me up the next day in a shocking pink 1959 Cadillac Eldorado convertible, wearing a full length sable coat (in June, no less!), a diamond ear ring the size of a quarter, and an emerald bracelet I would have killed for! To say we turned heads when we walked into the dining room would be an understatement, but I still haven't figured out what our waiter meant when he said, "Well, I see you've found another live one, Mary!" He obviously didn't know my name, and he seemed to be talking to Greg. Very strange!

Well, I suppose I should close before this turns into a book, and believe me I could write a novel! If any of you see me at the GSO dinner cruise or one of the other GSO functions be sure to ask me about Mary, Queen of Scotts -- now that's a real story!! But I must admit, dear readers, to quote Dorothy, "There's no place like home!"

If you would like to write to Aunt Mary, send your letter to: Aunt Mary, XGSO, 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.



CAN AIDS BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH KISSING?

Because of recent discoveries about saliva and disease, there are questions about AIDS and its possible transmission by saliva.

We do not have answers to all the questions. We *do* have the best available information, medical opinions, and observations from leading AIDS researchers.

Contact with infected saliva passes many diseases.

Here's what we know:

Many viral diseases are passed from one individual to another as a result of contact with "infected" saliva. The common cold, flu, cold sores, cytomegalovirus (CMV) and mononucleosis can all be transmitted by contact with the saliva of an infected individual.

On the other hand, some diseases do not have the ability to easily and casually infect individuals. Even though Hepatitis B virus is present in saliva, there is little evidence that people have contracted Hepatitis B from kissing.

There are different ways of looking at the problem.

Basically, there are two kinds of research being conducted in the study of the transmission of AIDS through saliva.

In one area of research, epidemiologists study the habits, lifestyles, and sexual practices of persons with AIDS to try and determine how they contracted the disease.

In a separate but related area, virologists have searched for the specific AIDS virus and antibody. While epidemiologists try to determine *how* the disease is spread, virologists try to locate the possible places where the virus can exist and the physical routes (called vectors) the virus uses to spread from one

AIDS SAFE SEX GUIDELINES

- Safe
 - Massage, Hugging
 - Mutual Masturbation
 - Social Kissing (Dry)
 - Body-To-Body Rubbing (Frottage)
- Possibly Safe
 - French Kissing (Wet)
 - Anal Intercourse With Condom
 - Sucking—Stop Before Climax
 - Watersports—External Only
 - Cunnilingus
- Unsafe
 - Anal Intercourse Without Condom
 - Semen or Urine In Mouth
 - Sharing Sex Toys
 - Blood Contact
 - Rimming
 - Fisting
 - Vaginal Intercourse Without Condom

* Bay Area Physicians For Human Rights (1984)

person to another.

According to Dr. Edward Brandt, former Assistant Secretary for Health, "Epidemiologic patterns of transmission consistent over the past three years lead us to believe that AIDS is transmitted only through blood, blood products, and semen. After more than three years and more than 6,000 cases in the U.S., we have not seen a case where saliva seems to be the plausible route of transmission."

Epidemiologists who have been studying this disease since the beginning of the epidemic generally agree that saliva is not likely to be an effective means of transmitting AIDS.

Although researchers agree that AIDS is probably not spread by kissing, they are not certain. In one study, researchers found the suspected AIDS virus (HTLV-3) and its antibody in the saliva of some people who had been exposed to AIDS. There is no hard evidence that the virus is or is not transmitted through saliva.

Dr. Jerome Groopman, AIDS researcher, says, "Saliva is very unlikely to be an important

means of transmission for this disease... but it is a potential vector (means of transmission)."

Because of the possible risk, "wet" kissing is defined as "Possibly Safe."

Make an informed decision.

If you are making decisions about safer sex and intimate kissing, remember: Epidemiologists say there is no evidence that saliva is an effective means of transmitting AIDS. However, the AIDS virus has been found in saliva; consequently, saliva could be a method of transmission. Also remember that, as with all "Possibly Safe" sex practices, risk increases with multiple partners.

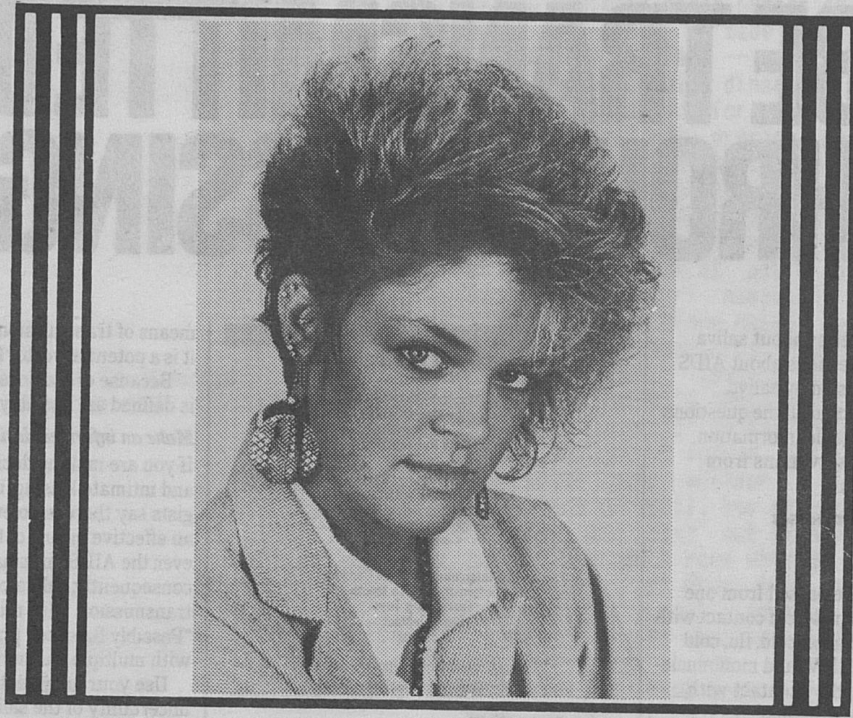
Use your judgment. But do not use the uncertainty of the saliva issue as an excuse to engage in known Unsafe Sex practices.

Researchers don't have all the answers, but medical experts agree that safer sexual practices can help stop the spread of AIDS. There's some question about what's completely safe. There's no question about what's completely unsafe.



For more information about AIDS prevention, call the San Francisco AIDS Foundation: (415) 863-AIDS
Toll-Free in No. CA (800) FOR-AIDS
TTY (415) 864-6606

The next GSD Forum (formerly the GSD General Business Meeting) will include a presentation on National Public Radio's story: "The Shanti Project: When a Friend Has AIDS." Don't miss this moving presentation on a topic that each of us should be concerned with.



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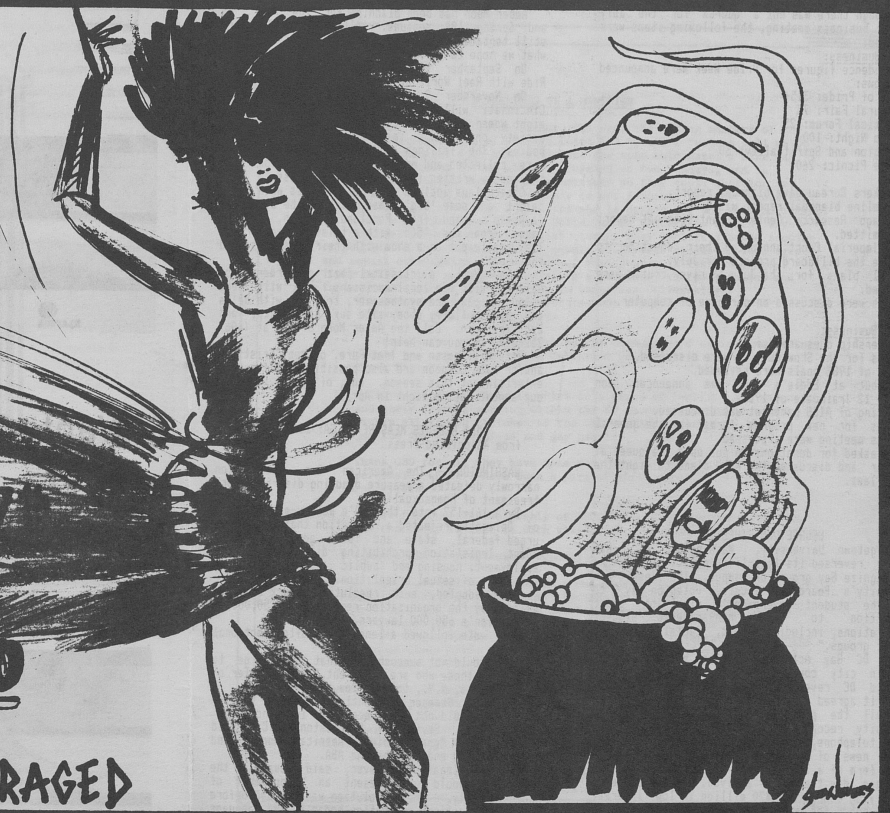
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GSO GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING 7/1/85

Although there was not a quorum for the July general business meeting, the following items were discussed:

Old Business:

Attendance figures for Pride Week were announced as follows:

Show of Pride: 315+
Cultural Fair: 75
Political Forum: 25
Video Night: 100+
Religion and Spirituality: 50
Pride Picnic: 260+

Speakers Bureau gave biannual report.

Phoneline biannual report was given.

Chicago Resource Center Grant biannual report was submitted.

The Imperial Court announced their donation to continue the billboard project for July.

Final plans for the July 19 river cruise were announced.

Plans were discussed on purchase of computer.

New Business:

Membership dues are due.

Plans for the Show Auction were discussed.

List of 1985 goals were reviewed.

Campout at Eddie's farm was announced for October 12 (raindate of 19th).

Mailing of AIDS pamphlet was discussed.

Plans for new program format for the general business meeting were discussed.

GLD asked for donations to put up a marquee at The Bar and discussed the ACLU plans to fight the sodomy laws.

GEORGETOWN GIVES IN

Georgetown University, Washington DC, has finally reversed its long-lived policy of refusing to recognize Gay groups on campus. The Jesuit-run university's Board of Trustees voted on May 2 to okay the student government's right to grant recognition to "all non-academic student organizations, including ethnic, racial, and Gay student groups."

The DC Gay Activists Alliance had initiated a bill in city council requiring the mayor to withhold DC revenue bonds from the university unless it agreed to provide the Gay campus groups with all the privileges that go with official university recognition: activity funds, office space, telephone, etc.

The news of the Trustees' vote came to council in the form of a letter from Mayor Marion Barry. The same day the letter arrived, council passed a bill giving Georgetown \$70 million in low interest revenue bonds for renovation and construction.

--from an article by Lou Chibbaro, Jr. in The Washington Blade

UPDATES FROM AMBER MOON

Amber Moon has been planning for the Fall '85 and Spring '86 seasons. Although our plans are still tentative, we would like to share with you what we hope to be doing.

On September 14, we are planning a Riverboat Ride with Reel World String Band playing on board.

On November 9, the Women's Theatre from Cincinnati will perform "No Body's Perfect." These eight women dramatize the effects of media and society on women's image of themselves and their bodies. The feelings and experiences expressed were collected and edited from taped sessions with the group, written in a collective process.

Other plans include more coffeehouses with local talent and some 'big' names, such as the Dyketones (a women's band from Portland, Oregon, singing songs from the '50s with a twist to the lyrics. They really put on a show with their costumes and routines!

Beth York, a classical-jazz performer from Atlanta, will use local musicians. We will need women to play the synthesizer, trap set with bells and chimes, flute, oboe, alto sax, bass, harp, and English horn. Call the Amber Moon office at (606) 252-3110 if you can help!

Cris Williamson and Tret Fure, or Meg Christian, and/or Kate Clinton are also possibilities for your entertainment this season. And, of course, expect our annual Casino Night in April!

ABA REJECTS MEASURE ON GAY BIAS from Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The American Bar Association narrowly defeated a measure opposing discriminatory treatment of homosexuals.

By a 161-152 vote, the ABA's policy-making House of Delegates rejected a resolution that would have urged federal, state and local governments "to adopt legislation prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations on the basis of sexual orientation."

When adopted, such resolutions spark lobbying efforts by the organization representing 350,000 of the nation's 650,000 lawyers.

The vote followed a lengthy and often emotional debate.

"We should not succumb to that ugly urge to ridicule those who are different," Henry Miller of White Plains, N.Y., told fellow delegates.

But Joe Stamper of Antlers, Okla., said, "Lawyers should not be advocates of indecency."

Augustine Smythe of Charleston, S.C., said homosexuality "goes against American mores" and should not be endorsed by the ABA.

Other delegates, however, said passage of the resolution would not represent an endorsement of homosexuality. The resolution was amended before the ABA's weeklong convention began to add language that pointedly denied "approving or endorsing homosexual activity."

MUTTERINGS OF A MINISTER

On June 30th (Gay Pride Sunday, Chicago) the voting members of the Second Unitarian Church of Chicago voted 110 "yes", 2 "no" to call me to be their permanent, full-time minister. The vote culminated a nine day candidating process during which I preached on two Sundays, and in between met with individuals and committees so they could question me, get to know me, and to decide whether or not I should be their minister.

I presented myself as a minister who is openly gay and self-affirming. (I am not a gay minister.) Second Unitarian in Chicago is in many ways the "typical" Unitarian Universalist church: they include a broad section of peoples in their congregation, people of diverse creeds, color, ages and sexual orientation. Ten percent of that church is lesbian or gay. Their calling me, near-unanimously, is a testimony to the openness and inclusiveness taught and practiced in Unitarian Universalism.

The purposes of this paid advertisement are to:

- * Share my good news with you.
- * Commend for your consideration the community of caring and loving people who are the Lexington Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Road.
- * Tell you about INTERWEAVE, which is a group of lesbians and gay men and their friends working within the UU Church of Lexington and within all the UU churches of the Ohio Valley District to bring justice for all lesbians and gay people.
- * Thank GSO for all they have done for the gay community and for me personally while I have been a part of this community the past four years.
- * Praise the current leadership of GSO, especially our president Jim, who continues to lead us with vision and compassion and understanding.
- * Commend GSO to you. Join! Support!
- * Squash a groundless and stupid rumor that my leaving the UU Church here in Lexington was "forced" because of my sexual orientation. My four years at this church has been a mutual love affair and I have always and in all ways been supported 100% by the board of the UU Church and by its membership. My sexual orientation has never been an issue here. I am leaving solely because I feel my personal development and spiritual growth require this change.

May the spirit of love and understanding be with all of you; I will keep you in my heart, always.

With love, *Charlie Kast*

Rev. Charles G. Kast

minister, Unitarian Universalist Church

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from People

ACLU Executive Director Ira Glasser and ACLU President Norman Dorsen said that with the creation of the project the ACLU would be able to take a more aggressive and visible role in fighting for equal rights for Gays and Lesbians.

The first priority of the ACLU Lesbian/Gay Rights Project will be the eradication of sodomy laws. Sodomy laws are used as the legal basis for police harassment of Gay men, and to justify differential treatment of Lesbians as well as Gay men in housing, employment, and domestic relations (e.g. child custody) cases. Even where sodomy laws are not vigorously enforced, their mere existence defines Gay relationships as a crime, perpetuating common myths and stereotypes about Gay men and Lesbians, and inhibiting Gay people from living openly and freely.

ACLU, along with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, (LLDEF), has already filed a legal challenge to the Louisiana sodomy law, and ACLU is now exploring the possibility of bringing similar challenges in Arkansas and Minnesota.

The ACLU Gay Rights Project will also target discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in housing and employment -- with emphasis on education and the uninformed municipal services (police, firefighters, etc.). In addition, the project will pursue several cases in which local laws interfere with Gay people's First Amendment rights, including laws barring teachers from "advocating" homosexuality in the classroom.

The project will work closely with Lambda to assure there is no duplication of effort and to avoid diverting contributions from other gay rights groups. Litigation and strategies will be developed in consultation with an advisory board now being formed. The board will include leading gay rights activists such as Jay Kohorn, Roberta Actenberg, Leonard Graff, Tim Sweeney and Abby Rubinfeld, in addition to several members of the ACLU Board of Directors.

The ACLU said it would require \$50,000 to begin the project and was now actively seeking contributions.

The ACLU can be contacted at its national office at 132 West 43rd Street, New York 10036 or by phone at (212) 944-9800 days or (212) 944-9846 nights. The Central Kentucky Chapter of the ACLU can be contacted at Post Office Box 22132, Lexington, Kentucky 40522-2132 or by phone 24 hours a day at 277-3544.

NEW AIDS DRUG DEVELOPED

Doctors in Boston say an experimental anti-viral drug should be added to the growing list of medicines that appear effective in test-tube studies against the AIDS virus.

Phosphonoformate, or PFA, appears to be capable of stopping the AIDS virus from spreading, but has not yet been tested on humans.

When Francis Coppola (Apocalypse Now) and George Lucas (Star Wars) present a film directed by Paul Schrader (Taxi Driver) about Yukio Mishima, the homosexual, imperialistic Japanese writer who disemboweled himself in 1970 after trying to restore Emperor Hirohito to political power, controversy is sure to break out. The breakout occurred last month at the first Tokyo International Film Festival (TIFF) when the festival refused to show "Mishima." Earlier, the film's producers accused the festival of reneging on its commitment and circulated an open letter protesting TIFF's action that was signed by more than 70 big movie names, including Louis Malle and Woody Allen. Mishima's widow waded into the fray, charging that the moviemakers had violated their contractual agreement not to show Mishima's homosexuality or his gory suicide.

Meanwhile, the \$6 million film (with Ken Ogata as the adult Mishima) opened in Paris following its showing at the Cannes festival, where it won a special award for artistic contribution. Variety called it a "boldly conceived, intelligent and consistently absorbing study." So why did TIFF cause a tiff? "This film has got Coppola, it's got Lucas, it's got fame and notoriety," says co-producer Tom Luddy. "Why weren't they chasing us to get it?" Although Tokyo critics claim Schrader bit off more than he could chew directing a Japanese cast in a language he doesn't speak, Luddy accuses the festival of knuckling under to threats of violence from right-wing groups, some of which don't like their hero being appropriated by Americans. Mishima remains an embarrassing figure in Japan. "So many Japanese hated Mishima," says the movie's production designer, Eiko Ishioka. "They had the same complexes inside themselves, and he laid bare for all to see what it meant to be Japanese." Americans will get to see "Mishima" this fall. But it may be a long time before it's shown in his own country.

CDC EXPECTS AIDS CASES TO DOUBLE

The number of people diagnosed as having AIDS should double to 20,000 in 1986, according to Dr. Harold Jaffe, chief epidemiology of the AIDS program at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

Jaffe also said that studies showed that more than 1 million people nationwide may be carrying the HTLV-III virus, which is believed to cause AIDS. Researchers don't know how many of these carriers will go on to develop AIDS.

Jaffe spoke at a conference on the disease, sponsored by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and more than 30 health groups in southern Florida.

Speakers throughout the conference stressed that AIDS is not a homosexual disease, noting that in Central Africa most AIDS cases have been in heterosexuals.


GAY MEN AND LESBIANS, 55 AND OLDER

Previous research in the gay/lesbian community has indicated a preference for retirement housing and long term care facilities which are homosexually oriented. To elicit more detailed and accurate information concerning interest in such facilities for lesbians and gay men, a nationwide survey is being conducted by Dr. A.J. Lucco, Fellow in Geriatric Medicine at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore.

Gay men and lesbians who will be at least 55 years old by the end of the current calendar year are needed to complete an anonymous, self-administered questionnaire which asks for demographic data as well as opinions in regard to retirement housing options and preferences. If you qualify and are willing to participate, please contact: A.J. Lucco, M.D., The Beacham Center, 5200 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21224.

Organizations willing to distribute questionnaires are also asked to reply.

The study is being funded privately by the principal investigator. Results will be compiled and made available to gay/lesbian organizations around the country which are interested in developing retirement facilities for older lesbians and gay men.



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THE ORDEAL OF WALTER CARLOS

Sixteen years ago Walter Carlos, the acclaimed young composer of the revolutionary electronic recording "Switched-On-Bach," was invited to perform on the famed Moog synthesizer with the Saint Louis Symphony. The occasion was important for the new musical and technical wizard who, by turning the 18th-century composer's notes into electronic tones, had transformed the sounds of classical music--and at that point had sold more copies of one album than any other classical musician in history. But in what should have been his most triumphant moment, Carlos, 30, was distraught. In his Saint Louis hotel room he began to cry hysterically and told his producer, Rachel Elkind, that he didn't want to go onstage. Walter Carlos had kept what he thought was a terrible secret from the world: He suffered from a psychological condition known as gender dysphoria. For nearly two years he had been receiving estrogen treatments to help him become a woman. En route to Saint Louis he had dressed in women's clothes, as he had done habitually in the preceding months.

In his room Carlos, still feeling miserable, touched up his face, which the estrogen had softened. He pasted on sideburns, stuffed his long hair under a man's wig, ran an eyebrow pencil over his smooth chin to simulate 5 o'clock shadow and went on stage. The performance was acclaimed, but thereafter Walter Carlos refused to perform in public again.

In the fall of 1972 Walter has a sex change operation but did not publicly reveal her new identity. Until 1979, when Wendy at last told her story in a Playboy interview, eight successive records came out under Walter's name. "Unlike Horowitz I was never there to take my bows," she says. "I was effectively a prisoner in a closet."

Now with the release of her 15th album, Digital Moonscapes (CBS Masterworks), the 45-year-old Carlos (whose credits include the scores for "A Clockwork Orange," "The Shining" and "Tron") can rise for an ovation long overdue. The nine-movement Moonscapes suite, inspired by the major moons of the solar system, is performed by what Carlos calls a "digitally synthesized orchestra." It is technically and musically her most accomplished work. During the last three years she not only composed the score but electronically created more than 500 "voices" that replicate symphonic instruments. "Wendy has built up lyrical sounds nobody ever heard coming out of a digital synthesizer before," says Robert Moog, inventor of the synthesizer. "Nobody is in her league."

"Switched-On Bach" was the pioneer classical crossover album," says R. Peter Munves, marketing director at CBS Masterworks.

At the time he was recording "Switched-On Bach" Carlos was getting counseling from Dr. Harry Benjamin, author of "The Transsexual Phenomenon." "I was willing to see if I wouldn't be happier as a woman than being in the trap I was in," Carlos

says. Instead the 1972 operation only complicated Carlos' life. Stevie Wonder, George Harrison and Keith Emerson wanted to pay calls on Carlos. But friends convinced her that for the sake of her career, she must not reveal her change of identity. So all visitors were told by Rachel Elkind--Carlos' producer, collaborator and housemate--that Walter was away. "I would listen to them from upstairs," says Carlos. "I accepted the sentence, but it was bizarre to have life opening up on the one hand and to be locked away on the other." When Stanley Kubrick asked Walter to write the score for "A Clockwork Orange," Wendy would dress in men's clothing for their meetings. "I could tell he felt something was strange," she says. "But he didn't know what." She even appeared on The Dick Cavett Show disguised as a man. Finally, Eluding the limelight, Carlos even took up the esoteric hobby of eclipse chasing. She trekked to Siberia, Bali and Australia. By the end of the 70's--according to Annemarie Franklin, whom Carlos met in New York and who is now her loft-mate and business partner--she had acquired a reputation as a leading eclipse photographer.

After her "coming out" interview in 1979 Carlos hit her stride composing. "The public turned out to be amazingly tolerant or, if you wish, indifferent," she says. "There had never been any need of this charade to have taken place. It had proven a monstrous waste of years of my life."

As "Digital Moonscapes" suggests, Wendy Carlos may have finally found peace. In the Greenwich Village loft that is her studio and is nicknamed by friends "the Spaceship," Carlos is creating her next album, "Catalyst," on an even more complex synthesizer.

"What I'm doing now is very profound," she says. "A lot of people who drop by get their socks knocked off. I've never done that to anybody before." She is even planning to resume performing regularly in public. "It will be fun," she says, "to get out into the open again."

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G.S.O. OUTREACH

Thanks to those of you who have sent in forms for this project. Names, addresses and/or phone numbers of those people in your area who have sent in forms will be mailed to you by the middle of this month. We will continue the project for as long as we continue to receive forms. If you missed the article explaining this project, (first run in last month's newsletter), we are reprinting it below:

The GSO newsletter is the only way many of our readers are able to keep in touch with what's going on within the gay community in Kentucky unless they happen to live near or close enough to one of the "big cities," (namely Lexington or Louisville) to meet with other gay friends at bars or in lesbian/gay organizations such as GSO, Lambda, Dignity, GLUE, etc. In an effort to bring our gay and lesbian readers in other communities around Kentucky in touch with one another we are offering the following service. If you would like to meet with other lesbian or gay people in or near your community for the purpose of starting a local gay/lesbian group, or just getting together to talk or socialize, fill in the form below and mail it to us. If we receive forms from anyone else in your area who wishes to participate in this project, we will give them your name, address or phone number and yours to them. It is then up to you to contact the person(s) interested. **THIS IS NOT A "DATING SERVICE."** We are only trying to help our readers who have expressed a feeling of isolation or seclusion because of the size of their community, establish contact with one another.



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- THU 1 PHONELINE, 8:00pm - 11:00pm.
- FRI 2 CARDS AND GAMES, 7:00pm, GSO office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322, (for more information see 'Cards and Games', on page 1); GAY AA, 8:00pm, Comprehensive Care Center.
- SUN 4 GSO POTLUCK, at Steve B's 1:30pm, for more information call 299-0352 or contact any GSO member. Bring a dish and a friend. See you there!
- MON 5 GSO FOURM, 8:00pm - Board Report, 8:30pm - Community Input, 9:00pm - Program, This month's program topic will be The SHANTI Project: "When a friend has AIDS" (for more information see 'GSO Forum Replaces...', on page 1), Refreshments will be provided, GSO office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322.
- WED 7 DIGNITY BOARD MEETING, 7:30pm, Newman Center; GAY AA, 8:00pm, St. Joseph Hospital, Room 186; PHONELINE, 8:00pm - 11:00pm.
- THU 8 PHONELINE, 8:00pm - 11:00pm.
- FRI 9 VOLLEYBALL/POTLUCK, 6:30pm, Jacobson Park, Shelter #5; GAY AA, 8:00pm Comprehensive Care Center.
- WED 14 DIGNITY LITURGY, 7:30pm, UK Newman Center; PHONELINE, 8:00pm - 11:00pm.; GAY AA, 8:00pm, St. Joseph Hospital, Room 186.
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- FRI 16 CARDS AND GAMES, 7:00pm, GSO office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322, (for more information see 'Cards and Games', on page 1); GAY AA, 8:00pm, Comprehensive Care Center.
- WED 21 GAY AA, 8:00pm, St. Joseph Hospital, Room 186; PHONELINE, 8:00pm - 11:00pm.
- THU 22 PHONELINE, 8:00pm - 11:00pm.
- FRI 23 VOLLEYBALL/POTLUCK, 6:30pm, Jacobson Park, Shelter #5; GAY AA, 8:00pm Comprehensive Care Center.
- SUN 25 PHONELINE MEETING, 2:00pm GSO office, 431 S. Broadway, Suite 322, volunteers are needed for this worthwhile cause, all training is provided.

- MON 26 GSO BOARD MEETING, 8:00pm.
- TUE 27 GSO BOWLING LEAGUE MEETING, 8:00pm., Joyland Bowl, (for more information see 'Bowling News', on page 1).
- WED 28 GAY AA, 8:00pm, St. Joseph Hospital, Room 186; PHONELINE, 8:00pm - 11:00pm.
- THU 29 DIGNITY PROGRAM, 7:30pm, call for more information, 299-0352; PHONELINE, 8:00pm - 11:00pm.
- FRI 30 GAY AA, 8:00pm Comprehensive Care Center.

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