

G.L.S.O. NEWS

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Quakers Support Lesbian & Gay Marriages

by Betsy Neale

The Lexington Friends Meeting has joined a growing number of Quaker meetings that have agreed to marry lesbian/gay couples. Lexington Friends will consider marriage requests from couples regardless of sexual orientation who are active in the meeting. This decision follows several years of study and discussions of gay/lesbian issues including a presentation by members of the GLSO Speakers Bureau and personal sharing by lesbian members of the meeting. Because Quakers try to act out of spiritual leadings rather than rational decisions, they make their collective decisions only when the group is in unity. It took several years and the painful resignation of one member before we were in unity on this decision. But the meeting at which the same-gender marriage minute was adopted was a joyous occasion. Quaker weddings are different from conventional church ceremonies. The meeting witnesses rather than performs the ceremony in which the partners marry each other in the presence of God at a Quaker meeting of worship. Once the couple marry, the meeting carries a continuing responsibility for helping them and their children with any difficulties they experience. Thus, Quakers speak of being married "under the care of the meeting." In addition, because marriage is a spiritual union, Quakers have never believed that a marriage requires the sanction of the state.

Friends' wedding and marriage traditions are

founded on the belief that all people have "that of God" in them. This belief shapes our worship, which is a collective experience of silent waiting for spiritual leadings. These are usually expressed as spoken or sung ministry shared by individuals as they feel led. Visitors are always most welcome to join us. Worship is at 10am on Sunday mornings at the Meetinghouse, 1504 Bryan Ave., which is just inside New Circle Road. If you have any further questions, please call Betsy Neale at 277-6101.

Pride Week Is A Big Success

Lexington's Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Pride Week was held June 3-13 and was a great success in most ways. Most events drew crowds exceeding 100 people with the Fairness Campaign's Pride Rally in Triangle Park attracting over 200 people and local news stations. The best attended event was of course the Pride Picnic at Woodland Park that drew almost 300 people on a rainy Saturday. Although GLSO has sponsored Pride Picnics in the past at private farms, this picnic was the first public "family outing" in Lexington of this type and magnitude. Lexington is coming of age. Kudos to all the many EXHAUSTED people who made us laugh, cooked for us, entertained us and made us buy all those rainbow flags. (By the way, if you didn't get your very own temporary tattoo, Suzanne still has a box.) Thanks should also go to the many local businesses who donated prizes and materials for the events.

EDITORS' NOTE

by Jeff Jones

Next month's August issue will be a critical time for our community. The GLSO News is an important information source and service to our community. In the last year, its circulation, advertisers and features have grown tremendously thanks to the support of our community and the hard work of over a dozen individuals. For the last year, I have coordinated the work of this great group of people, but I must step down from the GLSO News editorship to attend to my doctoral dissertation. So, August's issue is my swan song, and despite notices for months, no one has stepped forward to replace me. So, this month I will outline again the needs of the GLSO News volunteer positions. This work does not pay in cash but certainly does pay in pride, creativity and as a way to meet people.

General Editor: to coordinate/collect articles from writers, edit writings, write a considerable part of the newsletter, make sure that copy is transferred to Mac compatible disk and delivered to Layout Editor, make sure that newsletter gets to Layout Editor in time to get to printer in time for folding/stuffing party, be a general troubleshooter, **TIME INVOLVED:** around 20 hrs./month, far less time if other positions are filled, **SKILLS/EQUIPMENT NEEDED:** writing, diplomacy, organizing skills, access to computer (disks can be transferred from IBM to Mac)

Advertising Manager: to pursue new advertisers, to update and collect ads, customer service, billing for ads, **TIME INVOLVED:** around 10 hrs./month after initially signing on foundation group of repeat advertisers (already completed in large part), **SKILLS/EQUIPMENT NEEDED:** salespersonship, telephone, basic abilities to keep track of payments from advertisers

WRITERS: GLSO News currently has 3 fairly regular columnists who submit work: Laura Jones, Christopher Robyn and Barry James. The rest is largely written by the editor. There is a need for at least two other writers: 1) one to

call/collect information from all local organizations about area events and dates for the News and its calendar, and 2) another to collect news external to the local community drawing on mail to GLSO and news stories. **TIME INVOLVED:** 3-5 hrs./month, **SKILLS NEEDED:** journalism, basic writing skills, ability to type in work onto computer disk is helpful but not required. These positions are not mutually exclusive. One or two people can handle all these positions: one person has done all this work at times in the last few years. Please don't be intimidated by the time or skills needed. If you want to become more involved socially, this is a great way to meet people and discover pride in your own abilities and creativity. The GLSO News is always growing and changing according to the gifts brought to it by the different people who work with it. If you want to bring your own touch to this important service, please call Jeff Jones at 276-5383

Woman Wins Flag Contest

Kay Maxwell is the winner of UK Lambda's recent contest for a 3' x 5' rainbow flag. Contestants registered for the drawing at several recent Pride events.

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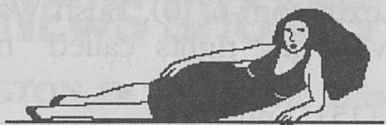
Jeff Jones and Kristin Smith

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Esmerdela's Parlour

by Laura Jones

Not being actively involved with Lexington's Gay and Lesbian Pride Week but rather a "fly on the wall" as Ann Olliges' partner, I found myself baffled, vexed and intrigued by some aspects of our community. Ann helped develop the Gay/Lesbian Services Network (SN) after a need for improved community networking was determined by the Fairness Campaign. So, with 30+ lesbigay organizations, the theory of coordinating a Pride Week with each group being responsible for an event seemed...well, at least plausible. And it worked! Lexington had a great week- but not without some controversy: Why did the Pride Picnic move from Coolavin to Woodland Park? Many of us use Coolavin on a fairly regular basis for walks or softball practice. And despite the area being perceived as an African-American community space, many gay men and lesbians of all races live in the North Broadway neighborhood. Well, after the announcement of Coolavin as the picnic site, the SN received several angry calls from both black and non-black lesbians and gay men who said they represented the views of the black gay/lesbian community in Lexington. One caller felt the "white gay and lesbian community was once again 'oppressing' her by having the picnic at Coolavin because it was in her neighborhood..." and that as gay people we "should understand oppression." After thinking this over I realized that the SN was not the oppressor in this situation: the victimizer was that part of the African-American community who the caller feared exposure to and retaliation from. Another caller said "I thought you would have realized how homophobic the African-American community is." The sense was that there were safety issues in any park where we might encounter large groups of stray (or stray-acting) homophobic

adolescents, and we had already arranged for increased police presence for any public area. And we had just recently heard the president of the NAACP speak at the March on Washington calling his community to support us in our quest for civil rights. All of the callers were invited to the SN meeting the following Saturday: no one appeared. Because it was feared some people would not want to come to the picnic, it was moved to Woodland Park. 250 people attended a great day, but only 2 members of the African-American gay/lesbian community (neither one had been the callers). We had two minor incidents there: one adolescent in a bathing suit requested escort by one of the four police officers past us. (Incidentally, the officers were male, black and white, terrific, and gobbled up hot dogs/Cokes cooked by the COLTS). Later, as the park and pool were clearing due to rain, four teenagers called out "that's right you queers, leave the park!" That was it. (I had expected the Christian militia). Sunday night at the Volunteers Banquet we were quite a collection: politicians and editors, doctors and nurses, entrepreneurs and librarians, waiters and therapists. There were cowboys, 40 men in black tuxedos, leathermen and a former Empress in suit and tie. I thought to myself: what a strange collection we make. We have this tiny thread that brings us to this room tonight. Racial issues divide us. It is important to recognize our intent is not to oppress. Members of the African-American community must come forward: we need to hear your experiences, fears and needs. And, you need to hear ours. It's a tiny thread that connect us to one another, but it is that very thread that divides us into this gay community. We need to share some peace and support each other.

Tennis Anyone?

A new group is in the works for lesbian, bisexual and gay tennis players. If you are interested in such a group for summer matches, please contact Will at 254-3781 as soon as possible. The summer is going fast.

The Pros and Cons

Here is a listing of the people who wrote in pro and anti-gay letters to the Lexington Herald-Leader since our last issue:

Pro: Josh Van Lieu (Lexington)-5/16 Chris Landon (Lexington)-5/17 Kathy Schiflett (Lexington)-5/20, Law Unfair to Gays, Lesbians D.P.Dixon (Lexington)-5/20, Protection Is Wanted Beth Dailey (Lexington)-5/23, Minister's Article On Lesbians, Gays Was Disturbing Lawrence Durr (Lexington)-5/23, Don't Let Polls Decide Amy Johnson (Lexington)-5/24, Treat Everyone Equally Linda West/Sky Hedman (Lexington)-5/28, Wrong On Size of Crowd Jim McKeighen (Lexington)-5/28, Military Needs Stricter Code Marion Gregory Graves (Lexington)-5/29, Not A Matter of Morality Andrea Lonon (Lexington)-5/30, Tremendous Fear Lifted Marilyn S. Daniel (Lexington)-6/2, Question Military Discipline Patricia Ann Ellis (Lexington)-6/3, Paper Showed Courage Bradley Garrett (Lexington)-6/9, Colorado Keith Elston (Lexington)-6/11, The Plight of Lesbians, Gays Anti: Patsy Chaffins (Mt. Sterling)-5/20, Not Adam and Steve John Miller (Lexington)-5/20, Start Showing Concern, gay people are child molesters and AIDS carriers D.L.Campbell (Monticello)-5/21, fairly moderate but claims that gays forcing ourselves on churches and obsessed with sex Joyce A. Smith (Edgewood)-5/24, Sickened and Ashamed, "...a lifestyle that results in AIDS and other diseases..." Eva Whitt (Lexington)-5/27, Bum Rap for Colorado David Smith (Richmond)-5/27, That's The Wrong Message Arthur Brestel (Wilmore)-5/28, Clinton Shows His Colors, "...rally and march by the sex perverts- "gays" and lesbians..." Andrew "Butch" Schroyer (Lexington)-5/28, Cartoonist Should Apologize, claims that Rush Limbaugh is not a homophobe Sara Warren (Lexington)-5/28, Defining Homosexuality, gays want special rights Kermit Rice (Ashland)-6/2, How Times Are Changing William Cowley, Sr. (Winchester)-6/3, Keep Sex Private, almost so incoherent that we could not tell if pro or anti-gay Edward

C. Shaw (Lexington)-6/10), Bush Was Lesser of Two Evils, gay rights called "nefarious issues"

Total: Pro (15), Anti (12)

Reel World String Band To Play

by Pamla Wood

The Reel World String Band will be playing two concerts at the New Morning Coffeehouse/Peace Center on Friday, July 9. Showtimes are 8pm and 10pm. The Reel World String Band is a women's group that plays political and "just plain good" mountain music. The concerts are benefits for New Morning, which is located at 504 Euclid Avenue in Lexington. New Morning is an all-volunteer community coffeehouse, available for groups to meet formally or informally. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. For more information, call New Morning at 233-1190.

GLSO Support Group Meets in July

Due to demand, the GLSO Support Group will be meeting in July on these dates from 7pm to 9pm: -Wednesday, July 7 -Monday, July 12 Other dates are not yet arranged. For location of the meetings, please contact Mary Crone (266-5904) or Jeff Jones (276-5383). This service is for people coming to terms with their orientation and for people just needing a space to discuss issues related to their homo/bisexuality.

Next Phonline Meeting Is...

The next meeting for the volunteers of the GLSO Phonline will be held at Peter Taylor's home on August 3 at 7pm. If you are a current volunteer, don't forget your log sheets. New volunteers are also heartily welcome with a special need for women to staff the Phonline. If you also are a physician, counselor or organization head that needs to update information given over the Phonline, please contact Peter at 273-5845

NEWS SHORTS

WASHINGTON, DC: During the Senate debate over Roberta Achtenberg's nomination, Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-RI) revealed that his daughter Julia is openly lesbian to a hushed Senate and that Pell believes sexual orientation should not be an issue in Senate confirmation hearings. Julia Pell is President of the Rhode Island Alliance for G/L Civil Rights.

RUSSIA: President Yeltsin signed into law on April 29 a bill repealing a Soviet law that made consensual sex between men (but not women technically) punishable up to 5 years in prison. Activists say the law has hampered education and testing for AIDS.

NEVADA: The state of Nevada legislature has voted to repeal Nevada's same-sex only sodomy law covering private consensual acts.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: The repeal of DC's sodomy law also appears at press time to be intact. Congress must review all of DC's laws and overturned a 1981 sodomy repeal attempt.

TENNESSEE: Attorneys for six Tennesseans have filed a lawsuit challenging Tennessee's same-sex only sodomy law covering consensual private sex. The Tennessee legislature changed the law several years ago de-criminalizing oral/anal sex for heterosexuals and lowering the penalty for homosexuals from a felony to a misdemeanor. Led by openly lesbian attorney Abby Rubinfeld of Nashville and a 4-woman legal team, the suit says that the law violates the right to privacy under Tennessee's constitution and the equal protection clause of the US constitution. Donations for the Rubinfeld suit can be sent to 2505 Hillsboro Rd., Suite 201, Nashville, TN 37212. Some of the plaintiffs are law and psychology students who claim that licensing procedures demand they report crime convictions and that the law thus unfairly affects them.

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**GLSO News
congratulates these
worthy and hard-
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→ Kate's Coming!!! ←

Internationally famous lesbian comic Kate Clinton is coming for a performance here in Lexington. Hosted by UK Lambda and Iris Events, Kate Clinton will appear September 18 at the Singletary Center for the Arts on the University of Kentucky campus. Tickets are on sale now and going quickly. Prices range from \$13 (seniors/ students) to \$15 (advance) to \$17 (at the door). For tickets, please call the Ticket Office at Singletary: 257-4929.

Dallas To Host Sports Festival

The Team Dallas Sports and Cultural Festival will take place on the weekend of Oct. 8-11 in Dallas, TX, and will include over 8 sports events including darts, golf, swimming, tennis, running and billiards. The event is a warm up for the 1994 Gay Games in New York City in June. For more information, contact Team Dallas at POB 190712, Dallas, TX 75219.

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4 Sirocco @ Club U Independence Day 4:00 PM TSGRA-The Fishnet 7:00 PM Gay/Lesbian AA	5 Sister Singers-Cinc. (1-5th) 5:30 PM CAP (AVOL) 7:00 PM NMCH Mtg.	6 7:30 PM Gay/Lesbian AI-Anon 7:30 PM Partners of HIV+ Sppt. Grp. 8:45 PM Rainbow Bowling-Southland	7 6:30 PM MCC-L'ville 7:00 PM GLOBAL-U of L. 7:00 PM GLSO Support Grp. 8:00 PM Gay/Lesbian AA	8 7:30 PM Men's Chorus 8:00 PM GUESS-EKU 8:00 PM HIV/AIDS Sppt. Grp.	9 Womynweave Cades Cove T... 7:00 PM Gay Men's Spirit G... 8:00 PM Gay/Lesbian AA 8:00 PM Reel World String...	10 9:00 AM Frontrunners 10:00 AM HIV/AIDS Sppt. Grp.
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The Bluegrass Welcomes Its New Monarchs

During the weekend of the March on Washington, the Imperial Court of the Bluegrass Empire (ICBE) hosted its annual Coronation here in Lexington. The Coronations are annual events given by the individual chapters of the Imperial Court system, an international charity organization that raises money through various entertainments and fundraisers including their trademark drag shows. With the local court established in 1981, the ICBE is one of the oldest gay organizations in Lexington. At Coronation the monarchs of the 11th Reign, Emperor Thom Branscum and Empress Michelle Carrington, were succeeded by the monarchs of the new 12th Reign. Monarchs are popularly elected at Coronation and take camp titles. Lexington's new Emperor and Empress of the Imperial Court of the Bluegrass Empire are thus: the Diamond Stardust Emperor Ken Moore and the Crystal Snowwhite Unicorn Empress Ashley O'Hara-Moore. They can be

reached at Club Underground at 255-9881 or at the new meeting time: 6pm on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at Club Underground. ICBE also now hosts shows at Club Underground on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month with doors opening at 10pm. Each year the ICBE donates the money it has raised to local charities. Over \$1000 was raised during Coronation 1993 alone and given to AIDS Volunteers of Lexington and GLSO. The next local Coronation will be March 25-27, 1994. Other courts hold their Coronations throughout the year in other cities.

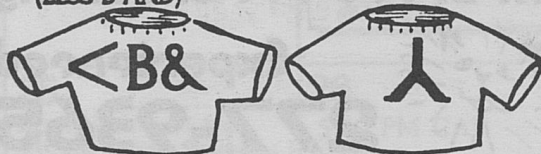


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Gay/Lesbian Welcome Wagon Coming To Town

by Jeff Jones

If you are like me, you are a transplant to our fair city. As many new Lexingtonians know, it is not always easy to link up with the queer culture here. To address this need both for lesbigay people just moving to central Kentucky and for people just coming out, GLSO is starting our own brand of a welcome wagon. With the support of other organizations such as the Diversity Business Coalition and UK Lambda, GLSO hopes to soon gather packets of information on local organizations and events for newcomers. If your business or organization would like to include a pamphlet or other information/coupon in this packet, please contact Jeff Jones at 276-5383. The packet will already include the latest issue of the GLSO News, the latest Pink Pages, a UK Lambda flier, and a greetings letter welcoming people to central Kentucky. Hopefully, this service will add to Lexington's growing reputation as an innovative city of charm and diversity.

Kudos

1. Congratulations to Ann Olliges for organizing a fantastic Pride Week!!!!
2. Thanks to everyone who wrote in something positive to read in my morning Lexington Herald-Leader letters to the editor.

Youth Group Update

by Tim W.

The Lexington Youth Group has gotten off to a somewhat slow start. We have had only a handful of youth to show up to the meetings. The Lexington Youth Group was started as a support group for gay, lesbian, and bisexual youth under 21. Our biggest problem is getting the word out to the people that really need it. The meetings are held on the first Friday of each month at 7pm currently at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Clays Mill Rd. Please help us and the youth in Lexington by spreading the word. Information can be obtained on the group by calling Tim at 268-8626.



The Hitchin' Post



GLSO News proudly offers a free 25 word announcement of Holy Unions and Anniversaries. Send information to GLSO NEWS, POB 11471, Lexington, KY 40574, or call 231-8303.

A happy and definitely well earned one year anniversary to my co-editor, Kristin "Tuna" Smith, on 12 great issues of the GLSO News. Thanks for staying up many a night with short notice and little recognition in the community of your work. Goddess bless this woman, Lexington's most politically incorrect lez and my friend.

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Fairness Campaign- Lexington

Fairness Campaign-Lexington recently chose a Steering Committee to guide it through December 1993. The Steering Committee consists of the following people: Julie Burns Lisa Laufer Laura Duncan Gina Rose Paul Fuller Tomi Ross Pam Goldman Cyndy Sullivan Jeff Ishmael.

You may also have noticed the stylish t-shirts put out for the March on Washington by Fairness with their new logo sporting the famous Harvey Milk quote: "It's a simple matter of justice." This logo also decorates the cover of a new brochure put out by Fairness explaining their mission statement and most recent activities. For more information on Fairness Campaign of Lexington, you may: Attend the regular monthly meeting on the third Monday of each month at 7:30pm at Alfalfa's Restaurant, 557 S. Limestone Write to: Fairness Campaign-Lexington, POB 801, Lexington, KY 40587-0801 Or call Tomi at 266-1318. For July, Fairness will be meeting on July 19 at 7:30pm at Alfalfa's Restaurant for our next program. Kentucky Fairness Alliance news: The statewide alliance will hold its next meeting on July 17 in Lexington. Contact Keith Elston for meeting place: 266-3934. The August meeting will be at the Fairness Campaign Louisville office in Louisville on August 21.

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LLDEF Case of the Month

This column highlights legal cases involving the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, 666 Broadway, NY, NY 10012-9849.

Pruitt v. Secretary of Defense (California): Supreme Court Review Denied- Apparently accepting Lambda's arguments, the US Supreme Court decided not to review a ruling from the US Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit which allows a lesbian former army captain to challenge the constitutionality of the military's anti-lesbian and gay policy in court. The 9th Circuit ruled last August that the Army must prove a rational basis for its discriminatory policy, for the first time (at the Federal Court of Appeals level) placing the burden on the Dept. of Defense to prove that the policy is not based on prejudicial stereotypes. The Supreme Court's decision allows Rev. Pruitt's case to return to the trial court for a determination of whether the military's policy is at least rationally related to legitimate government goals. LLDEF and the ACLU-Southern California are co-counsels in the case. Rev. Dusty Pruitt is pastor at the MCC in Long Beach and was forced out of the Army after 15 years service in 1986 due to being a lesbian.

The Summer Is Getting Hot!

Sirocco, the Cincinnati/Lexington area's answer to RuPaul, will appear at Club Underground on July 3 and 4. If you remember her tres fabulous dance numbers at The Metro of yore, you know this performer electrifies crowds. Tickets are \$4 on the 3rd and \$5 on the 4th with grilled hot dogs available for that summer touch. Near the end of the month, Denise Russell returns to Club Underground to a devoted local following. Denise will perform on July 24th. For more information, contact the Club Underground or Phoenix Bookstore.

CHRISTOPHER ROBYN'S HOMO HOLLYWOOD

Yes, loyal readers, I am back from my hiatus in my homelands of eastern Kentucky. I'm not saying it was like "Deliverance", but I don't look for Ned Beatty to be vacationing there any time soon.

On with the gossip! Everyone is in a tizzy over Christopher Andersen's tell-all biography of "Rolling Stones" flaming leader Mick Jagger. Andersen, who is already infamous for scorches on Madonna and Jane Fonda, has dug up far more dish on Jagger than even I thought possible. To put it simply, Miss Mick literally has about tried it all! On his long list of conquests are: Linda Ronstadt, David Bowie, Andy Warhol, Patti LaBelle, the brothers from "Right Said Fred" and a little-known groupie named Madonna (obligatory Madonna news). By far the most sordid tale involves Jagger and fellow cocaine-addict (that explains it: who would have him otherwise!) Eric Clapton attempting to seduce hot shot "20/20" reporter Geraldo Rivera. Unfortunately...or fortunately depending on your tastes..., Gerry wasn't interested in playing any reindeer games (no doubt he was too busy molesting Bette Midler), so Mick and Eric had to be satisfied with each other. Tom Robbin's chock-full-o-dykes novel "Even Cowgirls Get the Blues" is being edited even now by director Gus Van Sant. Van Sant's last film, "My Own Private Idaho", was quite the fag fest, and "Cowgirls" promises to be more of the same for the sisters. As an extra-special bonus, the movie soundtrack is being recorded by none other than k.d.lang. Girlfriend! In t.v. news, the acclaimed CBS show "Picket Fences" was supposed to feature a lesbian kiss, but it was barely noticeable after CBS execs got their

panties in a wad and ordered the producers to re-shoot the scene into a fuzzy, blurry mess. Also sure to disappoint the ladies is the imminent departure from "Roseanne" star Sara Gilbert, who will be attending college next year at Princeton U. It seems that Gilbert, who plays Roseanne's wise-cracking, Birkenstock-clad daughter, has an underground cult following of lesbians. And the entire population of the universe shout "Hallelujah"!!! RuPaul FINALLY has released his debut disc, "Supermodel," along with his red-hot new single "Back to My Roots." She has collaborated on this long-awaited album with Fred Schneider of the "B-52's". It was worth the wait, darling. Finally, as a good ol' red-blooded (like do we actually have Vulcan-Americans?) American boy, happy Independence Day to everyone. On this date I always like to contemplate the curious fact that the song "My Country Tis of Thee" is based on that old British hit: "God Save the Queen." As RuPaul would say, back to our roots baby.

1993-94 GLSO Board Announced

The new GLSO Board for 1993-94 consists of:

Mary Crone	(President)
Peter Taylor	(Vice President)
Ron Sarver	(Secretary)
Thom Branscum	(Treasurer)
	(alternates)
Cole Rucker	Laura Kaplan
Terry Mullins	Ann Olliges
Linda Laporte	Jeff Jones Brad Garrett

Something for the Kids

GLAAD (the Gay/Lesbian Alliance for Anti-Defamation) publishes a quarterly newsletter for and about the children of lesbians and gay men. The newsletter, Just For Us, costs \$5 annually and can be requested by writing Just For Us, 3023 North Clark, Box 121, Chicago, IL 60657.

AVOL Introduces New AIDS Hotline

by Heith Ratliff

AIDS Volunteers of Lexington (AVOL) has introduced a new educational and informational service: the AIDS Hotline Lexington (606) 231-7545. This hotline helps callers to: a) assess a caller's needs, b) facilitate a caller's ability to accurately assess their own HIV risk, c) provide information, referrals and access to services and d) for general support. Much like GLSO's Gayline, AIDS Hotline Lexington is staffed personally by trained volunteers who have the hotline switched to their home phones when on duty. For more information about this program or becoming a volunteer, please call the 254-2865.

HRCF Finds How to Assimilate Us

A recent article in OUT magazine (June/July issue) discusses a study by a marketing research firm hired by Human Rights Campaign Fund (the leading gay PAC) about how best to market gay rights to "mainstream" America. Their findings were quite interesting: a) Lesbians should be the spokespeople since gay men are still associated with sexual promiscuity, child molestation, AIDS and other stereotypes. b) Don't use the words "gay rights." Most Americans believe that lesbigays are already covered by federal civil rights laws. Instead, phrases such as "extending civil rights to gays and lesbians" appears to work better. c) Issues such as same sex marriages are to be avoided. Although many strait Americans in the study believed that the benefits given to opposite sex couples should also go to formalized same sex couples, they (and especially female respondents) were not comfortable with extending the term "marriage" to same sex couples. OUT questions the wisdom of these findings and continues the debate over assimilation ("we are just like YOU but we love

people of the same sex") versus affirmation ("some of us are like YOU and some of us are different, but what is important is that we respect all people for who they ARE and not how much like YOU they are"). This debate will undoubtedly continue as the ideals of affirmation contradict practical issues of securing rights for all based on the infamous "stray-acting" spokespeople. It has long been an issue among all oppressed groups as to whether to affirm their own distinctness or to put forward spokespeople least threatening to the dominant group. This debate still rages among us both as individuals and as a community.

African-American Poetry Wanted

KUUMBA, the journal of poetry celebrating black lesbians and gay men, is seeking submissions reflecting all experiences within the African-American gay community. Women are especially urged to submit works including drawings (but not photographs). Send works to: Editors, KUUMBA, Box 83912, Los Angeles, CA 90083-0912.

Lexington P-FLAG to Form

Plans are now going forward to form a chapter of P-FLAG in Lexington this fall. This national organization, known as Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, provides a support system for parents, siblings and friends of lesbians and gays in their effort to understand, accept, and support their loved ones with love and pride. P-FLAG's national office is located in Washington, DC, and currently consists of 300 chapters throughout the U.S. If you are interested in becoming part of this support group or wish to inquire about it, watch for further details about it in GLSO News in September or you can call Jeff at 276-5383. Until September the parent organizing the local chapter will not be available. If you know of others who might be interested, please share this information with them.

GLSO DIRECTORY

GLSO Gayline (staffed 8p-11p Wed., Thur., Fri., & Sun.....231-0335)

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 Bluegrass C.O.L.T.S. (Mark)233-7266
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 (Tomi).....266-1318
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 Kentucky Legislature:
 Bill Status Line.....800-382-2455
 Meeting Info Line..800-633-9650
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 Lesbian Overeaters Anon. (OA)
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 Lesbian Potluck (Debbie)..255-3851
 Lex. Men's Chorus (Shelby)231-0090
 Lex. Youth Group (Tim)..268-8626
 Louisville Fairness Campaign
502-893-0788
 Louisville Youth Grp.502-635-1302
 NAMES Project Lex. (Katie).272-2588
 PFLAG.....(504)244-9556
 Rainbow Bowling League
 (Teri).....268-8563
 Tri-State Gay Rodeo
 (Terry).....255-5469
 (Cathy).....269-5966
 Women's Chorus (Connie).276-2554
 Womynweave (Suzanne).299-2188

Religious Groups

B'nai Shalom: Jewish.502-583-0528
 Dignity: Catholic (Don).....299-4458
 Gay Men's Spirit Group
 (Steve).....233-1782
 GLAD (Disciples of Christ)
 (Jeff).....255-4958
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 (Eddie).....502-637-7609
 (Dorothy).....502-458-5392
 Interweave: Unitarian
 (Craig).....271-8477
 MCC Lexington (Rex).....271-1407
 MCC Louisville.....502-775-6636
 The Pagan Forum (Pat)....268-1640
 Roman Catholic HIV Ministry
 (John).....231-9955

Student Groups

AGLF: NKU (Pat).....572-5604
 Alt.Voice: Murry State
 (Jeff).....502-574-5792
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Americans With Disabilities Act

If you suspect that you, your child, partner or friend have been discriminated against because of being HIV+, contact these agencies:

Employment

(EEOC).....202-663-4900

Medical care, Day care, Public Accommodation

(Dept. of Justice).....202-541-0301

Housing

Housing & Urban Dev.800-669-9777

National G/L Crisisline
800-247-4283

Teenage G/L Support
800-347-TEEN

To report Hate Crimes Call
The U.S. Dept. of Justice
800-457-HATE

AIDS Information/Services

AIDS HOTLINE LEX.....231-7545
 AIDS Vol. of Lex. (AVOL)..254-2865
 HIV/AIDS Legal Project
502-584-1254
 HIV+ Youth Support Grp.254-2865
 KY AIDS Hotline.....502-564-6539
 Partners of HIV+ Support Grp.
 (Greg).....288-2437
 Thurs. HIV+/AIDS Support Grp.
 KIPWAC (Edwin).....281-2100
 Sat. HIV+/AIDS Support Grp.
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