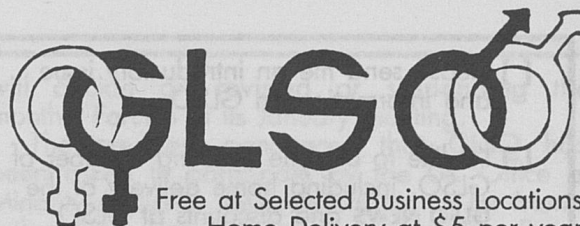


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NGLTF RELEASES YEAR-END FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT KENTUCKY RANKS NEAR BOTTOM

from the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force

The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force has issued its year-end Federal Legislative Report covering the first session of the 101st Congress. The report provides information on the voting and co-sponsorship records of all 535 members of Congress from January to December, 1989, and gives an insight into the legislative progress of the federal gay/lesbian civil rights and AIDS agenda.

Among other findings, the report shows which members of Congress have "perfect" voting records and which need work. For example, 85 Members of the House voted for the NGLTF pro-gay position all of the time, while 41 Members voted against NGLTF every time. In the Senate, 14 voted for the NGLTF position all of the time while 12 voted against gays every time.

Senate lawmakers were tracked on four key gay/lesbian and AIDS votes: the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), a measure that extends anti-discrimination protections to people with AIDS and HIV; two votes on the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) anti-gay Helms' Amendment; and an amendment offered by Gordon Humphrey (R-NH) that would have banned federal funds from school programs that presented homosexuality as "normal, natural or healthy."

In the House, Members were tracked on eight key votes, including the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, the NEA anti-gay amendment, four votes on the "Armstrong amendment" that exempts religious educational institutions in the District of Columbia from anti-discrimination laws, and two votes on restricting educational materials relating to homosexuality.

The report reveals that so far the current Congress appears to be a "mixed bag" for

gays and lesbians -- with progress being made in some areas while ground is lost in others. For example, more people are cosponsoring gay/lesbian and AIDS bills, but the necessary support to defeat the anti-gay Armstrong Amendment has not been attained.

"At the half-way mark of this Congress, the Report is a good way to know who our angels and who are our devils," said Robert Bray, NGLTF public information director.

Kentucky ranked in the bottom ten states in the Senate survey in the Senate report with Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and Senator Wendell Ford (D-KY) both receiving a 25% ranking.

Similarly, Lexington Representative Larry Hopkins (R-6th), compiled a 25% ranking, the second worst ranking among Kentucky House members, (Representative Jim Bunning (R-4th) was worse). Hopkins' ranking is especially discouraging since it dropped from his 59% ranking in last year's report of the 100th Congress. Hopkins voted with the NGLTF position on only the NEA anti-gay amendment and one of the two votes on restricting educational materials relating to homosexuality.

Reflecting the "mixed bag" results of the report, Hopkins did, however, become a co-sponsor of HR 1280 which would, among other things, repeal the exclusion of lesbians and gay men from immigrating to the United States.

Letters to congressional representatives can be effective. To write your Senator write: The Honorable _____, US Senate, Washington, DC, 20510. To write your Representative write: The Honorable _____, US House of Representatives, Washington, DC, 20515.

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ALL PROGRESSIVE ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORT LESBIAN/GAY RIGHTS, RIGHT? WRONG!

from Craig Clere

If you are like me, you are on numerous socially-responsible mailing lists. Monthly these organizations solicit membership and/or money from the increasingly small amount of resources I have left! In the past year I decided to make sure that any organization that I voluntarily associate myself with, by time, money, or membership, would have a positive stand on gay/lesbian issues.

I found several surprises that I feel lesbians and gays should be aware. Did you know that the chief lobbyist for the NAACP recently stated that they have "no position" on gay and lesbian civil rights? Were you aware the B'nai Brith Anti-Discrimination League refuses to include anti-gay discrimination in its videos which purport to document prejudice against all groups? Is it news to you that Amnesty International continues to refuse to plead the cases of gays and lesbians imprisoned for their sexual preference?

Amnesty International regularly sends me mailings. Two months ago I wrote Amnesty International's president detailing my concerns of their anti-gay policy. I have yet to receive a reply. We have many friends in the world out there, let's make sure we support them.

BETWEEN THE ACTS TO PRESENT PLAY from GLSO News staff

A one act play, "After All We've Been Through", by Leslea Newman will be presented on Saturday, February 24, 8 pm, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Road. Ms. Newman uses a rare blend of humor and honesty to create a charming and thought-provoking piece.

Tickets will be sold at the door on a first come, first serve basis. A dance/party will immediately follow the performance. Mixers and snacks will be available. The group is seeking new members/volunteers for the production. Call 275-2125 for information.

LOCAL NEWS

FUNDRAISING AND PUBLICITY ISSUES DOMINATE GLSO BOARD MEETING

from Teresa Reynolds and Craig Clere

The December GLSO Board of Directors meeting opened by welcoming Terri Applegate to the Board. Applegate, who will serve until June, replaces Bobbi Stout who resigned.

Reports were heard from committee chairs present. The Phoneline (Gayline) Committee reported that due to software and/or cold weather problems the Phoneline was out of commission for much of December. The Phoneline is up and working, but problems have continued into January.

The **GLSO News** committee reported an increase in renewed subscriptions since reminder letters are being sent to soon-to-expire subscribers. Craig Clere, GLSO President and **GLSO News** editor, reported that the acquisition of a laser printer by GLSO's treasurer has resulted in an improved format for **GLSO News**. Melanie Otis suggested that the Events Calendar be revamped to list weekly events only once, thus giving special emphasis to monthly or one-time, special events. The Board agreed to revise the Calendar effective in February.

Edwin Hackney and Bill Loggins reported on the progress of GLSO's promotional brochure. Nearly all rough copy for the brochure has been completed. Hackney and Loggins will, along with Clere, complete the brochure for board review at the February meeting.

GLSO's treasury showed a slight increase during the month of December. This was primarily due to the payment of three months of **GLSO News** advertisement by the Kentucky AIDS Education Program.

Ms. Otis reported on the progress of the Trilogy Project, the University of Kentucky Drug Study supported by GLSO. Otis outlined the plans for GLSO members receiving the surveys. Otis also reassured the Board that questionnaires are intact in their solicitation of anti-gay discrimination information.

It was reported that Forum attendance has dwindled to fewer than ten. A joint meeting with GLUE is planned for February. The Board

will decide on revising or suspending the monthly Forums at its January meeting.

The president announced that GLSO had been asked to participate by the UK Office of Minority Affairs in the Freedom March for Martin Luther King Day on January 13. The Board approved GLSO's participation unanimously.

As during the November meeting, a long brainstorming session on fundraising concluded the meeting. The idea of the Service Auction, considered at the November meeting, was discouraged by Debbie Currie. After discussion John Cutright and Bill Loggins agreed to work on a spring raffle as a fundraising project. The raffle may be held in conjunction with preparations for Gay/Lesbian Pride Week. A solicitation by mail will also be undertaken.

The February Board meeting will be held on February 28, 7:30 pm. Meetings are open to the membership; consult the Directory for a contact number.

NAMES PROJECT CHAPTER FORMING

from **GLSO News** staff

A local chapter of the NAMES Project is forming in central Kentucky. The NAMES Project was organized by Cleve Jones as a response by people who lost loved ones to AIDS. Jones was Convocation speaker at Berea College in September, and the guest of AVOL at a reception following his speech.

As part of the local organizational effort, portions of the AIDS Memorial Quilt were scheduled for display in the Kentucky Capitol Rotunda at the end of January. The Kentucky chapter seeks affiliation with the national organization and is co-chaired by Jan Harmon and Steve Buck. For more information about the group contact Judelle Conley at 299-8836.

AVOL PLANS BENEFIT

from **GLSO News** staff

AIDS Volunteers of Lexington is organizing a Winter Fundraiser for Sunday, February 18. A \$100/plate dinner is planned at the Radisson Hotel, followed by a reception and silent auction at ArtsPlace. Belinda Mason, a member of the National Commission on AIDS, and Ron Jerrell, Secretary of the National Association of People with AIDS, will be featured. The Mayor and other community leaders will host the event.

ASK AUNT MARY

Dear Aunt Mary,

At this time of the year, I usually feel somewhat depressed and often think that life might be more exciting in some other part of the country - some big city like San Francisco or Chicago. It also seems that many of my friends are moving to these cities. Should I move with them and is it unusual to be down at this time of year?

Sincerely,
Down and Restless

Dear Down and Restless,

It's not unusual to feel depressed at this time of year. In fact, psychologists have recently come up with a new diagnosis called SAD, for Seasonal Affective Disorder. SAD quite often occurs in the Northwest where the sun may not shine for weeks during the winter months and sometimes even in the summer - so much for Seattle being the number one place to live (according to a recent survey). In any case, the winter months are often dreary and we've certainly had more than our usual share of dreariness this year.

In addition, the new year while bringing a sense of beginning may also cause us to focus on the past. It's often easy to misattribute our depression due to the weather to other areas of our lives. So if we're thinking about the past and feeling down, we may focus on our past failures and disappointments; increasing our sense of depression. For example, in one study, researchers contacted people on a rainy day in the spring and either asked them how the weather was in their area (the researchers were supposedly calling from out of town) or did not ask about the weather. They then asked people to complete a Life Satisfaction Scale over the phone. Those who had not been asked about the weather tended to be less satisfied with their lives. According to the researchers, this was because they misattributed their depression about the weather (because they hadn't been reminded of it) to their own lives.

Psychologists argue that we go around looking for explanations for our emotions and quite often misattribute our emotions to the wrong thing. In many cases, it's better for our emotional well-being if we attribute it to something outside of ourselves, like the weather. This is not to say that there are not aspects of ourselves that we are dissatisfied with and should work on changing, but it is possible to fuel our depression by misattributing dissatisfaction with something outside of ourselves to internal causes.

Mild, occasional depression is normal and time generally remedies it, however, if you're feeling very depressed and see no way out, you should seek professional assistance.

With regard to moving, remember the phrase that it's always greener on the other side of the fence. There are advantages and disadvantages to larger cities and each individual has to decide if the advantages of a large urban setting outweigh the disadvantages. You might consider spending a few weeks in one of the cities you mention and see how you feel about it, but remember that being on vacation someplace can be quite a different experience than living there. The Lexington area has its own advantages and disadvantages and it's up to you to determine what you value and enjoy most. Moving has the potential of "shaking up" one's life, there are times in one's life when that can be a positive step and other times when it might not be. In any case, a move could be a growth experience, but I have talked to several people who have since returned to Lexington - if you're only talking to people who are dissatisfied with Lexington, you're only getting half the story. Besides you're here now, why not focus on the positive aspects of life.

Aunt Mary

If you would like to write to Aunt Mary, send your letter to: Aunt Mary, c/o GLSO, PO Box 11471, Lexington, KY 40575. For a personal reply, include a stamped, self addressed envelope. All names are strictly confidential.

THE TRILOGY PROJECT

Recent issues of **GLSO News** have made mention of a drug and alcohol study which is being undertaken by an University of Kentucky professor. Currently it is expected that our members will receive the study instrument in the mail sometime in April as the first round of distribution begins. Many non-GLSO members will also be contacted about study participation by members of the local gay and lesbian community. At this time we would like to share a little more information about the project and the researcher's goals.

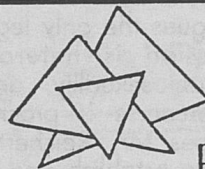
This study, known as the **TRILOGY PROJECT**, is being conducted by Dr. William F. Skinner of the Department of Sociology. The **TRILOGY PROJECT** looks primarily at drug and alcohol use and factors which contribute to that use such as coping mechanisms, social support systems, and life stressors. Additionally, Dr. Skinner will gather and analyze information on discrimination and victimization which may be experienced by some respondents.

Dr. Skinner has been working on the various stages of this project for over three years. He has been in frequent contact with the GLSO Board of Directors in Lexington and members of G.L.U.E. in Louisville to assure the **TRILOGY PROJECT** will provide information about the gay and lesbian community which is accurate and ultimately useful to the community itself. Dr. Skinner recognizes that previous studies done on the gay and lesbian community have demonstrated many methodological errors which he hopes to avoid. Unlike many previous researchers, he has made an effort to use members of the local communities, in this case Lexington and Louisville, to assist him on this project. Melanie Otis, GLSO at-large board member, will be responsible for the mailing of questionnaires in the Lexington area. Ms. Otis will be the only person to have access to this mailing list. Dr. Skinner will not even know to whom the questionnaires are being sent. Likewise, when the completed questionnaires have been returned, they will be seen only by Dr. Skinner and his research assistant. These completed questionnaires will not contain information which might identify the respondent and they will be destroyed by Dr. Skinner once the data has been recorded. Further details on

how this process will be handled will be explained in a cover letter which will accompany each questionnaire.

After our contacts with Dr. Skinner, the members of the GLSO Board of Directors feel quite comfortable in supporting his research efforts. We are also pleased with his willingness to work so closely with the community and his willingness to share statistical information on discrimination and victimization which will be helpful in our efforts to document such problems.

Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary and all information will be kept confidential. If you would prefer that the questionnaire not be sent, please return the coupon provided on this page. If you are interested in completing the questionnaire or if you are uncertain about participating but would like to see the questionnaire first, it will be mailed to you in April. Your willingness to examine the instrument will be appreciated, regardless of whether or not you choose to complete and return it. If you have any questions about the study you may contact either Dr. William Skinner (606-257-6891) or Melanie Otis (606-257-6878).



Trilogy Project

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear GLSO,

We are writing in response to Don Reichert's letter printed in the January **GLSO News**. We suspect that Mr. Reichert's anger over GLSO printing information concerning the abortion rights struggle pales in comparison to the anger and distress his ill-informed and hypocritical letter has evoked in ourselves and many other lesbians. His pretense of representing the Lexington Dignity Chapter is (we hope) absurd. His statement that abortion rights is "one problem gays don't have" suggests that none of us have mothers, sisters, daughters or straight friends who may need to decide whether it is right for them to carry a pregnancy to term. His assertion that women choose abortion because pregnancy is "convenient, stressful or expensive" trivializes and negates the social reality which relegates women to the ranks of the working poor, fails to provide affordable child care, and rations health-care only to those who can afford the price.

Finally, his argument that "Dignity, and all gays" (does that include lesbians?) "should support the right of ... the unborn" fails to recognize the similarity between the Catholic Church's opposition to both homosexuality and abortion. The Church argues the only legitimate form of sexual expression is heterosexual intercourse, precluding homosexuality, and that the only purpose of intercourse is procreation, precluding abortion. Does Mr. Reichert really believe that it is possible to establish and protect the rights of gay men and lesbians while denying women the right to control their own bodies? Perhaps he is willing to sell out all women, including lesbians, in order to defend his own sexuality. We hope that Mr. Reichert will take the time to broaden his view of human rights by learning why the the abortion rights issue **does** effect us all, gay, lesbian and straight, and more importantly, why the only person who has a right to decide whether to maintain a pregnancy is the pregnant woman.

In the meantime, the lesbians of this community would like Mr. Reichert and all those who share his view to know that we will not allow our right to free speech to be infringed upon in **GLSO News** or anywhere else.

Teri Wood and Angela Martin

CONGRESS TO CONSIDER VARIETY OF GAY AND AIDS BILLS IN 1990

from Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates

A variety of bills concerning gays and lesbians, as well as AIDS anti-discrimination legislation, are currently before Congress. Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates urges lesbians and gays in Central Kentucky to express your opinions on these issues by writing your senators and representatives or by calling them through the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121.

Following is a summary of some of the most important bills and their prospects in the second session of the 101st Congress in 1990.

AIDS funding. Pressure is needed to get legislators to increase the 1991 appropriation for AIDS research and education to at least \$2 billion. Prospects appear favorable for S 1782, the Low-Income Treatment Assistance Program Act, which would help PWA's on low incomes to afford AIDS drugs. However, co-sponsors are needed for HR 3423, the AIDS Housing Opportunities Act, which would provide housing for homeless PWA's.

AIDS discrimination. S 933, the Americans with Disabilities Act, would extend civil rights protections to people with AIDS and HIV infection. The Senate passed the bill in September, so lobbying is needed for all Representatives. Prospects for final passage are excellent, as President Bush supports the legislation.

Gay civil rights. The struggle continues to pass the Civil Rights Amendments Act, S 47/HR 655, which would extend the existing Civil Rights Act protections to those who are discriminated against because of their sexual orientation. Prospects for passage in 1990 are dim. Pressure is needed to persuade legislators to sign on as co-sponsors.

Hate crimes. The Hate Crimes Statistics Act, S 419/HR 1048, would establish a national data collection system to track hate crimes, including those against gays. The bill was passed last year by the House, but awaits consideration by the Senate because of an anti-gay amendment proposed by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-NC. Prospects for passage are good, since Bush and at least 58 senators support the bill.

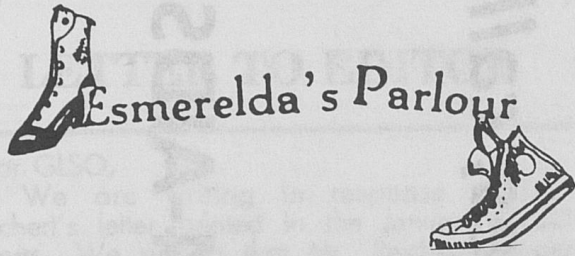
Remember: Legislators are constantly hearing from right-wing groups. Are those legislators also hearing from you?

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Kentucky AIDS Education Program



Esmerelda's Parlour

As most of you probably know by now, Lexington lost one of her best friends in December when Pam Browning was killed in a car accident. I debated whether or not I should be the one to try to write anything about her, being that I didn't know her very well personally, but the incredible outreach of emotion and grief I encountered from so many people I do know made me want to try to write something. She had to have been one of the most well-liked women in the community. As a friend of mine said, "she was the kind of person you never heard anyone say anything bad about, and who never said a bad thing about anyone." Over 250 people attended her funeral and a scholarship fund is being set up in her name through UK.

Probably what I have heard most about Pam, and what I feel to be true about her, is that she was one of the nicest people you would ever want to meet. The kind of person things like this aren't "supposed" to happen to. Even though I didn't know her well, her death has affected me deeply. When a friend dies we realize how truly "mortal" we are, and that it could have been us. I have been examining my life more and have decided that I need to take more chances, because, trite as it may sound, life is short -- too short and too precious to spend lamenting and debating and "putting-off." It's a shame that it takes something so tragic to put life in perspective. But I'm going to try to hang on to this lesson, and remember how I'm feeling now; it would be a terrible waste to forget.

I wish there was something I could say to help ease the burden Pam's lover and her good friends are carrying right now. My heart goes out to them. I guess the only thing any of us can do is remember Pam for what a good person she was, and try to take a page from her book realizing our own potential for being "good people," and for being as happy and content with ourselves as we can be during the time that we have.

Teresa Reynolds

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CONCERTS GALORE!!!

from Debbie Currie

If one of your New Year's resolutions was to get out more, are you ever in luck, because 1990 looks to be a banner year musically, at least if the first few months are any indication. Coming up are several opportunities to hear/see an exciting selection of performers. We started off the year right in January when RITA BEACH/NIGHT LITE provided us with a full evening of music and dancing at the GLSO Coffeehouse and Dance on January 19. We had been wanting to have them perform at a Coffeehouse for a long time, and it was well worth the wait!

In February we can expect to have double the fun, for it offers us not one, but two great concerts! On February 9, DIANE DAVIDSON will be performing live and in person at the University of Kentucky's Memorial Hall (8 pm - doors open at 7 pm, \$6 -\$7, sliding scale). A real steal at this price, this national talent has performed at music festivals, and appeared in the Olivia 15th Anniversary Concert Video. This blues/ballads singer has a powerful voice, and should not be missed. Also in February, the GLSO Coffeehouse and Dance Committee is delighted to present TENDRE in an encore performance on February 16 (9 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, \$4, BYOB). These fine performers have appeared twice before at Coffeehouses, and it will be a Valentine's Day treat to have them back once again to weave their spell over us.

And finally, for those of you who don't mind traveling a bit, there's quite an event scheduled in Cincinnati on Saturday, March 10 at the University of Cincinnati's Kresge Auditorium. Scheduled to appear in concert together are Deidre McCalla, Kay Gardner, Sue Fink, MUSE, and the Atlanta Womyn's Chorus. Two identical concerts will be performed at 5 pm and 9 pm. Tickets are \$12/\$16 at the door (however, they are expecting a sell-out!). To obtain tickets by mail, send a check made out to Kate & Company, c/o Crazy Ladies Bookstore, 4039 Hamilton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH, 45223 (be sure and enclose a stamped/self-addressed envelope -- absolutely no tickets will be sent out without a SASE!).

For more information, call Crazy Ladies at (513) 541-4198.

UK WOMEN WRITERS CONFERENCE FOR 1990
from Angela Martin

The 12th Annual Women Writers Conference is coming up March 28-31 (that's a Wednesday through a Saturday) at the University of Kentucky. As has been the case in the past, I expect that the Conference this year will be challenging and thought-provoking - it also supplies the women in attendance the chance to meet and talk personally with the featured writers. In this way especially the Conference does a great service for women writers in that it supplies us with support and inspiration.

The 1990 featured writers:

Gwendolyn Brooks is known for her Pulitzer Prize-winning poem, "Annie Allen," and is a recipient of the Frost Medal from the poetry society of America (the highest honor available to a poet).

Jo Carson is a poet and playwright. In **People Pieces** she sets forth a collection of poems characterized as monologues and dialogues inspired by the people of Appalachia. She has performed some of her **People Pieces** on National Public Radio.

Toi Derricotte has written two books of poetry, **Empress of the Death House** and **Natural Birth**, her third book, **Captivity**, came out in December.

Melissa Pritchard is a writer of short stories. Her first collection called **Spirit Seizures** won the Flannery O'Connor award for Short Fiction. She is editor of Short Story Quarterly and is finishing a novel, **Phoenix**.

Anne Redmon, is a novelist who wrote **Music and Silence** and **Second Sight**.

Spiderwoman Theatre Inc., is composed of four Native American women. They will be performing satirical skits which will challenge our ideas about Native Americans, and will be leading a performance workshop.

A full retinue is planned involving all of the artists mentioned above. The performances of Spiderwoman Theatre Inc. should be most interesting for the womyn in our community. Most of the events will take place during the day but the Conference will offer three evening events which are free and open to the public. These are: a staged reading of Jo Carson's **Daytrips** and Spiderwoman Theatre's **Winnetou's Snake-Oil Shows from Wigwam City**. The third evening event is a rare reading by Pulitzer winning poet Gwendolyn Brooks.

FEES: Starving Artists--\$7/day or \$16 for whole Conference if registered by March 9; Sustainers--\$10/day; \$25/Conference by 3/9; Angels--\$15/day or \$40/Conference by 3/9.

More information may be obtained from:

Women Writers Conference
University of Kentucky
106 Frazee Hall
Lexington, KY 40506-0031.

LESBIAN & CONSIDERING PARENTHOOD?
from GLSO News staff

We are interested in starting a support group for those who are lesbian and considering parenthood. We will be using the book **Considering Parenthood** by Cheri Pies to use as a reference and for structure in facilitating discussion in the group. The initial meeting will be on Sunday, February 18, at 3 pm. We will decide on when and how often the group will meet at that time. For more information contact Janette or Laura, 276-2685.

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GAY AMERICA

HARTFORD, CT

The Stewart B. McKinney Foundation, named for a congressman who died of complications from AIDS two years ago, has established a medical scholarship fund for aspiring students who show promise in caring for people with AIDS. The foundation, presided over by the congressman's widow Lucie McKinney, provides residential, educational, and support services for people with AIDS.

WASHINGTON, DC

The Washington, D.C., city council passed a hate-crimes measure that allows judges to increase maximum penalties by up to 150% if a crime is shown to be spurred by bigotry, including antigay bias.

DES MOINES, IA

Mark Henderson, a librarian at Dowling Catholic High School in Des Moines, was fired from his job when an unidentified informant told the school's president that Henderson is gay. Henderson was told he could keep his job only if he stopped associating with gays and sought a cure for his homosexuality. When Henderson refused, he was fired. Henderson has filed a suit against the school.

NEW YORK, NY

In the country's largest AIDS demonstration ever, nearly 5000 protesters took over Fifth Avenue in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral December 10, blasting Roman Catholic cardinal John O'Connor's opposition to gay rights, AIDS education, and abortion.

The protest resulted in 111 arrests and has touched off controversy in New York City over tactics employed by demonstrators. The protest, organized by the ACT-UP, has been condemned by the Gay Men's Health Crisis, the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights and several other gay groups for its protest inside the cathedral.

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BOSTON, MA

Opponents of the state's new gay rights law cannot place the measure before voters on a ballot referendum because a small part of the rights law deals with religion, state attorney general James Shannon has ruled. State law prohibits referendum consideration of measures that pertain even tangentially to religion. The clause in question exempts churches from the rights measure; ironically, it was added by opponents of the rights bill as an amendment intended to weaken the legislation.

HOBOKEN, NJ

Bomb threats and noisy protests from religious conservatives marked the ordination as a priest of Robert Williams, an openly gay man. The ordination was opposed by several Episcopal bishops who claimed that it violated a 1979 church resolution against the ordination of "practicing homosexuals."

Although William's ordination was not the first of an openly gay person in the Episcopal church, it was far the most public and political in nature in recent years.

ARLINGTON, TX

The Gay/Lesbian Association (GLA) at the University of Texas is being threatened with extinction by a resolution proposed by members of the school's students congress. The resolution demands that GLA "be disenfranchised and disassociated" by the university because the existence of the organization violates the state's sodomy law. GLA members will fight the resolution which will be voted on in the spring.

MADISON, WI

The faculty at the University of Wisconsin at Madison has called for the expulsion of its Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) because of the military's violation of Wisconsin's gay rights ordinance. The Wisconsin Board of Regents is expected to act on the faculty resolution in January.

INTO THE FUTURE

Events listed are representative of the many gay and lesbian oriented cultural, political and social activities taking place around the country.

February 9-11, 1990. Bluegrass Classic Bowling Tournament. Louisville, KY.

February 14-19, 1990. Third Annual Black Gay & Lesbian Leadership Conference. Atlanta, GA.

February 16-18, 1990. 6th Annual Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns Convocation. Dallas, TX.

March 2-4, 1990. Midwest Regional Meeting of Presbyterians for Lesbians & Gay Concerns. Minneapolis, MN.

March 16-19, 1990. Annual Convention of the Association for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues in Counseling. Cincinnati, OH.

April 21-22, 1990. Spring Meeting of Affirmation-United Methodists. Kansas City, MO.

May 3-6, 1990. Third Annual AIDS, Medicine and Miracles Conference. Boulder, CO.

May 4-7, 1990. 10th Annual Gay & Lesbian Press Association Convention. San Francisco, CA.

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FEBRUARY EVENTS CALENDAR

Contact names and numbers for all events listed can be found in the Directory on the previous page. The Comp Care Center is located at 201 Mechanic Street, Lexington.

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WEEKLY EVENTS

- SUNDAY** Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center;
Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- MONDAY** Gays & Lesbians United for Education (GLUE), 7 pm, 7:30 pm
St. Augustine's Church, 472 Rose Street
- TUESDAY** Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon, 7 pm;
GLSO Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm, Joyland Lanes
- WEDNESDAY** Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Office Park, Rm. 120;
Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- THURSDAY** HIV+/ARC/AID Support Group;
Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- FRIDAY** Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center;
Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- SATURDAY** ~~Gay/Lesbian ACA, 5 pm~~, St. Joseph Office Park, Room 120

SPECIAL EVENTS

- THU** 1 GLSO Coming Out Support Group, 7:30 pm, Main Library, Conf Rm B
- SUN** 4 Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates, 6:30 pm
- FRI** 9 Diane Davidson Concert, 8 pm, Memorial Hall, UK
- SAT** 10 **GLSO News** Deadline; Interweave's Comedy on Broadway Night, 7:30 pm
- SUN** 11 Lesbian Potluck, 2 pm; AVOL, 5:30 pm, Comp Care Center
- MON** 12 GLUE/GLSO Joint Forum, 8 pm, St. Augustine's Church, 472 Rose St
- THU** 15 GLSO Coming Out Support Group, 7:30 pm, Main Library, Conf Rm B
- FRI** 16 GLSO Coffeehouse & Dance, featuring Tendre, 9 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill
- SAT** 17 Dignity Potluck & Liturgy, 7 pm
- SUN** 18 Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates, 6:30 pm; AVOL Winter Fundraiser, 6:30 pm, Radisson Hotel, and, 9:00 pm, ArtsPlace
- MON** 19 Pro-Choice Alliance, 7:30 pm, Alfalfa's Restaurant
- WED** 21 Interweave, Topic: So You Want to Know About the UU Church?, 8 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church
- THU** 22 Lesbian Passion Group, 7:30 pm
- FRI** 23 Dignity Rap Session, 7:30 pm
- SAT** 24 Between the Acts, 8 pm, Unitarian Church
- WED** 28 GLSO Board Meeting, 7:30 pm



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