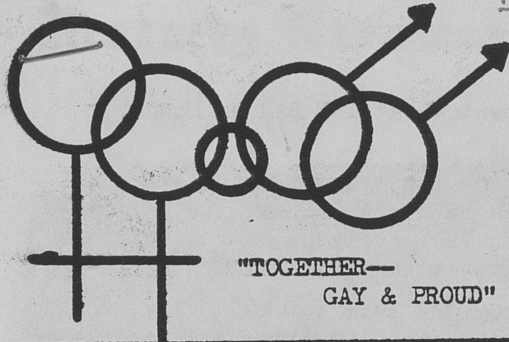


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GSO NEWSLETTER

LEXINGTON GAY SERVICES ORGANIZATION
POST OFFICE BOX 11471
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY 40511

FEBRUARY 1983

Presidential Message

Boy, what a month this is going to be! I'm really excited about our Valentines Dance at The Bar. It promises to be quite an event. For those of you who do not know, this is the fourth year we have held the dance in cooperation with the nice folks downtown. We appreciate their assistance and look forward to working with them on other events.

Do you have comments, suggestions, or constructive criticism that could benefit GSO? If so, please don't keep it to yourself. I want to hear from you. This is your organization. I am always open to ideas that will make GSO more reflective of the needs of our community. If we are ever going to improve the attitudes of society toward us, we must work together.

Get involved! Attend business meetings, volunteer for the GAYLINE, attend social events, discussion groups, etc.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!!!!

See you at the Valentines Dance!

Keith Elston
President
Gay Services Organization

EDITORS SPACE...

GSO is here for you gay Lexington! And the opposite should be true also. When there are only a handful of people doing the work for hundreds of people, the rate of burn-out is incredibly high, and the rate of accomplishment is unfortunately low.

The excuses of why you cannot help are endless. Is there really NOTHING you can contribute? After all, how demanding or incriminating is attending a GSO social function, working the GAYLINE, attending and presenting ideas at a GSO business meeting, or sending a much needed monetary donation? How tight can your schedule be that a few hours could not be spared once a month?

Although I respect the valid excuses, is it to much to expect support and help in whatever way you see fit to give it?

A very heartfelt thanks to those few people who do help where they can. Without you this organization would not exist.

We will continue to work and strive for all of gay Lexington, tired and frustrating as it may be. We'll keep pleading for your help.

Will we ever get it?

1983 ... It's Time!

SHOW YOUR
SUPPORT
IN '83

Tim Banks
Editor

COMING OUT RIGHT

A discussion group for lesbians and gay men has been initiated through GSO.

The purpose of the group is to provide a secure, supportive atmosphere where all members of the gay community can discuss their joys, fears, and ideas with their peers.

At each monthly meeting, a topic of interest to the gay community will be focused upon. The topic of the February meeting will be: "Coming Out: A Process".

The group will meet Sunday, February 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. at 223 N. Broadway, Apt. 19. For more information call Charlie Kast at 252-8143 or the GAYLINE at 231-0335.

Valentine Treat

The Fourth Annual GSO Valentine's Dance will be held downtown at THE BAR on Monday, February 14.

The event, always well attended in the past, is expecting the largest crowd ever in 1983. Publicity via the NEWSLETTER about the dance, has been sent to all the gay organizations in the state as well as hundreds of individuals. Everyone in the entire community is sincerely invited and strongly encouraged to attend.

The Bar has generously agreed to donate all proceeds from the door to GSO. Many, many thanks to them for this courtesy. This major fund-raising event is extremely important for the continuance of the many services provided by GSO. Tickets to the party will be \$3.00 at the door.

Make Valentine's Day something special. Come join GSO and their guests, dance to the fabulous music provided by The Bar, and help support the organization that belongs to all of you. It promises to be a very special evening!

GALUS: ACTIVE AT UK

The new semester at UK has brought the Gay and Lesbian Union of Students into their own.

After their much publicized official acceptance as a student group on campus last semester, Krista Hartmann, president of the organization, reports many plans for the group.

February activities include the showing of "Pink Triangles", a critically acclaimed film dealing with homosexuality during World War II. Show dates have not been finalized. Election of certain officers are scheduled for this month also.

Membership in the organization stands at approximately 60 persons.

GSO wishes the best to this important and much needed group. 1983. . . It's Time!

Mythology In 1983

HOMOSEXUALITY IS WEIRD, ABNORMAL, DEVIANT
Homosexuality has existed throughout history in all cultures, many of which have been more accepting of it than American society at the present time. A cross-cultural study by Ford & Beach (1951) found that 64% of the societies studied considered homosexuality to be a normal variation of human sexual expression.

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JANUARY 30 & 31 9:30 PM

THE CANTERBURY TALES

Pier Paolo Pasolini Pasolini himself plays poet Geoffrey Chaucer in this brightly colored and bawdy screen version of the classic, which won the Golden Bear at the 1972 Berlin Film Festival. Hugh Griffith, Laura Betti, Jenny Runacre, Tom Baker and Robin Asquith are featured in Pasolini's adaptation of eight tales.

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PIER PAOLO PASOLINI

ARABIAN NIGHTS Pier

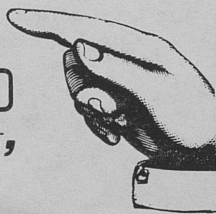
Paolo Pasolini Pasolini transforms Scheherazade's timeless tales of adventure, magic and romance into an opulently textured tapestry of orientalia and erotica. The production filmed on location in Ethiopia, Iran, Nepal and Yemen with a cast of non-professionals, won a special jury prize at the Cannes.

FEBRUARY 13 9:30 PM
FEBRUARY 14 1:30 PM
FEBRUARY 15 9:40 PM



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Kentucky Archives Formed

Gays and Lesbians United for Equality (GLUE), a Louisville based organization, has authorized formation of a Kentucky Gay Archives.

The Archives will be collecting newsletters, flyers and pamphlets and is seeking interested individuals for information concerning the history of Gays and Lesbians in Kentuckiana.

For further information, write Dave Williams, P.O. Box 4264, Louisville, KY 40204. (Courtesy Lambda Louisville)

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Margie Adam is an extraordinarily gifted songwriter, pianist and singer whose music is a celebration of the human spirit--revealing the love, the strength and the humor of a woman who speaks for herself. Her songs are a unique synthesis of jazz, pop, and classical sounds.

The concert is scheduled for Friday, February 25 at the UK Center for the Arts Recital Hall. Self-selecting ticket prices are \$7.50, 8.50, and 9.50. For information call: 252-3110.

WANTED: Writers/reporters. Hard work, hours not bad, no pay, some thanks, Pulitzer Prize doubtful. Interested? Contact: Tim Banks at 223-4598 or the GAYLINE at 231-0335.

I know you're out there--HELP!!!!
(Idea Courtesy Lambda Louisville)



The Friends of GSO

The GSO NEWSLETTER is in the process of compiling a directory called "The Friends of GSO" for individuals, organizations, and businesses who provide fair and unbiased services to gays/lesbians. Listing in this directory will not imply sexual preference of individuals nor will it imply that these services are provided exclusively to the gay community.

According to the May 1980 "Business World", the gay community accounts for 19% of the disposable income in the U.S. If you offer a service or if your organization or business caters to ALL members of society regardless of sexual preference and you would like the gay community to know this, please contact Tim Banks at 223-4598 or call the GAYLINE at 231-0335. Help us help you!

"Ironically, I was freed from fear by people who, at the time, were ruled by fear."--Bette Midler on her early years at New York City's Continental Baths.

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Advertising Rates

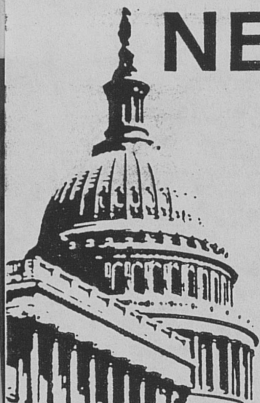
We have approximately 360 mailing addresses for the NEWSLETTER. Would you like to get those people to your business? It's easy--place an advertisement! Rates are as follows:

- 1/8 Page.....\$ 8.00
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- 1/2 Page..... 25.00
- Full Page..... 40.00

The gay community has a highly discretionary income. It's simple to reach that market.

If you are interested in placing an ad, please contact Tim Banks at 223-4598 before the 20th of the month.

GAY RIGHTS NATIONAL LOBBY



NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

The Gay Rights National Lobby's (GRNL) effort to increase funding for research on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) met with tremendous success during the lame duck session of the Congress. Congress passed a Continuing Resolution funding the government for the rest of the fiscal year which runs through September 30, 1983. In the Continuing Resolution, \$2 million was appropriated for AIDS research to be conducted by the Center for Disease Control. In fiscal year 1982, only \$500,000 for AIDS research was provided. The funds for AIDS represents a significant victory since there were only two other new health related programs funded during the entire 97th Congress.

The funds will be used to expand monitoring activities in an attempt to learn more about the disease. AIDS has been identified in nearly 800 cases nationwide resulting in almost 300 deaths with two new cases reported each day. Medical researchers still know little about the cause, mode of transmission, treatment or cure for AIDS. It is known, however, that the syndrome causes a profound suppression of a critical part of the body's immune system.

While this initial victory is an important step forward in gaining Congressional support for AIDS research, the effort to obtain more funds for vital research must continue. Persons who would like to join the AIDS Constituent Lobbyist System or do other gay health issues, should contact Bart Church, GRNL AIDS PROJECT, P.O. Box 1892, Washington, D.C. 20013 (202) 546-1801.

BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Lambda/Louisville will be hosting the first annual Bluegrass Classic ("83 BC"), on February 11 and 12. Teams from Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, Detroit, Washington, D.C. Milwaukee, Minneapolis, as well as Toronto, Canada and others will participate. (A team from Lexington may be going!)

The tournament will be at Rose Bowl Lanes on Goldsmith Lane, Louisville. The Classic is limited to 36 five-person teams. It is open to both men and women bowlers and will be sanctioned by ABC/WIBC. Top team awards will consist of trophies and \$600 cash. Trophies and cash prizes will also be awarded to top finishers in singles, doubles and all events.

There will be an awards banquet and show held at the Holiday Inn Midtown, Liberty Street, on Saturday, February 12. Cocktail hour will be 7 to 8 p.m., with dinner at 8 p.m. The awards and show presentation will be at 9 p.m.

Best of luck to Lambda and all the teams in the competition.

We'll be looking forward to here about the great outcome of the event!

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LAGPAC--Lesbian and Gay Political Action Committee of the Bluegrass

LAGPAC of the Bluegrass is a group whose purpose is to form and maintain a vehicle through which citizens can organize to impact local and regional decision-making concerning the civil and human rights of lesbian and gay people.

LAGPAC supports: the decriminalization of adult concensual sexual activity for the state of Kentucky; civil rights of lesbians and gay men in housing and employment, equal access to public services, rights to organize and associate, equal economic opportunity; the rights of lesbian and gay parents to have custody and access to their children; the elimination of discrimination against women, recognizing that in our sexist society lesbians are oppressed both as women and lesbians.

They are firmly committed to the establishment of a progressive voice for lesbian and gay people and believe that as gay men and lesbians we must take charge of our own lives and speak clearly and publicly on political issues that effect us.

If you share these concerns on these issues and would like to become involved in political work, please call the GAYLINE at 231-0335.

POTLUCK: 1983!!!

Montie hosted the first official GSO Potluck of 1983. What a great way to start the new year!

The place was overflowing with people, food and drink. Many thanks to Montie for providing his beautiful home for the affair. No one was disappointed!

The tradition continues this month on Sunday, February 13. Everyone is cordially invited to bring some food and themselves to Chuck, Jim and Tim's. Food will be served at 1:30 p.m.

For directions call 223-4598. Celebrate Valentine's early.

If you are interested in hosting a potluck, please contact Keith Elston or call the GAYLINE. All you need to supply is a location.

It would be of great service to our community. Please contribute. Thanks!

CHRISTMAS \$\$\$


Many thanks to those who supported GSO through the Christmas Tree Rebate program offered by Lansdowne Christmas Tree Lot.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with the business community on such projects.

Plans have been made to offer the same program next year along with greater publicity.

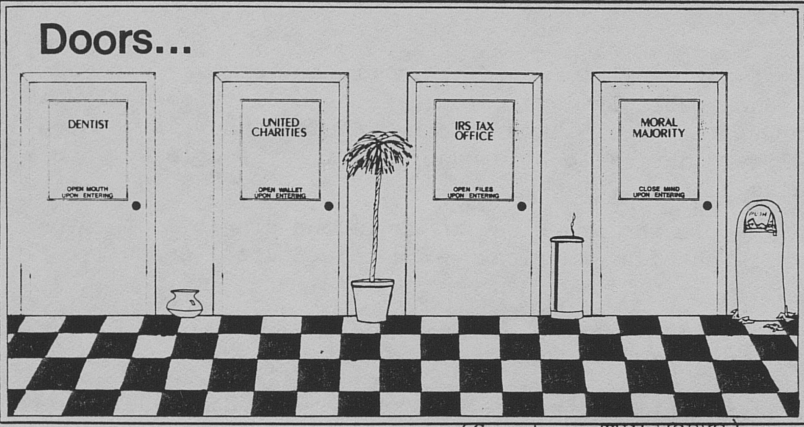
Again, thanks to Lansdowne Lot and to those who took advantage of this program.

LAGPAC



**WANTED:
MIDWEST
REGIONAL
DIRECTOR
GRNL**

Regional Director needed for Gay Rights National Lobby's midwest office, to open Spring, 1983, most likely in Chicago. Responsible for coordination of field operations in twelve midwestern states. Must have organizing experience, administrative skills, and demonstrated ability to work with diverse groups. Public speaking, lobbying, and fundraising experience preferred. Starting salary range is \$12,500-14,000 plus benefits. Ethnic minorities and women encouraged to apply. Send resume and cover letter before February 15 to:
SUSAN F. GREEN, FIELD DIRECTOR, G.R.N.L.
P.O. BOX 1892, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20013



(Courtesy-THE WORKS)

Ban on blood-giving by gay men is sought

Associated Press

NEW YORK--

Noting that most victims of a mysterious new immunological problem are homosexuals, the National Hemophilia Foundation has called for a ban on blood donations from gay men and a halt to blood collection in areas where they live.

The foundation recommended, January 17, that manufacturers of a blood protein treatment for hemophilia stop using plasma collected in "hot spots" with concentrations of homosexuals with high rates of acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or AIDS.

Potential donors should be asked if they are homosexuals and their blood tested for signs of AIDS, said Alan Brownstein, executive director of the foundation.

But Virginia Apuzzo, the executive director of the National Gay Task Force, said a potential donor's fitness should be judged on the basis of his medical history, not his sexual history. She predicted the foundation's policy would needlessly stigmatize homosexuals without stopping them from donating blood.

Brownstein said the foundation did not want to stigmatize homosexuals, but that questioning donors about AIDS symptoms was not enough. The disease apparently has an incubation period of up to a year, he said, and the symptoms--aches and pains, persistent fever, swollen glands--are too general to identify the disease's victims.

In a related story, three major blood collectors--the American Red Cross, the American Association of Blood Banks and the Council of Community Blood Centers--said in a joint statement January 18, that their blood banks would neither ask donors if they were homosexual nor exclude them because of it. A check of local organizations (e.g. Plasma Alliance, Health Department, etc.) have also adopted this policy.

The latest study was done by doctors at Downstate Medical Center and the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta and was published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

The occurrence of AIDS in people who are neither homosexuals nor drug addicts "suggests that immunity is not conferred or guaranteed by virtue of a traditional lifestyle," the researchers wrote.

Thoughts On The Closet Mentality (Guest Excerpt Courtesy THE WORKS) by Tom Green, Jr.

It is generally agreed that the greatest cause for continuing misconceptions, lack of understanding and stereotyping of gay people is the overall invisibility of the gay community.

Many who have studied and accepted our own sexuality are not ready or willing to admit our sexual preference to friends, families, or employers. People have a need to feel accepted, and homosexuality is not yet considered an acceptable lifestyle by many. The prospect of social rejection seems to shine like a bright neon sign just outside every closet door. Followers of the "closet mentality" may feel self-esteem, happiness and fulfillment, but these positive feelings will always be weighted down with the ever present denials they must carry to avoid possible rejection by society.

The theoretical answer to our problem of invisibility would therefore be for everyone who is gay to acknowledge their sexual preference publicly. This would force society to deal with the concept of homosexuality more fairly; they would have no other choice. However, the continuing concept of a "closet mentality" adhered to by a majority of gay people will only result in the continuation of the status quo.

"Coming out to our family, friends and people who are close to us is the single most revolutionary thing we can do . . . and it is changing America."--Virginia Apuzzo, executive director of the National Gay Task Force.

The GSO GAYLINE operates on Thursdays and Fridays from 7 to 11 p.m. Call 231-0335.

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 Bowling 4-6 p.m.	7 GSO Business Meeting 8 p.m. - Office	8 LAGPAC Meeting 8 p.m. - Office	9 Gay A.A. - 8 p.m. office	10 GAYLINE 7-11 p.m.	11 GAYLINE 7-11 p.m. "83 B.C. Bowling Tourney" Louisville	12 "83 B.C. Bowling Tourney" Louisville
13 Potluck - 223-4598	14 <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; transform: rotate(-5deg);"> GSO VALENTINE DANCE @ -- THE BAR COME JOIN US!!! </div>	15	16 Gay A.A. - 8 p.m. office	17 GAYLINE 7-11 p.m.	18 GAYLINE 7-11 p.m. GSO Bridge 273-4218 Miss Gay Louisville Trixie's	19 Miss Gay Louisville Trixie's
20 Bowling 4-6 p.m. Discussion Group 252-8143 8 p.m. 331-0335	21	22	23 Gay A.A. - 8 p.m. office	24 GAYLINE 7-11 p.m. Diana Ross - In Concert Rupp Arena	25 GAYLINE 7-11 p.m. Margie Adam - In Concert 252-3110	26
27	28	If your group, organization, or business has information for the NEWSLETTER- PLEASE contact Tim Banks as soon as possible. THANKS! PHONE--223-4598				

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