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# A CALL FOR HELP: GLSO ASKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT from the GLSO Board of Directors

We need your help. GLSO is experiencing a crisis, of sorts, in continuing to staff our basic programs. Without an influx of new people, some of our regular services such as GLSO News and the Phoneline will be cut or even, perhaps, eliminated.

There are several opportunities for individuals to volunteer. We need a new editor for GLSO News. This would require about ten to twenty hours per month preparing the newsletter for publication. Please call Craig Clere, 266-8887, to discuss the specifics of the job.

We also need support people for the newsletter. You say "I can't be editor"; we can still use you! We need people to coordinate "folding & stuffing", write columns, enter data on the computer, research calendar events, etc.

The Phoneline needs new volunteers. The Phoneline was staffed for only four times during the month of April. Training is provided and you operate the Phoneline from your own home. Call Tony, 266-9175, for more information.

We need two individuals to fill terms on the GLSO Board of Directors. One position is a two-year term beginning in July 1991; the other is a one-year term to replace Melanie Otis, who has resigned from the Board. Board members are responsible for the overall operation and funding for the organization. Please call Craig, 266-8887; Linda, 266-9748; or Bill, 266-9175. We would especially welcome new men to the Board to help us maintain gender balance.

The Board has agreed that no one, including previous editors, is going to be "guilt-tripped" into taking over the newsletter. So, then what happens if no one volunteers to help with our staffing problems? Well, the Board has agreed to "run" **GLSO News** for two months. After that, it's anyone's guess. The Phoneline is considering cutting back service to fewer nights per month. The organization already ceased our GLSO Member Forum nearly a year ago for lack of interest and attendance.

Is this a problem unique to GLSO? No, it isn't. There have been several groups in Lexington dissolve in the past year and several other organizations are having trouble maintaining their current services. We aren't alone in the apathy that has struck our lesbian and gay community.

Is it all bad news? No, frankly, it isn't. We're excited about this year's Pride Week. We are planning starting back our monthly membership meetings in a new format this fall. More people than ever before are joining the organization and/or subscribing to GLSO News. The number of Speaker's Bureau's engagements are continuing to increase.

There's plenty of reasons to be enthused about GLSO. But, we need some new people. How about it, can you help us? Feel free to call any of the above individuals to see how we can put you to work. Believe us when we say: we want you, we need you and we will put you to work!

[ ] Please send me information on GLSO.
[ ] I'd like to become a voting Member of GLSO, including home delivery of the GLSO NEWS and discounts at GLSO functions. Membership of \$10/yr. individual, \$15/yr. couple, is enclosed.
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### **CLASSIFIED ADS**

Two apartments for gay men or lesbians only. Old Louisville. Live-in landlord. Second floor apt. has two bedrooms, modern kitchen; sunny; ideal for couple. Small deposit, no pets. \$325 + utilities. Available April 15. Third floor apt. has one bedroom, new kitchen; newly refurbished. Small deposit, no pets. \$275 + utilities. Available May 15. Convenient to downtown and U of L. Call 502-636-0935 for appointment.

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#### TENTATIVE PRIDE WEEK SCHEDULE

from Pride Week Committee

FRIDAY JUN 7	Arts Night, 8 pm, ArtsPlace, call Debbie, 255-3851, to schedule a performance, sponsored by the Committee	SUN JUN 9	Pride Week Worship Service, 10:45 am, Unitarian Universalist Church, sponsored by Interweave; Gay & Lesbian Day at King's Island; Pride Week Barn Dance,
SAT JUN 8	Pride Week Picnic, Noon, Unitarian Universalist Church, sponsored by Interweave & GLSO;	de rost sichwen worked with worked with rect deal of work biccition regardless	time and place to be announced, sponsored by Tri-State Gay Rodeo Association
	Comedy Night - an evening of comedy, time and place to be announced, sponsored	SUN JUN 14	Movie Night, time and place to be announced.
	by the Committee	SAT JUN 15	Bar Night

A complete schedule of events will be available in a separate mailing to GLSO members and GLSO News subscribers and in the June GLSO News. For further information or to volunteer to work during Pride Week, please contact Craig, 266-8887, or Linda, 266-9748.

# CROSSOVER CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS from GLSO News staff

This year's Crossover conference, a group of anti-gay "conversionists", came and went in Lexington with scarcely a whimper from most people. Southern Acres Christian Church was this year's host church to local Executive Director Bruce Grimsley's local branch of Exodus International. The conference was to "bring the

Christian through their questions on the issues of homosexuality and AIDS so they can become equipped to bring compassion and healing to the silent cry of many."

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GLSO News thought you might be interested in local participants in this homophobic, anti-gay conference.

Rev. Andy Adams, DaySpring Presbyterian. Church
Rev. John Hampton, Northern Heights Christian Church
Rev. Willis Polk, Antioch Baptist Church
Rev. David Redish, Lexington Covenant Church
Rev. Hershael York, Ashland Avenue Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Keblish, Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Rev. Weyman McGuire, Aldersgate United Methodist Church
Rev. Russell Hurst, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Saundra (Sunny) Meadows, MSW, LCSW
Kevin Metzler, Vice-President of Buckley & Co.
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Robert C. Pitman, M.Div., NACFT

### LOCAL NEWS

### from Craig Clere

GLSO Members and GLSO News readers:

This is the final issue of GLSO News I will produce as editor. Beginning with the June issue, the Board will be editing GLSO News until a permanent editor is found. It's been an eye-opening experience for me, serving as editor of the newsletter for the past eighteen months. Preceding my term, I worked with Steve Savage, my partner, during his years as editor. I've learned what a great deal of work, time, and effort goes into publication regardless of its size. I've also discovered how much responsibility there is when you are ultimately "on the line" for any regular publication.

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I'd like to thank Steve for all his help and support, (especially for listening to my complaining!); Dave for providing advice and the "tools of production"; Mark and Steve, and all the other "folders and stuffers"; Bill, Kenneth, and Melanie for making sure either the printer or the post office received the newsletter; and Angela and Laura for

Esmerelda's Parlour.

I've agreed to continue as GLSO President for another two-year term and will continue to be active on the Newsletter Committee of the Board, as well as other GLSO activities, but this is it for my day-to-day responsibility for **GLSO** News. Thanks to all the GLSO members and GLSO News readers for having made the past years on the newsletter enjoyable ones.

# GLSO SEEKS FOLDING & STUFFING TEAM from GLSO News staff

Beginning this summer the persons who have coordinated the final preparations for post office delivery of **GLSO News**, will take a well deserved break from the job. For once each month during the past five years they have turned their house into an assembly line for the newsletter. It's time for someone new to take over the job. Training is certainly available for anyone able to take over this important task for GLSO. For more information about the job, call 263-2765 or Craig Clere, 266-8887.

### GLSO BOARD NOMINATIONS APPROVED from GLSO News staff

The Nominating Committee of GLSO has recommended the following nominations for two-year terms on the GLSO Board of Directors:

President Vice-President At-large Craig Clere
Debbie Currie
Mary Warfield
John Cutright

Clere and Currie have served two years previously as President and Vice-President of the organization. Cutright has served a two-year term as an at-large Board Director and Warfield has completed a one-year term on the Board. There is a another two-year at-large position which someone will be nominated at the May board meeting.

Other members of the Board are:
Secretary: Teresa Reynolds
Treasurer: Bill Loggins
At-large: Kate Jacques
Linda Laporte

Their terms expire in June 1992. Melanie Otis has resigned from the Board and her position will be filled by the Board at the May meeting. Members are invited to the May 29th Board meeting to talk to the nominees or to suggest a nominee for the open board seats. Elections will be held in June during Pride Week.

# OA MEETING IN LOUISVILLE from GLSO News staff

There is a Overeater's Anonymous meeting in Louisville with a lesbian focus which is inviting Bluegrass area residents to attend. The meeting is on Tuesdays at 7 pm. Call Patricia, (502) 454-0318 for details.

### NAMES PROJECT SEEKS VOLUNTEER from Kentucky NAMES Project

The NAMES Project is looking for a volunteer who has two hours per week to spare. The person would help the Project with various clerical duties. Anyone who can help the Project please call Katie at 223-3855 or Dan at 254-9998.

# Don't just worry about HIV.

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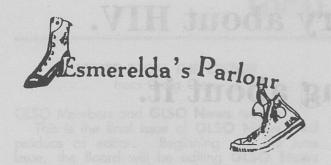
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RESPONDS
TO AIDS



truly experience your own uniqueness while being protected from the patriarchal rule.

This article is brought to you as a collaborative effort from my Festie Going Partner and me.

> In sisterhood, Laura Drew

Since May seems to kick off Festival Season for some of us I have chosen to share with you my thoughts and feelings about being a "Festie Goer." Also I am furnishing you with a comprehensive festival schedule which I got from the March/April issue of Lesbian Connection.

I have been a committed Festie Goer for several years now. One year my partner and I choose not to go to Michigan but on Friday we were unable to deal with not being there, so off we went. For those of you who have never gone you are missing something very special. For those of you who have gone I hope that you are planning to go back. It is the only place where we can feel totally safe and accepted accepted.

You've heard the saying "what separates the men from the boys" and the "womyn from the girls" well my experience was walking in to the festival world a "gay woman" and

emerging a LESBIAN.

What I mean by that is when I first came the only real difference was my sexual preference turned to women. As I began to go to festivals began developing a new, enlightened consciousness. One that included a political and spiritual awareness. I gained an appreciation of all shapes and sizes; while beginning to learn to love and accept my own

I was exposed to all expressions of womyn. I began to experience the world's of the Differently Abled and Womyn of Color in ways I never understood before.

Womyn's music not only spoke of our love, lust and heartbreak; but it revealed the struggles, strength, and victories of all womyn in the world, in various cultures. Helping us to love and honor our diversities as it moves us towards Unity and personal Empowerment.

Kay Hagan, a feminist writer from Atlanta, refers to festivals as the "Wild Zone." It is an opportunity to experience your own sense of "Wildness". That means set yourself free to 1991 Festival Schedule

CAMPFEST May 23-27, usually in Oxford, PA Campfest, RR 5, Box 185, Franklinville, NJ, 08322. Phone: 609-694-2037.

WIMINFEST '91

May 24-26 WIMIN, PO Box 80204, Albuquerque, NM, 87198-0204.

SOUTHERN WOMEN'S MUSIC & COMEDY FEST May 23-27, in Cleveland, GA Robin Tyler Prod., 15842 Chase St, Sepulveda, CA, 91343. Phone: 818-893-4075.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL May 30 - June 2, in Bloomington, IN NWMF Dept LC, PO Box 1427, Indianapolis, IN, 46206. Phone: 317-636-7382.

EAST COAST LESBIANS' FESTIVAL June 20-23, Lakeside Camp on NY/PA border ECLF, Box 274, 132 Montague St, Brooklyn, NY, 11201.

WEST COAST WOMEN'S MUSIC & COMEDY FEST August 29 - Sept. 2 near Yosemite, CA Robin Tyler Prod., 15842 chase St, Sepulveda, CA, 91343. Phone: 818-893-4075.

RHYTHM FEST Labor Day Weekend in Northern Georgia Rhythm Fest, 604 W. Chapel Hill St. Durham, NC, 27701. Phone: 919-682-6374.

SISTERSPACE POCONO WEEKEND Sept. 13-15, in the Pennsylvania Poconos Sisterspace, 351 S 47th St. B-101, Philadelphia, PA, 19143. Phone 215-476-2424.

# JAMIE ANDERSON PROGRESSIVE FOLK SINGER & COMIC

from Linda Laporte

Known for her warm voice, and unique, sometimes outrageous songs, Jamie's music has reached many people. "Her voice is strong and her songs can be powerfully political and very funny," says New Directions For Women. Performing since 1979, her collection of songs include a wide variety of music by and about women.

Jamie is a versatile performer who has played in everything from coffeehouses to concert halls all over the U.S. She has been featured at several festivals including the Southern Women's Music Festival, East Coast Lesbian Festival and West Coast Women's Music Festival. Jamie's musical style ranges from original songs like the hauntingly beautiful "Closer to Home", a song about armament funding, to the hilarious "Straight Girl Blues." "Nothing" is Jamie's "low self esteem I'm only dirt on the sidewalk without you" love song; and her country-flavored "Wedding Song" shows her outrage at a society that only give toaster ovens to straight couples.

So please join Athena Productions and Jamie for a wonderful evening of music at the Lexington Public Library Auditorium on May 16 at 8 pm. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door. For more information and tickets call

Linda at 606-266-9748.

# RAPE IN THE GAY MALE COMMUNITY II REACTIONS TO RAPE

from J.E.

It is a common misconception that men are not raped. Estimates are that 1 in 4 females and 1 in 8 males will experience a violent sexual assault at some point in their lives. Of these crimes, less than ten percent will be reported. Obviously not all gay men are raped, and not all men who have been raped are gay. Many women in the lesbian community have also been victims. In this article I will concentrate on the feelings of the gay male who has been raped, his significant others and also on his attacker(s). This emphasis is not meant to take away from the feelings of any other victims but only to focus on one particular kind of victim.

While there are not figures which list gay males separately, one might surmise that at least

for date rape, gay males have a higher incidence than the average straight man. Date rape, in the context of the gay male community, is a rape that takes place while a man is on a date and is forced by his date to perform some sexual act without his consent. Often, the person who commits the date rape does not define the event as "rape," having been led to believe by societal stereotypes that "No" means "Yes" or "Maybe." Part of this problem is that there appears to be no public consensus as to what constitutes rape, with the exception of a

stereotypic "stranger rape."

A rape occurs when any oral or anal activity is forced upon a man by another person through violence or coercion. As gay men, we are in some sense victimized by our own societal stereotypes as being always ready for sex, being less than gay or male if we are not always ready, and having hundreds of partners a year. Gay men are socialized by our society's negative stereotypes to believe that NO is simply not a possible answer in a way similar to a straight man being socialized to believe that women never really mean NO. This leads to the belief on the part of a perpetrator in a date rape that he has performed up to society's and his date's expectations by overpowering his date's resistance. Thus, the perpetrator believes he has done nothing wrong while the person who has been raped has all the feelings of a victim of a violent assault.

Among the short term rape effects which have been drawn from numerous sources are: terror, fear, and anxiety; depression; shock, numbness, disbelief, or withdrawal; change in response to men; guilt or shame and loss of self-identity; a sense of helplessness and a loss and loss of control; loss of self-esteem; anger; a sense of having brought on the rape or having deserved it; and a decreased sense of safety in the world in general. More dependent on gender is the reporting of a rape and the seeking of help when one is raped. Given these figures, one might expect that for every two women who called the Lexington Rape Crisis (LRCC), (253-2511), there would be one man who would call. Despite the fact that the LRCC staff is well trained to deal with male victims, it is truly rare that a man calls. Such is the result of society's programming that men do not get raped, men are strong and do not need help, and men who show their feelings are not

Next month: Reactions from telling.

#### HARTFORD, CT

The state's Roman Catholic bishops have stated they will remain neutral on a gay rights bill that is pending in the state legislature. "The neutral position of the church is tantamount to approval," said state representative William Wollenberg, an opponent of the measure. Opposition from the bishops helped defeat a state gay rights measure in 1989.

#### WASHINGTON, DC

Activists from around the country have gathered to discuss several proposals for a third March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. The second national march, held in October 1987, brought more than 600,000 participants to the nation's capital. The first march was held in 1979 and involved 100,000 people. Participants called for a national meeting to continue discussion, provide grassroots input, and decide on the efficacy and viability of a national march on Washington in 1992 or 1993.

#### HONOLULU, HI

Hawaii became the third U.S. state to institute gay-rights protection when Gov. John Waihee signed a law that bans job discrimination based on sexual orientation. The bill enjoyed widespread mainstream institutional support, garnering endorsements from the Hawaii Council of Churches, the Catholic Diocese of Honolulu, the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission, and the Hawaii State Teachers Association. Massachusetts and Wisconsin have gay-rights laws that offer not only employment protections, but also housing and public-accommodations safeguards.

#### INDIANAPOLIS, IN

A gay man, Thor Steingraber, has filed suit against an insurer that refused him enrollment in his company's group health plan. Steingraber is using an Indiana state insurance regulation that prohibits discrimination based on sexual

orientation. Steingraber was denied group health insurance by American United Life Insurance Company (AUL), the company used by Steingraber's employer, the Indianapolis Opera. The denial followed AUL's review of his medical records, which indicated that he is gay.

#### COLUMBUS, OH

A state law against domestic violence must be applied to gay and lesbian couples and unmarried heterosexual couples as well as married heterosexual couples, a state appeals court has ruled.

#### DALLAS, TX

The Dallas Gay Alliance Credit Union is drowning in applications for the world's first gay credit card. No fewer than 3,500 requests have poured into Dallas even though most news reports did not carry an address. DGA's MasterCard is an ordinary credit card with the added advantages of no annual fee and a 14% interest rate. It reads "Dallas Gay Alliance Credit Union" across the top. For more information contact: DGA Credit Union, PO Box 190712, Dallas, TX, 75219.

#### SEATTLE, WA

In a settlement of a Seattle human rights complaint brought by a gay man, AAA Washington has extended its requirements for "associate" membership to include domestic partners and other residents of a "primary" member's household. Civil rights attorneys say the settlement is the first in Washington state and one of only a few nationwide to prevent a business from discriminating against same-sex couples.

#### MADISON, WI

Four men have been charged with felonies for painting obscene messages on the sculpture, Gay Liberation, in a Madison park. The men are accused of doing \$6,000 damage to the \$250,000 sculpture in December.

### LEXINGTON NIGHTLIFE

The Bar Complex, 224 East Main, 255-1551. The restaurant, Cafe Montparnasse, open from 6 - 11 pm, Saturday 6 pm - 3 am. Also features Johnny Angel Disco, Gilded Gage Cabaret, and the Living Room Lounge. Afterhours Saturday night from 1:30 - 3:30 am.

Crossings, 117 North Limestone, 233-7266. Lexington's mens' bar. Cowboy night 1st Saturday, Leather night 3rd Saturday. Operates The Rack, a leather shop, open Friday and Saturday, 10 pm to 1 am.

The Metro, 156 West Main, 254-9881. Shows every weekend. Afterhours Friday and Saturday, 1:30 - 4 am.

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### MAY **EVENTS CALENDAR**

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5 Tri-State Gay Rodeo Association,

7 GLSO Phoneline Meeting, 5:30 pm

NAMES Project Panel Making Workshop, 7 pm, Quilters Square, Regency Road

29 GLSO Board Meeting, 7:30 pm

8 NAMES Project General Meeting, 7 pm, Rosenthal Center, Transylvania University

4 pm

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 page. The Comp Care Cente 201 Mechanic Street, Lexington.

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26 27	28 29 30 31	SUN	12 Aids Volunteers Of Lexington, 5:30 pm, Comp Care Center
	WEEKLY EVENTS	TUE	14 AVOL's Bereavement Support Group, 7:30 pm
SUNDAY	NDAY Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center; Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm		16 Jamie Anderson concert, 8 pm, Lexington Public Library
TUESDAY	tension of the Sheerest at the Sheerest		19 AVOL Benefit Brunch, Noon, Fleur-de-lys, call 252-7946 for reservations; Lesbian Potluck, 2 pm; Working Class Kitchen - Poetry &
WEDNESDAY Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Hospital, CCI Meeting Room; <b>Gayline</b> , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm			Performance Art, 6 pm, a la Lucie's, 159 North Limestone, (reservation suggested); AIDS Memorial Service, 7pm, Lexington Theological Seminary, call AVOL for details, 254-AVOL
THURSDAY	HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; <b>Gayline</b> , 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm	MON	20 Pro-Choice Alliance, 7:30 pm, Alfalfa's Restaurant
FRIDAY	Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center;	FRI	24 GLSO Cards & Games, 8 pm
SATURDAY	Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm Front Runners, 9 am, UK Water	TUE	28 AVOL's Bereavement Support Group, 7:30 pm

Front Runners, 9 am, UK Water Tower at Alumni Drive