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The GSO GAYLINE operates on Thursdays and Fridays from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last month's scheduled GSO benefit at The Bar was cancelled due to the decision of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to deny the owners of The Bar permission to open on Sunday.

At the last minute, we moved to the Circus Disco (a private club). As a social event, it was a great success. We didn't make big bucks, but gosh we had a good time!

Thanks to the owners of The Bar for their help and time spent trying to change the minds of the folks in Frankfort. And, thanks to the staff of The Bar for spreading the word on the change of location.

A special thanks to Rick Barnett and Greg Butler for their support and for just being there!!

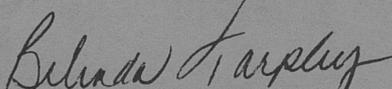
Donations at the benefit	\$580.00
Rental of disco	400.00
Beer for benefit	<u>140.00</u>
Total \$\$ for GSO	\$ 40.00

Each month at GSO meetings our big discussion is money. Basically, we have none.

Last month, after much anguish, the Board decided that the best way to cut our expenses would be to print a bi-monthly newsletter. This was a real tough decision. All of us realize that our newsletter is the only contact we have with lots of gay men and lesbians in our community.

Well, folks, we have a reverse decision. Thanks to a much needed and appreciated donation of \$100.00, we will have a November newsletter. MANY THANKS TO THE DONOR!!

There is still the possibility of us going to a bi-monthly printing, but with everyone's help, this won't have to happen. As I said last month, Reaganomics is really out there, but with everyone's continued support, WE WILL SURVIVE.


President, Lexington Gay
Services Organization

PFOG

Parents and Friends of Gays is now operational! We had an organizational meeting on Monday, September 13, and decided to meet once a month from now on. My parents are totally involved and will be very happy to talk with other parents or friends of gay men and women. For their phone number, call the Gayline on Thursday or Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The number is 268-1166. Let us hear from you.

Keith

For the past two years, the Board of the Lexington Gay Services Organization has given me a free hand to organize social and sports activities. I have enjoyed making a contribution. It has brought me a sense of pride, a feeling of self-worth, and a spirit of community. I'm gay. I'm proud. I live in Lexington. I have discovered that these statements are not contradictory.

My desire has been to help provide an opportunity for lesbians and gays to meet, socialize and have fun beyond the confines of a bar. Judging from the response, many people have shared this desire. These activities would have died long ago without the support of the gay community.

I realize these activities aren't for everyone. The social and sports activities are one facet of many services GSO provides to the gay community in Lexington. Dedicated members devote long hours to provide a Speakers Bureau, the phonenumber, the newsletter, LAGPAC, Parents and Friends of Gays, Gay AA, and fundraisers. If needs are not being met by one of these services, then there is always room for one more. But, that additional service and the continuation of current services hinges on you.

I am unable to continue in my present capacity. I want to thank the 1981 and 1982 Boards for their encouragement. But, special thanks go to you for attending the various social and sports activities. Please continue to support these and other services provided by GSO in whatever way is comfortable for you. In spite of our shortcomings and our problems, and for all of our accomplishments, I'm mighty proud of us.

T. Huston

BELLE OF LOUISVILLE CRUISE

Lambda-Louisville and Dignity-Integrity will host a cruise on the Belle of Louisville on Friday, October 15, at 8:00 p.m. (that's departure time) and return at midnight. Boarding will be at Fourth and River Road below the Bellevedere. River Road runs parallel between Main Street and the Ohio River. Bring your own bottle; ice and set-ups will be sold. However, coolers will not be permitted onboard. Tickets and additional information can be obtained from Lambda-Louisville, P. O. Box 8415, Louisville, Kentucky 40208.

GSO BOWLING

GSO will begin winter bowling at Southland Lanes on October 3, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The fee is \$1.25 per game and 50¢ for shoe rental.

As in volleyball, bowling will be for fun. Join us even if your bowling ball spends more time in the gutter than on the lanes, or if you haven't bowled in several years. Bowling is fun and easy to learn. You'll find it a great way to meet people.

Bowling will continue through October and November on the first and third Sundays of the month. For additional information, contact J. Wieckers at 299-0352.

LAMBDA IN LEXINGTON

Last April GSO received an invitation from Lambda-Louisville for a get-acquainted weekend. Over fifteen Lexingtonians enjoyed an afternoon party, a night on the town, and a cookout the next day. In addition to meeting some great people, results of the weekend included GSO's participation in Gay Pride Kentucky (wasn't it great), August's picnic at Otter Creek Park, and the upcoming Belle of Louisville cruise.

GSO will reciprocate Bluegrass Hospitality for our Derby City welcome with an invitation to the Campout on October 9. According to Don Quire, President of Lambda, several members will be attending and there is some possibility of early arrivals on Friday night. We're looking forward to it, Lambda!

THE THIRD ANNUAL GSO CAMPOUT

GSO will host a potluck and campout for Lambda-Louisville on Saturday, October 9, at the farm of E. Woods. This will replace the usual monthly potluck for October. Food will be served at 4:00 p.m. Maps are available by calling the Gayline or 254-2207.

Following the potluck, for those who wish to stay over, the Third Annual GSO campout will be held. In addition to a covered dish for the potluck, campers need to bring their own breakfast provisions and camping equipment.

"Camping equipment" has been known to include a tape deck, battery-operated TV, radio, martini pitchers, and floral arrangements, in addition to the more traditional tents, sleeping bags, and flashlights.

Tradition dictates that awards be given to campers on Sunday morning. Although they vary year to year, past awards have been: Better Homes and Gardens Award for best use of color for a tent, Best Sound Effects Award coming from a single tent, The Lewis and Clark Explorers Award for the longest absence from the bonfire (this award is usually shared), and the Rula Lenska Look-Alike Award for the worst looking on Sunday morning. Each year gives cause for new awards and a few repeats. November's newsletter will list the award categories, but due to the dubious nature of these distinctions, names will be withheld.

KISS OFF SUMMER

GSO will sponsor a final day of fun in the sun, Saturday, October 2, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Jacobson Park, shelter number 7.

Shelter number 7 is located behind the seating area of the amphitheater. Traditionally, the site for Kiss Off Summer has been shelter number 5. However, the new location offers greater privacy, off-the-road parking, and is enclosed.

For those who wish to participate, there will be volleyball (blondes against brunettes? men against women?), horseshoes, badminton, croquet--whatever we can beg, borrow, or liberate. Bring a blanket, catch those final rays, and enjoy the music. Lunch will be potluck and admission is \$3.00 for our final day of the season at Jacobson.

CORONATION OF EMPEROR OF IMPERIAL COURT

The Coronation of Emperor I of the Imperial Court of the Bluegrass Empire is tentatively scheduled for October 17, 1982 at the Heaven Private Discotheque, Inc. Call 233-4140 for further information.

JULIE GOES TO DENVER!!

Empress I of the Imperial Court of the Bluegrass Empire Julie Vaughn recently attended the Coronation of Emperor and Empress II of the Sovereign Peoples Court of Denver, Colorado, Inc. She was accompanied by the reigning Miss Gay Kentucky Jeannette Wylde and Prime Minister of the Court Greg S. Butler. Julie accepted an award in the name of our Court for the Court Traveling the Farthest. Julie also acted as a Witnessing Monarch for the crowning of Emperor II and Empress II of the Denver Court. Much fun was had by all and we are looking forward to having our new friends from Denver visit. Julie is also planning to attend the Coronation in Boise during the month of October.

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Thanks for supporting the BSO Funhouse at the Cruise		1 - Dayline 7-11 - Day AA, 8:00, 07c - Bridge 273-4218 - Wimmie's Court 8:30, Louisville	2 - Kiss Off Summer Party 1:00 Jacobson shelter #7
3 - Bowling Southland Lanes 4-6	4 - BSO Business Meeting, 8:00, 07c.	5	6	7 - Dayline 7-11	8 - Dayline 7-11 - Day AA, 8:00, 07c	9 - BSO 3rd. Annual Campout. Lambda as guests
10 - Dayline Meeting 4:00, 07c.	11	12 - LAGPAC Meeting 8:00, 07c.	13	14 - Dayline 7-11	15 - Dayline 7-11 - Day AA, 8:00, 07c - Bridge 273-4218 - Belle of Louisville Cruise	16
17 - Bowling Southland Lanes 4-6 * CORONATION of EMPEROR I CALL 233-4140 - Info	18 - Parents & Friends of Daze, 8:00, Call Dayline 268-1166	19	20	21 - Dayline 7-11	22 - Dayline 7-11 - Day AA, 8:00, 07c.	23
24 31 HALLOWEEN	25	26	27	28 - Dayline 7-11	29 - Dayline 7-11 - Day AA, 8:00, 07c. - Bridge, 273-4218	30 This is a party spot somewhere

November
→ Potluck 7th. - moving indoors
→ Bowling Southland Lanes 7th 12st.
→ Bridge 5th & 19th.
→ BSO Benefit

December
→ Potluck 5th.
→ Bridge 3rd & 17th.

January
→ Potluck 2nd
→ Volleyball in back!
→ Bridge 7 & 21st.

* LOCATION HEAVEN DISCO 236 E. MAIN