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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **AUTUMN SOCIAL**

GLSO and Interweave are sponsoring an Autumn Social on Saturday, October 19th at 8:00 at the Unitarian Church. Wishing Chair with Kiya Heartwood and Miriam Davidson will be the featured entertainers, their first set starting at 9 PM. Lori O'Connor will be opening for them at 8:30. Lori played for us at the Pride picnic where the acoustics were terrible. Come early to get the chance to hear her sing.

We will be selling beer, soft drinks, coffee, and desserts. Any community groups or individuals interested in setting up a table, please give us a call. We would also like to hear from individuals willing to help with decorating, selling drinks, baking a dessert, or whatever. Call Mary (266-5904) or Michael (225-1828). Working at a social event is a great way to meet new people. ☿

### **COMING OUT MONTH SERVICE**

#### **AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH**

On Sunday, October 22 at 10:45, there will be a worship service at the Unitarian Universalist Church (2564 Clays Mill Rd.) honoring Coming Out Month. Mary Crone will be leading the service and will focus on coming out as a spiritual gift. The Lexington Men's Chorus will sing. If you have never been to a Unitarian service this is an excellent time to do so. We are an interesting mixture of people, as one of our t-shirts says: "We are looking for a few good men, women, blacks, whites, yellows, browns, heterosexuals, lesbians, gays, accountants, artists, Christians, Jews, Pagans,

atheists, Buddhists, philosophers, and heretics." And if you are not on this list, we really need you to make our congregation even more interesting! ☿

### **SISTERSOUND**

SisterSound, the Lexington woman's chorus, is having a concert on Saturday, November 16th, 1996. The time and place will be announced. SisterSound rehearses on Sunday evenings from 6 to 8:30 at the Park United Methodist Church, at the corner of High and Clay. Are you a woman who likes to sing? We are open to new members. Please call Lloyd Ann at 277-3341 or Connie at 276-2554 for more information. ☿

### **INTERWEAVE**

Interweave, a group for lesbians and their friends at the Unitarian Universalist Church (3564 Clays Mill Rd.) has a few events planned for October. These events are open to non-church members.

Our monthly luncheon, held on the second Sunday of every month, will be October 13th. We will meet at Don Pablo's Mexican Restaurant, 3737 Nicholasville Rd., immediately following the church service (about 12:30 PM).

We are also continuing a video and discussion series, based on "The Celluloid Closet", Exploring Gay and Lesbian Images in Movies. Each Monday through November 25 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship House (located behind the church), we will view a film highlighted in Vito Russo's book and discuss what it shows us about lesbian people

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and the media portrayal of us. Upcoming movies are:

9/30 Young Man With a Horn (1950)

10/07 Rebel Without A Cause (1955)

10/14 Suddenly Last Summer (1959)

10/21 The Children's Hour (1961)

10/28 Goldfinger (1964)

11/04 Rachel, Rachel (1968)

Everyone is invited to this free event (donation accepted to cover cost of video rentals and popcorn. For more information about Interweave, please call Davina at 271-6174.

### **M.C.C. HAS MOVED**

The Metropolitan Community Church has moved to 387 Waller Ave, next to Imperial Plaza. They are temporarily on the second floor (there is a sign.) They have regular Sunday

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## THE CHURCH LADY

by Margaret Christopher Cartwright

I've never asked you to do this before -but GO GET YOUR BIBLE and follow me through the scripture. I am reading from the "NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION." Remember, your Bible is in a box in the back of your closet (no pun intended). If you don't have one, get one, call a Gideon or whatever.

Rarely is being gay discussed in the New Testament. Jesus said absolutely nothing about it and Jesus lived an alternative lifestyle (a future article). Turn to Romans 1:24-27. This is maybe the first mention of lesbianism in the Bible. Intercourse went from natural intercourse to unnatural intercourse for men and women. Men were consumed with lust for other men!

Interpreted from the Greek word "PHYSIN" which meant what was "natural" for the "dirty Gentiles" to the Greek word "PARA PHYSIN" which meant "unnatural." Remember, this is a letter to the Gentiles in Rome on how to live Christian lives. Needless to say, the Romans knew of passion for other men without any sexual connotation. Men of war, men of strong camaraderie, fraternal orders of .... whatever. But the Romans also knew of the sexual excesses of their contemporaries, especially the Emperors. There was a tension in the church of that time regarding Gentiles and the observance Jewish laws. Read in Romans 1:28-31 all the traits of those who are acting "unnatural". Read again how God dealt with "unnatural" things in Romans 11:24. The unnatural practice that was referred to is believed to be the result of idolatry and is a very serious offense listed in Romans 1:28-31.

Come see us. "We talk about things like this at church." ☞

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## LESBOLAND

by Davina Warner

I have a confession to make. I've been missing church on Sunday mornings, not because of my new work schedule, but to watch *Xena: Warrior Princess* (Fox-56, Sundays at 11:00 a.m.). Set in mythological times, Xena tells the story of a once ruthless killer who now uses her skills to save the innocent, protect the weak, and fight for justice and peace.

As a woman I find it exhilarating to watch a strong female hero, and Lucy Lawless delivers as the six-foot, brunette warrior princess. Clad in her scant leather armor, Xena can easily defeat a group of disgusting villains single-handedly. With sword in hand, she fights gallantly with kicks, punches, high jumps, aerial flips and an unmistakable warrior yell. Put simply, she is amazing and fun to watch.

As a lesbian I am interested in the relationship between Xena and her companion, a peasant woman named Gabrielle (played by Renee O'Connor). Next to Xena's butch warrior, Gabrielle is definitely a femme. She is the more verbal and expressive of the two, often trying to get the stoic Xena to share her feelings. And although she often waits while Xena goes off to fight, Gabrielle displays strength and courage by often endangering herself to save women and children.

Despite their differences, each woman admires and respects the other. Xena and Gabrielle share a special relationship, and although they may find a brief male love interest, it is always the two women who are traveling down the road together at the end of the show.

With these dynamics, it's easy to see why *Xena: Warrior Princess* has become a favorite among lesbians. In a recent article in "The Advocate" (8-27-96), Liz Friedman, one of the show's co-producers and an out lesbian, admits Xena and Gabrielle are good friends

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from the front page

Worship Services at 11:30 am. Dignity also has services in their space on the first and third Sunday evenings of each month at 7:00 pm. ☪

## NETWORKING EVENING

GLSO is hosting another evening for lesbigay networking on Tuesday, Oct. 29th at 7:00 at the downtown Public Library. We have reserved Meeting room B on the 4th floor across from the elevators. There is free parking in the library parking structure.

Our Networking meeting in September went well and we are offering another opportunity for individuals interested in meeting people and learning about some of our communities organizations to get together. This would be an ideal place to get a new group started or to spread the word about upcoming events. Since the Library closes at 9:00, some of us may wish to move to a coffee house to socialize after the meeting. For more information call Mary (266-5904) or Michael (225-1828). Everyone is welcome.

## NEW AGENDA PLANNED

P-FLAG will be using a different format for meetings this year. Following a brief business meeting, a speaker will make a presentation. Then, after some socialization and refreshments, a time will be given over to help those parents, families and friends who are struggling with the issues involved in

learning that their loved one is gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered.

On Thursday, October 10, P-FLAG members will meet with Lambda at UK, and on October 24, they will participate with a materials display at the Community Exposition there.

New members are needed and former members are asked to be there to help others. Friends from the lesbigay community are especially invited so that P-FLAG can be aware of how it can be of the greatest help. P-FLAG has made an important contribution to our community, and your support is vital for its ongoing work, so please come out to our meetings on the Second Tuesday of each month at Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church. See you on October 8! ☪

## QUEER AS A THREE DOLLAR BILL CAMPAIGN

In honor of Coming Out month, GLSO will print an *OUT AND PROUD* page of individuals who would like their names listed as financial supporters of GLSO. The minimum cost is \$3 for a name (or a couple/s names), \$5 for a statement. This year the page will be printed later in the year to give us time to raise some new donations and give regular donators a chance to ask that their names be printed. In following years, we

will print the names on our Sponsorship page in October.

Many of you send us an extra \$5 or \$10 when you subscribe and some of you send even more. We really appreciated your generosity and would like to recognize all contributors as sponsors. Any time you send us a donation you can request to have your name on the *OUT AND PROUD* page. We will not print your name unless you request it. ☪


## LESBIAN AND GAY MEN PARENTING GROUP OFF AND RUNNING

The September meeting of the Parenting Group was well-attended by approximately 20 Lesbians and Gay men, and 9 of their children. The children ranged in ages from one to 10. The children played in the day-care facility of the church and were attended to by a babysitter. The group took up a donation to pay her.



This month's topic was "Considering Parenthood." We had a stimulating conversation about the fears and expectations of having children as Lesbians and Gay men. The discussion included such issues as commitment in our relationships, homophobia, financial concerns, sharing of parental responsibilities, and time concerns.

Meetings are held the Third Tuesday of each month, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Unitarian

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Universalist Church.

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October 15: Insemination

November 19: Adoption

Meetings are open to Lesbian and Gay men parents, or those who are considering parenthood. Come join us. For more information, call Laura: 276-2685, or Michele: 255-7206. ☪

### UK LAMBDA MEETINGS BEGIN AGAIN FOR '96-'97

UK's lesbigay student organization meets every Thursday at 7:30 in Room 231 of the New Student Center. Apart from getting together to discuss and discover lesbigay-related campus issues, the group does non-traditional activities, like one from September. "UK Lambda on Canvas" (or, "Paint Me Queer, as it was affectionately known) brought lesbigays together to paint representations of what it is to be homosexual-bisexual-transgendered. The group also has a splinter faction of older and graduate students who meet regularly for dinner. For more information, call 222-3344. ☪

### LESBOLAND

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who love each other. But, are they lesbians? According to Friedman, Xena was never written to be a lesbian, but she thinks it's great some of the fans see her that way. In fact, the show's producers, aware of their lesbian audience, have included some interesting innuendo in a few episodes - a show I saw featured Xena teaching Gabrielle to fish, and form their dialogue you could easily imagine something else was going on.

So, if you're looking for a little lesbian love on television, I highly recommend the syndicated series *Xena: Warrior Princess*. But beware, Xena is definitely too campy for anyone seeking serious drama. Xena is a guilty pleasure to be enjoyed on Sunday mornings with a bowl of sugary cereal and a piece of cinnamon toast. ☪

## DEAR GERTIE MAE...

Dear Gertie-Mae,

I came out about a year ago, and I have been in Heaven since I admitted to myself that I am happiest with women. The problem is although I've had a few fun-filled relationships, they don't seem to be what I'm ultimately looking for. I mean, I know women are for me, but I can't locate Ms. Right. I seem to be stuck with Ms. Cute-But-Unable-To-Commit-To-Me. Is this the best I can hope for? A series of almost-perfect women? Will I ever find THE ONE?

Sincerely,

Languishing in Lexington

Dear L in L,

The most honest answer that I can give is: MAYBE! Now honey, there are some incurable romantics who insist there's someone for everyone. But ole Gertie Mae has seen a lotta people spend a lifetime looking.

However, there is either one of two reasons for this. The biggest is that you can't appear too desperate. If you show up for the second date with your suitcases in hand you may be desperate. Furthermore, if you have only been out for a year, you need to be enjoying your new found self and all the pleasures

that come (spelling optional) with it (as long as you're doing it safely).

Now the other reason people spend lifetimes looking, and I hope this is not your case, is a personality defect. We have all seen people that just have that one grating aspect to them that even the patience of Job wouldn't have tolerated! Now if you suspect this about yourself, run don't walk to the nearest counselor, so you can blame your mother for your inability to have a meaningful relationship.

Now, having told you what your problems MIGHT be, more than likely you will find THE ONE in time. And then you'll no longer be *Languishing in Lexington* but *Ruing the Relationship* and asking for more advice.

Love and Kisses,

Gertie Mae

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The GLSO Board decided that in order to achieve true financial stability, it would seek a sponsor for the costs of the newsletter for one month, and use its other advertising income for a number of other ongoing projects.

For more information, please call Mary at 266-5904.

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- ♀ **to provide speakers for various groups throughout central kentucky**
- ♀ **to hold social events for our community.**

Would you like to help sponsor an issue of GLSO next year?  
Check out our **Queer As A Three Dollar Bill** campaign (page 3).

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## OUR JOURNEY TO HEALTH AND HEALING

by Michael Taylor

As a people we are challenged to find ways to care for ourselves and each other in the midst of an often hostile world. For us, the "coming out process" is foundational to our wholeness and health. It challenges us to live truthfully and to be authentic, places we must arrive at if we are to move to deeper levels of personal and communal healing.

As Queers, we are finding wonderful and creative paths and energy to heal and grow. In September a group of 43 gay and bisexual men met for the 4th Flesh and Spirit Workshop in Indiana. Cincinnati based therapists' Kirk Prune and Christopher Love led a wonderful weekend of healing using breath work, music, dance, guided imagery, ritual, and touch. Help at Okayed Retreat Center in Salem, Indiana, participants were challenged to claim their own history and power as artists, shamans, visionaries, berdache, political activists and lovers.

Sante Fe-based Spirit Journeys, founded by David Frechter, has been offering retreats, pilgrimages and outdoor adventure journeys for gay and bisexual men since 1987. The work of Joseph Kramer and the Body Electric School in California continues to provide healing and growth for many men and women around the country.

Lesbians are contributing a wealth of healing work through the women's spirituality movement, regional womyn's music festivals, artistic expression in literature, poetry, painting and so forth. Explorations of female images of God/Goddess, empowering songs of diversity and inclusion, and writing focused on healing personal and cultural oppression are blossoming within our community. As we work on healing childhood pain, internalized homophobia, and addictions, as we struggle to overcome racism, classism, ableism, ageism and sexism, we not only heal ourselves but also our culture.

The unique challenges we face in claiming our place in the world is revealing wonderful depths of creative energy. Our work and paths to wholeness are not only relevant to queer people but are very much universal, transcending gender, sexual orientation, race and culture. During National Coming Out Month let us honor these contribution and let us explore these many healing paths that are opening before us. ☞

## TRANSGENDERED WARRIORS

by Mary Crone

*Transgendered Warriors* is the name of the book by Leslie Feinburg that I misnamed last month. I have not had the opportunity to read much of this book, and at \$25 I am not ready to buy it. When do you think it will be available at the public library? I have read short passages and I am impressed at Feinburg's research and her efforts to be a witness to the lives of transgendered, and particularly transsexual people.

The term "transgendered" refers to all of us that demonstrate characteristics, behaviors, or other modes of self expression which are typically associated with members of the other gender. That includes a lot of you reading this article. Transsexuals are individuals whose internal experiences tells them that they are a different gender than is indicated by their

genitalia. Some transsexuals go through gender changing hormonal treatment and operations, some do not.

Feinburg includes "warrior stories" of many transgendered people. Petric Smith, for example, is now a man only a little older than myself who grew up as Elizabeth Cobbs in Birmingham Alabama. In the late '50s, when the black civil rights movement was receiving national attention, the 16th Street Baptist Church was bombed in Birmingham. Four young girls died in the explosion.

Petric Smith, a "female" teenager at this time, knew that his uncle Robert Chamberlain and his KKK friends were responsible for taking the lives of these children. S/he had been struggling to grow away from the racism and the homophobia of his/her family and, no doubt facing a great deal of fear, was able to testify against his/her uncle when the case came to court several years later. Robert Chamberlain was convicted on the strength of Petric's testimony.

I remember Birmingham Sunday. I remember the trial of Chamberlain as being one of the few of its kind to end in a conviction. I am proud of Petric Smith who put his life in jeopardy to do the right thing and I am thankful to Leslie Feinburg for brining his story out of the closet. ☞

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## COMING OUT: A MODEL

by Mary Crone

Coming Out is a process. We know this but we often speak of it as a one time event, usually referring to the moment we admitted it to ourselves or the first time we told another person. Coming out is not one moment, but many- some joyous, some agonizing. It is a lifetime of steps; sometimes we inch along, hoping no one will notice, other times we leap, strut, or prance forward.

Wherever an individual is in this process, they need the love and acceptance of the rest of us. If someone seems to be less out than you are, they may not be actually be "behind" in that they may have overcome a lot more homophobia to get where they are. Love and honor them.

If someone is more out than you, do not assume that they do not have some of the same concerns as you (job security, etc). Support them. Loving our selves and each other is the most revolutionary act we can accomplish.

We do know that homophobia decreases as soon as a person has met and talked to a lesbian/gay/trans person who has achieved some level of self acceptance. The more of us that are out, the more safe being out becomes.

There are several coming out models that can help clarify the process. This is a short version, combining ideas from recent research and various theoretical models.

I believe it is relevant for gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered people (although for simplicity I will not use all of these terms at every reference). Of course, there are individual differences, a lot of moving back and forth, and some of us have a number of closets to open. An individual might reach a stage V acceptance of themselves as gay then back up to stage II as they consider they may be transsexual.

### Stage I FEELING DIFFERENT

Current research indicates that many of us felt different from a very early age (5-11), but

these feelings may not emerge until puberty or even later. Sometimes this state is called "Identity Confusion", a term I no longer use because feeling different is not necessarily confusing.

It is not unusual for part of this difference to be an awareness of atypical gender interests or behaviors, (dressing, playing, pretending, emotional or sexual attractions, etc). In a time when gender roles are becoming more relaxed, emerging feelings of difference may take other forms. Of course, people feel "different" in many ways for a variety of reasons.

### Stage II IDENTITY COMPARISON

An individual enters this stage when it first occurs to him that he might be gay, lesbian or bisexual. (Could I be bi- or gay?) This thought is likely to bring with it emotional turmoil (fear, despair, excitement, shame, joy, grief, confusion, etc). It is common to spend time wondering and comparing internal experience to what is seen on TV or read. Many of us go quite quickly into denial, staying there for years or moving cautiously in and out of denial. (Closet? what closet?)

### Stage III IDENTITY TOLERANCE

A person is able to "try on" a label internally ("I *may* be gay") but is still hidden about it. He is still in the closet but at least he realizes that the closet may exist. Some of us do not discuss the possibility of being other than heterosexual with another person for years after we have considered it within ourselves. "Tolerance" is often accompanied by negative and homophobic ideas of what it means to be gay.

### Stage IV IDENTITY ACCEPTANCE

When a person is able to claim a homosexual identity ("I *am* a lesbian.") and is able to tell at least one other person, she has achieved some level of acceptance. This is the when I would consider a person to be out, even if the closet is still often comfortable. At this stage

we usually search for and find other lesbians to hang out with (anything from a "passing" sub culture to an "in-your-face" queer group of friends). There are, of course, many layers of acceptance and much internalized homophobia to work through.

### Stage V IDENTITY PRIDE

An individual is out and proud. We are moving beyond acceptance into celebration. ("I'm *glad* to be gay!") This may mean an immersion in the lesbian/gay world, with little associating with straight people. (The closet may be disdained, or used only for privacy, or...for some of us, could the gay subculture be just a bigger, less confining, closet?) Self love, spiritual growth, and political work are often part of this stage.

### Stage VI IDENTITY SYNTHESIS

The lesbian/gay/trans individual integrates their "queerness" with other aspects of self. (That ultra butch hair cut may give way to something more personally reflective of your androgynous self). Most internalized homophobia has been worked through. (Does it ever disappear?) There is less need to isolate oneself in the gay community, more comfort in being out in all aspects of one's life. The closet is definitely not comfortable any more!

Wherever you find yourself on this October 11th, consider taking another step out. Tell someone your gay. If they already know that much, tell them how happy you are being gay. We too often keep our joy a secret. Wear a button, even if it's written in code, the rest of us will see it and smile. Most importantly, love yourself and reach out to each other with joy. ☞



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Friendships ♀ Sexual relationships ♀ Intimacy with others ♀ Growing up in a heterosexist world ♀ Body consciousness ♀ Coming out to family and friends ♀ Dating relationships

### Dates:

October 21, 28 and November 4, 11  
Monday Evenings

Fee: \$100

Diane Sobel, Ph.D.  
224-7738

Cyndy Boyd, Ph.D.  
269-6294

Enrollment is limited: Call by October 18th to reserve a spot

# "It's My Life - Not My Lifestyle!"

A Mini Film Festival

**Sunday, September 29 at 7:00 pm**

209 Pence Hall  
University of Kentucky  
behind the M.I.King Library

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## **featured films:**

### **All God's Children**

The African-American struggle against homophobia is examined within the context of fighting discrimination against gays and lesbians of all races. This powerful film includes strong statements of support from community, religious and national political leaders. (26 mins.)

### **Straight from the Heart**

Examines the issues parents face in coming to terms with having a gay or lesbian child. A 1995 Academy Award Nominee, this film presents simple stories about real people and their families. (24 mins.)

### **Gay Rights - Special Rights?**

A working draft on a film about gay rights and the Radical Right (10 mins.)

This series of three films is presented by Dr. Sylvia Rhue from *Woman Vision*.

Co-produced by Dr. Dee Mosbacher, Dr. Rhue and Frances Reid, an award-winning filmmaker.

Dr. Mosbacher is Founder and President of *Woman Vision*, and is on the Board of the *National Gay and Lesbian Task Force*.



## **LEXINGTON MEN'S CHORUS SEASON BEGINS**

As fall rapidly approaches, the Lexington Men's Chorus is getting ready to embark on its seventh season. This year's season promises to be the best season yet. With the chorus back from a wildly inspirational trip to Tampa, FL for the international GALA (Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses) Convention, the group is pumped, hyped and ready to sing.

The Chorus is anxious to begin working with its new appointed director, Loren Tice, who has been a member of the Lexington music scene for nearly 30 years. Loren is currently the Adjunct Professor at Transylvania University. He has worked in various capacities in the field of music for numerous universities and churches throughout the Midwest. His new energy and ideas promise to make LMC's upcoming concerts more fun and entertaining than ever.

Loren enjoys research and teaching immensely (having written his own materials for Music Appreciation, Early Organ Study and Beginning Piano at Transy.); but Loren revels in choral conducting, never more enthusiastically than now, as he begins his tenure with the LMC.

Lexington Men's Chorus' first rehearsal for the December concert

was September 5, 1996 at the Central Baptist Church on Nicholasville Road. Anyone interested in joining as a singing or non-singing member is welcome to attend. No previous experience is necessary. For more information call 231-0090.

*The upcoming season includes:*

"PEACE" Dec. 14th and 15th  
Singletary Center for the Arts

"FREEDOM" April 5th, 1997  
Lexington Opera House

"PRIDE" June 14th, 1997  
Artsplace

Lexington Men's Chorus is a proud member of the International Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses. The Lexington Men's Chorus is a tax exempt and non-profit organization. ☪

*these are the people in  
your neighborhood...*

## *the* **GLSO Networking Evening**

*at the*  
**Lexington  
Public Library**

**Tuesday October <sup>24</sup> 28**

*Meeting Room B*

**Come socialize with  
the others in our  
community.**

**Everyone is welcome!**

*free parking in the library  
garage*



**an  
Autumn  
Social**

**in recognition of  
NATIONAL COMING OUT MONTH**

**saturday  
october 19, 1996  
8pm - 11pm**

**at the  
unitarian universalist church  
3564 Clays Mill Road**

music performed by

**WISHING CHAIR**

special appearance by

**lori o'connor**

sponsored by  
**lexington's gay & lesbian services organization**  
and  
**interweave**

**admission: \$5**

**cash bar incl. beer, sodas, coffee & dessert**



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## the glso

## COMMUNITY

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Front Runners (Keith)	254-6850
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## STUDENT GROUPS

ACE League:Berea (Ed)	623-7312
AGLF: NKU (Pat)	572-5604
B-GLAD: Centre College (Mykol)	238-5332
GUESS: EKU (Neil)	622-5816
Lexington Youth Support Group (Kenneth)	222-1919
Morehead State (Angela)	783-2950
UK Lambda (pager)	224-3344

<b>Kentucky Legislature</b>	
Bill Status Line	(800) 382-2455
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<b>Lexington Men's Chorus</b> (Shelby)	231-0090
<b>Louisville Youth Group</b>	(502) 894-9787
<b>Names Project, Lexington</b> (Katie)	272-2588
<b>Newcomers Group</b> (Joe)	233-4432
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## ANONYMOUS AIDS TESTING

Jessamine County	885-4149
Lexington-Fayette County	288-2437
Madison County	723-7312
Woodford County	873-4541

## AIDS INFO/SERVICES

<b>AIDS HOTLINE</b>	231-7545
<b>AIDS Volunteers of Lexington</b>	278-7494
<b>AVOL Legal Advocacy Program</b>	278-7494
<b>Health Department HIV Support Programs</b>	
(Patty)	288-2377
(Amanda)	288-2374
<b>HIV/AIDS Legal Project</b>	(502) 584-1254
<b>HIV-Education Youth Group</b>	278-7494
<b>HIV Support (Somerset)</b>	679-7578
	678-5814
<b>Kentucky AIDS HOTLINE</b>	(800) 840-2865
<b>Thursday HIV+/AIDS Support Group</b>	
(Hospice of the Bluegrass)	276-5344

## RELIGIOUS GROUPS

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<b>Episcopal Diocese AIDS Ministry</b> (Steve)	233-1782
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	(Dorothy) (502) 458-5392
<b>Interweave [Unitarian]</b> (Davina)	271-6174
<b>MCC-Elizabethtown</b> (Cathy)	(502) 459-6075
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To add or update a directory listing,  
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800-347-TEEN  
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