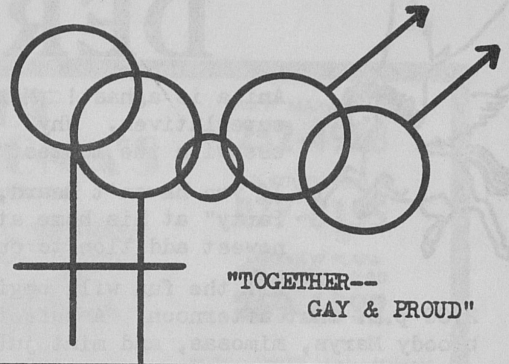


GSO NEWSLETTER

LEXINGTON GAY SERVICES ORGANIZATION

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Presidential Message

MAY 1983

Murder. The ultimate display of discrimination. Taking another's life, victimizing their lifestyle and forever depriving them of their civil and legal rights.

Since December of 1979, there have been three gay related stabbing deaths in this area. All three bodies were found in the same area, all had been stabbed repeatedly, all had been seen "cruising the block" and this has led police to believe that the murders are connected. That's right. A "gay killer" somewhat reminiscent of the psychopath in the horrible movie "Cruising" is preying on our community. Only this is NOT a movie. These persons are real. They have families and friends. They are real flesh and blood human beings who have been brutally killed by some demented individual. We cannot allow it to go on any longer!

The most recent murder victim, as of this writing, was seen in a "cruisy" parking lot. He picked up someone that night (evidence suggests the guy was a hustler), and was later found dead, stabbed over 20 times. The murderer took his body to a secluded place near the Fayette/Madison Co. line and dumped it. He drove the victims car back toward Lexington but wrecked the car on Athens-Walnut Hill Road before reaching the city. His victim was married with a family who had no idea that he was a "closet case". That is why he was the "perfect victim". He dealt in anonymity in his gay life and died in the same sad way.

What is possibly sadder is the people, both gay and non-gay, who will just shake their heads, sigh, and continue their lives. Too soon they will forget about this tragic death, too soon it will become just another unsolved murder case. When that happens, be assured that the killer will pick up another person and the same vicious ordeal will begin again.

How many deaths will it take before the gay community decides that enough is enough? Four? Forty? Perhaps you are thinking, "Well, I don't pick up hustlers, so why worry?" The "It can't happen to me" apathy seems to be running rampant here. I'm certain that the most recent victim never thought it would happen to him either. He is dead.

I have talked with Detective Al Bourne who is in charge of the murder investigation. I'm satisfied that the police are genuinely striving to capture this killer. Detective Bourne is a fair and refreshingly open-minded man sensitive to the gay community. We must invest some measure of trust in him. I understand the hesitation to get involved, but silence is encouraging our own victimization. So, I am offering myself as a go between. If you have any information about the stabbings or about any attacks made on you or your friends or any hustler that may carry a knife, etc., I implore you to call me at 266-3934. (If I'm not at home, leave your name and phone number.) I will do everything I can to provide information to the police without involving you. However, if it is "eyewitness" information, I cannot guarantee that the police will not need you to testify. Think about the consequences if you have information and do nothing about it. The next death may be prevented simply by volunteering what you know.

Finally, please understand that I am attempting to help the gay community first and foremost. We must do what we can to insure that no one else becomes the prey of this maniac.

We're counting on you,

Keith Elston, President



DERBY PARTY!!

Anita is aghast! Mary Lou is moving! And Sue is combing her dictionary for new superlatives. Why? Because GSO's Montie will be crowned Lexington's new "host-ess with the mostest" this Derby Weekend!

If you haven't heard, Montie is hosting GSO's first annual "Pe'gay'sus Plantation Party" at his home at 1001 Rain Court. This event—a post-Derby Brunch—is the newest addition to our calendar of fundraising spectaculars.

All the fun will begin at 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning, May 8, and will last until 2:00 p.m. that afternoon. A buffet brunch will be served from beginning to end and—of course!—bloody Marys, mimosas, and mint juleps will be ready at the bar.

Admission is only a \$10 contribution to GSO, payable at the door. For couples, only a \$15 contribution is required. So why not bring a guest and split the cost? A fine bottle of old Kentucky bourbon will be awarded as a door prize!

If you wish to attend, please make a reservation for yourself and your guests no later than Sunday, May 1. Please remember the importance of accurate, prompt acceptances when so much food is being prepared in advance. To guarantee your reservations, please call Raines at 273-5162. This party will be the most sensational of the season. It is a must-attend for your busy Derby calendar. We'll see you all there!

P.S.—Sunbonnets, parasols, and hoopskirts are welcome, but not absolutely necessary. Arrivals by sidesaddle, however, are hereby discouraged. The Yankees done burned the stables!!

Pass The Word...

The Red Cardinal Inn will be hosting an "After the Lily Party", Friday, May 6. The management has offered to donate \$.50 to GSO for every coupon redeemed (see below).

The low price of \$5.00 per person includes wine, cheese, hors d'oeuvres, and live music. Please make reservations for this party. Many thanks to Red Cardinal for their support.



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Spring Cleaning Time Is Here!

Amber Moon 4th Annual Yard Sale

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Think of donating it to Amber Moon's 4th Annual Yard Sale. Items you donate are tax deductible for you; help us provide funds for community events; and recirculate your unused possessions.

You can bring your goods to 450 Park Avenue starting now (call in advance--268-8804). To make it as convenient as possible, we will arrange to pick up your donations. Call 268-8804 or 276-3966.

Of course, we need some helpers too. We need people willing to staff the yard sale for a 2-3 hour shift.

If you've been wondering how to give Amber Moon a hand without a long-term commitment, here's your big chance. Call us at the above numbers.

Mark Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22, on your calendar and tell your friends. See you there!

For other information please call Amber Moon Productions, a non-profit women's cultural arts organization serving Central Kentucky at 252-3110, or write to P.O. BOX 22096, Lexington, Kentucky 40522.

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Volleyball In The Park!!!

Outdoor volleyball resumes this month at Jacobson Park on Richmond Road.

This popular summer activity will continue throughout the summer season at Shelter #5 in the back of the park.

The shelter is reserved in advance and players and other interested persons are encouraged to bring refreshments and their friends to enjoy the great outdoors and the sportsmanship.

The first volleyball game is scheduled for Friday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. The shelter is reserved until the park closes.

Please plan to attend. It's great fun and a nice way to officially welcome summer.



"At some time or another, every gay person must take the responsibility to say 'I am...'"



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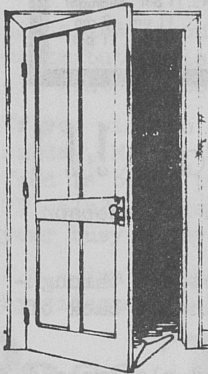
LAST CHANCE CAMPOUT RESCHEDULED

Due to the unseasonably cold weather in April, last months "Last Chance Campout" has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 14.

Eddie, host of the annual campout has moved to Lexington, and this will be the "last chance" to use the farm in Scott County.

The invitation to Lambda Louisville is still being offered and the response is still very positive. It will be necessary to bring all of your own camping provisions (i.e. food, drink, !?) for the overnight affair.

Please plan to attend. It promises to be a night you won't forget! For more information please call Eddie at 259-0878.



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Imperial Court of the Bluegrass Empire

BY:
Donnie Royse

The Imperial Court of the Bluegrass Empire held it's Coronation II, Sunday, April 10, at the Sheraton Inn, Lexington. The purpose of the event was to elect a new empress, emperor, and privy council (board of directors) for the new year.

Elected as Emperor was Chuck Bruner and as Empress, Jacqueline Parrish. Privy Council members include Erica Vaughn-secretary, Shana Lee-treasurer, David Cunningham-minister of protocol, and also Fredia Morgan, Bill Osten, Andromeda Strange and Mark Fogle.

The Courts goals in the next year include working more closely with GSO and other Lexington gay organizations to promote more togetherness within the gay community.

The first Court sponsored function will be a Derby Kickoff Bash at Trixie's in Louisville on May 1. Trixies will open at 1:00 p.m. with a \$2 cover and members of the Court will provide entertainment at 5 and 7 p.m. At 9 p.m. there will be an additional \$3.50 charge for those who wish to remain for the regular Sunday shows. The Court cordially invites everyone in Lexington to come out and help kickoff Derby Week.

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Jim

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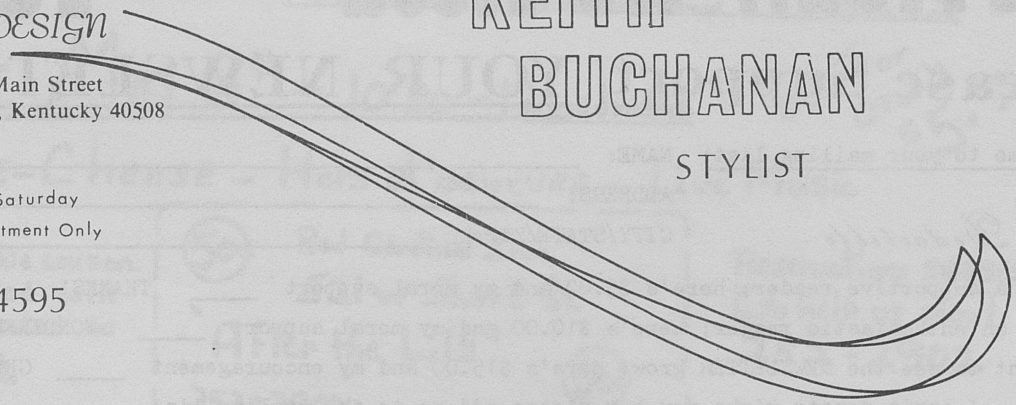
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dignity

Dignity/Lexington met again on April 9 at the home of one of its members.

A Catholic mass was celebrated by a priest in the area which was followed by a social hour with cocktails, conversation and wonderful munchies!

The group discussed upcoming events which included Fr. John McNeills address in Cincinnati which was attended by five Lexington members, and the possibility of sending delegates to a Toledo, Ohio board meeting in late April. With the attendance at this board meeting, official recognition will be given to the Lexington chapter of the organization by Dignity, Inc.

The group will hold its regular business meetings every second Wednesday of each month and will celebrate the liturgy on the last Saturday of each month. The location and times of this affairs will be available through the GAYLINE at 231-0335.

cincy address held

On April 16, Father John McNeill addressed Dignity/Cincinnati. Fr. McNeill is a jesuit priest whose book, The Church and the Homosexual stirred up a bit of controversy between the Vatican and McNeill. Eventually, the church did allow publication with official approval which was later withdrawn after McNeill visited and Dignity/Cincinnati. Rome ordered that...."He shall no longer speak on homosexuality and sexual ethics." McNeill interpreted this as allowing him to speak on one or the other so long as he did not speak on both of them at the same time.

Fr. McNeill's talk dealt with the spirit of Dignity. He said, "Dignity is not something we can give ourselves, it is something we can give each other." He also stated that his faith and hope were restored through Dignity. Knowing that there are thousands out there with the same hopes and fears, it has to be worth the risk to believe that God does not fit the role of a dictator. He went on to quote a passage from St. Paul, "You did not receive a spirit of slavery bringing fear into your life once again. Rather you recieved a spirit of adoption by which you can cry out 'Abba--Father'".

He ended his address by saying, "If God can change us and lead us from self-hatred to self-love; from contempt for our gay sisters and brothers to respect; from selfishness to unselfish love; from hardness to compassion; from fear to trust; then there is a hope that God can change the world. For that I am grateful."

Frank Scheuren, president of Dignity International, Inc. was also present and spoke to the group on the changes that have taken place in the church since Dignity was founded 13 years ago. More changes will take place at Dignity's International convention which will take place in Seattle over Labor Day Weekend. Some changes may have an impact on the entire gay community of the United States.

We Welcome your comments

Our constant aim is to foster a fine relationship between the gay community and GSO. Do we succeed? Kindly take a moment to give us your ideas, in the space below, how we may better serve you. Your interest is appreciated!

Please make some response - Tim Banks, Editor
THANKS!!!

"being able to love who you naturally need to is a basic civil and human right."

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THE BEST IN GAY LITERATURE

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Mythology In 1983

HOMOSEXUALITY IS UNNATURAL AND IMMORAL

A growing number of scholars and theologians in the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish traditions are beginning to reevaluate religion's institutionalized prejudice against homosexuals. Recognizing that value judgements and moral choices are an inevitable and necessary part of life, many religious leaders feel that it is imperative to make these ethical decisions in the most informed and enlightened manner possible.

Many of the Biblical prohibitions concerning sexual behavior originated in an era when the ancients did not have the psychological, sociological and sexological insights available to us today. In the cultural context in which they lived, the writers were eager to guard their religion against the encroachments of "paganism". The Biblical writers had little understanding of the concept of sexual orientation or of the natural heterosexual/bisexual/homosexual continuum of human sexual expression.

It never occurred to them that persons engaging in same-gender sex acts could have been expressing their own natural sexuality rather than perverting the "natural order".

The orientation of one's sexuality is morally neutral. Subsequent choices about sexual expression and behavior may be right or wrong, good or bad, life-affirming or dehumanizing. In our democratic and pluralistic society, it seems inappropriate, indeed, unjust, that the value judgements of one group of people should be institutionalized and imposed upon persons who hold a different perspective or understanding.

Religion has much to offer gay people in search of a fuller sense of self-worth and meaning in their lives; gay people have many insights to bring to the community of faith concerning personal freedom and willingness to struggle with the difficult questions of our times.

The recognition of these mutual needs is growing, to the benefit of both the religious and gay communities.

DISCUSSION GROUP TO FOCUS ON AN IMPORTANT GAY CRISIS

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), Kaposi's Sarcoma, Pneumocystis Carinii Pneumonia, Hepatitis B, Herpes Simplex, VD--these are possibly the most serious problems facing the gay community at this time.

The GSO discussion group will have some answers at their monthly meeting on Sunday, May 15.

This month's topic is "Health Concerns". During this time of crisis, it is imperative that every gay person understand that we have a national, if not world-wide, plague. We must do everything in our power to end this situation. The first step is to find out exactly what our community is facing, not only medically, but socially and politically.

The ramifications are staggering.

Please plan to attend this timely and possibly life-saving talk.

The discussion will be led by Charlie Kast on Sunday, May 15 at 223 N. Broadway, Apt. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information please call Charlie at 252-8143 or the GAYLINE at 231-0335.

Next...

In addition to the regular array of stories and features in the NEWSLETTER, a special report on AIDS (an excerpt by Larry Kramer) will be presented. It promises to be a moving article.

GSO Needs You!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8 <i>Imperial Court Derby Kickoff Bash - Trixie's in Louisville - 1:00 p.m.</i>	9	10	11 <i>Gay A.A. - 8 p.m. - Office Dignity/Lexington Mtg. 231-0335</i>	12 <i>GAYLINE 7-11 p.m.</i>	13 <i>GAYLINE 7-11 p.m. GSO Volleyball Jacobson Park #5</i>	14 <i>Last Chance Campout GSO & Lambda Louisville 259-0878</i>
15 <i>GSO Derby Brunch Call 273-5162 Circus Disco Shows Morgan Productions</i>	16	17	18 <i>Gay A.A. - 8 p.m. - Office</i>	19 <i>GAYLINE 7-11 p.m.</i>	20 <i>GAYLINE 7-11 p.m. GSO Bridge</i>	21 <i>Amber Moon Yard Sale</i>
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29 <i>Circus Disco Shows Morgan Productions</i>	30	31	JUNE IS GAY PRIDE MONTH	Happy Birthday  KEITH BUCHANAN <hr/>  May 22 !!!		

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