Quakers uproot Cornhuskers, 90-80

— "PENN-demonium." last night can best be described in only one word, the jubilant crowd exploded into cheers when the No. 11 seeded Quakers had never trailed in their 90-80 victory over the Nebraska Cornhuskers in the first round of the NCAA East regional game held last night at the Nassau Coliseum.

"PENN-demonium" follows NCAA win

By RASHI FEINBAUM and BERNIE GOLDBERG

The atmosphere at Cavanaugh's Restaurant last night can best be described in only one word—"PENN-demonium." More than 100 cheering fans crammed into Cava's, located at 2000 and Locust streets, for the Penn Nebraska basketball game.

And when the final buzzer sounded, and Penn won its first NCAA tournament game in a decade, the jubilant crowd exploded into cheers and a chorus of "The Rock and Roll." The Quakers dominated throughout the whole game, putting the finishing touch to their 90-80 victory over the Cornhuskers.

"We did exactly as I thought we'd do," said En Stein. "This is the best experience at Penn I've ever had."

College senior Morris Mattel was just one of the fans dancing on the tables and chairs after the game. "The Quakers played the best fucking game of their lives," he said. "That was just exceptional." Although the fans were shouting after the game, they couldn't move.

But most of the fans did have time to analyze the game itself. Instead, they just savored the victory. "This is absolutely the best game I've ever seen in my entire life," said College junior Debra Bernstine. "This is the best experience at Penn I've ever had.""Please see FANS, page 2

Commission begins to prepare final plan

By JEREMY KAUFMAN

The Commission on Strengthening Student Life will release its final report by the end of this week. Interim President Claire Fagin said yesterday that the final report will be released by the March national full meeting on campus.

"We met yesterday after the open forum and we began to talk about what we want to do in our preparation of the final report," Bushnell said. "We discussed a wide range of recommendations." At the forum, the majority of the attendees were representing students who felt the need to voice their concerns.

The Commission on Strengthening Student Life's recommendations that are to be announced next semester are

"It's an excellent win for us," said Penn's senior captain Barry Pierce. "Just to get this far, you have to play your hearts out. I've never had a team like this."

Pierce added that the opportunity to run against teams like the Quakers is a dream come true. "You can never peg the Cornhuskers, but we had a lot of fun tonight," he said.

The No. 11 seeded Quakers had perhaps their best shooting performance of the season last night, and they definitely picked the perfect time and place, as they bided their time and made every shot. The Quakers played the best fucking game of their lives, said one fan.

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Penny Loafers’ new show is right on key

BY JENNIFER KUNNER

In Celebrating the 25th anniversary of Woodstock, Penny Loafers bring a bit of the sixties here to campus in their spring a cappella competition - the NCAA basketball game.

The show which was held in the Living Learning Program last year, proceeded the show with the Community Service Living and Learning Program. Last year, members of the show were penning campus Penn for the Minority AIPS.

Although it was up against tough competition, the Penny Loafers' show was a hit. "It's amazing to be able to see the best groups at Penn all in one night," said College junior Klisa Greenwood. "We're doing the whole first act again.

If people think the Penny Loafers are ready to hit the stage. In their traditional style, the music will be accompanied by a little humor. "We have a few ideas about Woodstock and what's happened since," said President and College junior Greg Basow. "We're doing the whole first act again."

The Penny Loafers' show promises to be a hit. "It's really fun for us, the different groups, to come together and see the show," said College junior Lauren Kiser. "It's a great show for a great cause."

"It's for a benefit and that's the most important thing," said College sophomore Tina Mandel. "I think we have some great new songs from the movie A Cappella."

While the theme is set in the sixties, people sing in contemporary styles, and the Penny Loafers' show promises to be a hit. "We're working really hard and we're ready for a great show," said Engineering senior Jeff Pinto. "We really want to reach out to the audience and have them be an integral part of the show."

"Even when we're rehearsing tomorrow night at eight p.m. in Kelly Hall, we'll be a part of the show," said Wharton junior and College junior Rich Pollack, who is part of the show. "It's a great show for a great cause."

"We sound better than we ever have before," he said. "This group is really growing and the Penny Loafers' show promises to be a hit."

"We did 5 last year and it's been a good cause," said Whitman junior and College junior Steven Bernard. "It's a great show for a great cause."

"But we don't have a lot of fun watching the Penny Loafers' show. They're more fun than we ever have been."
The Last Straw

The latest case of sleeping security guards is the last straw for McGinn Security Services, and the individual responsible for overseeing dorm security, Gigi Simone.

In 1984, an intruder slipped past a sleeping security guard in a Drexel dormitory and murdered a student. The same thing had happened in Philadelphia.

Three months ago, The Daily Pennsylvanian raised the question when staffs photographed several McGinn security guards asleep in their posts in University residences.

Gigi Simone, head of Residential Living, promised swift reaction. In Drexel's policy, residence halls were a "Total Quality Management Team" which recommended spot checks and "friendlier" security guards. Simone said the University was going to respond with the team, with no guarantee of results.

Wednesday morning, five security guards were caught asleep on the job. This scenario has been played out before. This nonsense must stop now.

The University must immediately terminate its contract with McGinn. McGinn's track record with the University includes hiring security guards who con- veyed no respect for, and little respect for, the University's faith that they would be on duty. This kind of behavior is not acceptable.

What's more, despite last year's photo-graphs, the University has done little to improve its service or answer up to the criticism. These are not the kind of people we want guarding students.

But McGinn cannot be held solely responsible — Gigi Simone, as Residential Living's director, is equally guilty.

Getting Your Priorities Straight - Live a Little

Whatever You Say, Dear

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Then in grade school, I was a sick worshipping, reading, and writing. I was basically saying "Oh! Who said I meant to eat it (green) or what I think about my little brother?" Talking to my friends and Prech- ing. I mean, what did we all do? to pray for high school junior.

If you're not a high school junior, that's okay. If you're not, you really can't come in your room, and you're going to be upstairs in the gym, and you're going to be going to your boyfriends' and surfing every week.

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Officials study McGinn security contract

Not expire until June of 1998, the McGinn from page 1

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McGinn Security Services, said he she said.

Simeone yesterday, but "we did not discuss his contract specifically."

McGinn encountered no prob-

lem when he walked around camp-

on Wednesday night, as he does from tile to tile. Dr. Deirdre McGinn

said.

And University Police spot checks of the guards, which were initiated Wed-

nesday night, did not turn up any guards asleep on the job, Simeone said.

"I am not saying that because of the DP report he has consulted a physi-

ician who specializes in sleep disorders to find ways to prevent guards from falling asleep on the "graveyard shift," which runs from midnight to 5 a.m.

"The fallout from the incident would have been of a greater nature if super-

visors and rovers "weren't involved," the elder McGinn said.

"We've been getting around four or five times per night, which is more than we're assigned," he added.

McGinn Sr. said that although the problem "evidently is in an in-
terrelated problem with our human structure," every employee on the "graveyard shift" was reminded of the importance of remaining alert. McCoullum, though, said that the lapse disturbed her.

"Considering the number of hours we put in each year, the number of serious incidents is at an absolute minimum," she said.

According to McGinn Sr., though, the number of reported incidents involving infractions committed by McGinn security guards is ex-

tremely low. He said that there is roughly one incident every 1.500 hours of work.

"As an incident," McGinn Sr. said, includes minor infractions, such as eating at one's post.

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Simeone suggested last night that the University impress upon McGinn the importance of main-

taining a strict security system that guards' alertness and attention.

The University Police's random spot checks, Kuprevich said, verify whether security guards at the front desks are doing their jobs. These checks, he added, are one of the re-

quired means to prevent problems in light of the way resi-

dential security is set up. Kuprevich said these measures may not be enough, though.

"I think we look at all those po-
tential measures as dealing with problems in light of the way resi-

dential security is set up," Kuprevich said. "I think we have to find other ways to meet the challenge of ensuring student safety."

One of those options, he said, may include the complete restructuring of front end security in residential halls.

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Soldiers say they fished at mosque

FRIDAY MARCH 18 1994

International

Hard-liners rally for restored USSR

MOSCOW — Thousands of Russianos gathered at Lenin yesterday to dream of a new day for their vanished empire. Many of the 1,000 people who assembled in the square outside the Bolshoi Theater went as they recalled how the 78-year-old statue of Lenin was pulled from its pedestal and hauled off by cronies of Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

"We demand a referendum to keep the Soviet Union together," they shouted as a crowd of thousands gathered to hear Yeltsin himself deliver a speech in which he denounced the scoundrels offff Russia.

Some say Russianos, who recently released from prison after being pardoned for leading October's anti-Communist revolution, have been reorganized to reunite in a single, great power.

ALITURAS, Calif. — The governor wanted to exile a paroled criminal as a neighbor.

Rural Califo county blocks rapist's release

"He's got no business using us as a garbage dump for all his mistakes," telephone company worker Art Fleenor said referring to Gov. Pete Wilson.

And yesterday, after hundreds rallied in front of the county courthouse yesterday for about an hour before a grand jury investigating whether Carter, scheduled for release in this high desert county of 10,000 residents in the far northeastern comer of California, is living properly in choosing Modoc County for Carter's release.

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SPARTANSBURG — On the quiet Amish farms of northeastern Pennsylvania, a paroled criminal as a neighbor.

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YASDRIH, Jordan Serayt was trapped to death by the hysterical crowd.

We made their way longer, but we also made our way longer, said Yusef. "We made the exit closer to the mosque. The tears, the screaming, the shots did not hurt anyone. Asked how he will be able, Yusef said, "Somebody could have been hurt if he stood there. But there was no one there at the time."

Mafia head Stanfa pleads not guilty

TAMPA, Fla. — The average young American adult gained a "shocking" 10 pounds in the past seven years despite a decline in calories consumed.

As a result of one agreement consumers saved $1.9 billion from 1988 through 1992. The accord is to take effect this month.

Serbs sign agreement

MSLAM, Muslims, Serbs sign agreement

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Airlines agree to rules aimed at eliminating price-fixing

WASHINGTON — Six major airlines agreed today to stop price-fixing, a federal government lawsuit charging that the airlines conspired to divide up the lucrative air travel market. The airlines also acknowledged that they prevented the speedy evacuation of hostages by keeping the exit closed to the mosque to protect themselves from being trapped in the building.

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Intuitions perform creative acts.

By BERTA FRADY

"I came tonight because I am interested in improv. This show was interesting, weird and cool all at once!"

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"I think the evening was a success. Many who attended said they were interested by the original ideas they were intrigued by the original script."

Interactive Theatre."

"Our director says this show is so approachable, there will be a lot more interest!

"Lilith" spun off biblical myth

BY KATIE HERZIK

A small group of people on a stage last night performing a unique scene, "Lilith." The audience was captivated.

"We're trying to do something different. We're trying to encourage people to think outside the box."

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M. Tennis splits contests

BY MICHAEL BUBBLY

Daily Pennsylvania, Sports Editor

For those fans out there who like highly competitive contests, and to the wise fingers and dear minute-counter, the Penn men's tennis team gave you...nothing out of the sort.

In its first match, the Quakers (4-4) blanked St. Joseph's, sweeping all four singles matches and the lone doubles match. The tables quickly turned for Penn, as the Quakers got poised in the upper side of aelanation. falling

The West Virginia loss was particularly disheartening for the Mountaineers (8-4) in the Mountaineers' win. The West Virginia Mountaineers (8-4) in the Mountaineers' win. The West Virginia Mountaineers (8-4) in the Mountaineers' win. The West Virginia Mountaineers (8-4) in the Mountaineers' win. The West Virginia Mountaineers (8-4) in the Mountaineers' win. The West Virginia Mountaineers (8-4) in the Mountaineers' win.

The Under the Sea Ball (the Red Sea, that is)

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"We played them really close," sophomore Roy Sehgal said. "We've got to realize that it shouldn't be a disappointing loss, but rather a missed opportunity."

The Quakers also suffered another injury this season, as freshman J.J. Cramer sprained his ankle during his singles match against West Virginia. He was forced to withdraw.

Despite the defeat and injury, the Quakers experienced several positive events yesterday. Penn's win over St. Joseph's was particularly impressive because it was delivered by players who have seen limited action this season. Coach Gene Miller was pleased by the many of the individual matches were competitive, and the Mountaineers were competitive, and the Mountaineers were competitive, and the Mountaineers were competitive, and the Mountaineers were competitive, and the Mountaineers were competitive, and the Mountaineers were competitive, and the Mountaineers were competitive, and the Mountaineers were competitive, and the Mountaineers were competitive, and the Mountaineers were competitive, and the Mountaineers were competitive, and the Mountaineers were competitive, and the Mountaineers were competitive.

Now, with the defeat, Penn will have to work even harder to gain a spot in the NCAAs.
Awakening Wednesday night. Thanks to shaky re-debatable judging and even the fact the meet was held on a Wednesday defeated the 4-3 Quakers. You're supposed to score better at home, Rutgers 183.1 to 180. Pedersen said. "We're not upset or depressed at going to No-Doze. The Rams do not return a single pitch better than last year's team. We have a lot of good bats and pitchers. We did the best we could, and now we know what we need to fix, and where we were wrong." It's a disappointment, because we assumed we were going to beat them, no problem." Nedjar said. "We've got to come out clean and hit our routines. We did the best we could," Pedersen said. "It's our last time to shine at home. We know what this means to us. We're going to try really hard tomorrow."

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M. Hoops takes Florida on Gators tomorrow at Jacksonville

Softball looks to rebound tomorrow

By Jeff Weinland

While the Penn softball team probably won't see a national powerhouse like Oklahoma either, they may see a Florida softball team in the midst of breaking the SWC Conference, winning a national championship. After losing seven of their first nine games in the season, the 14-2 Gators appear to be a much better team than last year's squad. We have a lot of good bats and pitchers. We're going to be in a better position than last year's. We have a lot of good bats and pitchers. We're going to be in a better position than last year's.

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"The judging was extremely biased in their favor," Nedjar said. "We had a number of wonderful performances, but you'll never know from looking at the scores. We did the best we could, Pedersen said. "It's our last time to shine at home. We know what this means to us. We're going to try really hard tomorrow."

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Penn is finally the media darling

Penn center Eric Moore hangs onto the ball as Nebraska defenders Erick Strickland (left) and Terrance Badgett (43) try to strip it away during the first half. Moore repeatedly beat his Nebraska defenders down the court for uncontested layups.

Speaking of the band, they were outfitted in brand new, crimson shirts with "Go Quakes" written across the front. Oh by the way, the hand, which has received criticism right here in this column earlier in the year for not being there for about 70 years.

The mood at Nassau Coliseum was...well, it was just of a regular guy with a Cowboy hat. The Quaker must get a lot of taunts. Come on, that way not only would Penn's basketball team gain national respect, but it was big and it felt good. Sure for Nebraska there.

Okay, now don't get me wrong. I like the Quaker as a mascot as much as any other Penn fan. But the routine, or lack thereof, has to go. The rule should be that you can't be a mascot unless you have a big plastic head. It'll be awesome, baby. Of course, that means the Quakers are hot or Connecticut is cold. Of course, that means the Quakers are hot or Connecticut is cold. Of course, that means the Quakers are hot or Connecticut is cold.

On paper, the Quakers had a chance until Penn got tickets through the lottery were supposed to be seated at least eight sections away from anyone they knew. Pretty poor job on ticket distribution. What was even winter was the last every other school seems to have a mascot. Here's not. "For all the students on the floor. What goes? Lulus! Penn band manager Peggy Krakowchick has lot of work to do to satisfy the students in line for next year's subscription.

The large numbers of Penn faithful made the band, which has received criticism right here in this column earlier in the year for not being there for about 70 years, every time out was grounds for celebration.
This advertising supplement to the Daily Pennsylvanian, March 18th, 1994, is published by the LGBA
Today marks the beginning of Bisexual Gay Lesbian Awareness Days. The lesbian, gay and bisexual community at Penn takes this time to celebrate our sexuality in a world which often does not. We take this time to educate others and each other. We take this time to have fun, to sit back and enjoy ourselves.

BGLAD is the week for everyone at Penn to learn about the lesbian, gay and bisexual community - regardless of sexual orientation. It is a time to celebrate our diversity. So if you're straight, you, too play a part in this week. Programs can help answer questions you have. Use this time to educate yourself.

If you are questioning your sexual orientation, use this time to explore your thoughts and feelings. Take the opportunity to speak to someone you know will be supportive.

If you are lesbian, gay or bisexual, take this time to show your pride. Come out to someone, wear a pink triangle or hold your partner's hand on Locust Walk. Attend a program or come to a meeting of one of the 13 different gay groups on this campus or the numerous organizations listed in the Resource Guide (see pages 15 through 18) - there's bound to be one that suits your interest. No matter how small an act of courage, take the first step out of the closet. You won't regret it.

Many people have put a tremendous amount of work into planning this week, and we need your support to make it worthwhile. It is our hope that everyone in the Penn community will benefit from these efforts.

And lastly -
Be glad. We are.

Jodi Bromberg
Kristen Hopkins
Stephen Houghton
Daren Wade.

BECAUSE gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals are discriminated against in housing and employment and because how we act is more important than who we are and if we get harassed it's our problem and if we get attacked we provoked it and if we raise our voices we're flauting ourselves and if we enjoy sex we're perverts and if we have AIDS we deserve it and if we march with pride we're recruiting children and if we want or have children we're unfit parent and if we stand up for our rights we're overstepping our boundaries and because we are forced constantly to question or own worth as human beings and if we don't have a relationship with someone of the opposite sex we haven't given it a chance and if we have a relationship with someone of the same sex it is not recognized and we are told our love is not "real" and if we come out of the closet we're just going through a phase and because lesbian, gay, and bisexual history is virtually absent from literature and because homophobia is sanctioned by the Supreme Court and ... for lots and lots of other reasons.

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CERULLO to Speak,
Queer Activist and Penn Alum, CW'70 to address Penn Communities as BGLAD Keynote.

by Daren Wade

Bisexual Gay Lesbian Awareness Days proudly presents this year's keynote speaker Margaret Cerullo. Penn alumna Margaret Cerullo is currently a professor of sociology, feminist studies, and lesbian and gay studies at Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts. She has been involved in the recent struggles over political correctness and diversity on campus and was recently a plenary speaker at the 1992 National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Creating Change Conference in Los Angeles.

In her plenary address, "Hope and Terror: The Paradox of Gay Lesbian Politics in the 90's," Cerullo provided the audience with a critique of the Religious Right and their positioning of the struggles for lesbian and gay civil rights as demands for "special rights." She exposed the Right's campaign to represent lesbian and gay people as an "advantaged minority" and presented the case example of the Right's victory in Colorado with Proposition 2, a measure which prohibits legislation protecting lesbian, gay, and bisexual people.

In this campaign, Colorado for Family Values (CFV) distributed literature which juxtaposed "statistics" for "HOMOSEXUALS" with "BLACK AMERICANS"—Lesbian, gay, and bisexual communities were misrepresented as exclusively white, male and wealthy, and CFV's tactic "pitted civil rights forces against one another." Cerullo drew parallels with the civil rights struggles for African Americans and the "racist infrastructure" which has positioned "anybody in this society, who sought to name and define discrimination, to oppose their deprivation, to seek any kind of redress...as demanding "special" rights and "special" privileges."

Cerullo also critiqued the preference for a "politics of respectability" in some lesbian, gay and bisexual communities. She described the politics of respectability as a strategy where you put your "best" face forward. This entails putting "forward those who we think won't frighten the powerful, those who most look like them...with the understanding that emphasizing the fringe might only feed stereotypes and give focus to the hatred that exists against us." Although she acknowledged the temptation to do so, she warned the audience that "the danger of emphasizing the politics of respectability is that it potentially sets us among us who can claim (a modicum of) respectability to police the rest of our community, to try to keep them out of sight. Pursuing a politics of respectability has contributed to the representation of gay people as white and the anti-homophobic agenda as a white issue."

Cerullo pointed out that this is exactly what happened in Colorado. In this case, the majority of individuals chosen to be visible spokespeople for communities in opposition to Proposition 2 were white, male, and moneyminded. This rendered the voices and faces of lesbians and bisexual women, lesbian, gay, and bisexual people invisible, while noting that these categories are not mutually exclusive. The result was an image of a powerful and privileged white, gay male community, an image which fed into CFV's "special rights" campaign literature and helped fuel Proposition 2 to victory.

Margaret Cerullo instead advocates for strategies which support a politics of inclusivity where inequalities due to race, gender, class, etc. are challenged alongside homophobia and heterosexism. She emphasized the need for a national organized grassroots movement which can lend resources and can give support to communities across the country. "We cannot leave one another isolated when we face attacks that are going to have implications for all of us."

Professor Cerullo holds the honor as a Penn Alum, College Of Women 70, where she majored in philosophy. She remembers her years at the University with excitement and recalls her undergraduate days at the University of Pennsylvania as a time of great change. As a student she participated in anti-Vietnam War protests and was a member of the National Students Strike Committee. At Penn in her senior year, in protest of U.S. foreign policy, students did not attend final exams. Protest against University involvement in chemical/biological warfare led students to don gas masks at the graduation ceremonies.

Ironically, some of the issues present in 1970 call to mind our own struggles at Penn in 1994. Women's liberation was hitting the campus at this time leading Professor Cerullo to participate in the first consciousness-raising groups at the University in the Spring of 1970. (The Penn Women's Center did not yet exist.) Professor Cerullo also participated in a major sit-in that protested University expansion into Powelton Village, a move by the University which threatened to eliminate black communities in that area.

ROTC was an issue then. Not only were students protesting for ROTC removal from campus but the building housing ROTC was set on fire and nearly burned to the ground. Interestingly, over her four years at Penn, fraternity and sorority membership declined so much that the numbers of active chapters dwindled due to lack of interest.

Upon graduation Professor Cerullo received the prestigious Thouron Fellowship, an honor which supported her graduate study in Politics at Oxford University, England. Following her studies at Oxford, she continued her graduate studies at Brandeis University in Sociology. As an editor of the journal Radical America, she has authored several articles including "Night Visions: A Lesbian/Gay Politics for the Present" and "Multi/Queer/Culture." Currently, she is finishing her book Queer Futures which will address the future of gay and lesbian movements on U.S. politics and culture.

Margaret Cerullo has been a long time activist in lesbian, gay and bis communities. She will present her keynote lecture "Inside/Out: Queers, Culture Wars, and the Campus" on Wednesday, March 31st at 7:30 pm in Room 110, Annenberg School of Communications.
The Program of the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Community at Penn is an invaluable asset to the sexual minority students, faculty and staff. As one of only a handful of programs in the country specifically dedicated to serving the needs of this group, the Program was established as a part-time office in 1982 to enhance the quality of life for an increase Penn’s sexual awareness and acceptance of the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community. The Program continues to work toward achieving its goals by providing education and advocacy, as well as networking with campus and community groups who are interested in these issues.

Since 1982, the Program has expanded. From its original location in 110 Houston Hall, it now occupies the third floor of 3537 Locust Walk. The office space includes a library lounge area where community members are welcome to hold meetings, browse through books or just hang out with friends over lunch or coffee. The staff includes Program Coordinator Bob Korb, who has overseen the Program since its inception, and Program Assistant Elizabeth Storz, who takes main responsibility for women’s programming efforts. Tracy Griffith is the Program’s 1993-94 Social Work Intern. He coordinates the Program’s Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Speakers Bureau, whose volunteer participants address groups about their own experiences as members of a sexual minority community. Jerry Dames works part-time in the Program Office as Business Manager. Danny Horn also works part-time and helps out with general programming efforts.

Stephen Houghton and Anthony Putz, this year’s work-study students, are responsible for advertising and various other office projects. In addition to the Speakers Bureau, the Program offers other services and implements a variety of programs each year. It houses a large circulating library, which many Penn students may find useful for writing papers and doing other kinds of research. Programming includes a Women’s Film Series, a Women’s Discussion Group, a Women’s Social hour, and a Men’s Discussion Group, all of which were inaugurated this year. A special events line, at 888-8888, which was inaugurated in the fall semester, lists weekly updates of meetings, programs, and other events. The Program also works closely with the Lesbian and Gay Academic Union to bring scholars to the Penn campus whose work focuses on social, political, and cultural issues.

OUTLINES, a newsletter by and for members of Penn’s lesbian, gay, and bisexual community which is published at least four times each academic year, provides a calendar of current LGBT events, and faculty to write about issues of importance to them. In addition, the Program office often works together with LGBT student organizations such as the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Alliance, and Lambda Grade. Information on other service* and programs can be found in the Program office.

Any one who is interested in learning more about the Program office should feel free to call, at 899-5044, or visit, at 3537 Locust Walk, Third Floor.

This is a special week at Penn. BGLAD highlights the University’s commitment to preserving diversity and strength. The Program for the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Community at Penn Speakers Bureau strives to do this throughout the academic year.

The Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Speakers Bureau provides outreach to dorms, fraternities, sororities, departments, and classes at Penn and other universities and organizations in the Philadelphia area that request speakers.

The aim of the Speakers Bureau is to provide accurate information about the lives, needs, and concerns of lesbian, gay, and bisexual women and men. This is accomplished by volunteers who are affiliated in some way with Penn. Undergraduate, graduate, and professional students team up with faculty and staff to give as broad a perspective as possible of what it means to be gay, lesbian, or bisexual. Volunteers come from many backgrounds and do not all share the same beliefs, experiences, lifestyles, or political views. This diversity makes the Speakers Bureau a continually growing experience for volunteers and staff alike. Many myths and stereotypes are broken or challenged during presentations. The audience is left with the knowledge that these are not just women’s issues. These issues concern everyone.

The WWC (Women’s Center) before you choose to judge. Check out its impressive resume of advising, assisting, counseling, crisis intervention, educational information, outreach and referral. Strict confidentiality. The Center is entirely student run, and students do not share personal experiences, lifestyles, or political views. This diversity makes the Speakers Bureau a continually growing experience for volunteers and staff alike. Many myths and stereotypes are broken or challenged during presentations. The audience is left with the knowledge that these are not just women’s issues. These issues concern everyone.

The Center sponsors various campus workshops including PEARL, Penn’s Eagerly Awaited Radical Ladies, a group for lesbian, bisexual, and questioning women, and their friends. A women’s dinner will be held Tuesday, March 22 at 6:30 in the Bowl Room of Houston Hall. English Professor Lynda Hart will be speaking.

When I finally settled on my identity, stopped hating myself and trying to be something that I was not, a calm relief came over my life. I was in control. I was now free to deal with my life, my identity resolved. I still had to contend with the rest of the world, but at least I was a tad more sure of myself.

The transformation of suburban WASP to radical activist is directly related to my experiences growing up. Many of my current concerns stem from my childhood in the church. I care very much about gay, lesbian and bisexual youth. I know the trauma I experienced, and I want to prevent others from going through similar trials and tribulations. I want others to be happy and comfortable with themselves. In the age of AIDS, I believe in taking care of other people. I helped write an under-21 safer sex workshop.

I share my father’s commitment to espousing one’s point of view, so I value direct action. With groups like ACT-UP and Grassroots Queers, I have a voice to be heard, by any means necessary. However, these groups are less violent than some pro-life/anti-choice groups, and we are not the ones doing the recruiting. One could argue that I am a mirror image of my father, strong-willed and proud.

My sense of roots, however painful, made me what I am today. I am very grateful for all of the love and care that are part of the church. I just wish that the other stuff like condemnation, lack of respect, and judgment were not part of that. With the Christian church as my foundation, I try to help other people. I was taught to care for others and to stand up for what I believe. Without my upbringing in the church I couldn’t be the ‘FAG’ I am today.

from There to Queer

by Stephen Houghton

My parents are still married. I have an older brother and a younger sister. We have had rabbits, cats, guinea pigs and mice. We went to church on Sundays, played Little League baseball and baseball, and if we were lucky, occasionally ate dinner at some visiting hospitals as Clowns for Christ. Bible studies were held in our basement. My father may not be the sole authority of that. Knowing his religious beliefs, I can reconcile religious beliefs with my sexuality based on what he had said in the past I felt he hated me, yet he was a brand of Christianity has so highly tainted my opinion of modern organized religion.

But I neglected to realize that my father may not be the sole authority on the world. His was not the only interpretation of the Bible. He was a human, too, and could be wrong at times. There are other Christian people who do not condemn, who do not hate, who do not judge. The message of love in the Bible was being lost.

As a result, I grew very depressed. I was downright suicidal at various times in high school. It does not matter whose fault it was. I was projecting my father’s response to my sexuality based on what he had said in the past. I felt he hated me, yet he never knew I was gay. Being raised by him, knowing his religious beliefs, I can never feel comfortable at a Church. His brand of Christianity has so highly tainted my opinion of modern organized religion.

It was tough, all the while knowing I was gay. I found it hard to reconcile religious beliefs with my sexuality. Being gay was as natural as being a television sitcom. Life was as white-washed as a television sitcom.
Common Myths About Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual People

1: "Nobody I know is gay, lesbian, or bisexual."

If you know 10 people, then the odds strongly favor your knowing someone who is gay, lesbian, or bisexual. Studies and current estimates indicate that at least ten percent of the population can be classified as bisexual or homosexual. You may not realize it, but gay people are all around you. We are professors, TAs, fraternity brothers and sorority sisters, roommates, resident advisors, co-workers, classmates, and friends. Be aware that, though we may not always be visible, you come into contact with us every day.

2: "It's easy to spot a gay, lesbian, or bisexual."

NOT! We look like everybody else. We cannot be classified or stereotyped because we are the most diverse minority on the planet. We span every country and continent, all languages and cultures, all races and ethnic backgrounds, all socioeconomic groups and political perspectives, and all religions. Remember that ten percent of the general population is gay lesbian/bisexual, not just ten percent of a certain group. Our diversity reflects the diversity of the entire globe.

Some of us may fit the familiar stereotypes, but most do not. Remember, many heterosexual people sometimes fit "gay" stereotypes. There is simply no way to know for sure a person's sexual orientation unless he or she tells you.

3: "Homosexuality is unnatural"

Nobody knows conclusively what "causes" homosexuality or bisexuality any more than anyone knows what "causes" heterosexuality. However, much evidence points to the idea that homosexuality is as natural as heterosexuality. As was mentioned before, homosexuality occurs all over the globe, in every culture, in every race. Gays, lesbians, and bisexuals also have a long and proud history reaching all the way back to ancient Greece and Rome. Thus, the idea that homosexuality is caused by certain circumstances or that it is a psychological disorder seems doubtful.

Furthermore, if animals are considered more "natural" than humans, it is interesting to note that explicit homosexual behavior and bonding has been documented among many animal groups in the wild.

4: "Homosexuality is an illness and should be cured."

The American Psychiatric Association and the American Psychological Association have repeatedly countered the assertion that homosexuality is a psychological disorder or problem. Gay and bisexual people are not sick and there is no evidence that they are less stable, caring, or responsible than heterosexual people.

Evidence is mounting that sexual orientation is determined before birth or very early in life. This makes it as basic to a person as height or eye color.

It is possible to change behavior, but not someone's basic orientation, and any attempt to do so generally causes the individual a great deal of suffering. Therapists now generally try to help a person accept who they are instead of trying to change them into something they're not.

5: "It's just a phase: One good woman/man would change him/her."

People sometimes experiment with homosexuality at different points in their lives. Many discover they prefer heterosexuality. Others find that they are homosexual or bisexual. Keep in mind that sexual orientation is a fundamental part of a person, and cannot be "cured" or "changed."

When in doubt, reverse the statement. Does it make any sense to say, "One good woman/men would make him/her a homosexual?"

6: "Bisexual people just can't make up their minds."

While many people who will be eventually identified as gay or lesbian label themselves as bisexual as a method of transition, there are many people whose orientation is bisexual. Studies indicate that sexuality is more of a continuum than three distinct classifications; most of us have both heterosexual and homosexual impulses, and this is perfectly normal. Many people are primarily homosexual or primarily heterosexual impulses and this enables us to be identified as homosexual or heterosexual. However, many people also have equally strong homosexual and heterosexual impulses.

Bisexual people don't choose their orientation any more than anyone else does, does their being bisexual imply that they are any more promiscuous than others.

Though a bisexual person may have a long-term relationship with someone of the same or opposite gender, this does not mean they have become gay or straight. Sexual orientation does not change with one's actions.

7: "It's OK to be gay, but why do you have to flaunt it so much?"

What exactly is "flaunting"? Many people find it outrageous to see two people of the same sex holding hands in public, much less kissing in plain sight. Yet a man and a woman can publicly embrace and kiss and no one thinks twice. Obviously, it will take time for society to become accepting of same sex relationships, but in the mean time, remember that what many consider flaunting or even obscene for same sex couples is commonplace and completely taken for granted by heterosexual couples. Why should there be a different set of standards for gay people?

It is true that being gay, lesbian, or bisexual is only one part of who we are, but it is an important part.

In an ideal world, we would be able to love whomever we choose, but in reality, many feel it necessary to make an additional effort to challenge people's perceptions that same sex relationships are wrong.

8: "Gays hate straights and members of the opposite sex."

Not being sexually attracted to someone does not imply hatred. Many gay, lesbian, and bisexual people are bitter about the amount of oppression and homophobia in society, but this does not mean that we shut out the rest of society.

Remember that gay, lesbian, and bisexuals are already your friends, teachers, neighbors, etc. Most of us would not want that friendship to dissolve if the other person found out we were gay. Would you?

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On July 1, 1994 Penn joins the ranks of universities and employers offering domestic partner benefits. A Task Force, appointed by former President Sheldon Hackney, explored the issue of providing spousal benefits to domestic partners last spring. The Task Force recommended offering domestic partner benefits in a preliminary report published in the October 19, 1993 edition of the Almanac. The University Trustees resolved to extend benefits to domestic partners at their December 10, 1993 meeting.

The University defines a domestic partnership as "two individuals of the same gender who have a committed relationship of indefinite duration, with mutual obligations akin to those of marriage which include financial responsibility for each other. The partners must reside together and intend to do so for an indefinite period of time. Both partners must be at least 18 years of age and not related by blood to a degree that would bar marriage in their state of residence. Neither partner may be married and each must be the sole domestic partner of the other."

Employees seeking benefits for a domestic partner complete the University's certification of domestic partnership and provide documentation verifying their mutual financial obligations. Employees can register their domestic partnership during the open enrollment period of April 4th to April 15th. Employees interested in more information may contact the Benefits Office at 898-7931 or attend one of two workshops on domestic partner benefits co-sponsored by the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Faculty and Staff Association and the Division of Human Resources/Benefits. The first workshop is scheduled for March 21, 1994 from 12:00 to 2:00 in the Harrison Room of Houston Hall, A presentation is scheduled from 12:00 to 1:00 with a question and answer session to follow. The second workshop is scheduled for April 11, 1994 from 12:00 to 1:00 in the Ben Franklin Room of Houston Hall.

Don't Spend Your Life Sitting In the Closet!
Come out and Be Counted....
by Dawn Allison

Note: Dawn Allison is not my real name. It comes from the names of two girls I had crushes on—and never knew I'd use my own name. Until then, it is enough simply that the words are said.

Yes, I am one of those people. You know, the ones you hear about. Them. Gay. But its different when those people becomes “I myself.” Try to imagine it as I retrace my steps.

First, a process of self-discovery. It doesn’t just dawn on you from out of the blue. For me at least, it was more of a gradual waking up, experiencing that which had been locked away for too long. I finally acknowledged a part of me that had been hidden from everyone, even myself. Who is this “inside me” that insists on watching and telling me things about someone of the same sex? It can’t be me. Such guilty thoughts, such bad dreams. I won’t allow it! And yet, I cannot stop it. They are mine. This is me.

But this transition from simply acknowledging feelings to actually integrating them into the rest of me was far from easy. I could tell you about sleepless nights, fraught with vague and fearful dreams and days plagued by confusion and loneliness. I was haunted by endless repetitions of the question, “What am I? What does this mean?” I read voraciously and wondered constantly.

All those stories, all those words…from locker room shock tales and whispered rumors to brave personal struggles and victories. As I sifted through these tales, I grew clearer about my own story. My past and present acquired meaning. I could begin to accept myself. I felt more whole.

However, the story does not stop there. What was I going to do? Do I keep this my own secret or do I share it with others? Who should I tell, and how do I tell them?

I first “came out” to a close friend. I felt comfortable trusting him. Even so, I was so scared I couldn’t even say the words. I had to write them down. He was wonderfully accepting, to my thankful relief. You cannot imagine how good it felt, finally getting out of the closet and into the open. Yet my work was not done; next hurdle: telling my parents—another nerve-wracking experience. Their immediate disappointment hurt, but their long-term worrying hurt more. Endless, endless questions: Are you sure? Don’t you think it’s just a stage? You’re so young—how could you know? And if you are, don’t you know what they’ll do to you out there? Don’t you know how they can hurt you?

Yeah, mom. I know. But it hurts more to keep it inside. I’m glad I told those who are important to me. I’m being true to them and true to myself. Really, it’s all I can do.

So what now? How much farther, and in what direction? The truth is, I don’t know. I take it day by day, facing the challenges both within me and out in the world. I look forward to the future. Someday I will meet the right person, the one I’ll spend my life with. I’m going to be ready.

by Rob Faunce

New Hampshire. To the chic and the elite, it is the secret mountain hideaway away from the masses in Vermont. Picturesque New Hampshire is a bucolic idyll for its visitors. To its inhabitants, though, it can be an infernal nightmare.

Rural New Hampshire is a stereotypical twin of rural Mississippi. Bumpkins, moonshine maniahs, hacks. Take your best stereotype of the South, add a few cows and some snow, and you have New Hampshire. And this isn’t even a mythical story; we are talking about my life. A story of coming to terms with being gay, in the heartland of Conservative values and cow-tipping.

“Gay” was not in the lexicon in my high school. The school that had the lowest average SAT scores in the state for three years running, the concern was not politics. So we marched toward graduation with visits from the Army recruiter instead of Harvard. It took six weeks to read “1984” by George Orwell in senior English class. Yet my peers knew their politics.

But for three gut-wrenching years, I had to wonder if I was the only guy who thought Ryan Pinkham was better looking than Sherry Clucho.

In mock 1992 presidential primary votes, Pat Buchanan received more votes than Bill Clinton and Paul Tsongas combined. Bush Limbaugh was canonized—rumor had it that he was supposed to be our graduation speaker! And I was alone: smart, moderate, and gay.

In a school of nearly 500 people, there had to be more than one gay person. Eventually I found that out. But for three gut-wrenching miserable years I had to wonder if I was the only guy who thought Ryan Pinkham was better looking than Sherry Clucho! I sat alone in the library during lunch hours, catching up on the “real world,” secretly hoping to find something, ANYTHING, about how I felt.

The upshot of this typical “coming-to-terms” story is that if I had anywhere else, I would have had exposure and access to gay communities and gay support groups. In a city like Philadelphia, the gay teen doesn’t need to worry about finding others to share his experiences with—the community is there and embraces him. But in New Hampshire, this can not be said.

New Hampshire is an isolated state, away from any real civilization. People come to NH to get away from their world, to be alone. For the gay teen who doesn’t choose this solitary life, it is the most frightening experience. And one that Straight America can never truly understand.

My story had one of the better denouements. The fellow student I chose to come out to at the end of my junior year was also gay. And for the next year, he and I were each other’s support system, best friend, and first boyfriend. In many respects we saved each other’s life—without him, I would never have made it through the rigor of senior year sane and secure in my gayness. In each other we had an island of sanity and safety. But as I learned my senior year in high school, safety is a fleeting feeling in a homosexual’s existence.

J ust as I was coming to terms with my sexuality, my “peers” were, too, coming to terms with their own identities. And many of these identities involved hatred and homophobia. On more than one occasion did I learn of “plots” to bash me or other suspected gays. Even my own graduation was marred by the vicious teasing and hateful comments made towards my boyfriend (who was an usher) by the ignoramuses I was sharing diplomas with. I learned very quickly that people will hate you because of who you love. It’s such a twisted concept, and I still don’t understand it, but waking my sexuality in New Hampshire forced me to face it and accept it as part of my life—for now.

My tale of woe has a sweet and strong ending. I am here, at the picturesque University of Pennsylvania, among people who are important to me. I told those who are important to me. I’m going to be ready.

by Malika Aanais Lévy

I nvisibility. Acknowledgment. Sisterhood. Difference. Choice. These are what my piece is about. Exploring your own sexuality is a risky, scary task, and in modern society, you run the risk of criticism, of being shamed, of not being accepted. This is why it is so important to learn to embrace who you are, to let others know about you and your identity.

I needed to know where the other people in my situation were. I needed to know that I was not alone, that there were others who were going through the same thing. I needed to know that it was okay to talk about it.

I realized then that the feelings of difference and isolation were not just mine. This vibrant woman explained to me that there were really no established groups for young black lesbian women, only a network that you had to stumble upon to be a part of.

This is a scary topic for me because it ties together my identity with three oppressed groups of people: black people, gay people and women. People here at Penn talk incessantly about being a person of color in a mostly white university. People here at Penn talk about being a gay person in an overwhelmingly heterosexual university. People talk about this university as an environment that is hostile to women. Imagine feeling like this is happening to you right now.

Sometimes early on in my freshman year I decided that I was not going to succumb to the pressure of hanging out only with black students. I gave myself the permission and the freedom to make
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When I was little, it never really seemed to matter that I had two mammies. But that all changed in high school. People called me a lesbian in ninth grade. They said I had attacked a cheerleader in the hallway. My locker was sabotaged. Dozens of kids followed me to geometry class and spit at me. They called "DYKE" on my notebook and tripped me in the cafeteria. This was the nightmare. I love the brunt of their homophobia.

And it wasn't just students. My junior year, a teacher called out my name and said, "So, you're the one I've heard so much about" when he got to my name. The entire school knew me and rooms fell silent when I entered them.

My parents did everything they could to protect us. I never had sleepovers because from my room, the voices of my bedroom downstairs could be heard. The guest room was labeled as HER room so it would be less obvious to visitors. I told everyone that SHE was my aunt. All of this secrecy to hide the most wonderful addition to my life. I hated it. I hated not being able to thank my mothers when I won an award. I hated hearing that my sister and I looked nothing alike, implying that we weren't really sisters. I hated hiding my beautiful family.

That's my story. I don't see it as out of the ordinary. A friend calls me the "gay family poster child." He says my life is like an after-school special. Like the one where Meredith Baxter-Birney plays a lesbian mom. I don't see it that way.

What I'm saying isn't that I'm not gay. I'm not. LGBT activism is important to me. I defend my family and others who are in the same boat. I'm really nothing about me has changed. There will always be people who question me and my sexual orientation.

Family reunions and Christmas parties? Why couldn't I talk about our weekend barbecue? It wasn't fair.

I faced a little when the grandparents died. My grandfather died in 1968 and suddenly, the family saw the light. Weird. Now Nana brings them breakfast in bed when we go on vacation. HER father died last year, and I started getting birthday presents from HER family.

There's still a gap. Mom doesn't get a Christmas gift from HER mother. My godmother asks me why I don't have a boyfriend. They look at our clothes, listen to the way we speak and search for something to criticize. Funny isn't it how they haven't found anything yet? I'm the grandchild at the Ivy League university, Mom's the daughter with the highest paying job and my sister is the one with the most toys.

No one else saw it that way, and I'm still a little confused about the family parties. My parents didn't take to Mom anymore and didn't let me mention HER name when I visited. Mom got excommunicated as SHE did from HER family. Why didn't they like us anymore? Everyone was happy when Mom was being beaten, when SHE was ignored by her husband, when I was molested. Why was that acceptable and our new found status wasn't? Why couldn't my parents go to story time, but there is. How sad.

Since my great awakening to my sexuality in tenth grade, it has been hard growing to see myself as a "normal" person. Throughout high school I wore a mask of heterosexuality, secretly knowing what really lay beneath. I was alone, isolated, frightened, and living in the heterosexual, homophobic world of Long Island. Here, people hide behind their BMWs, Infinitis, and incomes. If you're not straight, you squirm and conceal yourself deep in the closet, filled with brand name clothing and expensive toys. There I was in the dark, the only living queer of Long Island.

Having two mothers and a little sister was normal. Better than normal.
When you're out, there's an opportunity to educate people and try to make them at least take your perspective into consideration. Statistics clearly show that those people who personally know someone who is gay, lesbian or bisexual are far less homophobic. Suddenly, the discussion is not about them; it's about you and the people I am dealing with.

But there are also many strong reasons to stay in the closet. I decided to stay in the closet at work, because I felt that being out would make my work life even more complicated. Though the company for which I work tend to be very accepting, there are some individuals who might have their own set of prejudices that would make working with them difficult, to say the least. Let's face the facts: homophobia is pretty rampant in corporate America, and I was not going to have my being gay stand in the way of my career.

But the decision wasn't turning out to be clear cut. Staying in the closet wasn't the problem. People make such superficial judgments that if you don't "act like a gay person," they would put it, you pretty much have to beat people over the head with a baseball bat just to believe that you're gay.

I was constantly wondering how far I could go. What should I do when the topic came up? What if I do, I was very deliberately wanted to try to educate someone about the issues? What should I do if homophobia arose in the office? Put simply, choosing to be in the closet at work does not put end and to the issue. Be prepared to deal with many situations where tough judgment calls will be necessary. Try to think about all the situations that will arise and how you should react.

In the end, I decided to enter the debate in Danielle's office and argued quite extensively against the perspective that being gay is a choice. "In fact," I was saying to Rhonda, "A recent study of gay twins rather conclusively demonstrated a genetic link to homosexuality."

Rhonda looked at me as if to say, "How do you know all these things?"

"I smiled and just said, "I have a lot of friends who are gay."
The Meaning of It All
by Dawn Allison

BGLAD, LGBA, QUP, pink triangles, rainbow flag...What is the meaning of all this? Being gay can be as public as a rally or a DP column, or as private as your own thoughts. Witness the mass movement of social change, slow and painful. Witness, too, the individual participants: their courage, determination, ferocity and fear. One side fighting for ideals, the other for identity. Logic is out, emotions rule.

Imagine your parents’ shame and anger at you for something as basic as who you are attracted to. I am a girl, yet I am attracted to both sexes. Simple truth. Of course, I have heard all the arguments, the controversy. But what do genetic correlations or hormonal imbalances have to do with me? This person says he is a boy, yet he is attracted to both sexes. Simple truth. Yet none of this really matters to me inside. Inside, where I hope and fear and love, there are no politics.

The labels—the name calling: bisexual, gay, homo, queers, pervert, sick. These have nothing to do with me. I am a person, not a label. I like movies, hanging out, chocolate. I want to write a book or make a scientific discovery. I love and am loved. Straight, gay, girl, boy; black, white—so much “diversity,” yet we are all more alike than different.

I hope someday we’ll wake up to a world where being gay is like, well, being straight. As inherent as race. As acceptable as freckles—not to belittle this integral part of the human condition. Sex, including orientation, is the vehicle for love and intimacy. Without these, life is empty at best. I look forward to a time when I can love whomsoever I like, without fear of rejection or condemnation, especially from those I care about.

I do with me. I am a person, not a label. I am a person within. Don’t ask me what I want to write a book or make a scientific discovery. I love and am loved.

The organizations that are sponsoring events this week have been working hard to demonstrate how being bisexual, gay or lesbian does affect one’s life in one way or another. Although you might think this week is not for you on several reasons, because you do not fall into one of these groups or you do not know anyone who is. The gay community is not an isolated body. They are members of this community, and of all communities.

The purpose of this week is to increase awareness not only within the gay community, but also for the everyone. None of the events of the week are exclusive to members of a particular community. Therefore, it is not only beneficial for all members of the Penn community to attend and participate in these events, but also our responsibility.

Why BGLAD Isn’t Just for Gay People
by Roseanne Cho, GSAC Chairperson

“My Best Friend is Gay” is a program co-sponsored by the LGBA and the Greek Social Action Committee (GSAC) on Thursday, March 24th at 7:30 at the Castle. Although the panel will comprise of both straight and gay members of the Penn community, the discussion will focus on straight friends speaking about their experiences when their friends came out to them.

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Queens rioted outside the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village, New York, they probably never expected the drag queens to fight back either. So the modern gay rights movement was born.

Whether you view the events of the past year as positive or negative, one thing is for certain: gays catapulted themselves into the mainstream spotlight. But the fight for equal rights is far from over.

As author Randy Shilts wrote, “activists hoped 1993 might be what 1964 was to the African-American civil rights movement, the moment when equality and justice were sealed into law. Instead, the year showed we are much more in the shape of the black civil rights movement of the ’20s. The movement is growing, and many people recognize the justness of the cause, but final social consensus remains decades off.”

But things are rapidly on the way...

Television

When Aaron Spelling’s Beverly Hills, 90210 sprouted Melrose Place in the summer of 1992, everyone touted the fact that the show would feature a recurring gay character, not something that had occurred on the small screen since Spelling’s ’80s hit Dynasty. But the first season came and went, and Matt had little to do except hang out with the other marginalized, invisible character, Rhonda, the African-American neighbor. When Rhonda got written out of the show at the end of the season, we wondered what would happen to Matt?

Well, Matt got some more airtime in the second season of Melrose. And there was that romantic subplot in which Matt married a Russian doctor so that she could stay in the country with her daughter. But two episodes later, she returned to the Motherland and her daughter followed a week later.

As for Matt’s gay social life... he still doesn’t seem to have one. No gay friends. He did have some dates. One during his ill-fated marriage, the other to a Navy officer who later got transferred to the East Coast after a quick debate about gays in the military. Oddly enough, in a show in which straight characters regularly hop in and out of bed with each other, Matt barely gets a handshake and hug from his dates.

You’d think there would be a few more gays in Los Angeles. But in Lanford, Illinois, home of ABC’s Roseanne, gays and lesbians seem to be everywhere.

Roseanne’s partner at the Lunch Box is gay (Martin Mull) as well as a close friend played by Sandra Bernhard who dated Mariel Hemingway in a show that generated a storm of controversy.

In one episode, Roseanne accompanies her gay friends to a gay bar. At the end of the night, Mariel gives Roseanne a kiss on the lips. The rest of the episode dealt with Roseanne’s reaction to the kiss. As Roseanne Arnold told 20/20’s Lynn Sherr in a profile, “The character’s got to deal with it. And she’s got to deal with her husband and her gay friends.”

The March

In 1987, 50,000 people traveled to Washington, D.C. to demonstrate for gay and bisexual rights.

Not one major network or newspaper even mentioned the event.

In 1993, we tried again. My, how things have changed.

On April 25, an estimated 1 million people descended on the Capitol Steps, the Mall and the White House lawn to once again demonstrate for equality. This time, we finally got some attention.

Even network’s least trendy and major newspaper’s cover page featured the March. Even C-Span gave the event live coverage (making it the most exciting thing on C-Span since its inception).

The Year

The festivities began on Friday as travelers overloaded every major form of transportation into D.C. Parties raged all night, and over 290 related events filled an activist’s day.

But at noon on Sunday, the main event began to the backdrop of RuPaul, the Indigo Girls and Melissa Etheridge.

As bewildered tourists looked on, Jesse Jackson, Martina Navratilova and Cybill Shepherd led hundreds of thousands of people past an empty White House chanting “Two-four-six-eight-How-do-you-know-that-Chelsea’s-straight?” But the Clinton family weren’t the only no-shows. If Hollywood has a purported liberal bias, how come they missed the week-end’s activities?

Certainly the United States Park Police showed no liberal bias that week-end. Even though the Mayor’s Office confirmed the March organizer’s tally of 1 million participants, the USPP thought it was about 300,000. How do you lose 700,000 marchers?

Despite the disagreement on the numbers, the March could not have occurred at a better time. Bill did send his regards via a letter read at the event. This gesture would not have happened in ’87, ’88 or any other time in history. Welcome to the gay ’90s.
The ball got fumbled in the ensuing mêlée.

No one expected the Right's reaction to be as swift and as organized as it was. The gay movement was broadsided, letting the Right set the playing field. Senator Robert Dole (R-K) and Secretary of Defense reject) Sam Nunn (he's a democrat, right?). This is the same Sam Nunn who once fired gay staffers. Having Nunn lead an impartial hearing would be like George Wallace leading a discussion in the '40s on integrating the Armed Forces. Ironically, Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff Colin Powell couldn't see the problem with systematically excluding a group of people from the Armed Forces.

But politics makes strange bedfellows. The creator of Reagan's original ban in 1983 said that the ban was not meant to prevent gays from entering the military, just prevent gay behavior on bases. Even Senator Al D'Amato (R-NY) and Barry Goldwater came out for lifting the ban.

But if members of the Right were breaking ranks, members of the Left were crumbling. Fearing a complete loss on the issue, Barney Frank (D-MA), an openly gay Congressman, offered a compromise—seemingly without consulting the gay movement which derided him as a sell-out.

Eight months after it first became an issue, the President finally revealed the compromise which is affectionately referred to as "Don't Ask. Don't Tell." Even though it's a catchy phrase, the "compromise" was a complete capitulation to the Right. The ban on gays in the military remains in place—now written into law—and the numerous gays and lesbians in the military must continue to hide their identity.

EPILOGUE: Although Federal Courts issued injunctions preventing the compromise from taking effect, the Supreme Court lifted the injunctions in October. But don't be fooled. Gay and lesbians continue to serve in the military.

What A Drag

The Greeks did it. So did Shakespearean thespians. Mask and Wig still does it. Drag has a long and illustrious history. Long before RuPaul, Divine, and Mrs. Doubtfire, Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis put on those pumps in order to flee the Chicago mob in Some Like It Hot.

Men donned the apparel of the opposite sex on stage as well. Harvey Fierstein launched his career as a drag queen in his ground-breaking play Torch Song Trilogy. And the men in drag leads of La Cage aux Folles sang, "I Am What I Am" to packed houses.

In the early '80s, two little known comics cross-dressed on the small screen so that they could live in a women's hotel. Yes, this short-lived ABC sitcom Bosom Buddies launched the careers of Peter Scolari and Tom Hanks. And Dustin Hoffman wanted a role on a soap opera so badly, he exchanged his pants for panties in Tootsie.

In one of the few examples of female cross-dressing, Julie Andrews dressed up as a man who dresses up as a woman in Victor/Victoria and Barbara! She should have won the Oscar for Yentl.

But the drag thing is on vogue today. Major film releases are willing to show transgendered individuals in a serious light. Paris is Burning set the backdrop for an overlooked community of black and Hispanic drag queens. Meanwhile, audiences got an eyeful when Dil took it all off for the big screen in surprise 1993 hit The Crying Game. At the same time, Sally Potter examined the gender transformations of an individual over several centuries in Orlando, based on the book by Virginia Woolf.

Look for more to hit the big screen in the upcoming months: All the President's Queens, based on the true story of transvestite spies during WWII, Ed Wood, starring Johnny Depp as a filmmaker who has a fetish for angora sweaters (also a true story), To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar, Steven Spielberg takes Robert Downey Jr and Wesley Snipes as two drag queens whose car gets stuck in the Midwest, and It's Pat, based on, well, you know who.

Families

"The mother's conduct is illegal and immoral and renders her an unfit parent," said Judge Duford M. Parsons, Jr. of the Henrico County Circuit Court of Virginia as he revoked custody of little Tyler from his lesbian mother Sharon.

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AIDS

"I am getting sicker. Time is running out... Once AIDS was a hot topic. But now the world is moving on, uncaring, frustrated and bored," wrote New York Times reporter Jeffrey Schmalz, the first openly gay reporter at the paper. Schmalz did indeed get sicker and finally succumbed to the disease on November 6, 1993.

Schmalz was not the only journalist and activist to perish from the disease this year. Randy Shilts, the best-selling author of And the Band Played On and Conduct Unbecoming, joined 89 other Americans who died of AIDS that day.

Although many had high hopes for the Clinton administration, people questioned the choice of Janet Reno as the new INS Secretary. Gebbie, a former community nurse who ran state health departments in New York and Oregon, got the position after numerous others turned the job down.

When Clinton sought to lift the INS immigration ban against people who are HIV positive, the Supreme Court refused to review the decision. But there was still a glimmer of hope. As The New York Times reported, "Citing a 1986 Virginia Supreme Court decision which holds that a parent's homosexuality is a legitimate reason for losing custody of a child, Judge Parsons granted custody of Tyler Bottoms to his grandmother Kay who, it seems, was upset that her daughter had come out of the closet and was living with a lover."

But even Sharon's ex-husband supported his wife. Moreover, a leading researcher from the University of Virginia concluded after reviewing 22 studies involving off-spring of gays ranging from toddlers to adults that no convincing evidence existed that the children of gay parents had suffered or that the children were more inclined to be gay. Says Professor Patterson, "It's a question of ignorance or fear."

Unfortunately, homophobic decisions like Bottoms v. Bottoms are common. In July, a Florida judge denied a gay man's request for full visitation rights to his two children because the man had just moved in with his HIV+ lover. The judge ruled that the man could only visit the children in the presence of his wife, without his lover, and only if he submitted to two AIDS tests a year as well as refrained from discussing his personal life or his partner with the children.

The issue of gay parenting is becoming a hot topic simply because more gays and lesbians are actively pursuing their desires to be parents. The picture is not entirely bleak. In more progressive states, New York, Massachusetts, California for instance, gay parents have been granted custody and adoptive rights.

Perhaps one of the largest obstacles for gay and lesbian parents might soon be lifted. In a ruling in May, the Hawaiian State Supreme Court overturned an lower court's dismissal of a lawsuit intended to legalize gay marriages. The state of Hawaii must now prove just cause to prevent gay marriages.

If that fails, though, a winter trip to Norway, which joined Denmark in August by legalizing same-sex marriages, is in order.
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The Flirtations

The Religious Right is nervous.

On the heels of the gains that gay, lesbian and bisexual people have won recently, the Religious Right ferociously struck back. Having been hamstrung from center stage after the '92 election, they have launched a series of local initiatives to make sure that sexual orientation is stricken from any non-discrimination clause. But they don't stop there. The local initiatives often include a moral condemnation of homosexuality and a ban on any positive mention of gay issues.

Amendment 2

The Religious Right is a slick marketing campaign in place to convince voters that gays somehow have "special rights." In reality, the only laws which are on the books do nothing more than prevent a landlord from arbitrarily kicking out a gay tenant or an employer from firing an employee for no better reason than sexual orientation.

With an army of followers and a war chest of hundreds of thousands of dollars, these organizations have launched a multi-media campaign to convince the average American that all gays are sex-crazed individuals out to convert and molest your child. For example, the video "The Gay Agenda" declared that most gay men have thousands of sexual partners in their lifetimes. Whatever.

Clearer, their tactics are convincing. In the 1992 election, Colorado voters approved the infamous Amendment 2 which prohibited any ordinance to forbid discrimination based on sexual orientation. As expected, gay-bashing figures increased dramatically in the state. When the constitutionality of the law was challenged in court, gay activists scored a victory when Colorado could not justify taking away basic rights from a group.

Lesbian Chic

When Mark comes out in Doonesbury, J.J. gives him some advice.

"You know, being gay isn't really that big a deal. A couple of years ago, I thought I was a lesbian. Of course, it's much hipper to be a lesbian." Following on the tails of the "Year of the Woman," this has taken mainstream media by storm. Over a 6 month period, several magazines, from Newsweek to Allure had cover stories about the "lesbian phenomenon."

When questioned about the sudden popularity of lesbians, assistant managing editor of Newsweek remarked, "It's just something we've been noticing... the presence of openly gay women is very evident in politics and pop culture."

Indeed, pop culture has seen a number of women come out of the closet in the past year. k.d. lang set the pace by being one of the first openly lesbian performers in the United States a few years ago. She's a become a lesbian pop icon, appearing on the cover of Vanity Fair and New York. In the past year, Melissa Etheridge followed in her footsteps by coming out the weekend of the March on Washington. The Indigo Girls, after keeping everyone wondering for so many years, finally came out in the most recent issue of Out magazine.

And there were others: Roberta Achtenberg's appointment to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, tennis star Martina Navratilova's ongoing advocacy for the lesbian and gay community. And Amanda Barse, who plays the upright and wholesome neighbor on Married With Children came out in a cover story of the Advocate earlier this year.

So if you were a white, upper middle class lesbian, it was a good year to see reflections of yourself plastered all over the newsstands.

But clearly it was not chic to be a lesbian in Ovett, Mississippi. There, two lesbians have been harassed and shot at by other dwellers in the rural Southern town. They have been accused of trying to corrupt the young girls of the town and turning their farm into a "breeding ground" for lesbians. Their lives have been threatened as they steadfastly remain where they have chosen to build their homes.

Conclusion

The past year has been filled with ups and downs for the gay community. Certainly it can be said that never before have we received the abundance of media coverage that was apparent this year. In some sense, the past twelve months could be characterized as "The Year of the Queer."

We finally hit mainstream America, as newspapers and magazines wrote about our lives, as companies courted our pocketbooks, as big publishing houses published our literature and as actors and actresses begin to portray us on the large and small screen.

Yes, we have come a long way, baby. But we have a long way to go before lesbians, gay men and bisexual people who wish to live their lives honestly and openly can do so with the dignity and respect they deserve. For now, we must simply continue fighting.

The upcoming year will be both an exciting and trying time for the gay community. Will we be able to stave off the attacks of the Religious Right? Will Hollywood at last realistically portray our lives? Will the Courts uphold our right to parent and serve in the military?

It seems that only time will tell.

You are not alone.

Come out and be counted.
Movie Madness
Gays, Lesbians and Bis in Hollywood

AND THE BAND PLAYED ON...
Randy Shilt’s epic documentation of the spread of AIDS in the early 80s finally made it to the small screen in HBO’s 1993 production starring Matthew Modine.

ANOTHER COUNTRY
British gay Guy Burgess’ early life growing up in a strict male boarding school where his inderet sex affair with another student leads to humiliation.

THE BOYS IN THE BAND
First mainstream motion picture to deal with the topic of homosexuality. Emphasizes stereotypes and unhappiness in the gay community.

CLAIRE OF THE MOON
Woman experiences sexual awakening upon meeting a lesbian.

THE COLOR PURPLE
Another lesbian storyline is sanitized in Stephen Spielberg’s version of Alice Walker’s novel.

THE CRINGY GAME
Is there anyone who doesn’t know the secret?

DESERT HEARTS
Adapted from Jane Rule’s novel about a divorce who falls in love with a free-spirited woman in Reno in the 1950’s.

AN EARLY FROST
The first made-for-television movie about AIDS and its impact on an American family.

THE EVERLASTING FAMILY SECRET
A gay child in an Australian family.

FAREWELL MY COCUBINE
The film that the Chinese government does not want you to see. Nominated for Best Foreign Film (along with The Wedding Banquet), the film traces the life of an opera singer and his love for another man.

FRIED GREEN TOMATOES
The lesbianism is sanitized in the movie version, but it’s still there to the with-it viewer.

I’VE HEARD THE MERMAIDS SINGING
A woman, her photography, her sexuality and her vision. A great movie!

KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN
Prison drama about a political prisoner (Raul Julia) and his gay cellmate (William Hurt). Now a musical on Broadway.

LAST CALL AT MAUD’S
A documentary of the lesbian bar scene in post World War II California.

LAW OF DESIRE (EL LEY DE DESEO)
Pedro Almodóvar’s tale of passion, obsession, and murder features Antonio Banderas as a gay man.

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF HARVEY MILK
Biography of the first openly gay mayor in the country. Winner of the Academy Award for Best Documentary.

THE LIVING END
An angry young drifter and an anxious young critic both HIV+, fall in love in Greg Araki’s road movie.

LONGTIME COMPANION
The first feature film about people with AIDS examines the lives of gay men in Manhattan. Check out Bruce Davidson’s Oscar-nominated performance. Screenplay written by Craig Lucas.

THE LOST LANGUAGE OF THE CRANES
American author David Levitt couldn’t get his book about a father and son who are both gay made in America, so he went to England. You can rent it, but only the American Playhouse edited version.

M. BUTTERFLY
A not-so-great film adaptation of the Broadway hit. The film follows the true story of the relationship between a British diplomat and his Gay Game lover accused of spying.

MAKING LOVE
Kate Jackson, Harry Hamlin, Michael Ontkean star in this slightly corny Hollywood attempt to “honestly” portray gay life. Ontkean is a successful married man who slowly realizes he is gay and searches for a relationship with Hamlin.

THE MAN WITHOUT A FACE
Mel Gibson directed and starred in this 1993 feature film based on a disfigured gay man. Of course, Mel took out the gay part.

MAURICE
Based on E.M. Forrester’s novel, this film is a simple love story between men in nineteenth century England.

MIDNIGHT COWBOY
1969 X-rated (later re-rated R) Best Picture Oscar Winner, recently re-released for its 25th anniversary.

SILKWOOD
Although not a lesbian-movie per se, features Cher the lesbian friend of Karen Silkwood (Meryl Streep).

SILVERLAKE LIFE: THE VIEW FROM HERE
Homemade movies documenting one man’s battle with AIDS from diagnosis to death. What no other movie will show you.

MY BEAUTIFUL LAUNDRETT
Originally made for British TV, this film is about a Pakistani immigrant trying to make it in Britain. It deals well with issues of racism and classism, as well as homosexuality.

MY OWN PRIVATE IDAHO
Narcissistic River Phoenix hits the Seattle streets as a hustler who lusts after the rich Keena Reeves in Gus van Sant’s film.

NO REGRETS
Marlon T. Riggs’s frank discussion with 8 African-American HIV+ men.

PARIS IS BURNING
Yale grad Jenny Livingston’s critically acclaimed look at the drag balls of Hispanic and black voguers in Harlem.

PARTING GLANCES
A film about relationships, both gay and straight, as well as gay life in New York and AIDS.

PERSONAL BEST
The lesbian counterpart to Making Love starring Mariel Hemingway as an Olympic pentathlete who falls in love with one of her teammates, Patrice Donnelly.

PHILADELPHIA
Directed by Oscar-winner Jonathan Demme, the first feature film about AIDS, starring Oscar nominated Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington. Although a valiant effort, Demme falls short of the mark.

POISON

PRELUDE TO A KISS
Written by gay playwright Craig Lucas (who also wrote Longtime Companion), think of Prelude as an AIDS metaphor. What happens when your lover suddenly transforms? The play’s better.

PRICK UP YOUR EARS
The life and death of British playwright Joe Orton.

REALITY BITES
All right, so it deals with a love triangle with Winona Ryder, Ethan Hawke and Ben Stiller. But look for the token gay friend.

THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW
Tim Curry stars as the sweet transvestite from Transsexual, Transylvania.

SAGE NIGHTS
Everything you know about Philadelphia isn’t. This French film is a raw look about the struggles of a person with AIDS.

THE SEARCH FOR SIGNS OF INTELLIGENT LIFE IN THE UNIVERSE
Lily Tomlin’s one woman Broadway show hits the big screen.

SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION
What happens when a con man enters the world of the Upper East Side elite? So funny because it’s true. But keep in mind that Wil Smith wimped out and would not actually kiss Anthony Michael Hall. So stop watching the Fresh Prince.

TONGUE'S UNTIED
Marlon Riggs documentary which looks at the experiences of black gay men.

TIMES SQUARE
A cult film among lesbians for its electric depiction of the relationship between two young women who meet in a mental hospital and later escape together.

TONGUE’S SONG TRIOLOGY
Harvey Fierstein presents us with a powerful story dealing with issues of love, coming out, family, and gay bashing (of course). A fun, soap-opera story. Check out the book series by the same name.

THERE’S MICHAE
An honest and explicit autobiographical look at one man’s experience in the pre-AIDS era, made for a gay audience.

THEME LAOUISE
The ultimate woman-buddy-road movie.

THE THREE HEARTS
Girl dates girl. Girl loses girl. Girl hires boy to get girl back. Whatever. Starring Sherilyn Finn (of Twin Peaks fame), Billy Baldwin (Alex’s brother) and Kelly Lynch.

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TONGUE’S UNIT
Marlon Riggs documentary which looks at the experiences of black gay men.

TORCH SONG TRILOGY
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TRUTH OR DARE
A documentary look at Madonna’s Blind Ambition tour featuring her gay dancers.

THE WEDDING BANQUET
The biggest box-office hit in Taiwan. Nominated for Best Foreign Film, the Taiwanese entry offers a marital of convenience between a gay man hiding his homosexuality from his parents and someone who wants to stay in the country. But the parents outstay their welcome.

WITHOUT YOU, I’M NOTHING
The notorious Sandra Bernhard’s New York stage show in which she delivers comic monologues, pop star parodies, and low-rent lounge acts.

WORLD IS OUT
Documentary about the experiences of many gay and lesbian people, made by gays for a gay audience.

ZERO PATIENCE
John Greyson’s musical film about AIDS.
Lust and Marriage

by Darren Rosenblum
College ’95
Law ’96

The exclusion of lesbian and gay people from a central institution like marriage costs us a great deal as a community. My boyfriend of 3 years and I split up because he couldn’t work legally as a French citizen. Were we permitted to marry, he could have worked here and we could have stayed together. But immigration is but one of many advantages accorded to heterosexuals through marriage. Tax benefits, inheritance, hospital visitation, adoption, and many other marriage benefits constitute the core of heterosexual privilege. While other recognition of lesbian and gay relationships may be sought, such as domestic partnership, recognition is exclusively local, and thus does not bring any of the better perks of marriage. Given this flagrant discrimination, why isn’t the community more mobilized around the issue of marriage rights?

First, as lesbian and gay people, feminist beliefs form an essential core of our political identity. Paula Ettelbnrk, testimony on behalf of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, writes: “Steeped in a Lesbian and gay people will experience the issue of marriage rights.” Others argue that the goals of lesbian and gay liberation must simply be broader than the right to marry. Lesbian and gay marriages may minimally transform the institution of marriage by diluting its traditional patriarchal dynamic, but they will not transform society.

However, Professor Polikoff argues that mobilizing for marriage rights would emphasize our assimilationist tendencies. Nancy Polikoff of the American University Law School, states “Advocating gay and lesbian marriage (will) require a rhetorical strategy that emphasizes similarities between our relationships and heterosexual marriages, values long-term monogamous couples above all other relationships, and denies the potential of lesbian and gay marriage to transform the gendered nature of marriage for all people.” Marriage also may seem assimilationist to all the queer sex radicals who practice promiscuity and sexual revolution as a fundamental part of their lgbtq identity.

However, Professor Polikoff assumes a public campaign, not one centered on litigation. In the recent Bush v. Lawton, the Hawaiian Supreme Court held that the prohibition of same-sex marriage violated the privacy and equal protection guarantees of the Hawaiian constitution. They also held that to not allow someone to marry another of the same sex constituted sex discrimination. Because of this violation, the prohibition will receive strict scrutiny by the lower court. Under strict scrutiny, the state of Hawaii will be required to prove that the state has a compelling interest in this law and that the law is narrowly tailored to meet this interest. Because few laws survive strict scrutiny, in Hawaii and elsewhere, it is not likely that Hawaii will soon have legalized lesbian and gay marriage. And because all states currently recognize marriages in other states, lesbian and gay people may soon flock to Hawaii to tie the knot. But marriage supporters pop the cork, take heed: other states may change their laws to limit recognition of marriage in other states to opposite-sex couples only.

Many queers accept some critique of marriage, be it feminist or anti-assimilationist, and would not want to take part in any such institution, nor its accompanying family values. Although I too view my queer identity as a revolutionary one and not an assimilationist one, I must admit that the ability to marry would have vastly improved my life. I must also wonder how much we can ask lesbian and gay people to sacrifice for broader movement goals without alienating them from radical politics.

Evan Wolfson, Senior Staff Attorney at Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and Adjunct Professor at Columbia Law School, is Co-Counsel for the Hawaii marriage case. He will speak on the case and will refute anti-marriage arguments on Thursday, March 24th at 4 PM in Room T-155 at the Law School, as the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Law Student Association (LG-BLSA)’s speaker for B-GLAD.

THE CRUSH

by Daren Wade

O.K. So... Who made your heart skip a beat when you were thirteen? fourteen? fifteen? For me it was Scott Baio, Kent McCord, Richard Gere, Donny Osmond, and Erik Estrada! And, how could I forget Charlie’s Angels! (All six.) A random survey of LGBT/BQ Penn students revealed celebrity crushes that may have started us wondering—"I wonder if I might be..."

Go ahead and add to the list below. Ask your friends. Compare notes. Were your secret loves mentioned?

"Cleopatra Jones"
"Danny" from Soap
"Fleagle" from the Banana Splits
"Leather Tuscadero"
"Leroy" from Fame
"Lil Abner"
"Lt Uhura"
"Mary Ann" from Gilligan’s Island
"Rocky" of the Horror Picture Show
"Sue Ann"
"The Cowboy" from the Village People
"The Fonz"
Andrew McCarthy
Boy George (The respondent wanted to reveal that she’s a lesbian)
Catherine Deneuve
David Bowie
Donny Osmond
Gene Hackman
Irene Cara
Jodie Foster
John Schneider
John Travolta (After his Stallone-type work-out)
Jon Erik Hexum
Kristi McNichol (“Buddy”), a very popular crush
Lauren Bacall
Lee Majors
Linda Carter (Wonder Woman)
Lindsey Wagner (The Bionic Woman)
Lisa Bonet
Lorenzo Lamas
Loretta Swit
Madonna
Martina Navratilova
Merido
Michael Jackson
Michael Stipe
Montgomery Clift
Morris
Nancy McKeon
New Edition
Not John Schneider but the “other one”
Pam Dawber
Pat Benatar
Paul McCartney
Peter Frampton
Ralph Macchio
Richard Chamberlain
Richard Gere (again)

Kissable Osmond

“It’s always been a dream of mine, all my life, to kiss Donny Osmond.”

Stone Temple Pilot’s lead singer, Weiland, at the American Music Awards after kissing presenter Donny Osmond.

Robert Downey Jr.
Scott Baio (Chachi, again!)
Sean Connery
Sharon Gless
Sting
Susan Dey
Susan Sarandon
Tatum O’Neal
That VJ from MTV
The Quartermaines’ illegitimate son
The Solid Gold Dancers (ALL RIGHT!
The Village People
The wife from Welcome Back Kotter
Tim Curry (“Frankenfurter”)
Tom Cruise
Tom Wopat (the other one)
Tracy Chapman
Whitney Houston

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Joe Melillo and Pat Lagon

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A Look at University and City Resources for the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Community and Their Friends

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL ALLIANCE (LGBA) 898-5044
243 Houston Hall
A student group consisting primarily of undergraduates, the LGBA provides a supportive environment for those questioning their sexual identity. The group meets in Spring from 5 to 7 p.m. in Houston Hall (announcements are followed by informal discussions about contemporary issues in the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community and socializing). The place to be on the third Friday of every month is the LGBA Dance at the Gold Standard Cafe (10 p.m. - 2 a.m.) Mark your calendars now for the remaining dances (March 18, April 15, May 20). We also serve as a watchdog for the University for issues concerning the lesbian, gay and bisexual community. Everyone is invited to stop by our office in Houston Hall (Room 243) or give us a call to find out about upcoming events or just to talk.

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL SOCIAL WORKERS AT PENN 898-5044
LGB-SWAP holds periodic meetings and discussions about issues facing lesbian, gay, and bisexual social workers and clients. They also address the sexual minority content in the School of Social Work's curriculum. The group also serves as a social gathering place and tries to increase visibility of sexual minority people at the school.

LESBIAN AND GAY FACULTY AND STAFF ASSOCIATION 898-5044
This group of Penn faculty and staff holds informal luncheon meetings on the third Thursday of each month to discuss matters of mutual interest.

PENN'S EAGERLY AWAITED RADICAL LADIES (PEARL) 898-6311
A social organization for lesbian, bisexual women and their friends, the group sponsors musical events, periodic pot-luck dinners and film festivals. They meet on Monday evenings. More information can be obtained by contacting the group via email at pearl@listserv.aclu.org.

PROGRAM FOR THE LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL COMMUNITY AT PENN 898-5044
For more information, please see page 4.

QUEERS INVASING PENN 898-8611
Queers, dykes, fags, gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered people are invited to QIP functions. Organized to take more direct action on campus to fight for queer rights. QIP sponsors protests, marches, kiss-ins and visibility-raising, weekly queer lunches.

SISTER-SISTER 898-8611
This is a social and educational organization for black women, students and faculty. Contact Gloria Gay at the Women's Center in Houston Hall.

HEALTH, COUNSELLING, AND SUPPORT SERVICES

OFFICE OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION 573-3525
409 Stillman, 3rd Floor
This office monitors the University's equal opportunities for affirmative action, policy and programs. The staff is available for consultation involving the application or possible violation of the policy.

ELIZABETH BLACKWELL HEALTH CENTER FOR WOMEN 923-7577
1124 Walnut Street
Women's health services and advocacy.

FACILITATING LEARNING ABOUT SEXUAL HEALTH (FLASH) 573-3525
Office of Health Education, 3rd Floor, Houston Hall
Peer health education group focusing on issues of sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS awareness, and contraception. To schedule workshops or for more information, contact Kurt Conklin, Advisor.

GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL SPEAKERS BUREAU 898-5044
For more information, see page 19.

OFFICE OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG EDUCATION 898-2219
3601 Locust Walk
Serves as the center for alcohol and other drug programming at Penn and provides confidential consultations and referrals.

PENN WOMEN'S CENTER 898-6861
119 Houston Hall
Serving women in the student body, faculty, staff and community, the Women's Center provides advising, advocacy, counseling and crisis intervention, educational information, outreach, and referral. Strict confidentiality is guaranteed. The Women's Center also provides support for various campus women's groups. Contact Elena DiLapi, director, for more information.

REACH-A-PEER HELPLINE 573-3525
A student volunteer organization which provides information, support and referral to students at Penn. Sunday through Thursday, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

STUDENT AWARENESS OF SAFER SEX SUPPLIES (SASSSS) 662-2874
Penna Tower Hotel, Lower Level
Provides safer sex supplies, at prices affordable to students, to Penn students with current ID.

STUDENTS TOGETHER AGAINST ACQUAINTANCE RAPE (STAAR) 573-3525
Office of Health Education, 3rd Floor, Houston Hall
Peer education group focusing on issues of rape and sexual assault.

UNIVERSITY COUNSELING SERVICE 898-7071
133 S. 36th Street, 2nd Floor (Mellon Bank Building)
Sensitive and confidential counseling services are available to individuals exploring their sexual identity, concerned about their sexual orientation, or having difficulty in a relationship; referral to other counseling services in the Philadelphia community is available. The Counseling Service also offers support groups for gay men, lesbians, and bisexual people. Groups are formed early in each semester and explore issues of mutual concern.

7 RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

AFFIRMATION (171) 234-2093
338 Grove Road, East Aurora, NY 14052
Mormons.

BRETHREN/ Mennonite Council for Lesbian and Gay Concerns 844-2882
A support/social group for lesbians and gays with religious or ethnic connections to the Mennonite, Brethren, or other Anabaptist-rooted denominations.

BUDDHIST STUDY GROUP OF PANJ 202-378-7094
725-1702
A small, non-sectarian group interested in exploring the entire range of Buddhist teaching and its relevance to our lives. Although the focus of the group is on the gay and lesbian community, anyone with an interest in Buddhism is welcome. A bi-monthly newsletter is also available.

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 724-1702
119 S. 36th Street (Mellon Bank Building)
A "reconciling congregation" welcoming lesbians and gay members. Call for information or more details.

Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany 725-1702
330 S. 13th St.
Episcopalian.

CONGREGATION BETH AHAVAH 901 15th St. (Front and 2nd, Chestnut and Pine) Chuck Lebowitz 215-440-6421
A gay and lesbian synagogue striving to bring the social and religious aspects of Judaism to the gay and lesbian community via services, social activities, and educational forums. Member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations.

DIGNITY 546-2093
PO Box 35348, Philadelphia 19105
Catholic Services are held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 13th Street between Spruce and Pine. Social hour follows mass. Second Sunday of each month, "Focus on Women Sunday."

EMERGENCE INTERNATIONAL (415) 485-1881
PO Box 9161, San Rafael, CA 94912-9161
A support and educational organization of lesbian and gay Christian scientists.
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EVANGELICALS CONCERNED 732-3892
1729 Webster St.
Evangelical Christians.

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH 563-3980
First Unitarian Church, 2125 Chestnut St.
Unitarian with large contingent of lesbian, gay, and bisexual members as well as affirmative action outreach programs. Sunday service at 11:00 a.m.

INTEGRITY 382-0794
Church of Holy Trinity, 1904 Walnut St.
Episcopalian. Eucharist on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 8:00 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 1904 Walnut. Pot lucks at 6:30 p.m. on the first Saturday. Second Sunday of the month meet at St. Mary's Church, 3916 Locust Walk at noon to go out for brunch.

INTERWEAVE 572-6733
A Unitarian, Universalist group interested in sexual minorities issues. Holds group meetings and retreats.

LAMBDAA GATHERING 563-3853
First Baptist Church of Philadelphia, 17th and Sansom.
A gay-led religious, social and theological support group for American Baptist gays and lesbians.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED 687-3342
Lutherans. Holds worship service on the second Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the University Lutheran Church, 37th and Chestnut Streets and has meetings each fourth Sunday at 7 p.m.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH 563-6601
2125 Chestnut St. Christian worship.
A gay-led religious, social and theological support group for American Baptist gays and lesbians.

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP CHURCH 676-3474
A lesbian and gay church community which meets Sundays at 11 a.m. Call Pastor Amy at the number listed or Pastor Hensley at 237-1367.

REASON: GAY AND LESBIAN ATHEISTS 985-1496
PO Box 58484
An educational group supporting freedom from religion and promoting the constitutional principles of separation of religion and government.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS American Friends Service Committee, 241-7000, 1501 Cherry Street
The Quaker organization has a national committee looking at issues for lesbian and gay people. Also, the AFSC Sexual Minority Youth Bridges Project seeks to provide support and information to gay, lesbian, and bisexual youth. Contact Jenie Hall, Bridges Project Director, 241-7153.

TABERNACLE UNITED CHURCH 386-4106
Tabernacle United Church, 3700 Chestnut St.
Presbyterian. Welcomes all into full participation. Sunday service at 11:00 a.m. at 3700 Chestnut St.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS FOR LESBIAN AND GAY CONCERNS 872-6733

UNITED CHURCH COALITION FOR LESBIAN/GAY CONCERNS Weekdays, 204-7714; Evenings and weekends, 724-1147
PO Box 24005, Philadelphia 19139

YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN AND SPIRITUAL CLUB 735-2833

ADVOCACY AND POLITICAL ACTION

AIDS LAW PROJECT 587-9377
1211 Chestnut St. Suite 1200
Offers free legal advice and counseling to anyone with an AIDS-related legal problem.

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) 592-1513, ext. 17 (Fax: 592-1343)
P.O. Box 11611, 125 South 9th Street, Suite 701
A non-profit, non-partisan organization devoted to protecting the basic civil liberties of all Americans, and extending them to groups which have traditionally been denied them. The ACLU has done much more work for the L.G.B. community.

CUSTODY ACTION FOR LESBIAN MOTHERS 667-7508

EAST COAST BISEXUAL NETWORK, INC. (ECBN) (617) 247-6683
338 Newbury St., Suite 202C, Boston, MA 02115
An umbrella organization for East Coast bisexual groups, providing referrals to local groups and publishing an International Directory, brochures, and bibliographies.

GRASSROOTS QUEERS 732-6897
Queers of all sexual persuasions organized to fight heterosexism through organization and direct action. Meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Penguin Place (201 S. Camac St.). Contact Scott Tucker.

HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN FUND (212) 564-3451, (202) 628-4160
1012 14th Street NW, Suite 600, Washington DC 20005
The nation's largest lesbian and gay rights organization, HRCF is engaged in political action, lobbying, and constituent mobilization at the federal level.

LAMBDAA LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND (212) 995-8585
666 Broadway, 12th floor, NY, NY 10012
Founded in 1973 to advance the rights of lesbian and gay men through case litigation and to educate the public, the legal profession and the government about discrimination based on sexual orientation.

LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE OF THE DELAWARE VALLEY, INC. 829-9275
PO Box 395
Producers of the Philadelphia Pride Parade and Festival in June and the Coming Out Day Block Party in October.

MAYORS COMMISSION ON SEXUAL MINORITIES 696-1545
1600 Arch St. 7th fl.
A city agency which seeks to combat prejudice and discrimination against sexual minorities both within Pennsylvania's governmental process and in society at large.

WAGES DUE LESBIANS 844-1066
P.O. Box 11795, Philadelphia 19107
An international network of Lesbian women campaigning for recognition of and compensation for women's unwaged/underpaid work. Publications and speakers are available.

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE FOR JOB EQUITY 561-1873
1422 Chestnut Street, Suite 1100
A non-profit organization dedicated to improving economic and workplace conditions for women in the Delaware Valley via direct service, public education, peer support, and advocacy.

LIBRARIES

BOOKSTORES

AMAZON COUNTRY, WXPN 88.5 FM 573-6677

BORDERS BOOK SHOP & ESPRESSO BAR
568-7400
1277 Walnut St.
Bookstore keeps more than 12,000 titles and periodicals in stock and offers an extensive collection of gay and lesbian literature.

GIOVANNI'S ROOM 923-2960
345 S. 12th Street
Since 1974, Giovanni's Room had been one of the best sources for books, periodicals, and information by, for, and about the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and women's communities.

HOUSE OF OUR OWN BOOKS 222-1876
3920 Spruce St.
Gay friendly bookstore near Penn campus.

LESBIAN AND GAY LIBRARY ARCHIVES OF PHILADELPHIA 732-2220, ext. 6 c/o Penguin Place Community Center, 201 S. Camac St.
Collection of books, magazines, and pamphlets.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD 361-5000
1144 Locust St.
Extensive resource center and bookstore.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA BOOKSTORE 586-7505
3729 Locust Walk
Our own bookstore has an extensive lesbian, gay, and bisexual studies section.

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AU COURANT
790-1179
P.O. Box 42741 Philadelphia 19146
A gay and lesbian community weekly newspaper serving the Delaware Valley and Philadelphia area.

BIFOCUS
P.O. Box 30372 Philadelphia, PA 19103
A quarterly newsletter for the bisexual community, informing its readers about relevant issues, and providing a forum for the exchange of ideas.

DESDE ESTE LADO
455-0157
P.O. Box 10458, Philadelphia, PA 19120
Latino literary magazine which frequently features gay and lesbian writing. Contact Frances Negron.

GAYDREAMS
WXPN 88.5 FM 898-6677
3065 Spruce Street
Gay radio show aired every Sunday 9-10 p.m.

THE GROUT PRESS
355-4130
P.O. Box 19923 Philadelphia 19143
A minority owned publication printed monthly for lesbian and gay readers.

Labyrinth
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A lesbian and feminist monthly publication.

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733-8444 (Business Office), 732-5542 (Editorial Office)
206 S. 13th Street Philadelphia 19107
An alternative news weekly focusing on contemporary culture, politics, arts and entertainment.

PHILADELPHIA GAY NEWS (PGN)
625-8501, 925-6437 (FAX)
254 S. 11th Street Philadelphia 19107
A gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered community weekly newspaper.

WXPN - 88.5 FM
898-6677 (Business Office), 573-WXPN
3065 Spruce Street
A not-for-profit public radio station located on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania.

Bars, clubs and restaurants

ASTRAL PLANE
548-6230
1708 Lombard St.
Gay friendly restaurant perfect for a romantic evening.

BACKSTAGE
627-9887
4th and South St.
Restaurant and bar.

BIKE STOP
627-1662
206 S. Quince St.
Leather bar, sports bar and dance floor.

BLACK BANANA
928-4433
3rd and Race St.
Private after-hours club.

CARIBOU CAFE
626-9535
1126 Walnut St.
French style cafe and restaurant.

HEPBURLNS
545-8088
254 S. 12 St.
Women's dance bar and restaurant.

JUDY'S CAFE
925-1608 and Bainbridge Streets.
restaurant.

KEY WEST
455-1578
207 S. Juniper St.
Dance floor and bar.

LAST DROP COFFEEHOUSE
886-0434
1300 Pine St.
Good coffee and cozy atmosphere. Great place for long talks with friends and reading a favorite book.

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574-0568
1141 Pine St.
Restaurant and ice cream parlor. Great desserts!

POST
985-9729
1705 Chanceller St.
Bar and grill.

RAFFLES
545-9699
243 S. Camac St.
Piano and country dance bar.

REVIVAL
627-4825
22 S. 3rd St.
Private after-hours club with dancing and local band performances.

ROD'S
546-0044
247 S. 17th St.
Bar and restaurant.

TWO FOUR CLUB
732-4377, 204 S. Camac St.
Private after-hours dance bar.

UNCLES
545-6690
1220 Locust.
Bar and restaurant.

VENTURE INN
545-8731
255 S. Camac St.
Bar and restaurant.

WESTBURY
545-5170
13th and Spruce St.

WOODY'S
545-1893
202 S. 13th St.
Very popular restaurant, dance club and bar.

SOCIAL, SUPPORT AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

ADODI
PO Box 19312, Philadelphia 19143.
A black gay men's support group.

AD OUT
925-9996
Gay tennis league.

ALLEGRO
927-2619
PO Box 4245 An Italian-language lesbian and gay social organization.

ARTEMIS MOTORCYCLE CLUB
386-8112
Women's motorcycle club.

BUNNY
7IB-PONE
PO Box 42106
A social group for bisexual men and women and their friends, which sponsors outings, dances, discussion groups, and a newsletter.

BUILDING PERSPECTIVES
700-0192
Gay and lesbian architects, designers, and building professionals.

CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE SOFTBALL LEAGUE
238-3323
CBLSL: PO Box 59386, Philadelphia 19105
10th anniversary season. Over 150 gay and lesbian players and fans. New players of all skill levels invited for games, social events, or other activities.

DELAWARE VALLEY, COUPLES
629-0144
PO Box 553, Collingwood, NJ 08108
A social and education group which provides space for monogamous, long-term couples to interact.

DEUTSCHE GRUPPE
625-4574
A German language gay and lesbian social organization.

FEMALE TROUBLE
732-8686
PO Box 2284, Philadelphia 19103
A social and educational group for women interested in S/M and leather. Safe, sane and consensual.

FUEGO LATINO
224-4934
PO Box 2004, Philadelphia, 19016
A gay and lesbian dance group. Part of the International Network of Gay and Lesbian Runners. Fun run every weekend (up to five miles) as well as other running events and social activities.

FINS AQUATICS CLUB
652-1712

HUMBOLDT SOCIETY: LESBIAN AND GAY NATURALISTS
985-1456
2030 Fitzwater St.
An educational and social group for lesbian and gay naturalists. Activities include monthly field trips to places of natural interest.

INDEPENDENCE SQUARES
259-2015 or 592-4503
PO Box 53668, Philadelphia 19105
Gay and lesbian square dancers. The group teaches square-dancing at all levels and sponsors dances as well as newsletter.

JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICE: GAY AND LESBIAN GROUP
546-4583
1610 Spruce St.

LAMBDA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (LARC)
978-LARC
PO Box 24810 Philadelphia 19130
An international organization of gay and lesbian ham radio operators.

LES AMIS
927-9261
PO Box 4245. Philadelphia 19144
A French-language lesbian and gay social organization.

LES FEMMES UNIES
PO Box 4283 Philadelphia 19101
A group for black lesbians.

LESAIDS MOTHERS GROUP
222-6939
A social/support group for lesbians with children. Partners welcome. Children welcome every other month.

LESBIAN WOMEN HELPING LESBIAN ADOLESCENTS
727-9669
PO Box 19223 Philadelphia 19143

LIBERTY BELLES
925-2559
Gay Libertarians.

OPEN HOME LESBIAN CENTER OFF Mt. AIRY
242-2177
The Center sponsors groups and activities open to all women.

PENGUIN PLACE
732-2220
201 South Camden St. Philadelphia 19107
(PO Box 12814, Philadelphia, PA 19108)
Lesbian, gay and bisexual community center of Philadelphia. Penguin Place provides education, social, recreational and youth programs as well as space for meetings and events sponsored by other gay and lesbian groups.

GAMMA (GAY AND BISEXUAL MARRIED MEN'S ASSOCIATION)
878-5906
PO Box 2173, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004
A peer support group for gay and bisexual men who are now in, have been in, or contemplating a relationship with a woman. Peer support group meets second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Penguine Place (201 S. Camac St.).

GLOW
487-7737 or (609) 933-2947
PO Box 35154, Philadelphia 19128
A social organization for lesbians over age 35.
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RENAISSANCE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION INC.
946-TVTS
PO Box AD, Ben Salem, PA 19020
A support group designed for transvestites, transsexuals, transgenders, their partners and friends.

SISTERSPACE
351 S. 47th St. Suite B101, Philadelphia, 19143 or PO Box 7935, Philadelphia 19101
A lesbian social/support group which also sponsors an annual lesbian/feminist weekend in the Poconos.

SPARTANS GAY WRESTLING CLUB
546-6735

SPRUCE STREET SINGERS
667-1532

TEA TIME
552-8790 (multilingual) C/O Asian Americans United, 801 Arch Street

WOMEN INVOLVED WITH GAYS
722-5400

+ AIDS SERVICES

ACTIONAIDS
981-0989
1216 Arch Street, 4th Floor, Philadelphia 19107
A community-based, non-profit organization founded in 1986 which provides compassionate care and individual advocacy to people with AIDS in the Philadelphia Area.

AIDS ACTIVITIES COORDINATING OFFICE
686-2700
1209 Sansom Street, 7th Floor, Philadelphia 19107
A branch of the Philadelphia Department of Public Health aimed at stopping the spread of AIDS in Philadelphia via the development of coordinated responses by public and private sector organizations.

AIDS COALITION TO UNLEASH POWER (ACT UP)
922-7121
P.O. Box 15919, Middle City Station, Philadelphia 19103
ACT-UP is a diverse, non-profit group of individuals dedicated to ending the AIDS crisis through direct action. General meetings are held every Monday at St. Luke and the Epiphany (330 South 13th Street) at 7:30 PM. Committee meetings are every Wednesday at 924 Cherry Street, 2nd Floor, at 8:00 PM.

AIDS LIBRARY/INFORMATION NETWORK
922-5120
32 North 3rd St.
Home of the AIDS Library, Critical Path AIDS Project and Safeguards.

AMERICAN RED CROSS AIDS PROGRAM
1-800-26-BLOOD

BLACKS EDUCATING BLACKS ABOUT SEXUAL HEALTH ISSUES (BEBASHI)
546-4140
1233 Locust St., Suite #401
BEBASHI provides sexual health education and client services focusing especially on HIV/AIDS. Confidential or anonymous testing, case management and a variety of support groups are also available.

BETAK
961-4224
7141 McCallum Street
A 43-bed health care center for persons with AIDS. Admission is by referral from other health care or social service providers. Support services for Betak residents, family members, and companions are available.

CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA: PEDIATRIC AIDS PROGRAM
509-2956
34th Street and Civic Center

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS
440-6262
Support group.

CONGRESSO DE LATINOS UNIDOS
625-0550 (bilingual)
713 West Thompson St.

CRITICAL PATH AIDS PROJECT
545-2212
An AIDS treatment and resource information provider operated by and serving the community of people with AIDS and their direct care providers.

FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE
351-1580
251 South 12th Street
An organization which raises money for AIDS care and educational programming for the Delaware Valley and promoted public awareness of AIDS.

GAY AND LESBIAN LATINO AIDS EDUCATION INITIATIVE (GALA EI PROJECT)
977-7556 (bilingual) 119 North Broad St.
An AIDS education program serving the needs of the Latino sexual minority community. AIDS 101 education, pre- and post-test counseling, safer sex and homophobias workshops are offered.

METROPOLITAN AIDS NEIGHBORHOOD NUTRITION ALLIANCE (MANNA)
496-2662
19 & 20th Street
MANNA provides a hot, nutritious meal each weekday free of charge to homebound people with AIDS in Philadelphia.

THE NAMES PROJECT
985-1390
P.O. Box 15893
The Project seeks to illustrate the enormity of the AIDS epidemic, provide a positive and creative means of expression, raise vital funds and encourage support. General meetings are on the second Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Quilting bees are held on the first Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Both are held at We The People (425 South Broad Street).

PHILADELPHIA AIDS TASK FORCE
545-8686
1642 Pine Street
Provides client services, intervention, and educational services (case management, referrals, testing, counseling, and risk education programs).

PHILADELPHIA ENDOWMENT FOR AIDS
569-1444

PROGRAMA ESFUERZO
229-3880

PROGRAMA ESFUERZO DE CONGRESO DE LATINOS UNIDOS, INC.
763-8870

SAFEGUARDS
922-5597
32 North 3rd St.
A volunteer organization created to increase AIDS/HIV awareness via safe sex workshops to information distribution.

THRIFT FOR AIDS
592-9014
5th and South (around the corner from Booktraders)
Volunteers staff this thrift store in which the proceeds are distributed among AIDS organizations in the Philadelphia area providing direct services to persons living with AIDS. Call to volunteer your time or pop on down and do some shopping.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES – OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS (AIDS PROJECT)
596-0814

WE THE PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS of the Delaware Valley
545-6568
425 South Broad Street
We The People’s services include a PWA/HIV Drop-In Center, support groups, community dinners, a clothing bank, information and referrals.

HIV/AIDS ANONYMOUS HIV TESTING SITES

The University - through Student Health Services - does not currently offer free nor anonymous testing, only confidential testing which means that anyone with access to your medical record would see that an HIV test was performed, but could not know the result. However, there is a University testing site on campus, sponsored by the Women’s Anonymous Test Site of Hahnemann University. Details are listed below.

BEBASHI NORTH
546-4140
1528 Walnut Street
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m

CONSORTIUM
596-8077
451 University Ave (Across from the VA Hospital)
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

DISTRICT HEALTH CENTER 1
675-6560
500 South Broad Street (at Lombard)
Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PHILADELPHIA COMMUNITY HEALTH ALTERNATIVES
713-1911
1642 Pine Street
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PHILADELPHIA HEALTH FLIGHT
889-2672
419 South 19th Street
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PROGRAMA ESFUERZO DE CONGRESO DE LATINOS UNIDOS, INC.
763-8870
713 W. Thompson St.
Latin AIDS outreach program

UNIVERSITY ANONYMOUS AIDS TEST SITE
246-5210
4019 Irving Street (University of Pennsylvania Dental School between Locust and Spruce Street)
By appointment only.

HOTLINES

GAY SWITCHBOARD OF PHILADELPHIA
546-7100
Information about gay owned and operated businesses, referrals for medical, legal, and other services.

CHOICE HOTLINE
592-0550
Information about birth control, AIDS, and other sexually transmitted diseases

HOTLINE FOR ABUSED WOMEN
739-9999

NATIONAL AIDS HOTLINE
1-800-342-AIDS

PENNSYLVANIA AIDS HOTLINE
1-800-692-7254

PHILADELPHIA AIDS TASK FORCE
545-8686

PHILADELPHIA GAY AND LESBIAN TASK FORCE ANTI-VIOLENCE HOTLINE
772-2005

SUICIDE CRISIS INTERVENTION HOTLINE
696-4420

TELA-WOMAN
563-8599
Information regarding events and services of interest to women.

WOMEN AGAINST ABUSE
396-7777

WOMEN IN TRANSITION
564-5810

WOMEN ORGANIZED AGAINST RAPE (WOAR)
985-3333

WOMEN’S SWITCHBOARD
563-8599

US PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE AIDS HOTLINE
1-800-342-AIDS

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CLUB 99 BBS
533-6902

HOTLINE BBS
625-3859

STREET ACADEMY BBS
551-0557

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LET'S TAKE A STAND!
by Malika Ania Levy

Her*, mine, the moon and the wind
I travel an infinite stretch on an ocean
of solitude the color of sapphire
The sea has carried me past, over,
under, through and around
islands
where my ships were set afire,
dismantled and destroyed
By hand I each time reconstruct looking
to the day when I will
lower
my sails forever

The day when
with eyes like the moon I will gaze at
her skin
a glistening marble of metallic brown
The day when
with hands like the wind I will caress
her form
a long winding road a smooth curve,
sky-scrapping mountains, slippery
turns, deep valleys and dangerous cliffs
The day when
with tongue like the seductive serpent
I will taste of her syrup
a sweet yet bitter but sally irresistible
confection of the divinest liqueur
descended from a goddess’ nectar
The day when
my neophyte lips wet from the sea-
spray, tender by the sun
will part finally to welcome her thick
and compelling lips
My dismal trek will end.
but a new journey into an Inviting and
nurturing land will begin
the day when
I and my empty overflowing ships
crash
on her shore

by Dawn Allison

A pink triangle
on a button
in my pocket
that I like to hold when I get
nervous.
The spread of curls
of the girl before me
whom I ache to touch
but do not dare.
The velvety voice
of a love from the past
whispering caresses
while our limbs entwine.
The last thought
as I pass into dreams
with a deep satisfaction:
I know who I am.

by Heather Jamieson

I am not pure. I lost my pride.
I have gone with the risks.
I’ve learned. I’ve survived.

And now I am older than my
years?
I dismissed my age a long time
ago.
Purity lost its beauty. I found
mine...
In the dark.

With my close and the cold
I run back through the calm.
All the turbulence has no voice.
It’s the actions, the pictures,
that are beautiful now.
I can find no regret in my
desires.
Fuck what I lack.
Make love to what I want.
Bring peace to what I love.

I am not pure, but I found
peace.
And I know I can find her
again.
She looks for beauty.
And I have kept that.

by MIG

Deep below my painted smile
 Lies an angry, troubled soul.
I laugh and frolic beyond control,
But within me she is yearning.
To be released is all she asks,
From this imprisoned life she leads.
But where I beg has she to go,
For no other home she knows.

by Vanessa Goddard

You think you know
the virtue of right over wrong.
You think you possess
the knowledge of all things,
everything as it should be,
everything in its place.
It’s the way of the world, you think
it’s only natural.
Then one day
along comes woman
and “I love a woman,” she says.
You frown
Not right you think
not right.
Not logical. Not fair.
You look at woman
she is still the same.
How can she be so beautiful, you think
so beautiful but so wrong, so very wrong.
Time passes and woman grows
you grow with her
but different, you want to think
you grow right, as should be.
You look at woman
Ahe looks like you. doesn’t she? Ahe talks
like you. she often
thinks and feels like you do.
Then what is so different about this beautiful
woman*
What makes it so wrong
It’s just not natural, you think
not right.
But now you hesitate.
Was it something she said?
“I am very happy,” she told you.
“l wish you could feel how happy I am,
then maybe you would understand.”
Blush.
You doubt
Can you really tell what is fair
Can you really say she’s not true
Perhaps one day
it will all feel natural,
perhaps it won’t.
But until then,
who are you to come in the way of woman,
this beautiful, beautiful woman?
Who are you to say what is logical.
what is right and what is wrong?

To Mai, one of the most beautiful people I
have ever met. life just wouldn’t be the
same without you, babe.
FRIDAY 18

Women’s Discussion Series
entitled “Lesbian Sex, AIDS, and Battling the FDA,” sponsored by FLGBCP, FWA Health Group, New York City, and Beck Young, Graduate Student, Socio-Medical Sciences, Columbia University. Oral Sex Political Action! Underground Drug Smuggling! All this and more! 5 pm, Graduate Student Lounge, second floor of Houston Hall, 3417 Spruce Street.

Lambda Grads Speaker Series presents Marc Stein, doctoral candidate in history. He will be speaking on “The City of Sisterly/Brotherly Love,” a look at the history of Philadelphia’s lesbian, gay, bisexual community. 7:30 pm, Smith-Penniman room, second floor of Houston Hall.

BGLAD Kick-Off Dance! Come and shake a tail feather to welcome BGLAD at the monthly Lesbian Gay Bisexual Alliance dance. Dances are held the third Friday of the month. Admission: $5, $4 with valid student ID. 10 pm-2 am, Gold Standard, 36th and Locust Walk.

TUESDAY 22

Race, Ethnicity, and Sexuality Dialogue Lambda Grads presents a forum with Philadelphia activists Valentine King and Lindy Lax. Focus will be on strategies for racism, heterosexism, and issues surrounding difference. The focus will be on strategies for change. 4 pm-6 pm, Tuttlenace Terrace, Institute of Contemporary Art, 153 South 36th Street.

Women’s Dinner Co-sponsored by the Penn Women’s Center and PEARL, with guest speaker, English Professor Lynda Hart. Come enjoy a good meal with lesbian and bisexual women and their friends. Call PWC for more information and to RSVP. 898-8611. 6:30 pm, Bowl Room, first floor of Houston Hall. Video Presentation

Ongoing throughout the Week of March 21


WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30TH

Joyce Hunter, H.S.W., President of the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation and Co-Founder of the Harvey Milk High School will discuss her experiences as a biracial lesbian social worker and her work with LGBT youth. Sponsored by the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Social Workers at Penn. Wednesday 2pm-4 pm, School of Social Work, Caster Building. Room D2728.

SAT./SUN., 19/20

Saturday, March 19

QUEENS BASH BACI! Allums and current members of Lambda presents a workshop for Penn’s lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer community. 4 pm-6 pm, Irvine Stage, Irvine Auditorium, 34th and Spruce Street.

Queer Cabaret A night of fun and entertainment put on by our own community. Penn talent includes drag, poetry readings and special guest performer Doria. Penn alum and acoustic guitar songwriter. 8 pm-11 pm, Bowl Room, first floor of Houston Hall.

Sunday, March 20

Race, Ethnicity, Class, and Sexuality co-sponsored by the Greenfield Center Cultural Center, FLGBCP, and Lambda Grads. This panel discussion by Philadelphia l/g/b/q activists will focus on the multiple dimensions of identities and panellists visions for a multi-racial movement(s). Catered by the Han-Wool Restaurant. 4 pm-7 pm, Sittler Hall, 57th and Locust Walk.

“Nom. Dad, Can I Tell you something?” A discussion led by PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays) about the process of coming out to those close to you. 7 pm-9 pm, Room 305, Houston Hall.

WEDNESDAY 23

Jeans Day! Strut your stuff in denim! To borrow from a Christmas Carol, “Don’t we now our gay apparel fa la la, fa la, fa la...” Show your support for civil and human rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and queer people. Or else, show your phobia by your refusal!

BGLAD Lunch Out! You are cordially invited to join Q.U.I.P and the Lesbian/Gay Studies of the White building, 3400 Spruce Street. 8 pm-11 pm. BGLAD Lunch OUT
to the University Lunch and queer-ness. Have fun at this informal gathering of the sexual other. Casual attire recommended. 12 noon-?

Keynote Speaker: Margaret Cerullo presents “Inside/Out, Queers, Culture Wars and the Campus.” Margaret Cerullo is a professor of Sociology, Feminist Studies, and Lesbian/Gay Studies at Hampshire College, editor of Radical America, and Penn alumna. Class of 70. Professor Cerullo is a long-time activist in the gay and lesbian communities and has been active in the struggles concerning political correctness and diversity on campuses. 7:30 pm, Room 110, Annenberg School for Communication.

THURS/FRI 24/25

Thursday, March 23

Meeting the Health Care needs of Lesbian, Gay, & Bisexual People HUP Human Resources, Department of Staffing & Development presents an educational symposium featuring a multi-disciplinary panel of experts discussing and engaging in different health care providers. 2 pm-4 pm, HUP Surgical Seminar Room, ground floor of the White building.

Gay Marriages? Evan Wolfson, Senior Staff Attorney at Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and Adjunct Professor at Columbia Law School, has testified on behalf of the American Bar Association before the Hawaii Supreme Court case. Gay, Bisexual Law Student Association. 4 pm in Room T-155 at the Law School.

New Testament & Homosexuality, Robin Scruggs, Pauline Scholar will lecture at the Christian Association 36th & Locust Walk at 6:30 pm.

My Best Friend is Gay Lesbian, gay and bisexual students and their friends discuss their coming out experiences. Sponsored by the Greek Social Action Committee and the LGBA. 7pm, The Castle. For more info, 988-3270.

Friday, March 25

Two Films from Queer Pre-history: A Video Presentation of Two pre-Stonewall films on queer sexuality, Scorpio Rising (1964) and The Wild, Wild World of Jayne Mansfield (1967) will be shown at 8 pm in Room 310 of Houston Hall.

Straight...but not Narrow One last dance, to close out the week of BGLAD events. Co-sponsored by the LGBA, FLASH, ICED, QSAC, Pan Hellenic Council, IPC. Dance your butt off, no matter your orientation. 10 pm-2 am, Chestnut Cabaret, 38th and Chestnut Street.