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SALUTATIONS-

Folks, our second semester of operation is underway, and we have a lot of ambitious projects in the works already. What's happening? Well..... we are sponsoring a photography contest, we assisted A.S.K., Inc. in bringing the Wizard of Aids to campus, we had Flier night, we are traveling to Nashville to attend a regional conference on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual student issues, we are cosponsoring a forum here on campus on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual student issues, we are planning to attend a national conference on Gay Lesbian and Bisexual student issues in Delaware, and in April some of us will be traveling through the Florida Keys for a week. Whew!!! Can we do it? Yes. And we will.

To begin with, on Sunday night, January 12th, 1992, three representatives of the **WКУ Lambda Society** met in Downing University Center with 153 copies of our fliers and proceeded to post them at various locations on campus. A week later, a few were still posted. So, our first activity of the semester was successful. Most of the fliers were up on the first morning of classes, most of the students, faculty, and staff noticed them, and there were no negative repercussions resultant of the incident. Wonderful! It's little gimmicks like that that keeps our organization on the minds of most WКУ people.

Our first General Meeting, on January 15, was considerably poorly attended. Nine people signed our Statement of Agreement. However, Social Hour at **Reno's** continues to be a very successful venture. Approximately 70 people attended social hour at Reno's last Wednesday night, January 22nd. I would like to see more attendance at our General meetings, particularly now that we have so much going on. But if we can't catch you on campus at our General meetings, which are, by the way, open (you do not have to be a student to attend our meetings, and you will get more accurate, first hand information on our activities by attending our meetings), we will catch you at Reno's, every Wednesday night, beginning at 9:00 P.M.

On Wednesday, January 22nd, the WКУ Lambda Society assisted **Aids of Southern Kentucky, Inc.**, with the appearance of the **Wizard of Aids**, a theatrical, musical performance of AIDS awareness based on the musical, the Wizard of Oz. Humorous, enlightening, and entertaining, the performance was well attended by students. Two Lambda Society members made our participation known by sporting our official WКУ Lambda Society T-Shirts, during the performance. Thank you. Members of the acting troupe of the Wizard of Aids, based in Chicago, were invited to attend our social hour at Reno's following the performance, and surprisingly, they showed up. We were impressed with their performance, and they were impressed at such a gathering of Gays and Lesbians. A good time was had by all.

Coming up for the Lambda Society of Western Kentucky University....

At January 29th's General Meeting, three amendment proposals will be presented, to be voted on at February 12th's General Meeting. Those proposals are:

- To provide for the inclusion of Bisexuality in the philosophy and general operation of the WКУ Lambda Society
- To provide for a change in status for the Committee of Funding from Ad hoc to Standing Committee status
- To Create a permanent voting position on the Executive Board for the founder of the WКУ Lambda Society.

Give consideration to these proposals and be prepared to vote on them, on February 12.

Speaking of voting, Officer Elections will be held on April 1st. Now is the time to give consideration to the leadership potential of your fellow members. According to our Constitution and Bylaws, Officer and Chair positions run May through April. Some guidelines to

consider: Elected Officers of the WKU Lambda Society must be matriculated students at Western Kentucky University. Many of our members are not currently attending WKU, and are therefore ineligible to hold office.

Perhaps our most ambitious project will be the Photography contest. Fliers concerning this contest are included in this newsletter, and have also been sent to several Gay Community News papers throughout the Southeast. The contest is open to amateur and professional photographers alike. The theme of the contest is "Photographic Voyeurism into the Public and Private Lives of Lesbians and Gay Men". The deadline for Entries is April 15th. Entry fees are \$10.00 per entry, with cash awards being presented to the top two entries. Judging will be done by an independent panel of both professional and amateur photographers. For entry forms and guidelines write to our campus box, c/o photography contest.

We are planning an exhibit of the entries, and are contacting galleries concerning such an exhibit. Tentatively, the exhibit is to run for at least one week, with the first night being a wine or champagne reception, invitation only, possibly charging admission. Winners are to be notified, by mail, by May 11th. Then we will be exploring the feasibility of taking the 13 best submissions and producing a calendar. The work for that to be done during the summer of this year.

On February 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, **Vanderbilt Lambda Association** will be hosting a regional conference on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual student issues. The WKU Lambda Society will be in attendance, and expect to take with us a large contingency from Western Kentucky University. Since Nashville is easily within driving distance, this should present no problems for most Lambda Society members. Make plans now for your attendance. Currently proposed seminar topics include:

- Gay and Lesbian Film/Music/Art
- Gay/Lesbian History
- Non-discrimination clauses
- Bisexuality
- Queer Politics (PC)
- AIDS
- Campus Publicity
- Coming Out in the South
- Activism

The conference will also include social activities.

If you will notice on our calendar, February 23rd is **National Day of Remembrance**. This is a time set aside to honor black gay and lesbian people who have passed on. Sponsored by the **National Coalition for Black Lesbians and Gays**, groups and individuals are asked to send information on how they've recalled and celebrated the lives of people who were a vibrant part of our lives before they passed on. Write to NCBLG, Box 19248, Washington D.C. 20036.

Also you will note on our calendar that alternate Wednesdays have been set aside as "MOVIE NIGHT" s. These are nights when we do not have meetings scheduled, and are therefore open to other activities, such as the viewing of films concerning gay and lesbian culture. At the time of this printing, no specific plans have been made. If you have suggestions, please call our contact line. For updates on activities for movie nights, please call our contact line.

On March 11th, the WKU Lambda Society will be cosponsoring a forum concerning gay, lesbian and bisexual student issues, with **United Student Activists**. Committees are being formed now, one from the Lambda Society and one from USA. If you have an interest in such a forum, please let us know. We need assistance and input. Proposed subjects include Anti-Gay Bias on Campus.

Speaking of Lambda Society involvement on campus, Mary Flanagan, editor of the **Talisman**, the yearbook for Western Kentucky University, called me this afternoon, informing me that her "piece" on the Lambda Society was completed and she will be forwarding a copy to us, for our review. I will have copies available for those interested.

Also, the organizational photos, taken by Graham studios for the **Talisman**, are ready, and are to be mailed out today. I ordered several copies myself. If you are interested in seeing them, they will be available at the next Lambda Society meeting, and a copy possibly included in the next Lambda Letter.

On March 27th, 28th, and 29th, the ninth annual conference of the **North East Lesbian Gay Bisexual Student Alliance** is scheduled. A copy of the brochure is included in this newsletter, and reservations have been made for four representatives from the WKU Lambda Society. If interested in attending, call our contact line.

So, as you see, we have quite an itinerary planned for the Lambda Society. With

member participation and assistance, these plans can be successfully actualised. But we do need your assistance and financial contributions. I cannot overemphasise our financial needs, we need money for the production and distribution of this newsletter, and to help cover expenses incurred in our attendance and involvement in conferences and seminars. We now have a committee set up, whose sole purpose is to seek funding for the organization and its activities, however that will not cover our immediate needs. Please help!!!!

The **Lambda Letter** is, once again, changing and growing. We are adding a Classified section to our newsletter, and an advertising section. The rates are included below.

February 14th is approaching, why not have a note to your sweetheart published in the Lambda Letter? Check classifieds section for rates.

Other activities of the Lambda Society, currently underway, include the composition of a list of "friendly" local businesses, establishments, and organizations. If you have such an organization, establishment or business, or work for such, and consider that business to be "gay-friendly", please call our contact line, and consider advertising in our newsletter. We now have a mailing list of over 60 individuals and organizations.

Also currently underway is the production of an organizational banner, if you have certain skills, materials, or interests that would aid in the production of this banner please let us know.

General Information:

Meeting Times and Place: Alternate Wednesdays, 6:00 P.M. in room 308 in Downing University Center, at Western Kentucky University. Call our contact line for any possible changes in weekly meeting times or locations.

Dues: Yearly membership dues for the WKU Lambda Society have been set at \$25.00. Participation in WKU Lambda Society activities is not dependant upon payment of dues.

Social Hour: Continues to be held at Reno's Pizzeria, on Adams Street in Bowling Green, KY, every Wednesday night, beginning at 9:00 P.M.

Recycling Program: We are continuing to collect aluminum cans and glass containers for recycling. Please save those cans, jars, and bottles for us. We will be glad to provide a pick-up service for those who wish to donate their recyclable materials. Please call our contact line.

Hot Line: For up-dated information on Lambda Society events and activities call our contact line - (777-1249). If you have any news or announcements which could be of interest to WKU Lambda Society members, call the number and leave said information. If deemed appropriate, we will add that to our answering machine announcement tape. Announcements updated weekly.

CLASSIFIEDS

Classified rates are \$1.00 per line, each line consisting of 40 characters and spaces.

Please print or type your message neatly and submit along with payment in the form of check or money order, made out in the appropriate amount, to our campus box, c/o classifieds.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertisement rates are as follows:

\$6.00 business card
\$10.00 quarter page
\$17.50 half page
\$32.50 full page

Please pay when submitting ad, all material must be camera ready for the printer and received 2 weeks before date of publication.

Statement of Purpose

WKU Lambda Society

The Lambda Society of Western Kentucky University is an organization of Gay and Lesbian individuals and others who support Gay and Lesbian rights. Its purposes are to provide Gay and Lesbian students with an informational, supportive, and social network, and to promote and preserve the rights of Gay and Lesbian individuals. Through this

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organization, Gay and Lesbian students will be provided with a forum in which they are able to express their own ideas, concerns, and suggestions regarding issues relevant to university life, and for their future life beyond the University. In addition, the University community at large will benefit from the strengthening of diversity and social justice for all its members.														
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REGISTRATION FORM

Please make checks payable to NELGBSA and mail registration forms to:

NELGBSA
201 Student Center
University of Delaware
Newark, Delaware 19716

For more info, call (302) 451-8066

Name _____
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Day Phone _____ Eve Phone _____
School _____

Do you have any specific housing needs, i.e. Wheel-chair accessible, Non-smoking, etc.?

Scholarships: A limited # of Scholarships are available based upon financial need. Please enclose a request with your form. Applicants will be notified by 2/15.

Benefactors: Your contribution provides scholarships to allow financially strained students to attend this conference. Thank you!
\$5 _____ \$10 _____ \$25 _____ Other _____

REGISTRATION FEES

Before 2/15	After 2/15	At Door
\$ 25	\$ 35	\$45

Check Request for:

- Scholarship Community Housing
 NELGBSA T-Shirt \$12 Size _____
 Freedom Rings \$12

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Confirmation: You will be sent a notice with materials by 2/28.

Refunds: \$15 of the fee is non-refundable. Partial refunds will be made until 3/1. No refunds will be made after that.

Note: Information subject to change

HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

Delaware is centrally located on the East coast and easily accessible by planes, trains, and automobiles. We are right off of Interstate 95, 40 minutes from the Philadelphia airport and train stations, 80 minutes from the Baltimore Washington International Airport, less than 20 minutes from the Wilmington train station, and within walking distance of the Newark train station (only 1 train per day from the north and south each).

We will be running shuttle vans from the airport and train stations Friday and Sunday nights. Please contact us to let us know when you will be arriving and departing, so we can be there for you.

From Interstate 95 North or South, Take exit 1-B (896 North). Proceed 3 miles on South College avenue (896N). At the light at the intersection with Park Place, turn right. At the next light (Academy Street) turn left. The Student center is the fourth building on the right. Turn into the parking lot before the building, and you're here!

Feel free to call us at (302) 455-1241 for directions.

Travel Agent Info:

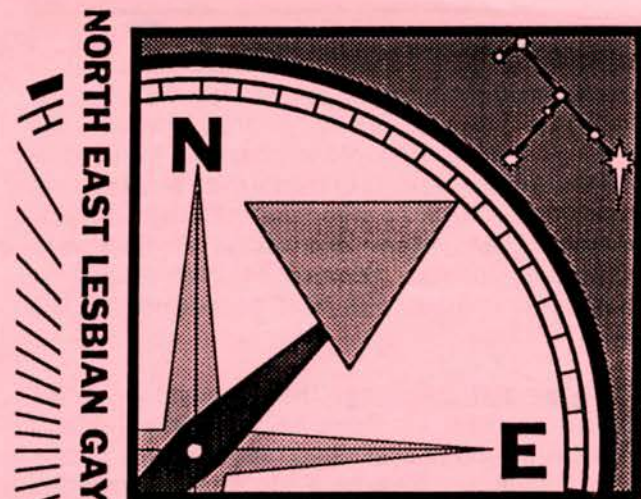
Our official travel agent is **Rosenbluth Travel**. They can be contacted at **1-800-648-1558**. Ask for Group Travel, or Ms. Mary Ann Macklin. Room rates range between \$45/Night (single) to \$15/Night (four people). Exact room rates are available through the agent.

A limited amount of community housing is available for those unable to afford hotel accommodations. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Be sure to mark it on your registration

CONFERENCE MEMORABILIA

ORDER YOUR CONFERENCE MEMORABILIA NOW
- BE A FASHION SETTER!

- Δ T-Shirt w/ NELGBSA Logo Only \$12
White & Pink on Black / Black & Pink on White
- Δ Freedom Rings Only \$12
Anodized Aluminum Rings in Rainbow Pride Colors



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What does it mean?: As you can see from the cover, the focus of this year's conference is "Past, Present, and Future". What we are trying to emphasize is the tremendous history the movement of sexual minorities has, and how excited we should be to be living in this time of rapid, well-deserved, and long-awaited change. We are heirs to a rich cultural heritage. We view this conference as a unique opportunity for the next generation of LGB leaders.

Workshops and Speakers: The workshop topics list continues to expand. We plan to have over 50 workshops on highlighted and related topics, and welcome further topics and speakers. If you have a topic for, or would like to present a workshop or have suggestions for speakers, please contact us or submit a proposal to the registration address.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS ▼

Barbara Glittings: Founder of the NY Daughters of Bilitis one of the editors of *The Ladder*, and a member of the Gay Task Force of the American Library Association. She has been a Lesbian Activist for over 30 years.

Michael Callen: Author of *Surviving and Thriving with AIDS* and one of the founders of the People With AIDS (PWA) Coalition. He is a member of the Flirtations.

Loraine Hutchins: Bisexual Activist and Co-editor of *Bi Any Other Name*. She is a member of the Steering Committee of the East Coast Bisexual Network.

CONFERENCE SPONSORS ▼

NELGBSA: The 9th Annual conference marks many years of growth for NELGBSA (formerly NELGSA and NELGSU) as more and more Student organizations from an ever growing area participate. NELGBSA hopes to continue to expand and become even more diverse as we enter the Gay '90s.

The LGBSU of the U of D: This year, the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Student Union of the University of Delaware is celebrating its 20th anniversary as a registered student group. We are one of the oldest, most viable student LGB organizations in the nation!

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS ▼

Politics

- Δ Creating a National Student Agenda
- Δ DOD / ROTC Organizing on Campus
- Δ Protest 101 with ACT-UP and QUEER NATION
- Δ Connecting Oppressions and Identity Politics
- Δ Organizing for Hate Crimes Legislation
- Δ The politics of AIDS

Sexuality

- Δ Men - Use Condoms or Beat It: Making Safer Sex Fun!
- Δ Dam Right! - Lesbian Safer Sex
- Δ Bisexuality 101
- Δ Lesbian S/M

Diversity

- Δ Networking Between Lesbians & Bisexual Women
- Δ Confronting Racism
- Δ Differently Abled and Queer
- Δ Gays and Lesbians in Greek Life
- Δ Outreach to LGB Youth
- Δ Returning Students / Graduate Students

Leadership

- Δ Nuts and Bolts Organizing on Campus
- Δ Public Relations / Publicity
- Δ Working With Student Governments
- Δ Working With Administrators
- Δ Organizing and Presenting LGB Awareness Programs on Your Campus
- Δ Planning and Organizing Social Activities

CAUCUSES ▼

- Δ People of Color
- Δ Women
- Δ Sexuals

ENTERTAINMENT ▼

--- The Flirtations ---

The Flirtations are a nationally renowned all-male *a capella* singing group

--- The Washington Sisters ---

The Washington Sisters are two women of color who play a wide range of contemporary, pop, folk, and jazz music with unique harmonies.

--- The Rocky Horror Picture Show ---

The classic Cult film with live cast added!!

--- Spring Fling / The Rights of Spring Dance Party ---

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ▼

Friday, March 27

- 4:00 - 12am Registration / Check-in
- 6:00 - 12am Mix & Mingle - Snacks in Bacchus
- 9:00 - 11pm The Rocky Horror Picture Show
- 8:00 - 12:00am Housing Hook-ups

Saturday, March 28

- 9am - 10:30am Workshop Session I
- 10:45 - 12:15 Workshop Session II
- 12:30 - 2:00 Picnic Lunch & Speaker
- 2:15 - 3:15 Workshop Session III
- 3:30 - 4:30 Workshop Session IV / Caucus I
- 4:45 - 5:45 Board of Representatives Meeting
- 6:30 - 8:30 Dinner & Keynote Speaker
- 9:00 - ? Concert

Sunday, March 29

- 9:30 - 11am Workshop Session V
- 11:15 - 12:45 Workshop Session VI
- 1:00 - 2:30 Lunch Break / Free Time
- 3:00 - 4:30 Plenary Session
- 5:00 - 6:00 Caucus II
- 6:15 - 7:15 Caucus III
- 7:30 - 8:30 Dinner (Find your own)
- 9:00 - 12:00am Dance
- 10:00pm Closing Remarks / Intro of New Board