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A NEWSLETTER BY AND FOR GAY PEOPLE (A FIRST ISSUE INTRODUCTION)

Exciting things are happening in the Bloomington gay community, now more so than any time in recent memory. The New Horizons Gay Community Center has inaugurated this newsletter to keep Bloomington area gay people abreast of developments not only at New Horizons but throughout the region.

The idea of a newsletter was first brought up at New Horizons by former Board Member, Terry Mehlman, who volunteered for the project and selected the name "News Horizons." Unfortunately, Terry had to move to another city before anything could be done on the newsletter.

In Terry's absence, this issue has been put together by Jim Heuer, who will continue as editor for the time being. Articles and news items are welcome, as is assistance in typing and other production chores.

To submit news items or articles or volunteer to help, call Jim at 332-9948 or write him c/o New Horizons, Box 844, Bloomington, Indiana 47401.

PARAPROFESSIONAL TRAINING SCHEDULED

The Mental Health Clinic of Monroe County has agreed to provide staff training to New Horizons personnel in paraprofessional counselling techniques. Although schedules are incomplete, tentatively the program will begin in early September.

Training sessions will seek to build listening skills, teach crisis intervention techniques and cover other counselling methods. John Warner and David Gordon of the clinic are expected to be conducting the classes.

The training program will be open to anyone interested. Contact Collin Schwoyer at 336-6522 for more details.

CHANNEL 4 TV COVERS NEW HORIZONS

WTTV, Channel 4, hosted New Horizons members Donna Reeves and Collin Schwoyer on "Studio Four" with Mary Jane Popp on August 8, from 11:00-11:30 a.m. Collin and Donna discussed New Horizons and its role in the gay community in Bloomington.

BGA CONFERENCE UPDATE

Elaine Noble will be participating in the BGA Gay Awareness Conference in late October, according to Terry Toon, BGA Chairperson. Ms. Noble is an activist in the lesbian rights movement and was recently elected to the Massachusetts State Legislature.

Also announced was the current list of workshops planned for the Conference. These include Lesbians and the Law: Focus on Child Custody,