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Washington Trip Ready

MARCH ON CAPITOL

Bloomington gay community will be represented in Washington D.C. October 14 at the National March On for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

On October 1, twelve people had planned to leave Bloomington early Saturday morning, October 13, and arrive around noon on Monday the 15th. A group of lesbian women will also be going to Washington on the trip, invited by an Indianapolis-based women's group.

The march, co-sponsored by the National Gay Task Force and the National Coalition of Black Gays, will be led by a national Third World Lesbian/Gay group, to be held in Washington October 12-15.

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Gays Meet With Representatives

SUCCESS IN WASHINGTON

On October 14, 50,000 to 75,000 gay people, including 12 Bloomington residents, gathered in Washington D.C. to express their concern for the rights of the nation's gay population.

"It was a tremendously emotional experience," said BGA chairperson Lewis Ryker, a participant in the march. "I felt great highs and great lows in the same week. It was a draining experience."

The goal of the march was to show gay strength and sense of community and to voice support for House Bill 2074 which would guarantee the civil rights of gay people.

Dennis Wilcoxson, BGA treasurer, agreed that the march was highly successful. He said it proved that "there is a very well organized group that is interested in a whole spectrum of things, including ... lobbying."

Ryker said the day after the march was dedicated to lobbying. The Indiana delegation saw all of its congressional representatives.

"It's the first time gay people had come to speak to them," Ryker said. "They wanted to know more about us. We've opened the door now. It's just the beginning. We're going to make ourselves heard."

Ryker said the group met personally with Senator Lugar and spoke with Representative John Meyer's aid Ray Little, who, Ryker said, was less than interested.

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Reelected mayor prefers not to proclaim Gay Pride Week '80

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This year, the tenth anniversary of the Stonewall riots which have been called the beginning of the modern struggle for gay rights, the BGA asked the mayor of Bloomington to proclaim June 17 through 24 "Gay Pride Week." The proclamation was not made.

Gay people, as a rule, did not complain; the mayor faced a conservative in the November elections.

Mayor McCloskey did, however, attend the Gay Pride Week picnic in Cascades Park, and gay people were able to talk with him about their concerns.

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Christmas, Mary!

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Indiana has gay people

"It's time to stop reacting to events and time to start thinking about where we're going," Jane Levin, a national gay lobbyist and Midwest representative from the Gay March of Washington, told the Indiana Gay/Lesbian Conference that met in Bloomington on Feb. 16.

Levin told the 50 persons attending the conference, which she said was the largest state conference she had attended, "Without an articulated goal of where we're going, we'll never get anywhere. We had this big successful march that no one predicted and now what? No National movement has come out of it.

Levin claimed that the local gay/lesbian organizations are the foundations of a national movement. "The march (on Washington) was, in a real sense, a grass root effort. We are the people who are going to decide where the movement goes," Levin said.

The lobbyist complained that there is no national policy on gay and lesbian issues and, she added, "There is no future unless we make one."

The Midwest will have the strongest delegation to the national gay/lesbian conference at Oberlin College because it is being held in the Midwest," she predicted.

Michael Sedberry, coordinator for the Indiana Lobbying effort, spoke about the importance of involvement by all gay people in the struggle for gay rights. He also said that the absence of a law that discriminates can be just as good as having a law that prevents discrimination. He said that when the Indiana penal code was revised, sodomy was just quietly left out.

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Sundays

The Bloomington Gay Alliance has ratified a new constitution which calls for Co-Executive Directors, one female and one male. These are elected positions within the organization along with Secretary and Treasurer. According to the Constitution anyone attending a BGA meeting has the right to make a nomination and the right to vote. The above-listed positions are open for nominations. Nominations for officers will be held Sunday, Sept. 14, and Sunday, Oct. 19, 7:30 pm at the ~~Center for University Ministry, 1514 E. Third~~. Elections will be held Oct. 19. A copy of the new Constitution can be obtained at either meeting and interested persons are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings to give input into the running of BGA. *Ballentine Hall 005*

The next BGA Picnic will be held Sunday, Sept. 21, at Cascades Park beginning at 1 pm. The suggested donation is \$2 which covers hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks. Side dishes and desserts will be pitch-in, including vegetarian dishes. Proceeds from the picnic will go toward maintaining the Gay & Lesbian Switchboard.

The eleventh annual BGA Halloween Dance will be held on Sunday, Oct. 26 at the Olde Library from 9 pm until 1 am. Further details forthcoming on 336-GAY9.

The Gay & Lesbian Coffeehouse is temporarily out of a home due to homophobic pressure put on Bullwinkles bar by the Alcoholic Beverage Commission. The Commission stated that persons under 21 could not meet in the bar at any time, even on Sundays and even if alcoholic beverages were put out of sight. It is hoped that space will be obtained soon for Coffeehouse. For further details stay in touch with 336-GAY9.

Mondays

Integrity, a group of Gay Episcopalians and their friends, meets every Monday at 701 Hawthorne Lane at 7:30 pm. The group has a business meeting or lecture until 9:00, followed by an open house.

Tuesdays

The Gay Women's and Men's Literary Circle continues to meet on alternating Tuesday nights. The next meeting will be Tues, Sept. 23 at 8:30 pm. The group meets at 11½ W. Kirkwood, apt 11, above Argentum.

Wednesdays

There is a Lesbian Support Group in Bloomington! The group meet at A Room of One's Own, new location, Wed. nights from 8 pm. The group provides a good opportunity to meet and talk with other lesbians. If you want more information call the Gay & Lesbian Switchboard.