

# TEXAS GAY/LESBIAN CONFERENCE IX

Friday, September 3rd

7:30 — 11:00 P.M. Registration, reception at Agnes Arnold  
Hall-Univ. of Houston Central Campus

Saturday, September 4th

8:30 — 9:00 A.M. Registration — Agnes Arnold Hall

9:00 — 9:30 A.M. Business Session: Opening Remarks in  
the Agnes Arnold Hall

9:30 — 10:20 A.M. Workshop Session I (in classrooms  
assigned)

10:30 — 11:30 A.M. Workshop Session II

LUNCH — Jane Seager — Caterer — See her in Lobby of Hall

1:30 — 2:30 P.M. Keynote Address by Harry Britt, City  
Supervisor of San Francisco

2:30 — 3:20 P.M. Workshop Session III

3:30 — 4:20 P.M. Workshop Session IV

4:30 — 5:30 P.M. Special Caucuses — to be announced accord-  
ing to interest shown by crowd

7:30 — 11:00 P.M. Entertainment in Agnes Arnold Hall  
Lyra & Gary Wayne Smith  
Keynote Address — Debra Danburg,  
State Representative  
Mention of Special Honored Guest  
Janna Zumbrun

Sunday, September 5th

Morning

1:30 — 2:20 P.M. Go to the Church of Your Choice  
Workshop Session V

2:30 — 3:20 P.M. Workshop Session VI

3:30 — 4:20 P.M. Workshop Session VII

4:30 — ——— Business Meeting — Texas Gay Task  
Force  
Open to All Interested Attendants!

NOTE: Friday night from 7:30 — 9:30 there will be an autographing session at  
Wilde & Stein for Aaron Frick's book *Reflections of a Rock Lobster*. From  
10:00 — 11:00 he will be at the Agnes Arnold reception.

# TEXAS GAY/ LESBIAN CONFERENCE IX

SEPT. 3 — 5 1982

HOUSTON

# Planning Committee Personnel

**Jenny Willinger, Co-Chair**

**Bob Palmer, Co-Chair**

**Rich Wilson, Workshop/Exhibits Coordinator**

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**Bob Heer**

**Tony Vega**

**George Barnhart**

# Special Thanks To

**Disco Grandma**

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**Jim Brown**

**Lyle Austin**

**Elaine Ende**

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**Houston Guest House**

**Kindred Spirits**

**The Barn**

**Montrose Symphonic Band**

**Scott Miller**

**'Mother' Ruth Ravas**

**Wordcraft**

# LOGISTICS COORDINATORS . . .

Are responsible for set up and clean up of workshop areas; enforcing smoking and photography policies; general information; lost and found; security; and emergency/first aid procedures.

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE in any of these areas see persons with green name tags.

## SAFETY TIPS

We hope you have a pleasant stay in Houston and to insure that there are a few things we should point out.

Houston is the fourth largest city in the nation, and as such suffers its share of violence. Using common sense will usually protect you from being a victim. Some tips are:

1. Do not walk alone; travel in groups of two or more.
2. Do not park and walk along dark side streets. Stay on major well-lighted roads.
3. An intoxicated person makes an easy target. If you plan to drink past moderation, make sure someone is with you.

Montrose has an extremely large and visible gay and lesbian population. Almost without exception all businesses in Montrose are used to assisting and catering to gay men and lesbians. There is absolutely no problem in Montrose between its gay and non-gay residents. However, having such a large and visible community frequently draws problems known as 'queer-bashers' from the suburbs. Montrose is closely watched by the Houston Police Department, local civic groups, and through the cooperative efforts of these groups and residents Montrose has become a much safer place to live and play. To avoid 'queer-bashers' — do not approach any car filled with strangers 'asking directions'; avoid groups of teenage boys; and be wary of trucks and vans with young men in them.

## PERSONAL PROPERTY

TGLC IX is not responsible for any damage or loss of any personal property brought to the conference by participants. However, we will endeavor to provide security for both the parking areas and the buildings.

## RESOLUTIONS

Any resolutions to be considered at the TGTF business meeting Sunday afternoon must be submitted in writing to the Registration/Information table by 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4th.

# BIDS TO HOST TEXAS GAY CONFERENCE X

Bids for hosting TGLC X should be submitted in writing to the Registration/Information table by 7 p.m., Saturday, September 4th. They will then be placed on the agenda of the TGTF business meeting Sunday afternoon.

## SIGNING

Signing will be provided for the hearing impaired at the general assemblies and selected activities. If you require signing at a particular workshop, please notify a logistics coordinator or the registration table.

## POLICY ON PHOTOGRAPHY

We look forward to documenting TGLC IX and sharing the images with the community, as well as having them on record for our archives. We have instituted a policy for the protection of all photographers.

All photographers will be asked to register at our front desk upon entering the conference. Official and press photographers will be pre-registered and identified by white tags.

At the beginning of each event or workshop, an announcement will be made that photographers are present. Anyone not wishing to be photographed will be asked to seat themselves on the left as they enter (This includes general sessions in the assembly hall.) Only official photographers will be permitted to photograph after the first five minutes of each event. If no official photographer is present, the responsibility for the announcement belongs to the photographer(s) present.

We have found that this policy has worked successfully at conferences and events in the past. However, should any difficulty arise, an official photographer or logistics coordinator should be notified immediately. Anyone violating this policy will lose photographer's privileges for the remainder of the conference. Any questions can be referred to the Registration/Information desk.

# NAMETAG GUIDE

Please wear your name tag at all times. Access to the building and conference activities is by name tag only. For your assistance and security, the tags have been broken down into four categories.

**YELLOW TAG:** Denotes registrants of Texas Gay Conference IX.

**GREEN TAG:** Denotes members of TGLC IX Planning Committee. These people are here to help you and make your stay in Houston a pleasant one. If you have a question or need assistance, check with a staff member. (Also see LOGISTICS on this page.)

**BLUE GUEST TAG:** Denotes Workshop Coordinators and Special guests of TGLC IX

**WHITE GUEST TAG:** Denotes members of news media (Gay and non-Gay) and the official photographers and video of the conference and of the Texas Gay Archives. (See Press Photography Policy.)

# SMOKING POLICY

Smoking areas have been designated as Agnes Arnold Hall lobby and outside. Smoking is not permitted in any other area of the building. We believe this is a fair policy for all concerned.

When smoking outside please use proper receptacle to avoid littering the building and grounds. Thank you for your cooperation.

# FOOD SERVICE

Sandwiches, fruits and refreshments are being provided throughout the run of TGLC IX by Jane Seager. Food is available (prices vary) in the Agnes Arnold Hall lobby.

Please be sure to put all waste paper in the proper receptacles. If you prefer to leave the conference site, a list of gay or gay-supportive restaurants can be found listed in the TGLC IX Guide Booklet or TWT.

# CAUCUS ROOMS

Caucus rooms are available and can be reserved at the registration table. These rooms will be on a first-come first-serve basis so if you are planning a special meeting or caucus, please reserve your room as early as possible.

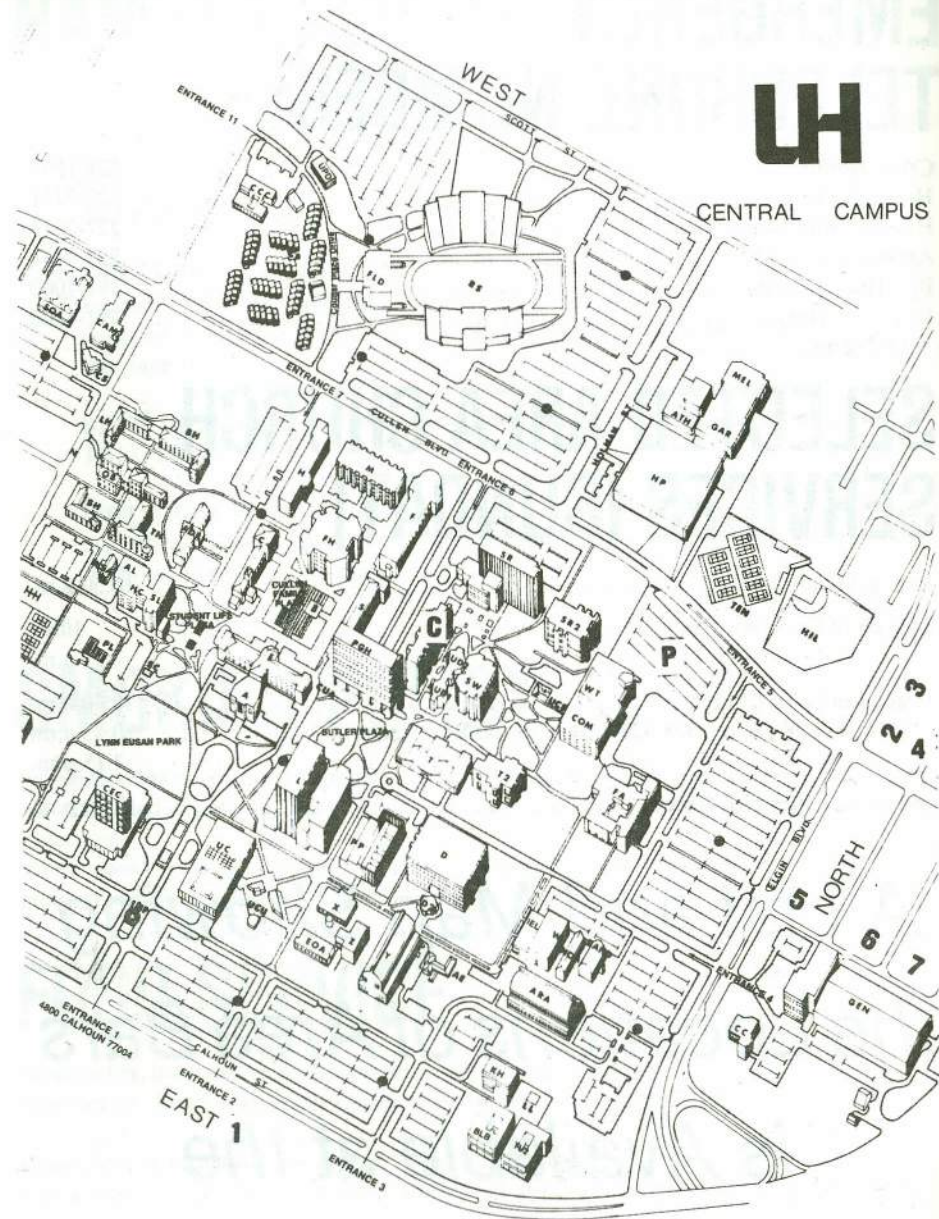
# EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Crisis Hotline .....	228-1505
Houston Police .....	222-3131
Houston Fire Department .....	227-2323
Ambulance .....	222-3434
Ben Taub Hospital .....	791-7000
Ben Taub Hospital .....	791-7300
Emergency	

# SELECTED AREA CHURCH SERVICES (SUNDAY)

Bering Memorial UMC .....	10:50 a.m.
Church of Christian Faith .....	10:45 7:15 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church .....	10:30 a.m.
2515 Waugh Drive; 528-3269 MCC of the Resurrection .....	10:45 a.m. 7:15 p.m.
Montrose Church of Christ .....	12:30 p.m.

*A List and Map Showing  
the Locations of Area Bars  
is Available at the  
Houston Gay Switchboard  
Table*



**UH**

CENTRAL CAMPUS

## (C) CONFERENCE

AGNES ARNOLD HALL  
GROUND FLOOR

WHEELCHAIR  
ACCESSIBLE

## (P) PARKING

ENTER OFF CULLEN BLVD.  
(UH LOT 16)

DO NOT PARK IN HANDICAPPED SPACES  
WITHOUT A STICKER

## (#) EATING OUT

1. NANNY'S
2. DEL TACO
3. MacDONALD'S
4. SANDY'S SUBS & SALADS
5. BURGER KING
6. PIZZA INN
7. WENDY'S

**DIRECTIONS:** Take 45 South to Cullen exit, turn right on Cullen at the first left past Elgin to "UH Lot 16." OR go east on Westheimer, which becomes Elgin, 3 miles, then right on Cullen, then take the first left into the lot.

*Map Courtesy of UH Lesbian/Gay Resource Service*

# TEXAS GAY/LESBIAN CONFERENCE IX

TEXAS GAY  
CONFERENCE IX

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, CENTRAL CAMPUS, AGNES ARNOLD HALL, GROUND FLOOR

Univ. of Houston  
SEPT. 3, 4 & 5

	CLASSROOM " 2 "	CLASSROOM " 7 "	CLASSROOM " 9 "	CLASSROOM " 10 "	CLASSROOM " 11 "	CLASSROOM " 12 "
WORKSHOP I SATURDAY 9:30 - 10:20		GAYS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM: Ray Hill	NUCLEAR FREEZE - GROUND ZERO	A STUDY IN TRANSPERSONS: Phyllis Frye	FEMINISM: N.O.W. YESTERDAY, TODAY and TOMORROW	YOU: YOUR OWN BEST FRIEND: Kris Halstead
WORKSHOP II SATURDAY 10:30 - 11:20	GROWING UP GAY : Aaron Fricke	MANAGING THE MEDIA: Roy Hall	KAPOSI'S ) SARCOMA & A. ) D.S. : Dr. Peter Mansell	GAY CIVIL RIGHTS: M. Robert Schwab	A CRITICAL LOOK AT CULTS: George Wetzel	STEPS TO BUILDING A RELATIONSHIP: Gary Treese
WORKSHOP III SATURDAY 2:30 - 3:20	HOW TO GIVE AN EFFECTIVE & INFORMATIVE PRESENT- ATION TO GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS- Gays & Straights: UH/CLC -GRS	COALITION POLITICS: Debra Danberg	THE LEATHER LIFESTYLE: Danny Villa	COMING OUT IN THE BEST WAY: Family & Friends/Gays	STRESS MANAGEMENT: Ken Nations	LEGAL RIGHTS OF GAYS AND LESBIANS: Patty O'Kane
WORKSHOP IV SATURDAY 3:30 - 4:20	ASTRO RAINBOW ALLIANCE FOR THE DEAF	CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE: Ray Hill	GAY POWER: Harry Britt	ORGANIZING A HEALTH CARE CLINIC	INSIGHTS INTO A SUCCESSFUL LOVERSHP: Leah Wilson, Helen Holgate	SEPARATION OF CHURCH & STATE: K. Naasz, D. Sanders
WORKSHOP V SUNDAY 1:30 - 2:20	HOUSTON WOMEN TAKE BACK THE NIGHT	GAYS IN TEXAS HISTORY: Ray Hill	COMING OUT IN THE BEST WAY: Family & Friends/Gays	FACTORS IN A LONG- TERM RELATIONSHIP: Tony Carroll	V.D. & GENERAL HEALTH CARE: Montrose Clinic	EDUCATING THE NON- GAY COMMUNITY: Ann Brown
WORKSHOP VI SUNDAY 2:30 - 3:20		BLACK AND WHITE MEN & WOMEN TOGETHER	MANAGING THE MEDIA: Roy Hall	SEXUALITY, SPIRITUALITY and SELF-ESTEEM: S. Wiley Hammersmith	GAY LIFE OUTSIDE THE CITIES	RIGHT WING THREAT TO GAY RIGHTS: Steve Henley
WORKSHOP VII SUNDAY 3:30 - 4:30		SELF SEXUALITY: George Wetzel	GAYS & STRAIGHTS ( Oh, My God ! ) Jim Brown	POLICE/GAY COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Patty O'Kane	GAYS IN MEXICO: Dennis Medina	

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU . . .

### HARRY BRITT

San Francisco Supervisor Harry Britt is the most prominent elected gay official in the country. In January 1979 he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Harvey Milk, slain along with Mayor George Moscone by former Supervisor Dan White. In December 1979, he was elected to a full term, the only incumbent to retain a seat on the Board of Supervisors. He has emerged as a strong progressive voice in San Francisco politics, championing not only the rights of gay men and lesbians but also the rights and welfare of seniors, women, minorities and the disabled.

Supervisor Britt has maintained a crowded schedule of public appearances, speaking for gay rights, women's rights, creation of a non-sexist society, and against nuclear power. While president of the Harvey Milk Gay Democratic Club, he helped organize Action for Accountable Government — San Francisco's coalition of community groups, minorities and labor unions.

The 42-year-old native of Port Arthur, Texas, holds a Masters of Divinity from Southern Methodist University, and before moving to California was for eight years a Methodist minister in Texas and Chicago.



### AARON FRICKE

Aaron Fricke drew national attention in 1980 when he challenged in Federal Court his high school principal's ban on same sex dates for the senior prom.

He won the suit and overnight the young man from Cumberland, Rhode Island, became a celebrity featured on *Donahue* and appearing in *Newsweek* and *People Magazine*.

Aaron's senior prom and graduation came and went without incident, but with wide media coverage. He had successfully challenged the system's homophobia and demonstrated that gay people are, after all, just people. In the process, he challenged and inspired thousands of young gay people around the country with his determination and optimism.

Last year his experiences were published by Alyson Press in the autobiographical *Reflections of a Rock Lobster: A Story About Growing Up Gay*.

Currently Aaron lives in Stanton, California, and is a student at Cypress College where he is studying to become a nutritional dietician.

## SPECIAL HONORED GUEST . . . JANNA ZUMBRUN

For almost 10 years, Janna Zumbrun has been in the forefront of the lesbian & gay movement in Austin and in Texas.

Since 1976, a member of the Austin Human Relations Commission, she was instrumental in securing passage of the three Austin gay rights ordinances. She directed the recent campaign defeating an anti-gay referendum in Austin, by a landslide. She helped to found both the Austin Lesbian/Gay political caucus, in 1978, and the Lesbian/Gay Democrats in Texas, in 1980, serving as both organizations' first co-chair.

She was 1 of 7 open lesbian and gay men on the 1980 National Democratic Platform Committee.



Gay  
and  
Catholic

**WELCOME TO TGLC IX!**

We meet every Saturday at  
7:00 p.m. at the  
Rice Catholic Student  
Center

For Mass schedule & more  
information please call:  
(713) 528-7644  
or  
(713) 520-9269

# TEXAS GAY CONFERENCE IX

## Sept. 3-5, 1982

### WORKSHOPS

#### **Educating the Non-Gay Community**

by Ann Brown, Director of Education, Dallas Gay Alliance.

Presentations about developing plans for speakers bureau, and educational materials.

#### **Stress Management**

by Ken Nations

Effective use of your time and energy under pressure.

#### **Police/Gay Community Relations in Houston**

by Patricia Anne O'Kane, Houston Attorney-at-Law.

#### **Legal Rights of Gays and Lesbians**

by Patricia Anne O'Kane, Houston Attorney-at-Law.

Includes an indepth discussion of Texas Homosexual Conduct Statute (21:06) decision.



## FLOWERS BY GARY

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HOUSTON

7014 WEST GULFBANK ROAD  
TELEPHONE

(713) 937-3213 937-3233

A EUGENE ETHRIDGE INVESTMENT

#### **Improving Relationships Between Ethnic Minorities and Caucasians**

by Black and White Women Together (BWWT) and Black and White Men Together (BWMT)

#### **Feminism: N.O.W.; Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow**

by Houston Area National Organization for Women.

#### **Steps to Building Good Relationships**

by Gary Treese, MSW Executive Director Montrose Counseling Center.

#### **Insights into a Successful Relationship**

by Leah G. Wilson and Helen Holgate

Partners in a long-term relationship, from Wichita Falls, Texas.

#### **Sexuality, Spirituality and Self-Esteem**

by S. Wiley Hammersmith.

We will explore the close relationship between these three topics.

#### **Organizing a Health Care Clinic**

by the Montrose Clinic of Houston.

Discussion will concern the establishment of a health clinic: preparations to make; pitfalls to avoid.

#### **Effectively Informing Non-Gays**

by Gay Resource Services of the University of Houston, Clear Lake City

How to give an effective, informative presentation to non-gay groups and individuals.

#### **Kaposi's Sarcoma and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)**

By Dr. Peter W.A. Mansell of the Office of Cancer Prevention.

An opportunity to become better informed about the serious health crisis which threatens the gay community.

#### **Gay Men and Lesbians in the Criminal Justice System**

by Ray Hill, Houston Human Rights League.

#### **Gay Men and Lesbians in Texas History**

by Ray Hill, Houston Human Rights League.

A positive identity building lecture about our roots.

#### **Separation of Church and State**

by R. Kent Naasz, Chair of Special Ministries Task Force, Lutheran Concern of North America, and Don Sanders, President of Gay Atheist League of America.

Discussion of Institutional religion's power and influence on the state and its effect on the oppression of not only Gay and Lesbian, but all people.

#### **The Leather Lifestyle and Its Place in the Community**

by Danny Villa and Michael McAdorry.

#### **V.D. and General Health Care**

by The Montrose Clinic of Houston

### Managing the Media

by Roy G. Hall, Editor and Publisher of Dallas/Ft. Worth: *Metro Times*. Efficient ways of dealing with the media, gay and straight, for maximum publicity.

### You: Your Own Best Friend

by Kris Halstead, M.S.ed.

The concept of "same" and "opposite" and how these effect our self-concept and, in turn, our relationships will be discussed.

### Factors Contributing to Long Term Gay Relationships

by Tony Carroll, Graduate Student in Social Work.

An open discussion concerning the internal and external factors in maintaining a cohesive, stable, long-term bond.

### Coalition Politics and its Importance

by Debra Danburg, State Representative from Houston. Dealing with coalition building, maximizing political impact.

### Gay Power

by Harry Britt, City and County Supervisor of San Francisco (Conference Key Note Speaker).

### Civil Disobedience and Other Methods for the Adventurous

by Ray Hill, Houston Human Rights League.

Activism in the tradition of Emma Goldman and Henry David Thoreau.



A CLUB FOR WOMEN AND THEIR FRIENDS

Live Entertainment weekdays 5:30 - 8:00

Happy Hour, Monday thru Friday 5:00 - 7:00

Cherry Wolfe, D.J.

Appearing Thursdays thru Sundays

Pool Tournament every Monday 8:30 winner takes all

1st Monday of every month

Free C & W Dance Lessons 8:00

Last Sunday of every month

C & W Night, featuring the Mustang Band 7:00 - 11:00

SECURITY / NO COVER (I.D. required)

5245 Buffalo Speedway  
Houston, Texas 77005  
713/665-9756

### Growing Up Gay

by Aaron Fricke; Author of *Reflections of a Rock Lobster*.

Mr. Fricke made national headlines in 1980 when he escorted his male date to the senior prom; he subsequently defended his right to do so, and won an important federal court battle.

### A Critical Look at Cults

by George Wetzel.

Taking responsibility for one's own sexual satisfaction. Learning about one's preferences and sharing them with others.

### Self-Sexuality: a Beauty and Validity in Itself

by George Wetzel.

A look at how gay people can take responsibility for their lives and include a spiritual dimension without the dangers of false prophets or cults.

### Gay Life in Mexico

by Dennis Medina of the Gay Hispanic Caucus

### A Study of Transpersons

by Phyllis Frye, a Houston Attorney and transperson, herself.

### Astro Rainbow Alliance for the Deaf

by A.R.A.D.

This workshop will be interpreted for the hearing.

### Gay Civil Rights

by M. Robert Schwab, Houston Attorney-at-Law

Recent Judicial developments in the area of gay civil rights.

### Nuclear Freeze-Ground Zero: San Francisco

by the Nuclear Freeze Campaign of Houston.

A video presentation, *The Final Epidemic*, on the devastating effects of a nuclear holocaust.

### Gay Life Outside the Cities

by residents of Wichita Falls, Texas.

### Women Take Back the Night

by Houston Women Take Back the Night, Organization.

A slide show presentation on pornography and violence against women.

### Right Wing Threat to the Gay Lesbian Civil Rights Movement

by Steve Henley.

The conservative tide that swept the 1980 election has had implications beyond economic issues. Social concerns such as ERA, abortion, and gay rights now under attack will be discussed.

**Coming Out in the Best Way**

by Friends and Families of Gays.

How to optimize the impact on your family and friends.

**"My God, You Mean I Roomed with ONE in College!!!"**

by Jim Brown.

Gay/"Straight" relationships. Despite current increases of hatred and mistrust of "straights" by Gays, this workshop is built on the premise that such relationships are good and necessary. An attempt to uncover and examine the symbolic relationship between gays and non-gays.

**SORRY  
NO SMOKING  
IN CLASSROOMS  
STATE LAW!**



A Shared Existence

GAY/LESBIAN CONFERENCE IX

UofH Agnes Arnold Hall  
Central Campus  
SEPTEMBER 3-5

## TEXAS GAY/LESBIAN CONFERENCE IX

SEPTEMBER 3-5  
LABOR DAY WEEKEND

HOUSTON



### TEXAS GAY/LESBIAN CONFERENCE IX

Texas Gay/Lesbian Conference IX will be held September 3-5th, 1982, in Houston, Texas, at the University of Houston Central Campus in Agnes Arnold Hall, a wheel-chair accessible facility. This annual educational forum sponsored by the Texas Gay/Lesbian Task Force (TGLTF) explores the theme **A SHARED EXISTENCE**. The keynote speakers will be Harry Britt (San Francisco City Supervisor), and Lucia Valeska (Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force).

The weekend of workshops, exhibits and entertainment focuses on coalition building, interpersonal communication, and mutual understanding between Gay and non-Gay persons. Tentative workshop topics will include: Gay Power given by Harry Britt; a workshop by Lucia Valeska—topic to be announced; Coalition Politics and Its Importance by State Representative Debra Danburg; workshops by Ray Hill on Lesbian and Gay Prisoners, Police Problems in our community, and Texas Gay History, The Effects of Right-Wing Political Involvement on Our Community, Houston Women Take Back the Night Presentation, Women Starting in Business, A Study of Transpersons, The Gay and Non-Gay Communities and what we expect of each other, Being Handicapped and Gay, Gay Men and Lesbians—How We Can Become More Understanding of Each Other, How Ethnic Minorities and Caucasians can Better Relate, How to Feel Good About Ourselves as Gay Persons by Kris Halstead, Psychotherapist, and Gay and Non-Gay Together. Interested persons and volunteers for this state-wide conference should contact the co-chairs: Jenny at (713) 869-7231 or Bob at (713) 868-6901.

Mail to: **TEXAS GAY CONFERENCE IX • P.O. Box 66282 • Houston, Texas 77266**

- Enclosed is my \$15 Pre-Registration for the Conference (*not including Saturday night entertainment*). (Registration will be \$20 at the door).
- Enclosed is my check for \$25, covering both the Conference and my yearly membership to TEXAS GAY/LESBIAN TASK FORCE.
- Enclosed is my \$5.00 for the Saturday night entertainment.
- Enclosed is my contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Conference.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

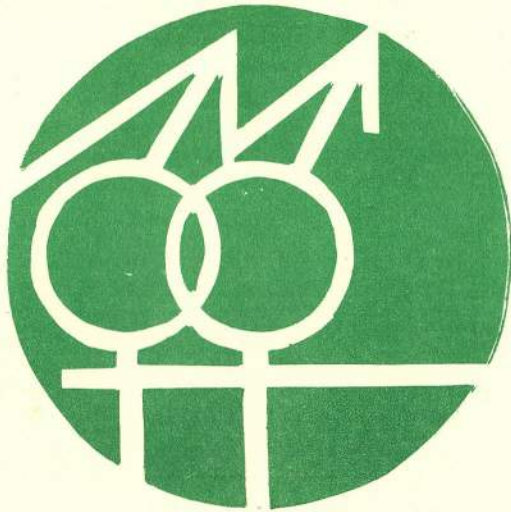
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Information about:  Exhibit space  Participation in exhibit of art, photography or crafts  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



## PURPOSE

Texas Gay/Lesbian Conference IX is designed as a forum for Lesbians, Gay Men and their friends to learn together through sharing ideas and experiences.

**A SHARED EXISTENCE** manifests the spirit and theme of TGLC IX. What is a shared existence? Our lives are an involvement, a being—a participation—with each other every day. It is through this participation that our lives are enriched and fulfilled. This conference, in 1982, will present a program for learning and comprehending what life is for us as individuals. Moreover, within a broader perspective, an abundant occasion will be provided for advancing communication, acceptance and understanding, principles vitally affecting the well-being of not only ourselves but also our society and our world.

Because the process of open, honest and enlightening communication must include all elements of society, no special group, ideology or political persuasion will be promoted. All people—Gays and non-Gays, men and women, young and old, the physically challenged, all races and from all economic and social stations of life—are welcome and urged to come together in September. As we learn more about each other, our attitudes, thoughts and feelings, we will expand our appreciation and support for one another in this—*A Shared Existence*.

## For Information 529-3211

## WORKSHOPS

A major portion of the conference will be devoted to informal discussion, workshops and idea exchanges. Although each workshop will have a qualified leader, that person will be a coordinator and resource person with the bulk of the activity in most sessions expected to evolve from the open exchange among the workshop participants. Workshop leaders include both Gay and non-Gay women and men who are qualified and experienced in their respective fields—psychology, the media, government, civil rights, social concerns, personal development, the Gay movement, law, etc. A Sunday afternoon General Business Meeting will consider proposals for Texas Gay/Lesbian Conference X and discuss business of the Texas Gay/Lesbian Task Force.

## ENTERTAINMENT

Featured entertainment will be a Saturday evening performance of Gayle Marie, entertainer of the year for 1981 of San Francisco, and a Houston men's band. Also on Saturday evening will be the keynote address of Lucia Valeska.

## DISPLAYS AND EXHIBITS

A display area will feature information booths of various organizations as well as the sale of books, T-shirts, buttons and other merchandise. Spaces for display-only organizational booths are available at no charge. Businesses and individual and organizational vendors may reserve space at a nominal fee. Space must be reserved and paid for in advance.

## SPONSOR

The Texas Gay/Lesbian Conference is the Annual Conference sponsored by the Texas Gay/Lesbian Task Force, a state-wide, multi-purpose, educational organization. The first conference was held in Fort Worth in 1974 and out of that conference the Task Force was created. The Task Force has sponsored the yearly event ever since. Past conference sites include Fort Worth, Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, Denton and Houston.

## PROGRAM

Highlighting the conference will be general sessions featuring well-known guest speakers, numerous workshops, social activities and exhibits. Harry Britt, City and County Supervisor of San Francisco, the most prominent elected gay official in the country, will address the Saturday afternoon session.

Lucia Valeska, Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force, the largest Gay/Lesbian organization in the world, will address the Saturday night session.

## LOCATION

All conference activities will be held at the University of Houston, Central Campus, Agnes Arnold Hall. Besides being an extremely usable facility, the University of Houston is very convenient to several hotels, motels and restaurants. The University is also serviced by several convenient bus routes. All general sessions, exhibits and workshops will be barrier-free. Food will be provided at a reasonable cost. Also, many fine restaurants as well as fast food outlets are in the general vicinity.

## CHILD CARE/SIGNING

Child care will be provided during the conference on both Saturday and Sunday. Child care must be reserved in advance (*please mark your registration form to indicate you require child care*). The conference will be unable to be equipped to care for infants.

Signing for the hearing impaired will be available at all general sessions and at some workshops and entertainments.

## REGISTRATION

Advance registration for all conference activities, excluding the Saturday night session and entertainment, is \$15. At the door registration will be \$20. The Saturday night session and entertainment will be \$5. You also may choose to register for the conference and join the Texas Gay/Lesbian Task Force for \$25, a \$5 savings on membership to the Task Force. Early registrants will receive confirmation, name badge and an information packet by mail about a week before the conference. Others may pick up these materials at the Registration/Information Booth at Agnes Arnold Hall. For additional information, call (713) 529-3211.

# TEXAS GAY CONFERENCE

## IX

Yes, gang - - this year's conference will again be held in Houston!  
LABOR DAY WEEKEND - September 4-6

The first planning meeting will be held TUESDAY, January 26,  
7:30 p. m., at Houston Guest House, 106 Avondale (520-9767).

One of the most important decisions to be made at this meeting will be the selection of one woman and one man to be coordinators of the Conference IX Committee. Jenny Willinger has expressed a willingness to serve a second year in this capacity if the committee so desires. There are several males with the abilities and experience to co-chair the committee and coordinate the conference. Please be thinking about who you would like to work with for a successful Conference IX.

Also to be considered are:

- guest speakers (one man and one woman)
- conference site
- theme and/or slogan ; logo for conference
- workshop ideas
- Conference IX Committee organization
- fundraising
- how to build on last year's highly successful conference

As many of the committee coordinators as possible (at least interim) should also be named at this meeting. Among potential committees you may wish to coordinate or work with are:

Workshops - Fund Raising - Registration - Special Guests -  
Housing & Child Care - Transportation - Entertainment -  
Displays & Exhibits - Publicity - Logistics - Program Booklet  
- Advertising (for booklet) - Signing & Special Considerations  
for the Physically Challenged - Official Posters - Promotional  
Touring & Public Relations . . . and other areas you may suggest.

TEXAS GAY CONFERENCE IX needs you (and your friends). Please try to attend Tuesday's meeting. If you can't attend but want to work with the committee, please call Jenny at 869-7231 or Charles at 522-1659 (evenings).

TEXAS GAY/LESBIAN CONFERENCE IX, its theme being "A Shared Existence", will be held September 3-5th, 1982 in Houston at the University of Houston's Agnes Arnold Hall. The keynote speakers are Lucia Valeska, Executive Director of National Gay Task Force, and Harry Britt, City Supervisor of San Francisco.

Workshops are now being planned. In harmony with the spirit of the conference they will help convey the many diverse representations and interests of Gay men and Lesbians. Tentatively, the individual workshops should last no more than fifty minutes, unless two sessions are requested in advance, and are being scheduled between 9:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Saturday, the 4th, and between 1:30 P.M. and 3:30 P.M. Sunday the 5th.

The Conference offers the perfect opportunity for you or your group to express your ideas and experiences by designing and directing a workshop, workshops, panel, or discussion session centered on your concerns. Use the space provided on the front and back of this application or attach additional sheets to specify the type of forum you have in mind, subject matter, time elements or any other items you consider relevant (i.e. equipment needed). All applications, whether by mail or phone (followed by written statement) must be received by the Workshop Planning Committee by the Deadline of July 1st. We would appreciate, however, your informing us much earlier, if possible, so that we can give you and your topic media (pr) coverage to generate interest in the Conference. All applicants will be notified as to acceptance or confirmation as soon as scheduling is finalized.

We the members of the Workshop Planning committee enthusiastically welcome your participation. See you at TEXAS GAY/LESBIAN CONFERENCE IX!!!

Title/Brief Description of your Workshop:

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Yes, my group or myself will give a workshop or workshop(s).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please give address and phone.

RETURN THIS FORM TO:

Mr. Rich Wilson  
Workshop/Exhibits Coordinator  
630 Hawthorne #4  
Houston, Texas 77006

Phone: (713) 521-1115

Texas Gay/Lesbian Conference IX  
Theme = "A Shared Existence"  
1701 Harvard #3  
Houston, Texas 77008

13 August 1982

It is with great pleasure that we extend to you or your representative an invitation to attend the Texas Gay/Lesbian Conference IX. It is being held September 3-5, 1982 at the University of Houston's Agnes Arnold Hall. Cost of this event, including Saturday night entertainment, is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Guest speakers include Harry Britt, City Supervisor of San Francisco; Lucia Valeska, Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force; and Aaron Fricke, author of Reflections of a Rock Lobster.

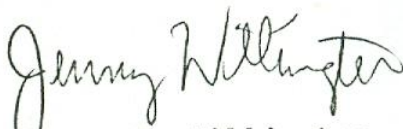
During the Conference there will be a meeting between the Board of Texas Gay Task Force and the leadership of the organizations present from across the state. Texas Gay Task Force, as the only state wide educationally oriented organization, needs to hear from you or your representative to give your group's opinion as to where and what the Task Force should be doing. How each of the groups represented can better work together will be discussed also.

The tentative plans are for the meeting to be held during the lunch hour on Saturday. We look forward to seeing you and other members of your organization at the Conference over Labor Day weekend.

In addition we are looking for groups interested in setting up exhibit tables or in giving workshops. Please contact Rich Wilson at night at 521-1115 if you are interested in either of these phases of the Conference. If you have any questions about the Conference in general or would be willing to serve as contact persons for publicity, feel free to contact Jenny at (713) 869-7231; or Bob at (713) 868-6901.

Remember we need you and your ideas at the Conference.

Sincerely,

  
Jenny S. Willinger  
Co-Chair

  
Robert Palmer  
Co-Chair

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TEXAS GAY/LESBIAN CONFERENCE IX

Friday, September 3rd

7:30 - 11:00 P.M. Registration, reception at Agnes  
Arnold Hall - Univ. of Houston  
Central Campus

Saturday, September 4th

8:30 - 9:00 A.M. Registration - Agnes Arnold Hall

9:00 - 9:30 A.M. Business Session; Opening Remarks in  
the Agnes Arnold Hall

9:30 - 10:20 A.M. Workshop Session I (in Classrooms assigned)

10:30 - 11:30 A.M. Workshop Session II

LUNCH - Jane Seager - Caterer - See her in Lobby of Hall

1:30 - 2:20 P.M. Keynote Address by Harry Britt, City  
Supervisor of San Francisco

2:30 - 3:20 P.M. Workshop Session III

3:30 - 4:20 P.M. Workshop Session IV

4:30 - 5:30 P.M. Special Caucuses - to be announced  
according to interest shown by crowd

7:30 - 11:00 P.M. Entertainment in Agnes Arnold Hall  
Lyra & Gary Wayne Smith  
Keynote Address  
Mention of Special Honored Guest

Sunday, September 5th

Morning Go to the Church of your choice

1:30 - 2:20 P.M. Workshop Session V

2:30 - 3:20 P.M. Workshop Session VI

3:30 - 4:20 P.M. Workshop Session VII

4:30 ---- Business Meeting - Texas Gay Task Force  
Open to all interested attendants!

Note: Friday night from 7:30 - 9:30 there will be an autographing session at Wilde 'N Stein for Aaron Fricke's book Reflections Of A Rock Lobster. From 10:00 - 11:00 he will be at the Agnes Arnold reception.