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Gay National News



NGLTF Announces 48 Workshops at Creating Change Conference

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force announced today that 48 skill building and thought-provoking workshops have been planned for the Second Annual Creating Change Conference, to be held in Washington, D.C. on November 10-12, 1989. The workshops will be organized into six tracks that will address campus organizing, organizational issues, legislative issues, skill building, issue organizing, movement building, and political questions for the lesbian and gay movement. A special, one-day pre-conference fundraising seminar for lesbian and gay organizations is planned for November 9.

Most conference activities will take place at the Holiday Inn in Bethesda, Maryland, which is a short ride on the Metrorail from downtown Washington, D.C. The event will be accessible for hearing impaired and disabled activists.

For registration and other information on the conference write to Creating Change, NGLTF, 1517 U Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

New Public Info Director at NGLTF

Gay rights activist and 10-year communications professional Robert Bray was named public information director at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). Bray succeeds Urvashi Vaid, recently appointed to NGLTF executive director.

Most recently, Bray worked closely with the San Francisco Examiner to provide extensive background information, interviews and behind-the-scenes Washington data for the newspaper's unparalleled 16-part "Gay In America" series.

"We are thrilled that Robert will join us," said Vaid. "He brings media savvy and organizing skills that will greatly enhance NGLTF's work. His work at NGLTF will continue to strengthen and support the entire national gay and lesbian political movement."

Natl. Meeting on Anti-gay Violence by NIMH

In a groundbreaking move, the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) held a national research workshop on anti-gay violence in Bethesda, MD, on June 27 and 28. Entitled "Mental Health Aspects of Violence Towards Lesbians and Gay Men: Research Issues and Directions," the workshop was co-chaired by Kevin Berrill, Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Anti-Violence Project. The meeting included more than a dozen other invited participants, including researchers, psychologists, social workers, and members of the NIMH staff.

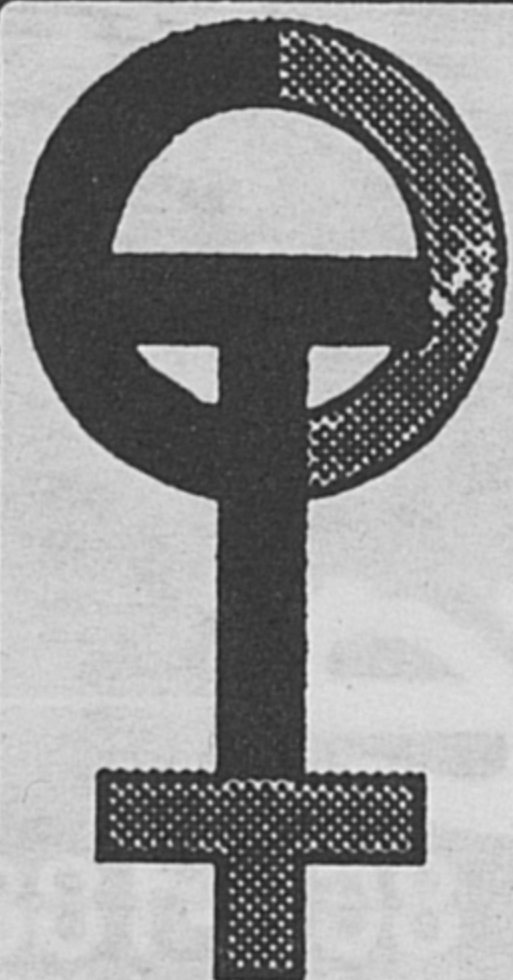
The workshop took place as a result of a joint lobbying effort in 1987 by NGLTF and the American Psychological Association. It was designed to: (1) critically review the current state of research on anti-gay violence; (2) identify key gaps in current understanding of the issue; and (3) establish priorities for future research in this area by NIMH and the mental health field.

"This workshop is another example of our continuing efforts to push the federal government to respond to anti-gay violence," said Berrill. "But this is only a first step. We will continue to press NIMH and other federal agencies to respond to attacks against lesbians and gay men."

NGLTF Issues Progress

NGLTF announced the publication of its Federal Legislative Report, a 10-page document summarizing Congressional activity during the first seven months of 1989 on issues on the national lesbian and gay agenda. It includes House and Senate legislative summaries, information on obtaining Congressional Committee reports, and a Congressional calendar for the balance of 1989.

"When Congress returns from its August recess, we anticipate a very high level of activity on bills important to the lesbian and gay community," said Peri



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