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Successful L/G/B/TG activities
on campuses around the U.S.
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At the University of Minnesota, we've done some fantastic NCOW programming.

To facilitate, we've always had one person in charge of collecting events and people to run the events, and to make out a schedule. Usually we've had about 3 events a day every day of the week. A lot of the events/tangential events we've had included:

Pink Picnic: On NCOD, a picnic was held on the student mall for queer and queer supportive people to just "be out". Everyone brings a bag lunch and just sits and eats and provides visibility.

Internalized Homophobia Seminar: The year I lead this week, this event drew 108 people (the room was only designed to hold 60). It was run by two faculty members who just showed how to recognize and eliminate the internal homophobia in all of us.

What's On Campus: An invaluable meeting, where everyone on campus is invited to find out what all of the queer struggles on campus are, who is doing anything about them, how to get involved and who to contact to become affective. A faculty member and a student were interested in starting a domestic partnership project, and they mentioned it here. Two years later our college now has full domestic partnership benefits.

We've also used this time to organize specialty groups. Some groups that have met during this week are:

- LGB People of Color
- University Bi Community
- Queer Engineers
- LGB International Students
- LGBT Medical Students
- LGB Alumni
- Pagan Support and Practice: A group of queer pagans
- Heterosexuals Unafraid of Gays

You can use the advertising for this week to mention these groups. The Bi group, Med group and Alumni all still meet.

- We've also had
- Debates on Outing
 - Seperatism vs Assimilatism
 - Lesbian Sex and Pornography
 - Gays and Lesbians Working Together (very helpful)
 - Queer Film Festivals
 - Coming Out Panels
 - Coming Out Through The Ages
 - Coming Out in the Military
 - Coming Out in Academia

As for advertising. The biggest statement we made was to take out the full back page of the student newspaper and cover it with names of students, faculty and staff who are out on campus. Since school only starts about 1.5 weeks before NCOW for us, we've never been able to collect more than 130 names, but spread out, these still look impressive.

A student who worked in a bookstore always had all the display cases filled with books about g/l people.

A group of students would go chalk the campus the night before NCOD.

An attempt was made to cause our school paper to go from the "Minnesota Daily" to the "Minnesota Gayly" for the day. We think they were willing to do it, but our energy ran out.

Generally there are a lot of people in a lot of places who can (and want to) do a lot of interesting things. So, the hard part is just finding them and coordinating efforts. And then nagging them to get it done.

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Hi, Rosie. I'm on leave and have no idea what the kids are up to this year, but in the past year or two the following have been great successes:

1. The Hoprah Show. A mock Oprah Winfrey show entitled "The Heterosexuals Among Us." Performance art/theatre, whatever. Requires folks who are good at improv. We had a panel of four: a straight caterer who really wanted to be a trucker but was afraid of being stereotyped as a typical straight guy; a single het woman into the bar scene; a happily living together couple, although she had lost her job as a teacher for fear she'd contaminate the kids--she was now selling cosmetics out of her kitchen; and a trucker who was straight and proud of it. And the required psychological expert, complete with a copy of her new book. The cast did backstory for their characters, Hoprah prepared questions, and the event took off. Had an audience of about 100, who really got into the Q&A of the Oprah format. It was hilarious and instructive. We'll do it again when we get more improvisationally minded students.

2. A debate between the student lesbigay group and the InterVaristy Christians. This was approached with trepidation by the gay kids, who feared fire and brimstone lectures from the christians and possibly a free for all fight, but things went really well. This was part of multicultural week around here, and the two groups decided to get together and see if they shared any common ground. The students involved spent about 8 hours together in pre-meetings to set rules, boundaries, etc. and get to know each other, then there was the "debate", which actually turned into a conversation in which the groups found that though there were some things they would never agree on, they shared the fact that the campus as a whole thought of each group as "fringe" and "weird", that they suffered persecution to varying degrees, etc. Had a *big* audience for this and lots of discussion. It went well, though I thought rather too politely. There has been cautious rapprochement between the two groups since.

We've done other things, too, but these have probably been the most successful in the last year or so. Hope this helps.

Daphne

Challenge the Syllabus in various classrooms.
For example, have a group of activists show up to the first lectures of all history classes and have them ask the prof. why lesbians/gays/bis aren't included in the coursework. Record their responses and print in the school paper....I did this in an Amer. History class that included some talk of women and Black Americans (for the sake of being p.c. more than anything else...) and it completely ignored queers. I challenged the prof on this matter on the first day and he retorted that there was No History of any sort for our people!

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On Sun, 28 Nov 1993, Rosie wrote:

> A couple of weeks ago, I ran a notice asking if folks could write to me about
> any successful events that they had on their campuses around lesbian/gay
issues
> so I could bring them to our planning meeting this week. In case people
> forgot, I'm asking again...I only got a couple of replies.

Rosie, Last Spring here at Wake Forest University, we had a class offered in Gay and Lesbian Literature and Theory. It was offered through the Women's Studies Program. This was the first time for this class and it had a spill over enrollment of 35 people. As the culminating event, the class offered a kind of symposium - with class members presenting their research papers to the campus community. Again there was a large audience for these papers which covered various topics - ranging from theological issues to historical and sociological perspectives. It was, I think, a very successful event and has opened lesbian and gay issues to academic inquiry here on our conservative campus. I took the class as part of my MALS program, added many good titles to the library as part of my work as Women's studies bibliographer, and am continuing to build the collection now in my role as Acquisitions librarian. 2 students from the class have recently presented their papers at Duke University's Graduate Students Research Symposium, so the effects of the effort are ongoing. I don't know what kind of events you are looking for, but academic issues presented to your campus in a scholarly symposium may be useful. Good luck with your venture.

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Subject: Re: Re: NCOD info

> I don't know how big your event will be. Here in Detroit it was kinda small.
> But what worked nice here was having people from the audience come up and
> tell their coming out stories.

> Another thing that I think is important is to =celebrate= the people who have
> had the courage to come out, both public personas and local people. I think

> if we reward those with courage, without shaming those still in the closet,
> then that sets up an atmosphere where more people are likely to take the
> plunge.

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Rosie,

Our University Task Force on Sexual Orientation put together a wee of activities around Coming Out Day. A lot of different things happened here, but I don't have a calendar. One of the very successful items was an art show with Gay and Lesbian Artists. There was a reception which the Commission on the Status of Women paid for (I'm on that committee and one of our members on the task force just said "hey we need a little \$ can the commission give some and there was a fast and unanimous response from everyone that of course we wanted to we just had to be sure that women were involved and every way-straight person on the commission seemed to understand very well that supporting lesbians and gay men was ABSOLUTELY in the interest of women on the university campus. They all got it to the point that no one even had to discuss it or argue for it much. I add all of this to encourage you to get other groups involved. It may be a lot easier than you expect. I know the commission on diversity, the undergrad and grad student associations as well as local community centers all helped in some ways, with money, getting out the word with free advertising, whatever.)
Activities, let's see
plays, musicians, art show, movie showings, speakers, safe sex workshops.

The thing that impressed me here was that they didn't have to put everything together. Instead they got other groups who are ready to do something choose a lesbigay theme or topic for that week. So the late-night theater group did queer plays, the open mike night type thing had a queer bill of singers, the student health people did their safe-sex AIDS awareness including homosexual info---hold it, I'm not sure that was that week. That happened at gay pride. I'm not sure anyway you get the idea. Good luck. Oh, the theme of the art show was called Queers-R-Us.

Sara

Subject: Re: Lesbigay events

Events....

Depends upon how one defines successful.

As you know, any public event brings out the usual suspects who will deride and attempt to cause trouble.

I know that once a year CSUN (Cal State University at Northridge) holds a "Kiss-In."

Several years ago this did however bring posters around the campus advertising "Free Bats" to any "Normal" folks who wanted to attend.

For what it's worth....

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Rosie -

Where to begin? I think the best examples that I've been involved in organizing are Rainbow Week and Bad Art Night (a personal favourite). Rainbow Week's basic premise is much the same as a Pride Week, but is centred around the rainbow flag. Rainbow ribbons are handed out to everyone who's willing to wear them in support (strate or queer), along with an appropriate explanation of the history/meaning of the flag. (Make sure you do the latter - we had a few complaints re: appropriation until we increased out information flow). We handed out over 2000 ribbons, and you can still see them around campus. The best way to obtain rainbow ribbons is to find webbing (like backpack straps), which is a bit more expensive, but the only truly rainbow fabric we found. This campaign was conceived to replace the highly contested 'wear your jeans' day that Queen's used last year, and I believe is widely used across the country. I have a great article on the history of the flag if you need it (pulled it off of soc.motss).

Bad Art Night is just a lot of fun. It's usually set up as a fundraiser, and the LGBA shares proceeds with several charities (I think; it may be that the money just goes to the charities). Basically anything goes; as long as it's bad, cheesy, or just plain funny. My ex. shaved her head on stage and raised \$50 this year... :)

Bad Art Night was actually a part of Rainbow Week. There were also poetry readings, movie nights, and several regularly scheduled talk/social groups held 'bring your friends' nights (read: strate friends - although a surprising number end up surprising you ;).

Well, if I think of any more events, I'll e-mail you... Good luck.

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Subject: Re: Re: 2 Queries: Lesbiganay events

Rosie:

We'll I'll try..... I have to get stuff from the Wellness program office, but they are usually quite cooperative. We just did a presentation at a conference, so I think it will be pretty orderly.....our plan of attack has been to focus on a week's events in Oct.....it seems to work well for a variety of reasons. My strongest reccomendation is this: do not depend on undergrad g/l/b activists to run the show. Let them do fun stuff, but don't try to make this an leadership building event; rather, and this is my experience on a couple of campuses, get as broad a group of allies together as you can, and try to offer a program that will *serve* the Lesbiganay students but not depend on their input or participation for a success. That way, if they're there, great! If not, it's still, in the long run, gonna make your school a better place to be for everybody, but especially b/l/g people

Good luck and let's stay in touch ! Larry

To: frickart@vms.cis.pitt.edu
From: "Meredith K. Lyon 53960" <ECZ5MKL>
Subject: (COPY) NCOD PLANS

At the University of Pittsburgh, the Lesbian and Gay Academic Association (LGAAP) is planning to invite the Chancellor and his wife and selected faculty to a catered luncheon on National Coming Out Day. The intent is to introduce our organization and ourselves to him and discuss with him some of our concerns. The invitations have not yet gone out, so we do not yet know whether he will accept the invitation. I am very interested in hearing about events planned at other universities and colleges.

Ray Anne Lockard, Head of Frick Fine Arts Library and Co-Moderator of LGAAP

From: donnam@FUENTEZ.COM(Donna McNamara)
Subject: Things to do...
To: ecz5mk1@MVS.OAC.UCLA.EDU

Hi there...

I don't know of things to do specifically for NCOD, but there was one thing we used to do on a yearly basis. I don't know if it would work where you are since it's warm, but it could be fun. I was president of the Gay and Lesbian Association of the University of Rhode Island for two years ending in 1991. When I joined the group in 1986 we had a tradition of Blue Jean Day. Being a colder climate, we would chose a crisp January day...place posters all over campus that the next day was the day to wear your jeans if you support Gay Rights...and watch the fun when the frat boys saw the posters and ran back to their houses to change into the only other things they owned: dress pants or shorts. We would suppliment the fun with informational booths in the student union. I'm sure there is a variation of this that would work at UCLA.

Good luck with NCOD..

-Donna
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FILE: BRAIN STORM A0 VM/ESA Conversational Monitor System

To: LECUYER@NAUVAX.UCC.NAU.EDU
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> two years ago we built a huge pink door and installed it in the center of
> campus. Those interested could walk through it and have their picture taken,
> speakers gave talks in front of it. We laso had a "walk of flame" that line
> the main sidewalk with posters of biographies of famous gay people.
> It was lost cost, great fun!

Anne

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Activity Meeting

October 13 • 7:30pm • 260 Architecture Building
Since plans fell through to see a SAME production off-campus, we've been hard pressed to come up with another activity. Rest assured that there will be something going on this Wednesday evening in room 260 of the Architecture Building.

View The Crying Game

October 20 • 7:30pm • 260 Architecture Building
Much hoopla came up this year in movie circles and at the Oscars when people learned the secret of the movie *The Crying Game*. We'll find out what the secret is and discuss implications and subjects which the movie raises. Because of length, the movie will start at 7:30 exactly and will run until 9:30. Come early. If time allows we will vote on a new Vice President.

Guest Speaker on Drag

October 27 • 7:30pm • 260 Architecture Building
This evening is certain to be anything but a drag. We will have a big name in the Atlanta drag scene come to speak to us about male drag. If you've had any nagging questions, you may never have a better time to ask them.

Halloween Get Together

Plans are in the works for some sort of intercollegiate get together with other gay groups for the Halloween weekend. Emory will be handling the details, but details are still sketchy at this point. We'll keep you informed.

Stress Surveys

Lynn Morris and Robin Lewis, Ph.D from the Dept. of Psychology at Old Dominion University have sent us a survey on stressors experienced by gay males, lesbians and bisexuals. We will distribute these at the next 2 meetings. If you know that you cannot attend one of these meetings but would like to complete a survey, please contact Shannon.

Dues & Buttons

Please make arrangements to pay your dues for Fall Quarter during the upcoming 2-week period. We won't throw anyone out for not paying their dues, but paying them helps out tremendously with GALA's finances. Please pay at an upcoming meeting, or mail a check made payable to GALA. As an added incentive for those of you paying your dues for this quarter (\$5) or for the entire year (\$15), you will receive a free button! These buttons were made at our work party and look wonderful. Whether you want to support GALA, or show your true Tech geekiness by wearing the computer button - it's your choice. Supplies are limited, so don't delay!

National Coming Out Day

GALA promoted NCOD this year by displaying our brightly painted banner outside the Student Center. We also staffed a booth with information during the peak Post Office Lobby hours on Monday. While not many people stopped

by the booth, we were a visible campus presence on this special gay occasion.

AIDS Walk

Boyd Beckwith (894-2805) is one of the Team Leaders for Georgia Tech. The Walk is on October 17 (this upcoming Sunday). If you aren't already on a team, please call Boyd soon.

Self-Defense Meeting

Remember that on 11/3 we will be having a self-defense meeting by a very respected Tae Kwon Do instructor. Attendance for this particular meeting will be limited to 20. The cost for each attendee will be \$2-\$3. Please RSVP to make sure you'll be a part of this enlightening evening.

Dorm Talks:

Two Dorm Talks have been scheduled so far this quarter as part of the Freshman Experience. The first is on Tuesday 10/26 at 8pm at Harrison Dorm (women). The second will be on Thursday 10/28 at 8pm at Towers Dorm (men). If you would like to be a part of our panel please give us a call. The panel consists of 6 members who tell a little about themselves and then respond to audience questions. If you don't want to be on a panel, there are other ways you can help out.

The Advocate

GALA has provided the Library with a three year subscription to *The Advocate*. This is the first gay periodical that we know of, EVER, at Tech. In the Library computer directory ACAD, thousands of articles were referenced in 1992 alone. This is an invaluable resource and we hope that everyone has a chance to use it.

We would like to supplement our current gift subscription to Georgia Tech's Library with back issues. Please contact Shannon at 497-0684 if you have any old copies of the *Advocate*. They cannot be purchased from the publisher as they do not carry back issues. A whole year's back issues would be very helpful especially 1992. Thanks.

Alumni Party Dec 1

GALA is currently working hard to contact previous Tech GALA alumni. We have only been able to find these names on old newsletter lists. If you know a GT alum (yourself?) - PLEASE give us a call at 497-0684. The invitations for this event must be in the mail by 11/10 and we want to contact as many people as possible. This will be a great chance to see all your friends again and see what GALA is doing today. All former members and non-members are welcome to attend. The President's Suite overlooks Grant Field and will provide great atmosphere. Make plans now.

Amnesty at Tech

Amnesty International, a Georgia Tech Student Organization, recently had their second meeting of the quarter. Of particular interest to some GALA members is that their parent organization, Amnesty USA, has recently expanded its mandate to include those persecuted due to their sexual

orientation. Amnesty at Tech has pledged to work on the Gay and Lesbian Campaign, put together by the national student action office, from January to June, in addition to their regular cases. If you would like more information, please contact Brandon Smith at 876-4121 (e-mail gt0012b).

Board Recommends...

[Last quarter GALA published a short missive from Danny Ingram in the newsletter concerning his personal view concerning the Military ban of homosexual soldiers. Danny was personally going through hearings concerning his status as an openly gay service member. Here is a follow up on Danny's case written by Danny himself.]

After a four-hour hearing last week at a military law center in Chamblee, an administrative board of two majors and a lieutenant colonel unanimously passed a recommendation that I be discharged from the U.S. Army Reserve for homosexuality. The recommended discharge will be honorable. The president of the board stated that they deeply regretted having to render a decision in which they had no options, particularly when the action cost the Army such an exceptional soldier. But the regulations were clear and the prosecutor had all the evidence he needed. The board had no choice.

My attorney (a military officer himself) and I were the only people in the room who had no knowledge that someone had tipped off the press and they were waiting outside in the hallway. Earlier in the week we had offered a compromise that was rejected, that I would not speak to the media in exchange for the general allowing me to serve the remainder of my term which expires in April of next year. The Army decided to take the threat seriously and got the jump by calling the press themselves. I made a statement to the press which showed on the 11:00 pm local news last night.

The 81st USAR Command has over 100 drug related cases pending against service members. It takes usually over a year for a board to be called in a case. My board was put ahead of all the others and was finalized in six months. My attorney thinks this was done because the Army fears the ban policy will be overturned in the very near future and they wanted to get rid of me immediately.

I learned one important lesson from this action. The Army has a lot of problems, but there are also many very good and compassionate people serving in the armed forces. I have received nothing but very positive remarks and support from everyone who serves with me in the Reserve. I got one call late last night immediately after the news broadcast from my platoon leader offering her support if I needed it. I have been deeply touched by the support of the individuals involved, particularly by a female officer who served on the board and tried everything she knew to keep from discharging me.

The enemy here is a regulation that is unjust and wasteful. I think that the ban will soon be

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"Women hold up half the sky."

-----Original message-----

Subject: Domestic Partners Benefits Conference at CUNY Oct 5-6, 1995.

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- Legal Update on Developments Regarding Domestic Partners
- Conducting a Gay & Lesbian Sensitivity Audit of the Workplace
- Domestic Partners in Corporate America
- Political Issues for Public Institutions
- Views of Benefits Vendors

--More--

- Student Domestic Partner Benefits
- How Much do Domestic Partner Benefits Really Cost?
- The Nuts & Bolts of Offering Domestic Partner Benefits
- An Open Forum on Issues of Recognition and Inclusion

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Cost - \$100 (10% discount for 2 or more participants)

- Time - From: noon Thursday, October 5th to 4:00 PM Friday, October 6th
- Registration limited to 150
- Lunches and breakfast included

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"AND IN THE END, THE LOVE YOU TAKE IS EQUAL TO THE LOVE YOU MAKE." — The Beatles

lifted, maybe before my discharge goes through. The Secretary of the Army (arrested two weeks ago for shoplifting) and the U.S. Attorney General must both personally sign off on a discharge for homosexuality where no conduct is involved. That could take some time. I hope you all will join me in continuing to fight the ban.

That was a very exciting day. But the morning after as I was leaving for work I glanced over at my uniform where it hung neatly on its rack from last night. Five and a half years of great challenges and some special memories. I wondered how many of my gay and lesbian brothers and sisters had had that moment just like mine of looking at that uniform the day after and knowing they would never again wear it in the service of the armed forces. I don't think that the tears I shed at that moment were very unique. Just very human. And that's what this fight is all about.

Thanks to you all for your support through what has been a difficult journey.

Danny Ingram, SP4, U. S. Army Reserve

Dead Boyfriends Society

by I.M. Naughtbitter

WARNING: The following article is a very dark and humorously cynical look at the personal effects of the AIDS crisis. For many people this is not a subject to be taken humorously at all. If this article inspires you to do something, consider the AIDS walk (see prior article in this newsletter). The article's author Sando Counts, recently joined the DBS. Reprinted with permission.

Some of you may have noticed one of the most pressing (and depressing) of all the crises facing those of us who have survived into the '90s: the Acute Boyfriend Shortage (ABS).

The Boyfriend Shortage was brought about by the increasing popularity of the exclusive, private club known as the Dead Boyfriend Society (DBS). So far, over 100,000 young men have paid the initiation fee and joined DBS, leaving a huge gap in the Potential Boyfriend Pool (PBP) and leaving thousands of us Without a F*** Buddy or a Movie Date (WFBOMD).

If you think that I'm imagining things or perhaps exaggerating out of an overactive and twisted sense of reality, try this simple test on yourself: think back to the time that you had a boyfriend. Come up blank? Can you remember back that far?

Still don't believe me? Here's another test; open up your little black book, the one that used to be filled with page after page of phone numbers of cute guys. Chances are it's like mine, and looks less like an address book and more like a Directory to the Afterlife. I've spent a small but very real fortune on magic markers to put in all of those little black X's.

In the past, I have always maintained that the best way to deal with ex-boyfriends is to kill them after you break up. That way you won't have to run into them on the street. It's an ideal that I've aspired, but seldom lived up to. But then, we live in a less than ideal world.

As attractive as the idea of shooting several of my ex-beaux is, I've been spared the expense of having to buy ammo to do away with Those I No Longer Date (TINLD) because of ... The Dead Boyfriends Society! (By the way, a movie by the same name is already in the works, directed by Fassbinder, written by Colin Higgins, and starring Rock Hudson, Brad Davis, and a cast of thousands!)

My friend David, (also dead, different club!), used to say that the reason my boyfriends die is because I'm so hard on them. I think that this assessment is a bit harsh, even if every man that I have ever slept with is dead.

Going to the trouble of catching a fatal disease just to get away from me seems a bit extreme. Still, I don't totally discount the possibility. The afterlife is, according to those who claim to know, peaceful, perfect, and probably doesn't include neurotic, demanding, egotistic lovers with all of their insecurities.

In 1983, my true love joined the DBS. Having been basically single since then, I have thought about this topic a lot. My conclusion: I need to get f***ed long and hard and repeatedly over a number of years until I am going to feel good about the subject. A number of years, but how to fulfill this need?

There are all sorts of services available to those in need: hot meal delivery, food banks, free clinics, shelters, transit discounts, support groups, counseling, and a host of others. So why not a Boyfriend Placement Service (BPS)? I'll tell you why not: it's the insidious creeping influence of the Dead Boyfriend Society and the resulting Boyfriend Shortage! There are no Boyfriends left! Boyfriend Pool: EMPTY.

To save you some trouble, I will list for you here the major avenues that are, in my experience, ineffective for finding a boyfriend: burning candles or incense, praying to any of the major or minor gods, blind dates, being fixed up by friends, art openings, bars, cafes, dinner parties, church services, support groups, cruising the supermarket, the personal ads, chance encounters, and especially begging and whining, pleading, and throwing things. Nothing seems to work, and, after years of trial and error research, I've come up with no solutions.

Recent statistical data indicates that you are more likely to die in a plane crash than meet the man of your dreams. Not only that, statistics point to the fact that you'll probably be dead by the time they publish the next statistics. Again, my friends tell me that I am too negative. Bullshit!

By all indications the boyfriend is an endangered species, encountered (if at all) only in obituaries, old photo albums, and girl-group songs from the late '50s. Fortunately for those of us left without one, there is no sex toy shortage.

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People don't choose
 the direction
 of their affection



Spry

Happy ▼ Pleased

Radiant ▼ Merry ▼ Cheerful

▼ Bright ▼ Cheery ▼ Mirthful ▼

Content ▼ Ecstatic ▼ Ebullient ▼

lated ▼ Frisky ▼ Exuberant ▼ Festive

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Joyous ▼ Lively ▼ Vivacious ▼ Glad

Alert ▼ Animated ▼ Bouncy ▼ Pert

▼ Brisk ▼ Buoyant ▼ Chipper ▼

Dashing ▼ Dynamic ▼ Frolicsome

▼ Enthusiastic ▼ Peppy ▼ Playful

Rousing ▼ ...ing ▼



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 I'm a homosexual
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Oct 13 Activity Meeting
Oct 20 The Crying Game
Oct 27 Drag speaker

The above meetings held:
 7:30 260 Architecture Bldg
 Optional dinner afterwards