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GAY LAW STUDENTS GROUP FORMED AND SEEKING MEMBERS

"We know you're out there; where are you?"

So might be the initial rallying cry of the newly formed Gay Law Students of California to prospective members.

The group, formed in April, now has elected a Board of Governors and has approved a constitution and by-laws. Members come from several California law schools including Loyola University Law School; UCLA School of Law; USC Law Center; Southwestern University School of Law and Pepperdine University Law School. Also represented is California Western School of Law, San Diego.

Meetings are at 9:30pm every Wednesday night at the Gay Community Service Center, 1614 Wilshire blvd., Los Angeles. For further information on GLSC's activities, interested persons may telephone the center at (213) 482-3062. Meetings will continue during the summer.

Purpose of GLSC is to work toward the solution of legal problems indigenous to the homosexual as a minority and as a member of the community and the law profession. Committees have been set up to investigate (1) alleged charges of ~~police~~ harassment of homosexuals by police;

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(2) California's Mentally Disordered Sex Offender ("MDSO") program and the problems of 14th Amendment Due Process, (3) legislation to abolish private sexual conduct as a crime, and (4) allegations of job discrimination toward the gay in government and private industry.

Another purpose is to provide social opportunities. "There are probably several thousand gay law students in California alone," stated Randy Schraeder of UCLA School of Law, a member of GLSC's board of governors. "As future professionals we are more interested in forming our friendships within the profession rather than in gay bars or Grif-fith Park. We hope to offer opportunities to meet and be identified with other gay law students and with gay lawyers and professors, where we will not have to invent excuses for why we brought our roommates instead of a date." At present, Schraeder declared, most gay law students' friendships have to be formed on a counterfeit basis, where they pretend to be heterosexual. "A large number of our members are on their schools' law reviews or are past or present elected officers of their schools' student bar associations. We are developing opportunities for friendships that will be useful to our members even after graduation," he added.

The association has been assured of possible grants of funds from several organizations. As its first effort to expand outside of Southern California, several activities including a no-host reception are planned for the forthcoming

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American Bar Association Law Student Division annual meeting in San Francisco during August. Negotiations are now being conducted with several law schools to enable students to work on GLSC's community legal assistance activities for academic credit. A lawyer referral program is also planned.

Names of GLSC's governors and members will be kept secret, absent consent by the individuals concerned, "an obvious necessity," declared the association's Chairman Elect a law student at a leading Los Angeles law school. "We know we will not achieve all our objectives overnight, but we are making substantial progress, and are delighted with the caliber of members now joining. And we plan on achieving our objectives without demonstrations, zaps or sit-ins," he said.

Membership in GLSC is not limited to gay law student⁵.
Inquiries from others interested in the group's objectives is also solicited.₄

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