

GAY STUDENTS AT HASTINGS

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198 McAllister Street
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(Dick Gayer, Convenor)

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Re: Gay Law Students Assn

Dear Tom:

The Gay Students at Hastings (GSH) is a registered campus organization since September 11, 1972, four days after we held our first meeting (at S.I.R.). We have eight participants, plus the assistance of Walter Barnett, as informal advisor. As soon as our budget request is approved, which should be about Nov. 10th, we will get some letterhead to replace this plain paper. (Since 11 Sept., we have been meeting on campus.)

As the result of our meetings, we have come up with three "projects" which have the interest of most of the participants.

1. Lambda buttons, for campus consciousness raising
2. Recruiting efforts at Bay Area (undergraduate) school for gay students
3. Development of a Symposium on either "Sex Law" or "Gay Law", to be given for credit

Walter Barnett, a new professor at Hastings, has given me the material you sent to him, including your general description and that of your PROBATION & O.R. PROGRAM. With respect to the latter, could you provide us with any statistics of its operation? What steps did you take to establish contact with the appropriate city officials and court officials? What techniques did you use to convince them of the need for your program? How long has this program been in operation? Anything else we should know about the program?

Reaction to us from the student government, the students in general, and the low level administration has been positive. (We have had no communication with any of the deans.) However, response from the gays has been less than exciting. Even those who do participate, in general, do so with hesitancy and with aspects of paranoia.

We have advertised (via bulletin boards) at Boalt, Golden Gate, and the Univ. of San Francisco. So far, there has been only one response from Boalt (a first year student) and one from Golden Gate (a night student, also first year). Because of this lack of response, the name of the group includes "Hastings", altho' we are still advertising on these other campuses.

I would like to get together with you to learn about the problems, accomplishments, and plans of the GLSA. If you get to San Francisco, please give me a call. Right now, I am planning to be in Los Angeles around December 10th, and that may be a good time to rap.

If the GLSA has a mailing list, please put us on it.

(I read an article in the Hastings Law News about Sex in the Legislature, and I guess that was your creation. As a side matter, you might let us know what the Calif. Conf. on Sex Law Reform is doing about Grunsky's Bill (SB 1506).)

Please let us hear from you as soon as convenient.

Sincerely,

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