

Coalition offers alternative to gay bars

Gathering attracts variety of people

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Gay and lesbian minors or those who are just tired of the bar scene can find a place to socialize the first Saturday of every month.

First Saturday is a monthly gathering at the Cornerstone church on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus that is sponsored by the Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights, a Lincoln organization.

Richard Nockai-Diaz, co-chairman of the coalition, said 50 to 75 people of all kinds usually show up for the various events the coalition plans for each month.

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"We do get a pretty good mix of people," he said. All ages, parents and friends of gay people, and sometimes straight people show

what was best about the bar scene, Nockai-Diaz said, and remove all of the pressure, smoke and alcohol.

"It's a safe place for people to come and be themselves," he said,

mation and discuss issues important to the community was at gay bars. The coalition, he said, wanted to offer an alternative for those who didn't like bars.

Each month, a different event is planned for 7 to 10 p.m. Everything from dances and speakers to pot-luck suppers and poetry readings have been First Saturday fare in the past, Nockai-Diaz said.

The coalition also invites artists to bring their work or book dealers to stop by with gay and lesbian literature, Nockai-Diaz said.

"We encourage everyone to come," he said.

A film festival with movies dealing with gay issues is planned for May 2, he said.

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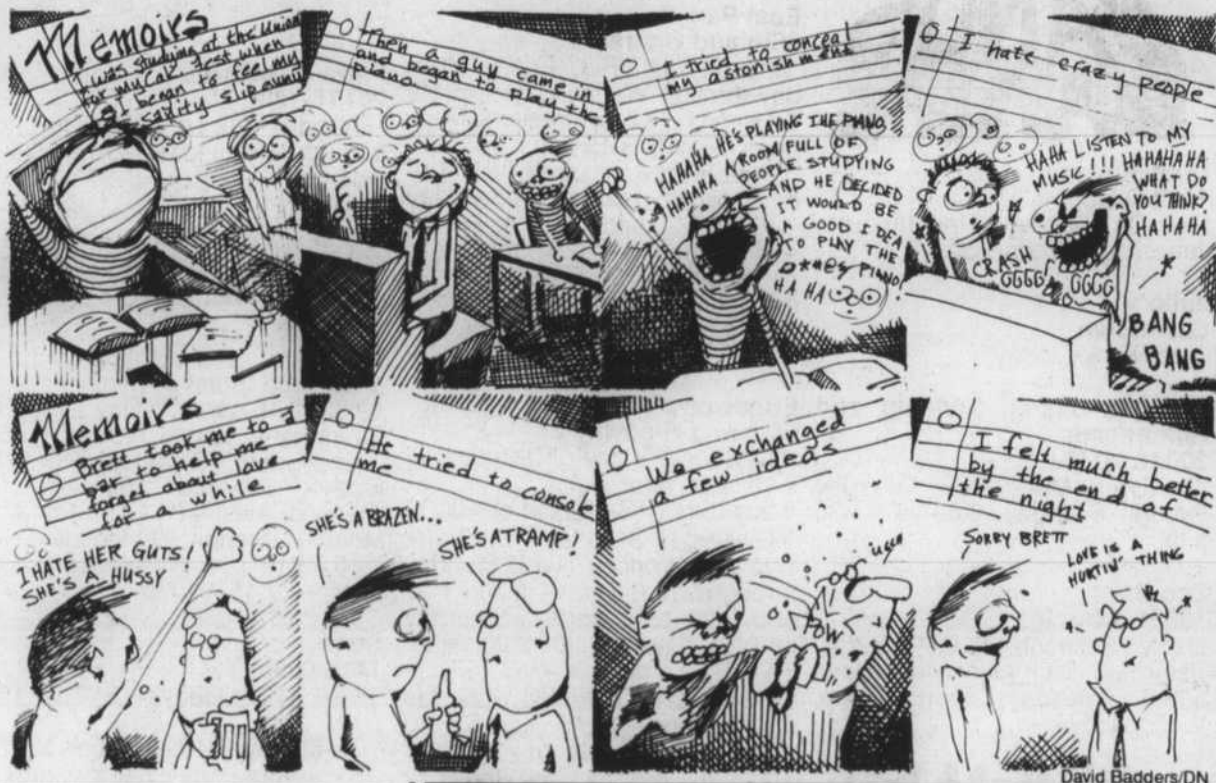
Nockai-Diaz
coalition co-chairman

up, Nockai-Diaz said, particularly if the coalition has brought in an interesting speaker.

The coalition began planning First Saturdays as a way to take

“without pressure of bar scene where it may be real uncomfortable.”

Nockai-Diaz said that in many areas, the only place where gays and lesbians could exchange infor-



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