

# On Deck

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## Women's world series

The 1270 Women's team manager, Leslie Tiffany was "pleasantly surprised by the reception" at the late August meetings of NAGAAA (North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance) in Chicago towards the idea of a women's world series. Depending on field availability in Houston (site of the 1984 Gay World Series) the series might be added next year.

The key to organizing the women's series is getting women involved; few women, if any attend the NAGAAA meetings. "I don't feel that starting out, the men should have to do the work [for both series]," said Leslie. "We need to see which leagues have women's teams or women playing on men's teams and find out if there are women interested."

Leslie attended the Fall NAGAAA meeting as the BSL's alternate delegate. Moe Richard's, another 1270 Women's team player also attended. If the idea of a Gay Women's World Series comes to fruition, we in Boston can be proud that it will be at least in part due to the pioneer efforts by BSL members.

Leslie and Moe distributed questionnaires to each of the NAGAAA leagues. With this information, they will continue to develop connections around the country. Getting people involved is the first goal. Any support you can offer is greatly appreciated.

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## Women roar, ...

When they arrived in Tulsa, the word went out, "Boston is the team to beat; why else would they come this far?" The Women's team from 1270 certainly didn't disappoint anyone as they swept to the title of the Labor Day tournament held in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Though manager Leslie Tiffany praised the excellent play of the whole team, she cited several team members for their outstanding contributions. At the plate, Cecile (.800) and Dana (from the 1270 Men's team, 7 for 9) led the hit parade. The outfielding trio of Janet, Cecile and Neal (from Buddies) and the consistently strong infield play of Jan shut down the opponents' offense. And of course, there was the pitcher Daisy, whose performance merited the tourney's MVP award.

The tournament had two divisions: men's with ten teams and women's/mixed, with five teams. Boston being the exception, all the squads came from the west, Oklahoma City, Wichita, and Tulsa. "The competition wasn't bad," said Leslie. "We were scared of the team from Wichita (Boston squeaked past Wichita 5-3).

The tournament organizers also received high marks. The people were hospitable, the three playing fields were in fine condition, the playing schedule was complimented by a dance and picnic, and the umpires were good.

No wonder the 1270 Women are looking forward to defending their title; and they encourage other Boston teams to enter the tournament next year.

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