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improvement. But we haven't had major gay bashing problems or anything like that. Well, I



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mean, even as far as you know, getting away from gay bashing, there are lots of different reasons to have a gay, lesbian, bisexual transgender group on a university campus or a college campus, certainly mainly for like community because a lot of people, once they get to college, and they start meeting other gay people in college, a lot of gay youth have never really had a lot of association with gay people their own age, and



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a lot of people take until they're in college to even be starting to come out. So that's when they need the support the very most,



Chris 00:39

yeah, because that comes from the fact that most of these kids are going to be leaving from their parents house, they're staying in a different structure, that all of a sudden, you had the sheltered life with your mom and dad, and then you're thrown into a dorm with 100 100 naked people in the shower room. And it could be kind of a culture shock that has Oh, my God, I'm in heaven now. And it's, I guess, it's very good to have these sorts of organizations that you can, can draw them out of that and explain the whole process to them, and be there for supportive of when they do want to come out to other people besides just themselves.



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Yeah. And actually, we're setting things up at Rice this year. So that there's going to be sort of a two tiered organization, pride is going to serve more social and political functions. But there are support groups that we have split up by gender to make people even more comfortable, to work on the coming out issues and dealing with their identity and so forth. So starting next week, the women's group is meeting and the men's group is starting to get organized. And that'll be sort of an intermediary step for people that really need that kind of help.



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Oh, it'll take a while for the game.



Chris 01:41

Yeah, we've kind of run in that problem between the radio show here. And also I've associated with Q patrol. And it's, it seems difficult sometimes getting the the the lesbian movement in there. To get that part in. So it's good to see that you're that you're trying to get that try and get a broad based the spectrum of what's going on at the, at the university level to see the people have the more acceptance and be able to feel more comfortable coming out. You're saying you had a lot of attention after the Matthew Shepard? Yeah, that was how it was the reaction on the campus, not just from the gay community, but from the straight community. On on hearing about this tragedy that occurred,



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there was a pretty strong response from all rights communities, it seemed to me there were a lot of faculty talking about it in their classes, there were a lot of straight students concerned. And as mentioned, once we passed around a letter about it there several 100 people who cared enough to read it and sign it. So I thought that was heartening.



Chris 02:43

So basically, we see it seems that the, the, the rice community, they don't seem to have as much of the problems, what you hear on the other campuses or anything, it sounds like not just with sexual orientation that but with I know they have a from what littlest grants I know of rice, there's a lot of the can I say without sound like I'm putting on the hood here, a lot of your Asian a lot of Asian influence in their students. And so there's not that much of a problem with even ethnic diversity in the school or



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No, I there's a lot of diversity. Of course, there are problems. And they're freshmen coming from backgrounds where they haven't learned to understand any other group of people besides their own. But I think in general, it's a very accepting community for people different in any way. We certainly have problems. I'm not trying to hide that or anything. But in general, it's a pretty nice, comfortable place.



Chris 03:37

They're not the kind of issues, the issues that come up on campus. These aren't the type of stuff you see at the 10 o'clock news report. These are the kinds of stuff that maybe back in the metropolitan section. Exactly. Well, yeah,



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there are college campuses where some of the incidents do make news or should be making news. Yeah, don't right.



Chris 03:58

And unfortunately, some of this stuff will tend to get swept under the rug. But it's good to hear that, that a school like this seems to be very proactive and seems to be very open to to the community and other people of other communities as well. Yeah.



Jimmy Carper 04:12

Do you feel your group over the years have has helped people come out? Or do you? Is it mainly a group of people that have always been out or maybe out in high school or just used to being out?



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I think the group has helped people come out partially just by setting example, and serving as a presence for gay people to sort of congregate and when there are flyers up about a pride meeting, even those people who aren't going are learning that they're not alone, that kind of thing. There have been people who have come out and become more open on campus through attending pride organize things, but I think it's more of a learned by example, sort of thing.



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Yeah, it's good. Yeah. The type of group would have been really nice to have when I was at Texas, growing And my friend Sean and I tried to start one. But the difficulty with Texas Lutheran is you had these two completely different political orientations on campus. You had the really conservative people and the people who just didn't really give a damn. And you know, the people who just didn't give a damn, were just like, yeah, hey, let's go ahead and do it. That's good, you know, let these people you know, feel good about themselves. And the really conservative people were all against it. And most of the really conservative people were students. There the primary conservative population on the campuses, the student body, most of the faculty and administrative staff, gave us thumbs up, you know, we had a publicly released sanction from the theology philosophy department, the head of the theology

department, who is a 62 year old man with a doctorate in Christian theology, and was an ordained Lutheran minister, offered to be the sponsor for the group. And we ended up deciding on the campus pastor for the group, though. And he was also the contact point for screening. We just couldn't get enough students participating in it. We had the campus pastor was our sponsor, and it was really lovely, too, because sometimes he'd bring his wife and look little baby boy with him, which is

 Chris 06:35

to say, had to chaperones for a membership of two.

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Well, no, they weren't really chaperones, it's just, you know, something something so, you know, he could like get his family involved. And, you know, let it become a nice little positive, proactive thing. But no, and we had two members of the administrative staff who came to the group, I mean, we had it for about two months. And then it was finally there was just such a weak showing,

 Chris 07:06

died out of the lack of interest died out of lack of interest from the students. That's amazing thing about it use you imagine these, you'd have people there for it. And the administration is saying, Go ahead. And you hear about all these other organizations at this administration saying, no, no, don't do this, especially at the high school level. But to hear it in college, that it's the administration that's kind of pushing for this type of an organization. And that would have been an interesting group for me to have it. At my school. The first one I came out to any person that came out to it was my psychology teacher. And it was just based on the fact that we got to that section in psychology, we started talking about sex. And I don't remember exactly what she said, but the way when she started talking about homosexuality, and that I didn't like her tone. So I typed her up this page long, anonymous letter going, I really didn't appreciate it. But she misinterpreted, she thought it was someone complaining that when she was talking about homosexuality, she looked at them and they go, homosexuality. And so she, she thought that a student was complaining that they were trying to act that she was trying to oust a student. And I sent her another letter back. And this time I signed it. And I said, I just want you to know that that was wrong. This is what I was trying to say is that I'm glad that the course was the way it was. I learned enough. And hopefully what I've learned in the psychology class, would help me to come out more, and signed it and slipped it under her door. And I went to go take my final. And two weeks later, I saw her in the student union when she was signing up new students. And it was Hi, Chris, how are you? Are you doing fine at all? And it was, it was real pleasant seeing it because I got along with her somewhat well. But she was real nice to me. And every time I saw her, she was real nice. Because I told her so this is the first time I've said this to anybody. And that was that was a big changing point. And then look at me five years later.

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Sitting here. Do we have to Yes.



Chris 09:11

You're lucky you're in another room, Bobby first. But I mean, that's it's good to see that there's that support that the the canvases are? They did? Did he use his



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staff? No, that's in the other room.



Chris 09:30

But it's good to see that the support base is growing. And it's going to be expanding from what you're saying what it sounds like there be the social and the kind of that political activism part.



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Yeah, we just had an activities fair for student clubs in general at Rice on Friday and about 15 new people in addition to the 50 or 60 that are already on it signed up for the pride email lists.



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So that's looking good, but 65 that I mean, especially not that all those people would ever



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come to any given meeting, but it's still impressive with how many people care enough to sign up.



Chris 09:58

And especially this is only the first to week of school you've only been in a couple times when we call on some of the other places there. It was like, Well, no one's here yet. We're still assigning students. And but that's, it's interesting to see you're getting a group that based 65 students who care enough to come out and at least put their name to paper or an email list. And to show the support at the beginning, hopefully, this is going to help you all grow a little bit on that.




Jimmy Carper 10:25

Sure, here. So. From what I've heard about rice, it surprises me that you have a lot of time to

sure, nope. So. From what I've heard about rice, it surprises me that you have a lot of time to devote to other activities. I've heard, especially the freshman year is really tough there.

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Yeah, that's true. And I that's definitely a problem. And it's definitely an excuse that people give for not helping out with activities or showing up to meetings of anything or things like that. But anything that is important to a student a student is going to do Ben Yeah. And

 Jimmy Carper 10:53

you said you were interested in the political side of it. What, what kind of things would you like to see the group do?

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One thing that we're working on right now is convincing the rice administration to grant domestic partnership benefits to faculty and staff? Oh, they don't have that right now.

 Jimmy Carper 11:07

Really? You're really going for some political stuff?

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Yeah. So we're working on that. Actually, as of a couple of weeks ago, graduate students now have health insurance benefits for their domestic partners, which is one little step in that direction. Because that

 Jimmy Carper 11:21

covers not only gay and lesbian folks, but straight folks.

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Exactly. Which is also really important and will be useful on our campus once we get it.

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Yeah, it's and it's always nice when you can do something positive.



Jimmy Carper 11:35

As long as you know, you keep in mind to the straight people hate the gay group. Got us, right. Hello.



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Yeah. And it was something really good that did grow out of the experience with trying to start the group over at Texas Lutheran is I ended up getting hooked up with people in Austin, and ended up helping to set up the Austin Central Texas chapter of Lutherans concerned. Back when I was still trying to live the Christian life. But



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before you were saved in a different way, yeah.



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Yeah. Well, you know, and, and I think it's also important, especially since we're talking about, you know, gay youth, you know, even in college, because college is where you're gonna start exploring a lot of things spiritually that you know, don't let your homosexuality get in the way of exploring that either.



Jimmy Carper 12:31

No, I think I think that's right. I mean, the the college is a time for for stretching, and spirituality certainly is one of those areas.



Chris 12:41

waco there, I've experimented in the Baptist faith once and twice in the Bible College.



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These weren't just extraneous boys, where they



Chris 12:54

actually met with Blake with ladies to these things. That's where I learned the main difference between Christian faith and Catholicism. That in the Catholic Church, if you can't sing, you just mount the word and live with three people who can do it. But if it's a Christian church, and you can't sing, you grab a microphone.



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That's right. No, that's specifically Baptist.



Chris 13:17

I mean, I was listening to some stuff I was like,



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well, haven't you ever just accidentally cross? You know, the praise station on TV? I mean, sometimes I think you have to have purple hair to be able to sing in front of the church.



Chris 13:33

The only the element is telling Christian music that that I watch on the television is that one radio station has that half hour video show on Channel 26 lifeforce. There are some cute looking Christian singer,



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I knew there was something else behind.



Chris 13:53

I look at it for the more sinister thing because usually right after this, this half hour show that they've purchased and they have all the commercials on there for their radio station and all that. When it gets to the end. Usually, the first commercial that channel 26 throws on the air is for like a totally nude club. That's why it's in the Washington going. We go directly from the religious programming to the buck naked club, Richmond.



Jimmy Carper 14:21

Let's take a break, play a couple of songs or one song and at least Jamie Anderson has a new album out called drive all night. She has a beautiful song on it called with my smile that I played last week. And it's about a woman, a lesbian woman who grows up really hating her mother because her mother left her when she was a child left the family and then many years later, I ran into her mother and wanted to know why, why why and found out that her mother had a female lover and At that time,



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could not stay with her. It sounds like lesbian blues.

 Jimmy Carper 15:05

Well see, this is the thing with Jamie. Jamie does a lot of comedy, a lot of fun stuff. And every once in awhile, she gets you with that serious stuff. And that's with my smile off of her new album. But I want to play the fun song off of this album called, I want to be a straight guy, Jamie Anderson, and you're listening to her on after hours career radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station Jamie Anderson want to be a straight guy. Yes. She's funny. She's funny. She's funny. We're back I'm Jimmy Carper. Chris is here with Scott and Amanda. Yes. What? Oh, Mike's? Yes. Let's

 Chris 16:04

turn on these things. That's why I like sitting here now, because he did. The former co host of mine used to do that to me, like twice every show. Although it was

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with Jimmy, we're not sure whether to blame it on dementia or senility. So thank you. So but I love you so much. You cannot get away without

 Jimmy Carper 16:23

the age joke.

 Chris 16:26

As jokes, yes, ageism. Now.

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That's right. Yeah.

 Jimmy Carper 16:32

As a matter of fact, as I I mentioned earlier, this is what I want. You didn't hear that I heard

 Chris 16:42

I sort of did. I can actually hear a little bit of that, honey, if you're expecting respect, you're in the wrong?

are wrong.

 Jimmy Carper 16:51

No, I don't know it. I know it. As soon as you pull it.

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Yeah, it remembers when they offered to drive you to work in the morning.

 Jimmy Carper 16:59

So Amanda, if I was going to go to a meeting of pride, what would I expect? What goes on? Where is it? Well, like

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the first meeting of this year is tentatively scheduled for this coming Wednesday night. 10 o'clock. And we think we're going to have it in the second floor conference room of the rice Memorial Center, that's the student center, it's in the middle of campus, everybody should be able to find that who would be interested. And that is on the second floor, which is the less populated section the students center. So it shouldn't be too obvious a locale for anyone who's concerned about that. We're going to start out with introductions and getting to know each other and then we're going to discuss some ideas for what exactly we want to do with this year in terms of activities, fundraising, etc. Oh, so you were starting from scratch here we are starting all over just to make sure everybody's on the same footing. Okay, good.

 Chris 17:52


Sometimes it's good, just start that rebirth and, and get get the new blood in there and get that way that some of the newer people who may not have been with the older groups feel they have a sense of having a purpose in the group?


 Jimmy Carper 18:04


Is there going to be like a election of officers or do you have off


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there's going to be basically a volunteering of officers, myself and the two other people who are really committed to working on this are gonna seek additional help, and we're gonna work from there.


 Jimmy Carper 18:18
Okay, okay.


 Chris 18:20
That's all gonna be starting up. Tentatively on Wednesday,


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Wednesday night is the plan. 10 o'clock, woohoo. Well, it goes along with that whole study and concept we talked about earlier, we'd like to get the homework over with and then go out and have the meetings.

 Chris 18:34
She's willing to show up here at 130 in the morning, when she gets people to show up at 10 o'clock, and I got it. How can people get who are on the rise campus who want to become a part of this organization? How can they contact y'all?

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The easiest way is by email, which is very simple. pride@rice.edu We'll put you in contact with us. We also have a website www.ruf.ry study to use slash tilde pride. We're still working on updating that, but you can check it out. Okay.

 Jimmy Carper 19:05
Wow. Yeah. Again, and slower, please. All right.

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I got to [www](http://www.ruf.ry) dot.

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Are you f.rice.edu/~us little squiggle pride. Okay. And there you go. Ruff. It's a rice Unix foundation. Okay.

 Chris 19:30
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When you get to the bigger call when you get to the bigger universities that each one of those colleges and separate groups have. Yeah, I remember that was looking at well, but



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you know, the bigger universities also have a bit more sense to switch over to Unix when they're reading all that stuff to



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someone. You're starting to get bitter in there.



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Well, it's just you know,



Chris 19:52

computer geek. So I sit in front of a computer every day, all day long, but like You'd be called a computer geek about what the hell I'm doing. So let's just recap for the people who are just waking up or turned over. Police pulled them over and now they're getting their cars back starting. So the pride group is going to be starting up, hopefully this week, Wednesday at 10 at the second floor conference room of the Student Center. And from if people want to get some information on the group, it's www.ruf.rice.edu/~dePride. That's a mouthful. And whenever you'll have some events coming up and want us to kind of get the word out and get some people in there to help you raise some funds or raise a little raucous. We'll be glad to help you out on that.



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Yeah, I appreciate it. Please



Jimmy Carper 20:50

do please do. We'd like to know everything you're doing so we can let everyone else know. All right. Good. Thank you for being here.





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Thanks for having me.





Jimmy Carper 20:58


 Jimmy Carper 20:59
Incredible hour. Now Scott has requested some music. And why do you want me to play this particular cut?


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Oh, I don't know. I've never heard anything by him and I thought oh, are you kidding? Just particularly.


 Jimmy Carper 21:14
Oh, okay. Okay. Okay, that's fine. Rufus Wainwright, the son of Loudon Wainwright, the third who did just did the Jessie song that we played a little while ago. So this is Rufus and you're hearing it on after hours KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station McCormick from his album rose colored glasses, the title cut. And before that was a song that I got. Yes, I had the tumor. Yeah. Well, it was Rufus Wainwright doing SallyAnn Yeah, not the one you were you chosen

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not the one I had chosen. But you know.

 Jimmy Carper 22:06
There you go. There you go. Just Just trying to play a little music live and things up.

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Tom song didn't even make it.

 Jimmy Carper 22:14
Well, Tom, the Tom McCormack song. He, Tom McCormack is one of the founders of Glama, the gay and lesbian American Music Association. They have their third annual awards this year, and he's still a part of that. And, and he still has time to put out albums, which is great.

 Chris 22:35
So we plugged glamour, quite intensively back when they had their Yes, their show. And well, one thing we'll do it

 Jimmy Carper 22:41

again next year, too, because, um, you know, me, I'm the music freak.

 Chris 22:45

One thing I'm sorry, we didn't make a mention of before. I mean, last week, and it was on last Sunday, that show in the Life TV I was was it on? I for some reason, I had a sense that it was on I was turning it on. And it's very interesting. It was on film and television, more on film. And it was talking with two of the movie houses for the two movie producing studios that do only gay lesbian films, strand releasing and first run films. And I didn't know that strand is the one who's put out edge of 17 I believe it is yes, yeah. And that. Cuz that was that's when I had to go to strand to find that stuff. And the I think relaxed is just sex is by first run films. And they're saying how they started up these organizations just just to give a voice to an independent film audience. And like the strand for leasing started out of a movie theater, called the strand out in San Francisco that started playing some of those cult classic type films. And what later on went into the producing of these films. And it was it was very interesting going through that and the winner of their short story contest their short video contest called tomboy, which was about an African American woman part of their their kind of commitment there to the to the visual arts and trying to get more people into that. And hopefully we'll start Watch out be trying to watch your stuff a little bit more. We can mention that since it was one of those nasty little things that shows up at one o'clock in the morning. Sunday.

 Jimmy Carper 24:28

Yes, but it sounds like it's just right up the alley for rice students.

 Chris 24:34

There is another keep your eyes out. I don't have the name of it or when it's going to be. But sometime in September, hopefully there's going to be distributed among the PBS stations, a documentary about hate crimes and how they are taken care of in other cities. No. One of the organizations from what I can tell who's going to be featured in this sounds familiar but it's not for familiar, it is Q patrol of Seattle. Oh, okay. There is a group out there called Q patrol, supposedly they have a little bit bigger membership and do a little bit more hours than we do. That's not that difficult to do. But they, they've contacted us afterwards about they're trying to put together a hate crimes website and wanted to know if que patrol of Houston wanted to participate in having a link to it and what some of our solutions are now. Yeah. And so once we find out some more information on that, we'll be glad to pass it along. And everybody here in Houston.

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Speaking of information, how about giving the information for pride? Yeah, again, getting in touch with the gay and lesbian groups over at Rice University again.

 Chris 25:40



Chris 25:49

Well, Amanda, you're still here. We think you're fine. Yeah, I can't, I can't hold a breath long enough here to spell out that website again.



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All right, one more time. The website address for Fried Rice University is www.ruf.rice.edu/~pride. Or you can email us at pride at Rice study to you. Or if you're not into the computer online system yet. You can call the rice switchboard that's 713-527-0000. And they can put you in touch with someone from Pride and your phone number once more. 713-527-0000



Jimmy Carper 26:32

Cool. Cool number. Yeah,



Chris 26:34

you got to remember so so let's hear we have to go a lot slower.



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Yeah, we're all not just that mess. But some of us who have like done already, I think before a lot more anal retentive about it, too.



Jimmy Carper 26:47

No, it's just, I just have to think of myself out there, you know, in my bedroom listening and oh, where's the pen?



Chris 26:55

Yeah. Find a light first one in the house. Yeah, that type those sorts of things. We always comment at some one of our large listener base that we don't get on the Arbitron ratings or the kids at home that are listening with earphone at one head and kind of under the covers. So we kind of repeat things quite often and slow it down for them to they kind of have the opportunity to get that outlet that they need. I've had



Jimmy Carper 27:19

had many GLB glyphed People come to me you know, after after they're out of the house saying that's how they first heard of after hours are first heard about gay life is by doing that. One woman who recently signed up for work with the Gay Lesbian switchboard said she literally

was in her closet with the radio.



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Like friend Leslie and I used to sit in rooms at night in high school and listen to after hours while talking on the phone.



Chris 27:54

Like I said, the first time I got with the after hours group there I've read about it in the back of I think it was out smart or twit I picked up at an adult bookstore out in the suburbs where I lived and started listening to the show. And it was kind of with the earphone and that the first time I called in to make a pledge. It was about like this time of the night and ran downstairs in the apartment complex went to a payphone so my parents wouldn't even hear it made, made my pledge in there and came running back there. And that's how I started with this show. That was a little mailbox. Little mailbox place where they sent my coffee mug among other packages, yeah, we'll go there another day. Okay.



Jimmy Carper 28:43

It's going it's about time to wrap it up. Big Daddy j is here ready to give you the Red Eye special. The big beginning of our fabulous blues Sunday. You've been listening to after hours and we are queer radio with attitude. That's right, right here on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper. Chris has headed up this segment with Scott and Amanda from pride at Rice. And we thank you for being here, especially at this our



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students are up at this hour studying anyway.



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That's why she doesn't have a coffee in her hand.



Jimmy Carper 29:26

So anyway, we're gonna close out with this song in the background. One of my favorite songs. It's by Maryland Scott, and it's called the last day and what would you do? How would you feel? What would you what kind of loose ends would you tie up if you knew that this was your last day? We'll see you next week. We're still going to be celebrating our our anniversary month 12 beers here at KPFT. And next week we'll have Sarah dipalma with transgender folks. See you next week. Thanks for Listen to you good bye bye

