We're Back!

After a long break, the Buckeye GALA newsletter is back--and with a new editor. My name is Marc Conte, a recent graduate of Ohio State and former president of B-GALA. Currently, I'm working as the executive director of the Ohio Student Association, an organization that represents the students of Ohio's public universities.

I would like to give special thanks to Craig Mercer who has put together this newsletter over the past few years.

Along with a change in editor is a change of address. Phil Martin of GLBSS has agreed to provide a mailbox in his office. Buckeye GALA's new address is:

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1739 N. High St.
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News Clips

The news clips in this newsletter are from fall quarter of 1993.

The aftermath of the Buckeye Village decision, the vote in Cincinnati and the impending statewide initiative all captured headlines. Perhaps the most important story lied with the events on campus surrounding National Coming Out Day.

This event seems to grow every year. Students first observed NCOD in 1989 by chalking sidewalks the night before. A group of homophobic students followed them and a confrontation resulted on the Oval just as an OSU police officer was passing by. Luckily, only words were exchanged.

This year, in addition to an Oval ceremony and raising of the rainbow flag in front of the Ohio Union, a coming out party was held in the evening. More than 300 students, faculty and staff attended this event. The biggest surprise occurred when President Gee showed up and mingled with the crowd for over an hour. This was the first time since Dr. Gee has been president that he spoke with a wide variety of GLB students.

The List is Growing...

Twenty names were added to our mailing list due to a notice on the Internet computer network. I will be posting other notices to track down our alumni/alumnae.

...And Changing

I met with an individual from the OSU Alumni Association about two months ago concerning this newsletter. It seems the association is ready to take the next step and actually create a classification of gay, lesbian, and bisexual alumni/alumnae. This is still in the works so I will be sure to keep everyone posted.

Fundraising

While I was a student, fellow GLB leaders and myself would frequently discuss the possibilities of raising money for different projects. There are the obvious choices of donating money to GLBSS, annual events like Awareness Week, and the Wilde-Stein Book Fund at the library. One idea that has been brought up is establishing a scholarship fund for GLB students. Another idea is buying a paver stone in honor of GLB people in the proposed addition to the OSU Alumni House.

If you like any of these ideas or have ideas of your own, please let me know. I will research these ideas and have more information in the next newsletter.

The AIDS Quilt Returns

The Names Project Memorial Quilt returns to Ohio State in April. The quilt will be on display from April 7 through April 11, 10am to 8pm in the ballroom of the Ohio Union. There will be 648 memorial panels and one signature panel, plus local panels received by April 1. To volunteer or for more information, contact Aimee at the Columbus AIDS Task Force, 488-2437.
Gay students talk with Gee

By Amy Wilkin

Gay, lesbian and bisexual student leaders met with OSU President Dr. E. Gordon Gee on Monday to discuss the effects of hate and homophobia on the campus climate and to address issues like bullying and labeling.

Michelle Parres, of the Association of Women Students, said that the recent hate crime reports on campus have been a source of concern.

"We've heard that our peers have been bullied," Parres said. "We just want to make sure that OSU takes this seriously and that students feel safe on campus.""}

OSU President Dr. E. Gordon Gee on Monday, saying it should be viewed as a "humanitarian issue." Gee said it is important to "recognize that hate and violence have no place on our campus." Gee added that he is committed to making sure OSU is a "safe and inclusive environment for all students, regardless of their sexual orientation." Gee encouraged students to speak out against hate and violence and to support each other.

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Unity, myths discussed in GLB forum

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By Wendy Edwards

Members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual community discussed the myths and facts surrounding the GLB community during the first meeting of the month-long GLB forum.

GLB community to said. The meeting was organized by the groups trying to increase awareness and understanding of the GLB community. The forum was open to all members of the community.

"You have to let people know the GLB community is here and do it sometimes," Caldwell said. He added that the group may need to be pulled together, and when it is, there are several things that need to be done.

"We need to take all these groups and put them together, and form one group that sits around and talks about problems," Caldwell said.

There was an attendance expressed concern about myths surrounding the GLB community. Common misconceptions were that the

New lighting in library to deter sex in stacks

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By Danielle Minnix

Library and Safety

"We had gotten into the habit of having sex in the stacks," said Amy, a GLB senior who says she had been doing it for a year and a half.

The 24-year-old library student said she was surprised when a security guard caught her. She said she was never caught before.

"We just talk about the stacks, but they have never done it because she fears getting caught," said Amy, who wished to remain anonymous.

Amy said she believed the library was "good in some ways, but it's not the same as what we're used to." She said she had been doing it for a year and a half, but had never been caught before.

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Anti-gay bill passes in Cincinnati

CINCINNATI (AP) — Gay rights activists said Wednesday that they believed a bill being considered by the legislature would go to court to overturn a ballot issue that repealed anti-discrimination protections for homosexuals.

"Like so many civil rights battles, this one is going to have to be fought in court," said attorney Scott Greenwood. "We'll be ready to file suit as soon as the results are certified and we'll act for an immediate injunction.

Last November, City Council passed an ordinance barring discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations on the basis of race, gender, age, religion, disability, marital status, Appalachian origin or sexual orientation.

Voters on Tuesday approved an amendment to the city charter that prevents the city from enforcing the sexual orientation provisions. The final unofficial vote was 64,416 to 34,672, or 63 percent to 37 percent.

"We're not going to let it stand," Greenwood said. "We will be bringing a suit to stop issue 3 from being enforced and to have it declared unconstitutional.

Greenwood said the American Civil Liberties Union and the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund would join the suit. It would be filed as soon as the board of elections certifies the results as official, probably within two weeks, he said.

Local gay activists said they were heartened by the results of the statewide marriage equality measure in California.

"It was a turning point," said Bob Temple, president of the Ohio Gay Rights Task Force.

"It's a heartening victory, there's no question about it," said Rebecca Kline, director of Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Student Services. "We're not playing on a level field, our opponent is well-funded and well-out of state, but we have" said Kline. "We're not playing on a level field, our opponent is well-funded and well-out of state, but we have..."
Two-timing male comes out of the closet

Christopher Meade

This is difficult. This is probably the most painful thing I've ever had to do. I can't live a lie no longer. I must do it.

I'm coming out now. Crying out of the closet into the light of liberation from fear. Free from the claustrophobic shackles and constraints imposed upon me by this oppressive society. I am no longer a slave, I can't be. I must bring true self to light. The sun will shine upon me now.

My parents have always been horrified about my identity. I think they knew I would never be faithful to them. I only pray that they can accept me as I am, or at least talk to me. They have never really understood me or my chosen lifestyle. I was born this way. I can't change it. I am a polygamist. Yes, that's right. Perhaps by "coming out," I will encourage more oppressed men to join me in standing up against this bigoted, monogamous society. I feel I represent at least 10 percent of the American male population, but this could be a gross underestimation.

I know this is difficult to believe and there will be a great deal of criticism and criticism of my identity. But I know I am doing the right thing. I am not alone in this. There are many others like me who want to stand up against this oppressive society and say no more. We will not be silenced. We will not be ignored. We will not be beaten. We will not be bullied. We will not be pushed around. We will not be forced into the closet any longer.

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GOD'S WORD

Romans 1:18-32 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood by what has been made, so that men are无错. For although they knew God, they did not glorify him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. Therefore God gave them over to the sinful desires of their hearts; sexual immorality for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with passion as unnatural desires were filled._THE OHIO STATE LANTERN, Monday, November 8, 1993

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