The Office of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Services is currently searching for a new Director. Dottie Painter is interim director.

The mission of the GLBSS Office is to provide education with, about and on behalf of the gay, lesbian and bisexual student population at The Ohio State University. In this capacity, the Office serves all students at the University.

Goals:

1. to help gay, lesbian and bisexual students build a safe and supportive community.
2. to educate people at Ohio State who are not gay, lesbian or bisexual about the issues that impact gay, lesbian and bisexual students.

Services:

1. acts as a referral service to organizations, services and agencies in both the campus and Columbus communities.
2. coordinates Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Awareness Week. The office also offers programming on issues of importance to gay, lesbian and bisexual students.
3. provides a resource library of over 60 local, regional and national publications that pertain to gays, lesbians, and bisexuals. The University library does not offer these periodicals.
4. helps students organize into groups or organizations, thus building a safer environment for themselves.
5. provides a speakers’ bureau which educates classes or other offices about issues that impact gay, lesbian and bisexual students.
6. educates other administrative offices about how their policies and practices impact gay, lesbian and bisexual students.
7. provides information about available housing and job opportunities, both on campus and in the Columbus area.

Articles in this issue of the Buckeye Gala Newsletter were coordinated, written and edited by William M. Sutherland, Jr., Alex Cofield, and Donnette Bower from information submitted to the Office of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Services by OSU Alumni and from other GLB resources on campus.
The Office of GLBSS now provides information on The Ohio State University Gopher network through MAGNUS.

To access information about the GLB Office, GLB Resources, Columbus resources, coming events or educational brochures and bibliographies, proceed as follows:

Open OASIS. Select OSU Colleges and Departments, Select Office of Student Affairs, Select Office of Student Life, Select Office of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Services.

If you have items to add to the Gopher network through GLBSS, send e-mail to dbower@magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu.

Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Awareness Week, February 25 - March 4, 1995

"Well into the 90's: an affirmation of body, spirit and culture."

Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Awareness Week 1995 promises to be entertaining and educational for everyone. The calendar of events is as follows:

Saturday, Feb. 25 - 7:15 p.m. "Flip the Fop in The Country Wife". The tradition of treating the Fop with disdain by other characters in the later century raises speculation that characters like 'Sparkish' might have been received as gay. What is the modern audience's perception of 'Sparkish' the Fop? Presented by Evan Bridenstien, Ph.D. student, OSU Theater Department, South Study Lounge, Drake Union.

Monday, Feb. 27 - 1:00 p.m. Let's Be Visible!! Rainbow Flag raising ceremony with a speech by GLBSS Interim Director Dottie Painter. Ohio Union Main Entrance

Tuesday, Feb. 28 - 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Bagel Brunch and "Coming Out Twice: Being Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual and Jewish." Jewish Center, 46 East 16th Street (16th and High St.) Cosponsored by the Hillel Foundation.

Tuesday, Feb. 28 - 2:00 p.m. Film: "Law of Desire." Pablo, the main character, is a filmmaker who lives in the high life of Madrid, engaging in casual drugs and homosexual encounters, with the real complications beginning when Pablo brings home Antonio, the government minister's son, who falls madly in love with him. In Spanish with English subtitles. Buckeye Suites A & B, Ohio Union.

Tuesday, Feb. 28 - 7:00 p.m., "Community Cross-Talk: Members of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Community Talk with One Another." An informal but hopefully educational discussion among audience members about others in the GLB community. Moderated by Willa Young and Phil Martin. 205 Pomerene Hall.

Wednesday, March 1 - HAT DAY!! Wear a hat to show your support for queer people!
Wednesday, March 1 - 12:00 noon. Film: "Last Call at Maude's" (1991). Focuses on the closing of the world's oldest lesbian bar, Maude's, in San Francisco. Tracks lesbian history from the W.W. II bar scene to the birth of the Daughters of Bilitis to the closing of Amelia's in 1991. Bring your lunch! Buckeye Suites D & E, Ohio Union.

Wednesday, March 1 - 5:30 p.m. "Ask the President". Roundtable on gay, lesbian and bisexual issues at OSU with President Gordon Gee, 347 University Hall.

Wednesday, March 1 - 7:00 p.m. "Rod and Bob Jackson-Paris: Love Against the Odds: A Powerful Lecture about Gay Rights, Human Dignity and Being True to Yourself". With the battle for gay rights and human dignity currently one of the country's hottest and social hotbeds, Rod and Bob Jackson-Paris message has never been more timely...or important. Rod and Bob became instant spokespersons for alternative lifestyles when they were married on June 22, 1989. Sponsored by Student Events Committee. Ohio Union Ballroom. Reception follow in South Main Lounge, Ohio Union.

Thursday, March 2 - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. GLB Health and Wellness Fair. At last! A health fair specifically geared towards GLB folks. Materials, info, and lots of free stuff on topics such as breast cancer, HIV, sexual health, alcohol and other drug use and much more! Co-sponsored by Department of Health Promotion, Student Health Services. South Main Lounge, Ohio Union.

Thursday, March 2 - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Female Safer Sex video: "Well Sexy Women". Showing continuously. Buckeye Suites D & E, Ohio Union.

Thursday, March 2 - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Male Safer Sex video: "Gay Man's Guide to Safer Sex". Showing continuously. Buckeye Suites F & G, Ohio Union.

Thursday, March 2 - 3:00 p.m. "Blis Today". Discussion with Jan Hall, Co-chair of Bli-Lines (a local BI support group) about local and national resources for BLs, an update from the latest national BI meeting, famous BI people, and BI pride. Ohio Union Memorial Room.

Thursday, March 2 - 7:00 p.m. "Queer Law". Ohio State Law Professor and gay, lesbian and bisexual rights activist Rhonda Rivera will lecture on changes in the law affecting gay, lesbian and bisexual people and the legal status of queer people today. Ohio Union Conference Theater. Reception to follow.

Friday, March 3 - 12:00 noon Students' Queer Research Roundtable. Students come together to present brief overviews of their research focusing on gay, lesbian and bisexual issues. Bring your lunch! Buckeye Suites A & B, Ohio Union.

Friday, March 3 - 6:00 p.m. "InterSEXions: Erotophobia, Racism and Homophobia". "Dr. Elias Farahaje"-Jones, Twin Spirit: African American, Queer Professor from Howard University School of Divinity, will speak about heterosexism, racism, erotophobia and the interconnectedness of all oppressions. Co-sponsored by African American Student Services, 100 Hagerty Hall. Reception to follow.

Saturday, March 4 - 7:30 p.m. Film short: "The Attendant" (1992) Film: "Darker Side of Black" (1994). Followed by a discussion with director Isaac Julien. Film/Video theater in Wexner Center for the Arts. $5 general public; $4 members, students, senior citizens. $2 children under 12.

STONED WALL UNION

Stonewall Union will begin offering free self defense classes for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual people. The classes will begin Monday, February 13th. The classes will be held from 7:30-9:30pm. For more information, or to register, call 292-0479 or 299-7764 (ask for Gloria). The classes are being sponsored by: Stonewall Union Anti-Violence Project; OSU Rape Education Prevention Program, and Us here at the OSU Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Student Services.

As always, Stonewall Union is looking for volunteers to work in their offices, and/or on various projects and activities. If you would like to volunteer, or know someone who would like to volunteer, please contact Shariha Williams at Stonewall Union offices. The number there is 292-7764.

Once again Stonewall Union is looking ahead to summertime and the fair booths at the Ohio State Fair. Every year, Stonewall Union runs a Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual persons information booth. If you would like to donate your time in helping to run the fair booth, please contact Shariha Williams at Stonewall. The number there again is 292-7764.

The 1994 statistics on hate crimes will be available at Stonewall very soon. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Gloria at the Stonewall Union offices.
EDITORIAL

Trustees stonewall, won't explain insurance decision

"We've got a feeling the Board of Trustees doesn't think all Ohio State students are worth equal treatment. At least that's the impression that most people would get after what happened at the last Board meeting."

To sum it up, two members of the Bi, Gay and Lesbian Alliance went before the body to try to redress a serious grievance; the board's decision not to include domestic partnership coverage in the Student Health Insurance plan. The board allowed B-GALA President Michael Scarce time to ask questions. Scarce asked for each board member's rationale in their decision, last June, not to include domestic partner coverage.

Board Chairman John W. Kessler then adjourned the meeting, effectively putting the rug from under Scarce's feet. When B-GALA Treasurer Marc Conte pressed the issue, he was bodily removed from the meeting.

So the question to be asked twice, is "why?" Why did the Board make itself available for B-GALA's questions if it had no intention of answering them? And why did the Board make its decision regarding domestic partner coverage—and never explain it?

The Board members are either afraid of repercussions from outside of the University (state funding, alumni support), or they don't think providing this coverage is something worthwhile. Or maybe there is a different reason.

Hopefully, when the Board meets again this week to respond to B-GALA, we will all find out.


EDIToRIAL
News on Campus (Continued)

Robert M. Duncan, vice president and general counsel for the Office of Legal Affairs, and secretary for the Board of Trustees, did respond to an Oct. 10 letter sent by Conte and Scarce to the board.

In the letter Duncan wrote, "Each member of the board has the obligation to use her or his best judgment in voting on issues, often resulting in decisions that are controversial and a disappointment to some members of the University community."

"I regret that we cannot provide you with more definite answers to your inquiry," Duncan said.

The Lantern, Monday, Nov. 7, 1994

New Year brings changes to Columbus GLB Community

On December 27 Stonewall Union Board of Directors accepted the resignation of Phyllis Gorman as Executive Director following a three-year tenure. Under Phyllis' direction, the membership of Stonewall Union grew to more than 1200 people in the greater Central Ohio area. The relationship between the Board of Directors and Phyllis enabled the agency's budget to more than double in the three years that she served as Executive Director. Phyllis has played an important role in establishing Stonewall Union as the voice of the Gay, Lesbian and Bi community in greater Central Ohio. The Stonewall Union Board of Directors wishes Phyllis the best in all her future endeavors.

The Board of Directors has launched a national search for a new executive director for Stonewall Union. During the search process, an Interim Transition Team of Board members will assist the staff in the daily operations of Stonewall Union. As the new year arrives, this change in leadership at Stonewall Union gives the agency a chance to set new priorities, goals and objectives, and to redefine its role in serving the greater Central Ohio Gay, Lesbian and Bi Community. It is anticipated that the search process will take approximately three months to complete.

Stonewall Union has a long successful history in providing services to Central Ohio's Gay, Lesbian and Bi community. "The strengths Phyllis brought to Stonewall Union afforded the agency to advance to where we are today," said Board of Directors Vice President Jeff Jones. As the Board of Directors plans for the future, they are committed to their mission statement of striving to empower Gay, Lesbian and Bi people and to foster a sense of community through educational programs, referral networks, and advocacy.

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As it is explained in the Lexicon at the back of the book, the Unofficial Gay Manual is FABU (Fab-boo) adj. fabulous!
DIED: WILLIAM A. BURNS, 49, died Thursday, December 22, 1994 at his Columbus residence. He is survived by his life partner, Fred H. Smith; sisters Jeanne Lucas, Bonnie Lowman, Marlena Woodmansee, and Linda Parshall; nieces and nephews; and many good friends.

Burns was a veteran of Vietnam and a recipient of the Purple Heart. He has been employed by Community Mutual.

Per his wishes, memorial contributions may be made to the Columbus AIDS Task Force, 1500 West Third Avenue, #329, Columbus, OH 43212 or to Kobacker House, 3595 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, OH 43214.

DIED: DAVID A. DRUDDGAN, 29, died Sunday, December 11, 1994 at Kobacker House, Hospice at Riverside. Druggan has been an active volunteer with the AIDS Ministries of the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. He is survived by his life partner, Alan Hicks; his parents, Grace and Robert Druggan; a sister, Jean Paxton; a brother, Brian Druggan; paternal grandparents Betty and Harold Druggan; many other relatives and friends. Those who wish to remember Druggan may make contributions in his name to the AIDS Ministry Committee, c/o Beth Highman, 121-D West Ticonderoga Drive, Westerville, OH 43081.

DIED: JOHN F. SHEEHAN, 32, Thursday, December 15, 1994 at Mansfield General Hospital. He worked as Quality Assurance Director at Eddie Bauer; he had previously worked at Victoria's Secret. Sheehan had been an active volunteer with the United Way program. He was a Columbus resident.

He is survived by his partner, Jeff McGuire; his mother, Anna M. Sheehan; his father, John F. Sheehan Sr.; brothers David, Neil and Tom Sheehan; sisters Theresa DeLard and Julia Sheehan; and six nieces and nephews.

Those who wish to honor Sheehan's memory may make a contribution to the charity of their choice in his name.

If you would like to submit a recently deceased loved one's obituary, e-mail it to William M. Sutherland, Jr. at sutherland.16@postbox.acs.ohio-state.edu or to the GLBSS Secretary, Donnette Bower at dbower@magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu.

DIED: MICHAEL MILLIGAN, 41, died of complications related to AIDS January 1 at the Cleveland Heights home of friend Daniel Postotnik. Miller, a graphic designer and performer, lived and worked in Columbus most of his adult life. He served as art director and graphic designer for the Ohio Arts Council from 1980 to 1987, then as graphic designer or the Office of Communications at the OSU College of the Arts until he became too ill to work in 1993.

As a dancer, Milligan brought energy and charisma to his work, although he had no formal training as a dancer.

Milligan is survived by his parents, James and Margaret Milligan; a sister, Melinda Sounders; two nieces; and numerous friends and fellow artists. Those who wish to remember Milligan may make contributions in his name to the AIDS Task Force of Greater Cleveland, 2250 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 4415.

The Office of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Services would like to offer GLB Alumni the opportunity to show their support for GLB students at The Ohio State University by contributing to the GLBSS Development Fund to insure financial support for upcoming programs, B-GALA Alumni Newsletter printing/mailing expenses, resource library materials and educational materials for the Ohio State University community. If you would like to make a contribution (tax deductible, of course), please make your check payable to:

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY #538198

and mail it to:

GLBSS
1739 North High Street, #340
Columbus, OH 43210

You can make a one time donation or have a payroll deduction. If you are employed at OSU, please help us keep up the good work and support your fellow GLB brothers and sisters. Any amount will be gratefully appreciated.

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