Gay Alliance Purposes and Goals

1) COMING OUT: A support group for gay people, aiding gay people in the process of coming out of their closets
   a) peer support—meeting other gay people
   b) referrals to counselors and social services
   c) programs dealing with coming out and related issues

2) SOCIAL: Sponsoring and providing information about social activities available to gay people
   a) referrals to bars
   b) alternatives to bars: recreational activities, dances, parties, trips, dining out, etc.

3) SERVICES: Services for gay people not available through normal social service channels
   a) medical, legal and counseling referral
   b) roommate service
   c) collecting information and acting on gay harassment and discrimination incidents
   d) information on other organizations serving gay people, locally and nationally
   e) providing accurate information about gay people; reporting on their news; taking an interest in their history

4) EDUCATION: Consciousness raising for non-gay people in an attempt to overcome ignorance and bigotry
   a) speakers bureau
   b) media campaigns
   c) disseminating pamphlets, newsletters, newspapers, books
   d) being visible as openly gay people (those who are willing to do so; making our presence known in the Columbus area through individual effort and media publicity

5) POLITICAL: working towards full citizen rights for gay people
   a) lobbying for gay civil rights laws; fighting laws that are discriminatory
   b) public relations with police, city officials, OSU officials, etc.
   c) attempting to liberate gay people and gay establishments from all forms of harassment and discrimination

Call the Gay Alliance at 422-9212 for further information. A three minute informational tape will direct the caller to specific services, activities, and entertainment spots for gay people at times when the office is not staffed.