2000-2001 Annual Report and Overview

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Overview

Wow! What a year to say the least. As the reader will see, GLBTSS has had an outstanding, productive and successful year. During the 2000-2001 year we doubled our staff, increased and diversified programming, and tackled new development and financial opportunities. Our driving force this year was to stick to our philosophy of “Student Services” and “Students First”. We questioned everything that we did with “What impact does this have on our students today, tomorrow and beyond?” We asked ourselves, “How does this grant, program/event and student group: 1) enrich individual lives, 2) challenge their thoughts and beliefs and 3) nurture a safe space for all?”

Mission

The mission of the Office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Student Services (GLBTSS) is to provide advocacy, education, resources, and referrals for the greater Ohio State University community. Through programming and the creation of visibly identifiable safe spaces, GLBTSS is able to meet the needs of its Gay, Lesbian, Transgender, Intersex and Ally (GLBTIA) constituents. In this capacity, the office proudly serves all students at the University.

Administration & Operations

Overview

Approval of increased funding for outreach and education efforts allowed GLBTSS to increase its staff during the 2000-2001 Academic Year. Acting Coordinator, Chad McCoury, and GAA, Elizabeth Warren, welcomed two new GAA’s. In November and December of 2000, Jonathan Harker and Velma Valentine joined GLBTSS as the Outreach and Education staff members. (See attachment for job and position responsibilities)

Unit Structure

The GLBTSS unit was structured into two areas:

I - Programming/Student Development

- Student Organizations
- Programming
- GLBTIA Awareness
2 – Anti-Homophobia Outreach and Education

- Guess the Straight Person Panels
- Anti-Homophobia/Heterosexism Workshops
- Speaker’s Bureau

Development

As mentioned, this year GLBTSS had an increase in funding. This happened in many ways, including the funding of four grants from the Coke 450 and a grant from the Student Affairs’ Diversity Grants. Direct mailings (ask letters) were designed for GLBTIA Awareness 2001. Copies of the letter, donation form and donors can be found in the GLBTIA Awareness 2001 binder. Anticipated uses of budgets should be done at the beginning of the fiscal year upon the direction of Willa Young, SGSS Director. She will share budget estimates for the next fiscal year. Programming budget for the 2000-2001 FY was about $7,200, while our Anti-Homophobia Outreach and Education Budget, including personnel was $31,000.

On-line Support and Services

The GLBTSS webpage is housed within that of the Department of Student Gender and Sexuality Services and can be found at www.osu.edu/sgss. The entire SGSS website should be undergoing major reconstruction during Summer 2001. With assistance of Valerie Rake, Chad McCoury will be taking the lead to making changes and improvements to the SGSS site.

Evaluations

A Staff evaluation was administered to Elizabeth Warren because she was an employee for the entire academic year and also because she was a student in the Student Personnel Assistantship (SPA) Program. Evaluations held several purposes. They allowed for performance evaluation, as well as, a chance to set priorities/expectations for the rest of the academic year. Evaluations were rated upon position description/responsibilities and quarter-specific responsibilities. (See attachment for blanket evaluation).

Committee Involvements

Chad McCoury

- Student Affairs Charitable Contributions Committee (Served as a representative for Student Gender and Sexuality Services, Ethnic Student Services, Student Activities and Campus Programs, Student Advocacy Center, and Student Judicial Affairs for the University’s Community Charitable Drive and Campus Campaign.)
- Latenight with the Ohio Union (Created events and coordinated volunteers for the quarterly weekend programming held in the Ohio Union. Funds made available by Student Affairs were administered by the Student Wellness Center. Matt Couch chairs this committee and is the contact person.)
- Welcome Week 2000 (Coordinated events for the 2000 Bizarre/Bazaar)
- Homecoming 2001 (Currently serving on the Community Service subcommittee and coordinating a diversity event in conjunction with National Coming Out Day. Working with Ivan Adames of SACP and Ben Williams of International Education.)
OSU GLBT Alumni Society Board of Governor (This is a great opportunity to connect with the community and to leverage support in many ways. The coordinator should highly consider using their position to serve on this board. The society is highly interested in having a staff member on the board. The contact person is Jim Ryan at ryaurrng@aol.com).

LeaderShape 2001 Faculty Facilitator

Columbus Queer Youth Service Providers (This network of health providers, school administrators, media, Stonewall-Columbus, and OSU allows for follow up to assessments as to the climate for our GLBT youth. The contact is Rebecca Gurney at beck_gurney@hotmail.com)

Stonewall-Columbus Board of Trustee

Elizabeth Warren

Council of Graduate Students (For two years, Elizabeth chaired the diversity council on CGS and was on the executive committee).

Homecoming 2000 (Homecoming meetings began during spring quarter last year, and continued every other week until homecoming in October. Participation in this committee was to represent SGSS and our constituents concerns. The committee was successful in getting homecoming events to be apart of National Coming Out Week, and combining the two. Elizabeth was also a part of the committee that put together the diversity festival, which was a one day cultural festival.

Student Affairs VP Search Committee

Dean Huntington Review (Elizabeth sat on the review committee for the dean of the graduate school).

Multicultural Design Committee

Winter and spring quarter Elizabeth sat on this committee as the graduate student representative. Elizabeth helped Si’le Singleton and Barry Landeros-Thomas, both of Ethnic Student Services, run the full day retreat in which they produced various categories of visionary directions. This helped inform the vision, mission and value statements. She also worked with CGS and USG to put together a student reception after one of the open forums. A report was submitted to Provost Ray and Bill Hall. Phase one of the planning project was complete, and phase two will continue next year.

Ohio State University & Community Relations

This year would not have been as successful without the help of many offices, individuals, and organizations. It is recommended that good relationships continue to grow with these and other groups. Contact persons are indicated in parenthesis.

- Stonewall-Columbus (Jeff Redfield)
- Columbus Queer Youth Service Providers (Beck Gurney)
- OSU GLBT Alumni Society (Jim Ryan)
- Ethnic Student Services (Si’le Singleton)
- Residence Life (Ron Kochendoerfer)
- Wexner Center for the Arts (Bill Horrigan)
- Counseling and Consultation Services (Jim Hodnett)

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The approval of a $31,000 increase in the GLBTSS budget allowed for the hiring of 2 new GAA's and increased outreach and education for the OSU community. While this year was used to increase programming, GLBTSS continued the services offered in the past. Both Outreach and Education GAA's will continue working during the summer of 2001. The summer of 2001 will be spent creating and administering "GLBTSS Sessions". These sessions will include, an overview of GLBTSS services and programs and an informative session of GLBT issues that utilizes data and collected information from the Student Affairs Assessment "Diversity in the Classroom" report and OSU's Diversity Plan. This should help make departments and individuals aware of GLBTSS services, provide them with resources that they can use directly to assist all students with, and to begin dialog on how to handle GLBT issues as they pertain to units, colleges and departments. Continuing funds could be used to increase marketing efforts, speakers and certificates of completion (such as "ally" stickers). This year we provided several programs and services through our outreach and education area of GLBTSS:

**Guess the Straight Person**

There were 12 Guess the Straight Person Panels during the 2000-2001 academic year. The dates and locations on the Guess the Straight Person Panels spanned throughout the academic year and consisted of 70 panelists. Overall, it was a very good year for Guess the Straight Person Panels. GTSP panels were given in front of a variety of audiences, which include students living in the residence halls on campus, the general student population on campus, and a College of Education graduate school class. Positive feedback was given from those who were at the GTSP panels, stating that it had been a very valuable experience for them. There are several ways for improvement of the GTSP panels. One way is by offering "facilitator" training sessions for volunteers/panelists. It was always difficult securing a facilitator for the GTSP panels, because so few people have had the training or experience necessary to facilitate the panels. Another way that the panels could be improved is by have a more extensive volunteer base from which there could be more available panelists. It seemed as if the same panelists would do all of the GTSP panels, as opposed to having more of a variety of panelists at each panel. The Speaker's Bureau needs to spend more time securing more volunteers, conducting more training for volunteers, and finding additional ways for the University to utilize the Speaker's Bureau on campus (i.e. classes, faculty meeting, events, etc.).
Brown Bag for Suicide Prevention Week (February 19-23)

The Brown Bag was held on 2/21/01 from 11:30am to 1:30pm at the Ohio Union in the Buckeye Suites C, D, & E. The GLBT office reserved and secured the space for the event. The GLBT office distributed flyers across campus to publicize the event. The contact person for the event was Melinda Moore, who is on the Ohio Coalition for Suicide Prevention. Jim Hodnett from the Counseling and Consultation Center provided the presentation for the event. Issues of suicide as well as issues specific to the GLBT population were discussed at the Brown Bag. There were an estimated 40 people in attendance at the event. Overall, the event was a success and the GLBT office played a major role in coordinating the event.

GLBT Volunteer Pizza Party

The GLBT volunteer pizza party, held 4/23/01 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in room 455 of the Ohio Union was a success. There were 20 people that turned out for the party. The Coca-Cola Corporation donated beverages for the event. General volunteer issues were discussed at the party as well as ways things that volunteers would like to see GLBTSS address. The list of recommendations from volunteers is as follows:

- Outreach for people of color
- Increased visibility on campus
- Social Action
- Task-oriented weekly events
- Recruitment strategies
- GLBTSS film series and other opportunities for volunteers to meet and socialize
- Trainings for facilitators
- Getting more people of color involved in GLBTSS outreach and education efforts
- Working with local high schools on GLBT issues

The above list came directly from volunteers. Comments were written on poster board paper with markers. Volunteers were encouraged to write all of their ideas down, despite their level of familiarity with the programs and services offered by GLBTSS. The Pizza Party was a very positive event to begin recognizing the importance of the volunteers who contribute their time and energy to GLBTSS.

Budget Costs: $90 (Refreshments)

Efforts to Recruit and Retain Volunteers

Several recommendations have been made to improve the volunteer base of GLBTSS. A new form was produced and will be utilized to keep up to date information on each volunteer. The upper half of the volunteer form consists of contact information (e-mail, address, phone) as well as which major/program each volunteer is in. The lower half of the form is for volunteers to list their areas of interest, specialized trainings they have had, and areas of expertise. By keeping a thorough and
up to date information sheet on each volunteer, the goal is to retain and utilize the volunteers as effectively as possible for the needs of GLBTSS. A copy of the volunteer form is attached to this report.

Another way that the volunteer base can be improved is by offering training and socialization opportunities to volunteers. A monthly meeting could be offered for volunteers to have a chance to come together, socialize, share their ideas, celebrate their hard work, and learn additional ways to become involved with GLBTSS. It is important that a specific GAA be designated the coordinator of the GLBTSS volunteer base (which would include the Speaker’s Bureau). The GAA would oversee the operations of the volunteer bases and would be responsible to keep current records that reflect the volunteer forms as well as all of the GLBTSS related activities that incorporate volunteers. The volunteer base needs to be made a priority, because it can and will be a very important tool for outreach and education purposes in the years to come.

Residence Life Trainings

GLBTSS staff created a comprehensive training for Residence Life hall directors to implement with their staff. The contact person for the effort was Ron Kochendoerfer. Staff members from GLBTSS met with approximately 60 hall directors on January 4 to introduce them to the materials. Unfortunately, GLBTSS staff was not given sufficient time to actually train hall directors to implement the curriculum nor to access the continuing education needs of the directors. GLBTSS staff noted during these meetings that hall directors held the belief that they already have a sufficient knowledge about the topic. However, they expressed discomfort in addressing these issues with their staffs. GLBTSS provided the curriculum, extra exercises, folders and copies for the trainings. In a follow-up meeting with Ron Kochendoerfer, the following suggestions were made by GLBTSS staff:

- On-going collaboration with Residence Life.
- Workshops and on-going support to increase Residence Life staff comfort level with the topic
- Train-the-trainer workshop to assist Residence Life staff in developing their own training on GLBT issues.
- Co-facilitation/observation by GLBTSS staff during the implementation of the GLBTSS created training for:
  - Quality assurance
  - On-going support

However, Residence Life prefers to address all of these issues internally. An evaluative tool developed by GLBTSS was rejected and Residence Life used one of their own. The results were not shared with GLBTSS. The relationship with Residence Life was limited to the materials provided by GLBTSS.
Suggestions for the future:

- Residence Life should develop training materials for internal use
- GLBTSS should provide information regarding services the office provides to students and staff
- GLBTSS should not provide curriculum and materials to Residence Life

Budget Costs: $600 (Training packets for 350 staff members)

Campus Police trainings

SGSS provided two trainings for the OSU Police Department working with approximately 40 people. Question cards were submitted by participants, answered by staff and resubmitted to OSUPD.

OSUPD could benefit from additional trainings based on the questions the officers wrote on their cards. In addition, the officers expressed concern about appropriately addressing the needs of the GLBT community at OSU. There was some concern regarding reconciling personal belief systems with requirements to serve the entire campus community. Officers were unsure of role of GLBTSS office. Many expected us to have information regarding GLBT contact with OSUPD, rates of anti-gay violence on campus and information regarding same-sex domestic violence.

Follow-up recommendations:

- Develop a training specifically for OSUPD that addresses the concerns listed above
- Identify key leaders to discuss implementation of training
- Develop a collaborative relationship for two-way referrals
- Identify current allies within OSUPD who can be contact people for GLBT individuals in need of their services
- Conduct an open forum with OSUPD and campus GLBT community

Budget Costs: $20 (Materials)

Images of You Conference

In collaboration with Asian-American Student Services, GLBTSS staff provided an anti-oppression workshop during a session of the Images of You Conference sponsored by Residence Life. Twenty-five people attended the session.

Follow-up suggestions:

- GLBTSS should actively seek opportunities to collaborate with other offices within SGSS as well as ESS.
- Opportunities to have representatives meet monthly?
Anti-Oppression Training during GLBTIA Awareness Week

Four individuals participated in an anti-oppression training.

Follow-up suggestions:

- Develop an ongoing 3-5 week (1-1/2 hr sessions) for autumn quarter.

Programming

During the 2000-2001 Academic Year, GLBTSS was able to increase and diversity programming, while successfully collaborating on many programs. This collaboration was highly effective and it is recommended that continued and increased efforts progress in the future. Many of the offices and contacts are listed in the “OSU and Community Relations” section of this report.

In Our Family Art Exhibit
Hale Black Cultural Center, Sept. 18-Oct. 15, 2000

In Our Family is a celebrated touring photo-text exhibit featuring families of every kind, including GLBT. Professors and TA’s were able to use this space for class meetings. Some women studies, sociology and human development classes were held at the exhibit site during this time.

A “Mocktails and Cheese” reception was held on October 9th in conjunction with the Student Wellness Center. Student Wellness provided food and beverages for the reception. Thirty people attended the reception.

The exhibit, provided by Chris Comm management, was just over $2000 for the month. Suggestions for future exhibits include increased co-sponsorships, including funding to help offset large costs.

Budget Costs: $2000.00 (Exhibit)

National Coming Out Week
Various Locations, Oct. 9-14, 2000

This was the first year that we had a week full of events. The highlight of the week was the traditional, “Rally to Bricker Hall”. A rainbow flag raising at the Ohio Union was followed by a march and rally at Bricker Hall, where nearly 50 people gathered for speeches from members of various undergraduate groups. Ally buttons attached to an educational flyer were distributed throughout the week. GLBTSS contacted the Ohio Union Business Office for approval to raise a flag at the Union. GLBTSS was unsuccessful in getting permission from Physical Facilities to raise a flag at Bricker. A sound system was rented from Classroom Support Services in Lord Hall. Pizza and soda followed the speeches. Donatos Pizza (contact Tim Grote) donated $150 in pizza, while Coke donated beverages. (See attachment for other events).

Budget Costs: $15.00 (Sound system)
The Implications of Being Transgender in Our Community
436 Ohio Union, 6pm

Over 50 participants gathered to hear a panel discussion on transgender issues. SGSS with “A Place for Community Dialog” hosted this event in response to recent case of a Columbus boy who was removed from her home after her parent’s allowed her to go to school in a dress. Refreshments and marketing were provided by “A Place for Community Dialog at the Ohio Union”.

MotherSon
Ohio Union Conference Theatre, Oct. 25, 2000

MotherSon, a one man show by Jeffrey Solomon, was a warm and witty portrayal of the remarkable relationship between a Jewish mother and her son as he “comes out” and deals with the complexities of being gay and being Jewish.

GLBTSS and Ohio Union Activities Board collaborated on this cost free event. Over 150 attended this event and was well received by attendees.

World AIDS Day
December 1, 2000

Educational flyers with a red ribbon attached were distributed thoroughly through campus. GLBTSS worked with the Red Ribbon Club (contact Ryan Poirier) to bring this awareness builder to OSU.

Budget Costs: $10.00 (Ribbon and pins)

The Salad of the Bad Cafe
Hillel Center, Feb. 28, 2001

This postmodern cabaret was co-sponsored by Ohio Union Activities Board and GLBTSS. GLBTSS had a major responsibility in marketing. Chad McCoury met with Michael Bershadski of OUAB several times to hammer out logistics. Over 115 people attended this successful and well-received event that dealt with the horrible/funny agony of the love triangle as well as the dichotomy between traditional values and the sterility of modern life. The performance dealt with racism, feminism, gender bending, and the queer experience.

Lucie Blue Tremblay Benefit Concert
Ohio Union Conference Theatre, March 31, 2001

Lesbian Health News, Inc. (LHN) in conjunction with GLBTSS invited singer Lucie Blue Tremblay to OSU to headline a benefit concert. GLBTSS donated the cost of the performance space. GLBTSS and SGSS also purchased 15 parking tokens for LHN.
While this event was successful, one major roadblock was that LHN expected GLBTSS to take on more for this event. LHN wanted GLBTSS to sign Tremblay's contract and to provide lighting and sound. GLBTSS consistently had to define their role as a cosponsor (solely providing physical space). While we promote such events, in the future LHN must clearly understand our role from the beginning. It is our suggestion that an agreed upon outline be established, followed and filed.

Budget Costs: $230.00 (Conference Theatre and parking tokens)

**National Day of Silence**
Various Locations, April 4, 2001

National Day of Silence is an annual program that FUSION has been observing for many years. This year, the two co-chairs along with GLBTSS organized the events that occurred. There was a candle light vigil, a set of four speakers and then an open forum for anyone to speak. The materials needed for this program was the PA system, candles, stickers, and handbills. There was a large attendance at the vigil of about 40-50 attendants which was a mix of students, faculty, staff and community members. Many of these individuals observed Day of Silence, and did not speak all day. This event received local press coverage and by all accounts was a great success. The highlight of the event was having Martha Garland speak and recount her relation with the day of silence and why she thought it is an important event.

While this program was successful, it would be helpful to have started planning for this event more in advance, having all of the materials prepared at least two weeks prior to the event so more people could have access to those materials and participate. For the most part, this event was executed just fine with very little glitches.

**Issue Series**
Ohio Union, April 10 and May 1

The issue series was created to address some of the serious concerns that GLBT people (students) face in life (and higher education). While the intent of the series was good, timing was bad. At the time of scheduling the series, the GLBTSS staff was unaware that a queer theory class was being offered at the same time. This definitely led to poor attendance. Many students indicated that they would have attended. The forums invited members of OSU's administration to allow them to hear the concerns of our students. Such topics and panelists include Financial Aid Director, Tally Hart, and navigating financial aid. Refreshments were catered by Applause, which was funded by a Coke 450 grant.

Budget Costs: $260.00 (Refreshments)
Coffee and Conversation
Caffe Fino, April 12, April 26, May 10, May 24 (2001)

This social atmosphere was created to allow everyone to join GLBTSS for a complimentary coffee or choice of drink to just “chill”. The Coke 450 grant supplied $200 to allow this series to happen. A total of about 50 participants took advantage of this opportunity to join friends, “family”, and froth for a couple of relaxing hours.

Budget Costs: $200.00 (Refreshments)

GLB Film/Video 4
Wexner Center for the Arts, April 26, 27, & 28 (2001)

Chad McCoury met with Bill Horrigan during Fall Quarter to begin discussions about the GLB F/V Series held annually in April. Chad wrote a letter of support for a grant that Wexner applied for to help fund this series. The Wexner staff is efficient about making the initial contact for this event.

GLBTSS catered a reception from Applause Catering on April 27, 2001 for visiting filmmaker, Shu Lea Cheang, who directed I.K.U. The catering consisted of cookies and coffee and was an estimated $100, which included set-up and tear-down fees. The reception was a nice gesture, considering that the Wexner Center handles all other details for this well-received weekend of showings.

Budget Costs: $100.00 (Refreshments)

Rainbow Graduation
Longaberger Alumni House, May 11, 2001

GLBTSS coordinated this annual event attended by over 30 people to honor graduating GLBT students. The cost of the room was waived since we worked with Felix Alonso of the Alumni Association. The event started off by recognizing 9 graduates with certificates of completion and a rainbow tassel. Tassles were purchased at KRT in Columbus for about $5/each. Catering totaled $460.00 and was provided by Made from Scratch catering. Excess food was given to Art Friedrich for “The Other Prom”. Media coverage was provided by Outlook News.

Budget Costs: $550.00 (Refreshments and tassles)

The Other Prom
Hillel Jewish Center, May 12, 2001

GLBTSS took on an “advisory” role with this event. Student, Art Friedrich, took on this program as event coordinator and made it more of a community event. He coordinated all planning meetings and committees. GLBTSS helped provide insight and advice from press releases to community contacts.
Leadership Development, Outreach & Advocacy

Not only is it a goal of GLBTSS to provide quality programming, it is a goal to provide opportunities of growth for our students. Such opportunities come in many forms, such as attending conferences and workshops, participating in student groups, and applying for scholarships.

Student Organizations

This year, GLBTSS either supported or advised five (5) GLBT-themed undergraduate groups.

• FUSION

This year was a roller-coaster ride for FUSION. A recurring issue that this group has faced for some time is the question of exactly what their role should be on campus. Should it be one of activism? Social outlets? Education? These and many more questions and issues caused transition in membership and turnover in leadership. Near the end of the Fall Quarter, J Easterling and Patience Whitworth took over the responsibilities of co-chairs from Kristen Alvarez and Tallen Olsen.

New leadership created a new invigoration. Numbers in attendance began to grow and follow through could be seen in programming. (See attached flyer of programs offered).

GLBTSS served as FUSION’s advisor and therefore took an active role in this organization that holds much history at OSU. Elizabeth Warren and Chad McCoury met with co-chairs at least once a week, as well as, they attended weekly meetings of the FUSION governing body. GLBTSS has seen leadership change twice over this year alone and we continue to have a real problem with having leadership and membership stay involved. While this is an area that is improving, it is still an area that should continue to be a focus on as their advisor. We also fear that the leadership of the organization has issues with reflecting the will of the group. Too often, decisions and direction is taken just from the leadership of the organization rather than from the group. What results is a passive group that has little to no by in the organization and therefore puts very little energy into the survival of the group. This also creates a situation where the leadership burns out more quickly because they are doing all of the work and see very little return on the group.

The more successful programs this year were the religious panel where there was a large turn out, and the end of the year picnic was hugely successful. What this tells us as advisors is that the constituents at OSU are interested in topics in which they grapple with everyday, and are primarily interested in a social space where they can meet other GLBT people.
This year, GLBTSS was actively involved with FUSION in several ways. Such ways included the creation of the new constitution, officer elections, and an officer retreat. Below is a recap of those involvements.

**Officer Elections:**
As advisor for FUSION, GLBTSS role was to run the elections this year. The process was as followed:

1. Initial announcements regarding elections and open nominations began end of winter quarter
2. Nominations opened two weeks prior to elections and these nominations could come over email or in person at a meeting
3. The night of elections, candidates gave a brief speech about their vision of the position
4. Only official members were permitted to vote and given a ballot. Members were defined as people who attended at least one meeting spring quarter
5. GLBTSS counted the votes, had a second assistant count the votes and announced official results.
6. People were permitted during this election to vote on email up to five pm on election day, but there was serious concerns from a co-chair regarding this process, so further use of email voting will be discussed as a board.

The voting process went fairly smoothly with one exception pertaining to the question of voting on line. One co-chair felt that this did not allow for secure voting and someone might manipulate the system to alter the election process. Furthermore, they felt that this made the voting process too accessible and this person wanted only members who really cared about the process to vote. Others felt the opposite. They felt that it was important to make the voting process as accessible as possible in order to empower as many members to take part in the leadership decisions. In the future, this issue will need to be discussed again and the process made more explicit based on the feedback from the entire organization.

**New Constitution:**
This year, there had been numerous turn overs in the leadership of FUSION. Within a six-month period, there had been three different sets of leadership. There was a lot of confusion about which constitution the organization was running under, so after some investigation, they found that no official constitutional changes had been made in several years. The format and function of the group had changed drastically since the group had last filed a constitution that they had decided that it was imperative to re-write the constitution. The group held weekly constitution meetings for 12 weeks, finalized the document, voted on it as a group and filed the constitution with Student Activities. The next step is to make this a living constitution by making it available to all members, and orienting new leadership to the constitution. Also, making periodic adjustments to the constitution so it stays as a navigational tool for the organization.
Retreat:
The annual retreat was held in Spring Quarter. There were 8 attendants for this event who were all but one elected officers for the following school year. The first half of the retreat focused on group building and trust building activities. The second half of the retreat dealt with strategic planning. GLBTSS lead the group in a "post-it note" exercise where everyone imagined without limitations the ideal function of FUSION. We then as a collective group put these ideas into categories. This exercise was effective in getting people to think about what is most important to FUSION as a group. The next step is for the group to decide what is a long-term and short-term goal, and to work forward in designing steps to reach these goals. These goals will be shared with the leadership in GLBTSS so that this office can help direct the groups success to obtaining the goal. There also should be another "retreat" where communication, and leadership skills are further developed. Possibly, a retreat can be held every quarter in order to continually improve on leadership skills. Alternatively, FUSION should be going to leadership training classes that the university provides.

Budget Costs (to GLBTSS): $80 (Midwest GLBT Collegiate Conference); $40 (tv/vcr rental); $75 (Refreshments)

- Common Ground
During Awareness Week, Elizabeth Warren facilitated Common Ground along with Jared Lilly on the topic of mental health issues. There were approximately 5 people in attendance. This discussion resulted in a shared of resources and tactics that individuals have picked up along the way to help deal with such issues as stress, loss of a love one, depression and issues surrounding coming out. (See attached brochure).

Common ground as an origination is seeing it's second year successfully. There are approximately 5-6 regular attendees, and others that float in and out of the group. It is a group that GLBTSS uses often to refer students to who are looking for a small and intimate discussion group. While GLBTSS is the advisor of this group, it functions best with minimal interference from GLBTSS. This group does not often get involved in political or social struggles, therefore, it rarely sees any major conflict. This group runs itself and needs little direction.

Next year, with a different set of leaders, the role between GLBTSS and Common Ground might change. As advisors, we would suggest that GLBTSS have at minimum quarterly meetings with the leadership in this group to check in and offer support.

Budget Costs (to GLBTSS): $120 (Midwest GLBT Collegiate Conf.)
- **Jewish Queers (JQ)**
  Jewish Queers is a student organization advised and coordinated by the Hillel Jewish Center. The contact person is Liba Beyer at Hillel. As previously mentioned, we highly encourage immediate contact with Liba Beyer.

- **PRIDE**
  PRIDE is a Residence Life/GLBT group that met weekly in the residence halls. The 2000-2001 AY was their first year in existence. The contact person for the group is Ron Kochendoerfer in Residence Life.

- **SAGA (Straight and Gay Alliance)**
  SAGA is an organization that was recently formed on campus to unite gays and straights. The student contact for this group is Tim Sterling.

### Conference Opportunities

Other leadership development opportunities included attending and participating in conferences and workshops.

- **Creating Change (National Gay and Lesbian Task Force) Atlanta, GA**
  GLBTSS sent 10 students to Atlanta for this November of 2000 conference at no cost to them. We budgeted $2,000 to cover expenses to a mix of students that had previously leadership experience and to those who needed some leadership exposure.

  This is an annual event for GLBTSS and has been pretty successful every year. In the future, we would suggest collecting money (a deposit) in advance and having some set of standards and qualifications of students going. Unfortunately, some students cancelled at the last minute without any notice. Either they should have to present during awareness week, facilitate a brown bag discussion, or coordinate some other programming idea. GLBTSS believes that it is important to incorporate a way that the students can take the information that they learned and give it back to the OSU community as a whole.

  Be warned that students look forward to this annual event, to be held in Milwaukee in November of 2001. Information can be found at www.ngltf.org. The planning of this should be a priority after the beginning of the new fiscal year. Also, keep in mind that proper medical and other release forms must be completed and signed by the Director of SGSS. Required forms can be acquired from the Director of SGSS.

  Budget Costs: $2000.00 (Van rental, hotel, dinner for 1 night for all attendees)
• Midwest GLBT Collegiate Conference
  This year 10 students were able to attend this annual conference held at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana from February 16-18. Jared Lilly of Common Ground coordinated all aspects of this trip, from funding to registration. GLBTSS supported this event, by giving $200 towards conference costs. Chad McCoury of GLBTSS also attended the conference. We would encourage early planning for this conference and ask that a few students step up in helping plan for this conference.

  Budget Costs: Itemized in student group listings of this report.

Scholarship Opportunities

Lastly, GLBTSS knows the importance of an education and its reward towards a positive development. Unfortunately, social implications leave GLBT people financially strained. That is why it is extremely important to continue financial development work that would make more scholarship opportunities available.

• P-FLAG (Parents, Friends and Families of Lesbians & Gays) Scholarship
  This year, GLBTSS administered a PFLAG scholarship for the fifth year. Chad McCoury began discussions with Josette Bodonyi of P-FLAG in the month of October of 2000. Changes were made to the application form to encourage more applicants. Due to the changes in the form and increased publicity, more applications than ever before were received. (See attachments for copies of the application and media coverage). Contact Josette by November to begin this process if she hasn’t already made contact to GLBTSS. She will guide GLBTSS through the process, step-by-step.

Marketing and Media

Having good relations with community members and the media is vital to overall success. This year, GLBTSS made the pages of many GLBT media outlets. Listed below are just a few media connections. Many of the attachments will show the relationships that GLBTSS has with media and other facets of the community.

• Stonewall Journal (Stonewall Columbus)
• Outlook News
• Gay People’s Chronicle
• The Lantern
• OutinColumbus.com
• University Communications (website)
• OSU Today
• Buckeye Net News
• Women'splace (website)
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Coming-out day celebrates sexual diversity

By Brooke Ryan
Lantern staff writer

Whether gay, straight, bisexual or transgender, today's National Coming Out Day offers individuals a chance to come to terms with and celebrate their sexual identity or the identity of friends, family or loved ones.

Ohio State will take part in National Coming Out Day beginning with a rally and march at 11:45 a.m. at the Ohio Union. Participants will march to Bricker Hall, home to OSU administrative offices and the office of President William "Brit" Kirwan.

Student speakers will address the crowd outside Bricker in an effort to raise awareness of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues.

"National Coming Out Day is a way for GLBT students to be visible and to have a safe space," said Chad McCoury, coordinator of OSU Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Student Services. "The university will see that there are a lot of GLBT faculty, staff and students here at OSU."

McCoury said that the GLBT student services office, which is coordinating the rally, has a responsibility to create and foster a safe environment for people who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender. The OSU administration seems very committed to this effort as well, he said.

"GLBT students exist and co-exist with all other students on this campus. We're trying to bring people and programming together," he said.

Student organizations like Fusion, Jewish Queers and Common Ground also have activities planned throughout the week. Fusion will hold a "Gay and Greek" discussion at 8 p.m. tonight in the Gray Suite C at the Ohio Union.

Pride, a new Residence Life group for students who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, will meet for the season premiere of "Will and Grace" at 9 p.m. Oct. 12 in the Smith Hall Lobby.

A variety of student groups will celebrate Homecoming Week at the Diversity Festival from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kuhn's Honor House, Oct. 12.

Fusion, among others, will hold their own Homecoming Parade on Oct. 14, complete with a float, a king and a queen.

National Coming Out Day was founded on Oct. 11, 1988, by Robert Eichberg and Jean O'Leary to commemorate the 1987 March on Washington. In a 1993 interview, Eichberg, who died in 1995 of complications from AIDS, said, "Most people think they don't know anyone gay or lesbian and in fact everybody does. It is imperative that we come out and let people know who we are and disabuse them of their fears and stereotypes."

According to the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, people questioning whether or not to come out are concerned about how it will effect their life in regards to family, friends and other loved ones. While National Coming Out Day only happens once a year, McCoury said that people who chose to come out are making a choice that will affect the rest of their lives.

McCoury said, "Coming out is not a one-day process. It is a life-long process."
Gay activist: Too much

By Brooke Ryan
Lantern staff writer

Columbus is the third largest U.S. city in terms of an openly gay population, but the Advocate says some members of the gay community would like to stress that healthy numbers do not necessarily equal activism.

Kristen Alvarez, former co-chair of the Ohio State gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender group FUSION, said the gay club and bar scene may be thriving, but gay youth apathy and division may be on the rise as well.

"The apathy here is tremendous. Everybody wants it to look like we are all in this together, fighting the good fight, but we have a lot of problems in our community," Alvarez said.

"There is still a lot of sexism, racism, classism and transphobia. And gay men and lesbians do have different issues," she said.

For these reasons, among others, Alvarez is an activist, hoping to foster awareness of GLBT issues and bring about recognizable changes, on and off campus.

Although Alvarez has recently resigned as co-chair of FUSION, she is not throwing in the towel on the activist front.

"When I see a problem, I like to fix it. I just try to be a catalyst for change," she said.

Her mother, Anna Alvarez, couldn't agree more. "Kristen has always stood up for what she believes. She has got a lot of inner strength," she said.

"I feel of Cleves, Ohio, a small town of Cincinnati, Alvarez from high school in a class of 120.

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Alvarez was aware of her sexuality in high school, but was not as open about it as she is today.

"My brother would get a lot of slack in high school because he's only two grades below me. People would come up and say, 'I hear your sister is a dyke.' He had to put up with a lot of crap," Alvarez said.

"If people ever came up and asked me, I'd tell them I was gay. Even now, when coming out to new people, my heart will start to beat a thousand times a minute," she said.

Words and accusations aside, being openly gay has had tangible "penalties" as well. Alvarez was actually fired from her job in high school as a manager at a health store because she was a lesbian.

"I got fired because of my 'gender expression,'" she said. "I thought I was adhering to my gender role pretty well, but I guess they didn't."

While Alvarez is able to laugh with a sad sense of sarcasm at such experiences of homophobia and ignorance, now she thinks activism is the best medicine for channeling her anger.

With national and state elections just a few days away, Alvarez and her partner, Meredith Web, will not be voting on the politically conservative side.

"Just because there is a Democrat, doesn't mean that he's necessarily on our side. Activists need to keep fighting. No matter who is elected, we can't give them breathing room on these issues," Alvarez said.

If there was some form of a civil union in Ohio, like what is currently available in Vermont, Alvarez said she and her partner would be engaged.

"Everybody thinks we're corny, but I just believe that Meredith is my soul mate. We're not just 'girlfriends,' you know? We definitely take our relationship seriously," Alvarez said.

The Vermont law is under harsh criticism by residents of the state and may be overturned Nov. 7. The reality that civil unions may no longer be available there is scary, Web said. With this in mind, the couple will be making a quick trip to Vermont Nov. 5, and plan to have a civil wedding.

"It might be our only chance to have a civil union. We don't know if there will be a next time," Alvarez said. "Hopefully, we can take it to the Ohio courts and see if we can get our rights here."

Although the legalization of such a formal union would be a positive step for the gay communi-
apathy in Columbus

Web and Alvarez said their relationship doesn't need a piece of paper in order to be considered genuine.

"Our relationship is between us. I don't need the government to make it valid," Alvarez said.

True as that may be, the fact remains that same-sex partners do not receive equal treatment under the law, which has created difficult situations.

There are certain rights that married people take advantage of every day without being aware of it. Every time we go into a hospital, we get 'well, you're not the wife,' or 'you're not family' when we need to see each other," Alvarez said.

Health care is an important issue for Alvarez and Web, both of whom are working in conjunction with faculty, staff and administrators on creating a task force to deal, in part, with this particular problem.

Many gay, lesbian and transgender students have anxiety about seeking help from health clinics. Health care physicians sometimes make heterosexual or gender assumptions and are not sensitive enough to the needs of the gay community, Alvarez said.

"Our goal is really awareness of intersex needs, transgender needs, lesbian needs, survivors of abuse—things that you don't see right now at the student center," Web said. "You should be able to go in there without this heterosexual label slapped on you," she said.

Family, in all its various forms, remains a crucial part of Alvarez's everyday life. She and her mother, Anna, seem to share a bond beyond the typical mother-daughter relationship.

"She's my best friend," said Anna Alvarez. "We can talk to one another about anything. I can depend on her and she can depend on me," she said.

From her personal life to academic pursuits, Anna Alvarez said she and her husband, Dwayne, support Kristen's decisions.

"I would never want my child to pretend they are something they're not. Ultimately we want her to be happy," Anna Alvarez said.

"If she's gay, that's great. Who you are is who you are. I don't live her life. She lives her own."
Ohio State Names New Head Football Coach

Jim Tressel becomes 22nd head coach in school history

GLBT Awareness Week is January 16-26

View the full schedule of activities planned

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In proof that college life for gay students and faculty has come a long way at the Ohio State University, this year's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Ally Awareness Week on campus will take a new approach: making the gay community more aware of itself.

The annual event is held to highlight current and ongoing issues facing the gay community with activities designed to broaden all people's awareness of those matters.

Chad Michael McCoury, organizer and coordinator of Gay Lesbian Bisexual & Transgender Student Services, said the highlight of the event, Jan 15-27, will focus on the often-misrepresented transgender segment of the community.

"Socially we are afraid to talk about gender identity and transgender issues. Our office has focused on GLB issues, but we also serve the transgender community," he said.

Highlighting that point will be a presentation by nationally renowned photographer and author Loren Cameron. McCoury said Cameron's photographs of the female-to-male transsexual "goes beyond what most people think of as transgender art. It steps way beyond that."

McCoury said this year's event will be the biggest awareness week ever at Ohio State stretching over 13 days. There are more than three dozen events planned ranging from lectures and workshops in some of the campus dorms to a session on gay parenting.

Activities will include an Out With Your Clothing drive to collect clothes for Neighborhood Services. Collection boxes will be located at the front desk of each campus residence hall and on the fourth floor of the Ohio Union. Other programs will include discussions on gay issues in the Hispanic, Asian and African-American communities.

Organizers predict a record 1,500 students will attend at least one of the event's activities.

McCoury said having more staff members has allowed them to expand the event while maintaining the office's normal duties. It will also allow the event to include some long-range initiatives, including the launch of a new mentoring program and work with the group's alumni.

"The week gives us the opportunity to dedicate a time period for looking at GLBT issues and how we serve all the different communities on campus," McCoury said.

For more information, call 614-292-6200 or e-mail glbss@osu.edu.
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'OUT WITH YOUR CLOTHING'

GLBT runs clothing drive for awareness

By Diane Richey
For the Lantern

"Out With Your Clothing," a service project sponsored by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Student Services, will run through Jan. 26 as part of GLBT Awareness Week.

GLBT began the clothing drive Jan. 15. Garments will be donated to Neighborhood Services, a central Ohio health and human services charity, at the end of the two week collection.

"We were trying to coordinate events for GLBT Awareness Week with Martin Luther King Jr. Day," said Chad McCoury, GLBT Student Services coordinator. "We wanted to incorporate a service project."

The clothing drive is a good opportunity for the GLBT community to be active in a community service activity, McCoury said.

Drop off boxes are in each residence hall and the fourth floor of the Ohio Union. The response to the project has been very positive.

Participation is usually high in drives such as these, said Ron Kochendoerfer, assistant director of Residence Life. "Drives are implemented a few times during the academic year for a variety of service agencies." Kochendoerfer said. "The students living in the residence halls impress me with their commitment to providing services to those needing it."

GLBT Student Services has had a history of good relations with Residence Life over the past year. In addition to staff training, Residence Life has coordinated activities to create safe spaces in the residence halls for GLBT students and their allies, Kochendoerfer said.

Besides the clothing drive, other activities will continue on campus throughout the final days of GLBT Awareness Week. This week will be GLBT Student Services' largest event of the year, McCoury said.

A workshop will be held at 11:30 a.m. today in the Ohio Union. The subject is GLBT acceptance in the workplace. The film "Fire," about an Indian family struggling with tradition and their desire for freedom, will be shown also today at 7 p.m. at Kuhn Honors House in conjunction with Women Student Services and the Honors and Scholars Program.

Tomorrow, "Myth of the Father" will be shown at 7 p.m. at the Wexner Center for the Arts, and a mainstay of each year's awareness week, "Guess the Straight Person," will be performed at 7 p.m. at Barrett House. Interested students and faculty should contact GLBT services for more information on all awareness week activities.
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OSU group seeks ally nominations

Columbus — The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Student Services office at Ohio State is seeking nominations for allies who will be recognized during the January GLBT Awareness Week.

OSU ally students, faculty, staff and administrators will be recognized for their support, service, advocacy and compassion as a continual source of inspiration both within and outside the gay community.

To nominate an OSU ally, send the nominee's name, address, phone number and explanation for your choice as well as your name and contact information to: Ally Nominations, GLBTSS Office, 1739 N. High St. #464, Columbus 43210. Nominations are due by Dec. 6.

Provide a photo of the nominee if available. For information, call 614-292-6200.
Friday, January 19

Leather on the Beach, fundraiser for HIV medical and alternative treatments for those without insurance, sponsored by New Hope Alternative Therapy, fun, contests and prizes, 9 pm, Tool Shed, W. 29 St at Detroit Ave, Cleveland, 216-363-5060.

Loren Cameron Photo Presentation, author of Body Alchemy: Transsexual Portraits, reception to follow, 5 pm, Ohio Union Conference Center, Columbus, part of OSU GLBTIA Awareness Weeks, 614-292-6200, http://www.osu.edu/sgss.

Friday and Saturday, January 19 - 20

Knock 'Em Dead, a murder mystery/comedy, 8 pm, S17, Karamu Performing Arts Theatre, 2355 E. 99th St, Cleveland, 216-961-4449.

Pre-Apprenticeship Orientation, hosted by Hard-Hatted Women, free, 4 pm, Sterling Branch Library, 2200 E. 30th St, Cleveland, 216-961-4449.

Tuesday, January 23

Insight Monthly Dinner Meeting, Cleveland-area LGB networking organization, 216-556-0576 for information and reservations.

Queer Safety and Self-Defense, co-sponsored by BRAVO, 6 pm, Ohio Union, Rm 455, part of OSU GLBTIA Awareness Weeks, 614-292-6200, www.osu.edu/sgss.


Speak, open-mike queer poetry slam, 8 pm, Woody's Place, Ohio Union, part of OSU GLBTIA Awareness Weeks, 614-292-6200, mccoury.1@osu.edu, http://www.osu.edu/sgss.

Jewish Queers Coffee Break, 8 pm, Coffee Table, 731 N. High St, Columbus, part of OSU GLBTIA Awareness Weeks, 614-292-6200, http://www.osu.edu/sgss.


Friday to Sunday, January 23 - 27

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Friday to Sunday, January 26 - 27

Knock 'Em Dead, a murder mystery/comedy, 8 pm, S17, Karamu Performing Arts Theatre, 2355 E. 99th St, Cleveland, 216-975-7070.

Friday to Sunday, January 27 - 28

The Gulf, a play commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Persian Gulf War, directed by David Hansen, $5, 11 pm/Fri and Sat, 8 pm/Sun, Dobama's Night Kitchen, 1846 Coventry Rd, Cleveland, 216-932-6838, http://www.nightkitchen.org.

Saturday, January 27

Chinese New Year Banquet, held by Asians and Friends Cleveland, 6:30 pm, $25 for nonmembers/$30 at the door, Sin Mun Bay Restaurant, 3400 St. Clair Ave, Cleveland. For info call Siu-Hon 440-891-9121 or Rollie 216-382-5144.

Women's Wellness Weekend, free weekend of events for HIV+ women sponsored by Ohio AIDS Coalition, University Plaza Hotel, Columbus, applications due January 12, 614-444-1683 or 800-226-5554.

From This House, Sing Out Toledo winter concert, in collaboration with the BGSU Afro-Caribbean Ensemble, $10, 8 pm, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 310 Elizabeth St, Maumee, 419-297-0623.

Super Bowl Party, sponsored by Les Be Friends, bring a dish and non-alcoholic beverage, $3, 4 pm, Toledo, reservations by January 21, for reservations and location call or e-mail 419-882-8004, 419-824-0920, singlesinfo@accessstedo.com.

Super Bowl Fundraiser. To help stock the food pantry at the AIDS Task force of Cleveland.

Saturday, February 10

Paint the Town Red, annual Valentine's Day party to benefit The Open House, 7 pm, silent auction preview 6 pm, $55, $100 for both the party and preview, Huntington Building, Euclid Ave. and East Ninth St, Cleveland, 216-229-6722.

Friday to Sunday, February 16 - 19

TrueSpirit Conference, presented by American Rover, conference of female-to-male trans
Thursday, January 25

Coffee and Conversation, held by Les Be Friends, 7 pm, Sufficient Grounds Cricket West, Toledo, 419-882-8004, 419-824-0920, singleinfo@accesstoledo.com.

Mystic of Father, introduced by director Paul Hill, 7 pm, Wexner Center for the Arts, 1871 N. High St, Columbus, part of OSU GLBTIA Awareness Weeks, 614-292-6200, http://www.osu.edu/sgss, for ticket information, call Wexner, 614-292-3535.


Pre-Apprenticeship Orientation, hosted by Hard-Hatted Women, free, 7 pm, 4211 Lorain Ave, Cleveland, 216-961-4449.

Thursday to Sunday, Jan. 25-28

Safety, directed by Roger Truedell, 8 pm Thurs through Sat, 2:30 pm Sun, S11-S18, Dobama Theatre, 1846 Coventry Rd, Cleveland Heights, 216-932-3396.

Friday and Saturday, February 2 - 3

Knock 'Em Dead, a murder mystery/comedy, 8 pm, S17, Karamu Performing Arts Theatre, 2355 E. 89th St, Cleveland, 216-795-7070.

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Saturday, February 3

Strengthening Our Relationships, workshops on issues in LGBT relationships, 1 pm, Emmanuel Fellowship Church, 60 N. Arlington St, Akron, 330-376-8725, UCCPast@aol.com.

Monday, February 29

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Thursday, February 1

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Reel Lives Film and Discussion, film: Ma Vie en Rose, co-sponsored by the Cleveland Psychoanalytic Society, open to all mental health professionals, registration required, 7 pm, Cleveland LGBT Center, 6600 Detroit Ave, Cleveland, 216-651-5428.

Tuesday, January 20


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Monday, January 22


Common Ground, queer and questioning safe space student group, 7:30 pm, Ohio Union, Fourth Floor Lobby, part of OSU GLBTIA Awareness Weeks, 614-292-6200, http://www.osu.edu/sgss.

Columbus Questionable, drag half-court basketball known as the ugly step sister of Bat-N-Rouge, $5, Wall Street nightclub, 144 N. Wall St, Columbus, part of OSU GLBTIA Awareness Weeks, 614-292-6200, http://www.osu.edu/sgss.

"Homemade" Spaghetti Dinner, $5, 6 pm, Libation United Church of Christ, 13714 Madison Ave, Lakewood (Cleveland), 216-421-5556.
Lesbian musicians to hold Union benefit

By Carrie Lewine

Canadian musician Lucy Blue Tremblay and local guitarist/vocalist Donna Mogavero will be bringing their musical talents to Ohio State's campus this weekend. They will be performing at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the Ohio Union Conference Center to help a local newsletter, Lesbian Health News, stay in existence.

The show is produced by the Institute for the Musical Arts and is co-sponsored by the OSU Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Student Services. The concert will showcase the two headlining musicians and be emceed by Sile Singleton.

The Ruth Ellis Memorial Award Presentation will be bestowed during the evening as well. It is given to one person who contributed a significant amount of time and energy to Lesbian Health News and who was influential in the continuation and preservation of the newsletter. Ruth Ellis was the oldest 'out' African-American lesbian in the U.S. and she served as a role model for the gay community.

Tremblay, a French-Canadian singer-songwriter, has been performing in both the U.S. and Canada since 1986. Her music centers around love songs and ballads that transmit her personal feelings about life. Her first, self-titled CD reached the Boston Globe's top ten list in 1986. She has recently released a new CD entitled, "Because of You."

Mogavero has been playing out in Columbus for more than 20 years, making her a well-known vocalist in the music community. Her music is a mixture of rock, folk and country with words that reflect the current times.

According to Dorothy Hatzmikolis, publisher of Lesbian Health News, she is holding tomorrow's concert to keep the publication alive and running. She believes that the newsletter is important to further the health education of other lesbian women.

"It's about educating lesbians to take care of ourselves," Hatzmikolis said. "Lesbians are frequently discriminated against by doctors; they need to know what they need to stay healthy."

The concert is $10 for OSU students with their Buck IDs. For the general public, tickets are $15 in advance and $20 at the door.

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CWRU students break their day of silence in front of the Kelvin Smith Library.

Two universities keep silent to support gays

by Kaizad Kotwal and Anthony Glassman

Students at Ohio State University in Columbus and Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland observed a National Day of Silence on Wednesday, April 4. Participants spent their day in silence, wearing stickers and passing out cards that read: “Please understand my reasons for not speaking today. I support lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender rights. I believe that laws and attitudes should be inclusive of people of all sexual orientations. The Day of Silence Project draws attention to those who have been silenced by hatred, oppression, and prejudice. Think about the voices you are not hearing today. What can you do to end the silence?”

Following two days of passing out flyers and labels on the campus, the Ohio State event culmi-

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nated in a candlelight vigil. A group of about one hundred students, staff, and faculty gathered in front of the main library on the OSU campus and then, with lit candles, they marched across the oval to the Wexner Center.

Patience Whitworth, co-chair of the campus organization Fusion that sponsored the Day of Silence events, broke the day of silence by thanking all the GLBT participants as well as their allies for showing up to the vigil.

OSU dean of undergraduate students Dr. Martha Garland, who has a lesbian daughter, spoke about how "keeping the silence was a real challenge." She joked that "keeping silent for about nine hours was difficult and my family would probably argue that I couldn't do it for nine minutes or nine seconds."

Garland, relating a story about her daughter's partner's family, said, "It is very hard to reach out when you are silent or when you are silenced."

Garland explained that when she went to the Chicago Science Museum with her daughter and her partner's family, "they didn't qualify for the family rates."

"We are a family," she went on, "and I hope that for all of you the day will come soon that we will not need a day of silence."

Chad McCoury, acting director of OSU's GLBT Student Services office, spoke next, condemning the school for its "heterosexist policies that silence us all."

"The university continues to add to all our silence by not providing partner benefits," said McCoury. "We need to demand equality, fairness, accessibility, and safety."

McCoury also pointed out that while the turnout at the vigil was good, there were many who couldn't be there because they have been silenced.

J. Easterling, the other co-chair of Fusion, spoke about "looking within ourselves" to break that silence, "so that we can stop asking for our rights but take them and own them."

The rest of the evening was an open mike, allowing the attendees to share their experiences surrounding the Day of Silence. Many took the opportunity to speak.

Some spoke about how the gay community itself sometimes silences those within its group. One student pointed out that because of the way his whole life has been he "found it incredibly easy to be silent."

Patti Junior spoke about how "unconditional love and true listening" could help to do away with the silencing of GLBT people.

Manuel L. Hader, a Hispanic teaching associate in the mathematics department, concluded the evening's proceedings by dead
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New! The monthly Center Mixer welcomes Miriam Carey, author of *365 Ways To Meet People in Cleveland.*

Books will be available for purchase ($8.95) with partial proceeds benefiting the Center.

Delightful and engaging, Miriam will be signing her book and talking about her experiences. Join us for free beverages, snacks, music, billiards, and more at the

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5:30-7:30 PM
@ The Center
6600 Detroit Avenue
Cleveland
call 216.651.5428 for more info
"Rent" playwright remembered

By Korry Scott
Lantern arts writer

Inspired by the Broadway sensation "Rent" and to honor the life of its creator, an Ohio State student will be hosting a "Rent" theme party Saturday at Baker Hall West.

"Rent" has a very positive philosophy about life," said Jonathan Boland, a freshman in psychology. "It's about living life for today and doing as much as you can to affect the world and it's people's lives."

Boland wanted a party where "Rent" fans could gather to celebrate their fondness of the play. He also wanted the event to commiserate the untimely death of Jonathan Larson, the playwright for "Rent."

"I wanted the party to be in remembrance of his death," Boland said.

Larson died five years ago on Jan. 25, the night of the final dress rehearsal for his first production of "Rent." He was never able to see the first public performance of his critically acclaimed play.

Boland has planned many activities for the "Rent" celebration including a viewing of a video of the cast member's television appearances during 1996.

"It's a bunch of different clips of when they (the cast) performed on the Today Show, Rosie and the Tony Awards," Boland said.

The party-goers will have an opportunity to perform the play if they choose.

"We are going to play the soundtrack and kind of perform it 'Rocky Horror Picture' style," Boland said.

There will be prizes also, Boland said he will have a "Rent" trivia competition and the winner will win the "Rent" book, which includes photographs and biographies on Larson and the original cast members.

Boland began organizing for the "Rent" party after final exams autumn quarter.

He said he approached his hall director with the idea, and they thought it would be the perfect event for Baker's Visual and Performing Arts Living-Learning Program.

Boland received grants to finance the festivities from the Baker Arts Council and from his residence hall, Siebert Hall. Coke volunteered to provide beverages for the party.

Boland hopes that the Rent party will be an annual event.

The Rent party will take place from 7:30 p.m. until 11 p.m. at Baker Hall West's Performance Space.
After nine hours of observed silence today in an effort to protest silence faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth, some Ohio State students participated in a candlelight vigil which started in front of the Main Library. Rob Couch, a freshman undecided in his major, participates in the vigil.

Silence in the dark
A crowd gathers at the Ohio State University April 4 in a candlelight vigil to mark a national Day of Silence to draw attention to those in the gay community who have been silenced by hatred, oppression and prejudice. Photo by Marie Gauvin.

Day of silence
Mandy Heaberlin (left) and J. Easterling promote awareness about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender rights yesterday on the Oval. Yesterday was National Day of Silence for individuals who have suffered prejudice for their sexual orientation.
Wexner festival features a wide variety of GLBT films

By Stewart Klotz

A first of its kind, the 15-minute "A Summer Drive" by French director Françoise Charte, tells the tale of a teenager's solitary encounter with a stranger on a beach.

"A Summer Drive" features from the Wexner Center for the Arts in Columbus, Ohio, and is the first of its kind. It is a well-paced, interestingly made documentary definitely worth a view.

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OSU to host the Other Prom

Columbus – Gay students will mark the end of the school year May 12 with an alternative prom event that welcomes all people – and all couples – in a comfortable and supportive atmosphere.

The Other Prom, for high school and college students, will be held 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. May 12 at the Hillel Center, 46 E. 16th Ave.

The student organization Common Ground at the Ohio State University and the office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Student Services have collaborated with the community youth group Kaleidoscope Youth Coalition to organize the event.

The theme of this year's dance is "Behind the Mask" to draw attention to gay youth who are unable to attend their traditional school proms with the person they want.

"It is so important to give this experience to all those who might otherwise not be able to fully enjoy it," said Art Friedrich, this year's event coordinator. "It'll just be a relaxed and good time to meet new people."

The Other Prom will be a non-alcoholic event. Tickets are $10 in advance and can be purchased through Stonewall Columbus (614-299-7764) or Kaleidoscope (614-294-7886). Tickets can also be purchased at the door for $12.

Parking for the event also will be available at the Summit United Methodist Church across the street from Hillel.

Mary Beraun and Jessica Trende share a warm, fuzzy moment on the dance floor while Chris Hendrickson and Jared Lilly embrace at The Other Prom, sponsored by Common Ground and Fusion at Ohio State University's Hillel Center on May 12.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

30 SOMETHING LESBIAN SOCIAL GROUP
Couple new to Columbus seeks other 30somethings for monthly social gatherings - dinner parties, outdoor activities, cultural and sporting events. Call 614-267-8295. Mention that you saw this ad in Outlook News.

FORMING INDEPENDENT COLORGUARD
Looking for dedicated people to form queer colorguard for local parades and events. Call 614-297-1083. Mention that you saw this ad in Outlook News.

KALEIDOSCOPE YOUTH COALITION WISH LIST
KYC is looking for the following items for the drop-in center: pool table, full size refrigerator, computers (486 and above), foosball, Nintendo 64/games, PlayStation/games, Sega/games, TVs, air hockey, dart board/plastic tip darts. KYC is 501(c)(3) and donations are tax deductible to the extent of the law. 614-294-7886, kyc@kaleidoscope.org. Mention that you saw this ad in Outlook News.

MONTH OF 100 PARTIES
The Ohio AIDS Coalition invites all those interested in contributing to the fight against HIV and AIDS to host a party as part of its largest fundraising event of the year. Just choose a theme, date, time and location and throw a party. It's really that simple. Planning packets for creating a successful fundraising event are available. Call 614-444-1683 or 1-800-226-5554. Mention that you saw this ad in Outlook News.

PFLAG COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP
$1,200 toward tuition at Ohio State University, payable over three consecutive quarters. Applicant criteria: currently enrolled as OSU student (undergraduate, graduate, professional); cumulative GPA of no less than 2.5 for upper-class students, graduate/professional students and no less than 2.0 for first year students. Recipient must conduct her/himself in manner that supports goals/mission of PFLAG. Information/application: Chad Michael McCoury, 614-292-6200, mccoury.1@osu.edu. http://www.osu.edu/sgss. Mention that you saw this ad in Outlook News.

POLLY'S DEMENTED DOUBLES LEAGUE
New Columbus bowling league forming Tuesday evenings beginning Jan. 16, 8 p.m. 15 weeks. Call 614-276-3185 or e-mail mirage1331@yahoo.com. Mention that you saw this ad in Outlook News.
Three students will receive scholarships from the Dayton and Columbus chapters of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG).

Two Dayton-area students will receive $1,000 each in the first award of scholarships by the Dayton chapter.

Amanda Yvonne Bennett of Fairborn is a student at Wright State University pursuing a degree in mass communications and public relations. She is president of Lambda Union, the gay and allied student organization on campus.

Benjamin P. McClelland of Kettering, a straight ally, is a senior at Fairmont High School and a National Honors Society student. He will pursue a degree in political science at Ohio University.

PFLAG Dayton has established a scholarship fund within the Dayton Foundation to finance the annual awards. Dignity Dayton also contributed to the fund.

The Dayton chapter meets 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday at St. John's United Church of Christ, 515 E. Third St. For information, visit www.pflagdayton.org.

The PFLAG Columbus chapter has named Taraji Pugh as the 2001 scholarship recipient. Pugh will receive $1,200 for the 2001-02 academic year.

Pugh, who is in his fourth year at the Ohio State University, majors in political science and sociology and has worked in both the Office of Minority Affairs and the Office of GLBT Student Services.

"Taraji's contributions to the community have been unique," said Chad McCoury, acting coordinator of GLBSS and chairman of this year's selection committee. "Taraji has demonstrated patience and skill in a true outreach to humanity."

This is the fifth year PFLAG Columbus has offered scholarships. This year's program was supported by a matching donation from Jane Larson. PFLAG is raising funds to fully endow the scholarship. Tax-deductible donations to the PFLAG Scholarship Endowment Fund can be made to Account # 004021 The Ohio State University Foundation, 113 Fawcett Center, 2400 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, OH 43210.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9
IN OUR FAMILY EXHIBIT- This photo-text exhibit showcases multicultural and multi-representational families of every kind. Stop by for a viewing at the Frank Hale Black Cultural Center (153 W. 12th Avenue). Call 292-0074 for more info.

EXHIBIT RECEPTION- Join us from 3pm-5pm at the Hale Center (153 W. 12th Ave.) for “Mocktails and Cheese” as we celebrate the closing of our IN OUR FAMILY exhibit. Refreshments provided by the Student Wellness Center.

TACTICS AND STRATEGIES TO BEING AND STAYING SAFE WHEN COMING OUT- Join trained facilitators from BRAVO (Buckeye Regional Anti-Violence Organization) as they will be on hand to teach and share tactics and strategies on being safe when coming out and being gay. This session is not a self-defense workshop. Their session will be in room 436 of the Ohio Union from 7pm-9pm. Call Chad at 292-6200 for more information.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10
STONEWALL COLUMBUS’ A NIGHT OUT- Join Stonewall Columbus for fun, recognition, and celebration of our local leaders and achievements. FUSION (formerly B-GALA) was a previous recipient of a “Stoney Award”. A NIGHT OUT will be held from 6p-9p at the Franklin Conservatory in Old Town East. Tickets are available by calling Stonewall at (614) 299-7764.

PROMOTING VOLUNTEERISM- Support community volunteerism by helping with Stonewall’s A NIGHT OUT. Many opportunities available to help our community—what a great way to give back to the community. Stonewall has many other volunteer opportunities. For more information or to get involved, call Kim Dill at Stonewall at (614) 299-7764.

MAYA ANGELOU- Author and activist, Maya Angelou, will be at the Schottenstein Center at Ohio State at 7:30pm. This inspirational speaker is the author of numerous best-sellers. Tickets are free to the OSU Community by going to the Value City Arena or calling 1-800-GOBUCKS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11—CELEBRATE NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY!!!!
RALLY- Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Student Services at Ohio State in conjunction with FUSION and other groups will be celebrating National Coming Out Day with a rally that starts at the front entrance of the Ohio Union at 11:45am. We will proudly march across campus where speakers and other events will take place at the South End of Bricker Hall beginning at 12 noon. Pizza party to follow!!! FREE FOOD .... YUMMY!!!

“GAY AND GREEK”- will be the topic of FUSION’s weekly meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend this open-discussion meeting on what it means to be both Greek and Gay. Input and dialog will be encouraged from all aspects of this topic. Again, you don’t have to be gay and greek to attend. All are encouraged to attend!! Join us for this discussion in the Gray Suite G (Ohio Union) from 8pm-9pm.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12
“Under Construction on the OVAL”-Habitat for Humanity. Join the Homecoming Week Committee from 9am-4pm (or anytime you’re available to help construct homes for Habitat for Humanity. All are encouraged to wear shirts, buttons, etc.

WILL AND GRACE, THE SEASON PREMIERE- Everyone is encouraged to join “PRIDE” the new Residence Life-GLBT group as we all enjoy the season premiere of Will and Grace on a large-screen TV. The party will be in the Smith Hall Lobby (residence hall at 92 W. 11th). The show starts at 9pm, get there early to get a good seat!!!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13
DIVERSITY FESTIVAL- Join other student groups as they celebrate Homecoming Week and diversity at Kuhn’s Honor House (220 W. 12th Ave.) from 11am-2pm. An international array of food, music and fun!

A SLICE OF RICE, FRUOLES, AND GREENS- Come experience a poignant mix of diversity, song, and drama in the Ohio Union Conference Theatre at 8pm! Show your pride—wear your buttons and tee’s!!!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14
HOMECOMING PARADE- Join FUSION and other groups as we celebrate our own “HOMOCOMING” with our very own float and Queen and King. For more information and times, call 292-8763
A panel discussion on a highly debated and personal topic featuring academic, medical, and legal perspectives on the issue from the Columbus Community and The Ohio State University Community. A reception and round table dialogue to follow the panel presentation.

For more information contact Melanie Cruz in Student Activities and Campus Programs at 292-8763 or cruz.47@osu.edu
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Resources
Columbus AIDS Task Force 800-332-AIDS 299-2437
Student Wellness Center at OSU (614)292-2112
Columbus Health Dept (testing) (614) 645-7772
www.worldaidsday.org
www.aids.com
www.thebody.com

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Wednesday, January 17

Anti-Oppression Training
Ohio Union, Buckeye Suites A8B (3rd Floor), 11:30p-1p
This interactive workshop will encourage a recognition that all oppression is inter-related in terms of consequences and tactics of power and control.

Queer People of Color Forum
Hale Center, Room 134, 5p-6:30p
This open forum hopes to serve as a safe space for all people of color to deconstruct and contextualize queer issues in relation to critical race theory. Please respect that this space is for people of color.

Living with Pride: Ruth Ellis @ 100
Hale Center, 6:30p-7:30p
Enjoy this documentary about the oldest "out" African American lesbian known. Archival and reverse footage is used to demonstrate changes that Ruth Ellis went through.

Gay and Lesbian Parenting
Ohio Union, Gray Suite G (Basement), 8p
Invited guests will discuss issues and share resources of gay and lesbian parenting. Topics range from the law to adoption.

Thursday, January 18

Brown Bag: Putting Spice In Your Rice: Queering Race, Race-ing Queer, (En)Gender-ing Politics
Board Room, Ohio Union, 12:30p-1:30p
Asian American Students brings to awareness week a lunch discussion on identity.

Healthy Same Sex Relationships
4th Floor Younkin Success Center;1640 Neil Ave, 6p
A panel of same-sex couples gathers together to share their relationship experiences. Facilitated by Dr. Jim Hodnett of Counseling and Consultation Services.

Guess the Straight Person
Smith Hall, 7p-8p
A panel of folks answers your questions while you try to decipher who is straight and who is not!

GLBT Spirituality Panel
Ohio Union Conference Theatre (2nd Floor), 8p
Come explore Faith and Spirituality within the GLBT community. Various places of worship around OSU and Columbus will be present. Coordinated by Luke LaCroix.

Friday, January 19

Loren Cameron
Ohio Union Conference Theatre (2nd Floor), 8p
Nationally known photographer and author, Loren Cameron will be at OSU sharing a photo presentation followed by a reception.

Saturday, January 20

Dragdom
Woody’s Place, Ohio Union, 9p-12a
Dragdom pushes the envelope to the extreme. At best, it is a culmination of drag, karaoke, and lip-syncing. Please bring a CD or tape of the song you wish to perform. ($3 cover charge, part of the proceeds will go to charity)

Monday, January 22

Breaking Down The Walls: GLBT Issues in The Hispanic Community
Ohio Union, Memorial Room (2nd Floor), 3p-4p
Hispanic Student Services welcomes you to a discussion on how cultural issues can impact climate and create multiple identities. This is the 1st of a 4 part series.

TRANSforming ART – The Gallery Opening and Reception
Exposures Gallery, Ohio Union, (2nd Floor), 5p-7p
Come see the art we create to express our selves, our experiences and our lives. This exhibit runs from January 22 through January 26.

Boys Don’t Cry
Conference Theatre, Ohio Union, 7p
Residence Life brings this award winning powerful film to OSU. Boy’s Don’t Cry is based on the true life and death of Brandon Teena.

Common Ground
Ohio Union, 4th Floor Lobby, 7:30p
Common Ground is a queer questioning and queer identified student group that provides a safe space for education and support.

Tuesday, January 23

Bravo: Queer Safety and Self Defense
Ohio Union, room 455, 6p-8p
This workshop will discuss some of the basics for personal safety for GLBT. Come prepared to have fun and kick @#$!!!

Guess the Straight Person
Morrill Tower, 7p-8p
Speak
Woody’s Place, Ohio Union, 8p-11p
Come and join local talent in sharing of written word poetry slam. Bring your own work, listen to others speak, and have a great time!

3Q – Jewish Queers Coffee Break
Coffee Table (731 N. High St. in the Short North), 8p

Wednesday, January 24, 2001

BROWN BAG: PROFESSIONAL LIFE, PIZZA AND A PANEL
Buckeye A & B, Ohio Union, 11:30am-1am
What will it be like being a GLBT person in the professional world and workplace? Find out from a panel featuring board members of The OSU Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Alumni Society. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

SHADES: FIRE
Kuhn Honors House, Living Room, 7pm-9pm
The film, Fire, which centers on the lives of an Indian family, examines the tensions between traditional cultural traditions and the desire for greater freedom and exploration. It will be followed by a fireside chat, and refreshments will be served.

Thursday, January 25, 2001

MYTH OF FATHER
Wexner Center for the Arts, 7p
Director Paul Hill will be in person to introduce his film Myth of Father. This is a remarkable first-person report on the filmmaker's and his family's response to his father's process of transsexual adjustment. For ticket information call Wexner at (614) 292-3535.

THE GAYME SHOW
Ohio Union, Buckeye Suites A & B (3rd Floor), 7:30p
Want to learn more about your history, fun facts, and community resources? Come to The Gayme Show, a jeopardy format rainbow game. Bring a friend!
GLBT STUDENT SERVICES INFORMATION LINE
464 Ohio Union, (614) 292-6200, email glbss@osu.edu
GLBT Student Services provides advocacy, education, resources, and referrals. Programming, anti-homophobia trainings, and student advising are just a few of our services. Contact us Monday, Thursday, and Friday from 8am-5pm and Tuesday and Wednesday from 8am-7pm

Monday, January 15, 2001

OUT WITH YOUR CLOTHING

Join in this Service Learning Project between GLBT Student Services and Residence Life as we collect clothing to be donated to Neighborhood Services. Drop off boxes will be available at the front desk of every Residence Hall and on the 4th floor of the Ohio Union on campus from January 15 through January 26, 2001. This program is a part of GLBTIA Awareness Week 2001. Please contact GLBT Services at 292-6200 or glbss@osu.edu for more information on other events and services.

Tuesday, January 16, 2001

**BROWN BAG: REFASHIONING GENDER CATEGORIES: ENGENDERING FEMME
436 Ohio Union, 12pm-1pm

With attention to femme agency and desire, this presentation and interactive dialog will put a femme critical framework to work in questioning gender, sex and sexuality. The purpose is to bring femme voices to the developing discourse in queer and transgender communities about what gender is as well as how it is embodied and performed. Discussion will concern where femme fits into transgender identities and politics as well as how femme stands on its own. Presented by Willa Young, Director of Student Gender and Sexuality Services. This program is a part of GLBTIA Awareness Week 2001. Please contact GLBT Services at 292-6200 or glbss@osu.edu for more information on other events and services.

**SOUP AND SUBSTANCE: LESBIAN HEALTH
436 Ohio Union, 5:00pm-6:30pm

In honor of GLBTIA Awareness Weeks, please join Women Student Services, and Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Student Services for an informative discussion of Lesbian and Queer Women's health issues. A panel of experts/health care providers and students will discuss such issues as:
finding queer friendly providers, getting through the birth control question, HPV, surviving trips to the gyno AND MUCH MORE! Vegetarian soup will be served. This program is a part of GLBTIA Awareness Week 2001. Please contact GLBT Services at 292-6200 or glbss@osu.edu for more information on other events and services.

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Patterson Hall, 7pm-8pm

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**TRANSforming ART - AN EVENING OF CREATION**  
Hale Center, Classroom 145, 7pm-9pm

Join the Office of GLBT Student Services in creating artistic masterpieces that demonstrate the interconnections of oppressions. "Art" is what you make of it - supplies will be provided, but please bring what you can. The artistic creations will then be displayed in the EXPOSURES Gallery beginning January 22-26th. Other artistic projects can also be submitted to the Office of GLBT Student Services by calling 292-6200. This program is a part of GLBTIA Awareness Week 2001. Please contact GLBT Services at 292-6200 or glbss@osu.edu for more information on other events and services.

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**LIVING WITH PRIDE: RUTH ELLIS@100**
Frank Hale Black Cultural Center, (153 W. 12th Ave.), 6:30pm-7:30pm

Born July 23, 1899, in Springfield, Illinois, Ruth Ellis was the oldest "out" African American lesbian known. This is an one hour documentary about the life and times of Ruth Ellis. Actual archival and newsreel footage is used to contextualize the social, political and technological changes that Ruth Ellis had witnessed. This program is a part of GLBTIA Awareness Week 2001. Please contact GLBT Services at 292-6200 or glbss@osu.edu for more information on other events and services.

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Ohio Union, Gray Suite G (Basement), 8pm

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**Thursday, January 18, 2001**

**BROWN BAG: PUTTING SPICE IN YOUR RICE: QUEERING RACE, RACE-ING QUEER, (EN)GENDER-ING POLITICS**
Board Room, Ohio Union, 12:30pm-1:30pm

Asian American Student Services brings to awareness week a lunch discussion on identity. Border-crossing polemics and poetry dish out the possibilities of working within and against the politics of identity and the identity of politics. This program is a part of GLBTIA Awareness Week 2001. Please contact GLBT Services at 292-6200 or glbss@osu.edu for more information on other events and services.

**HEALTHY SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS**
4th Floor Younkin Success Center (1640 Neil Ave.), 6pm

A panel of same-sex couples gather together to share their relationship experiences. This workshop looks at how relationships develop and common challenges that people involved in same-sex relationships face. Participants will explore ways of coping with those challenges. Facilitated by Dr. Jim Hodnett of Counseling and Consultation Services. This program is a part of GLBTIA Awareness Week 2001. Please contact GLBT Services at 292-6200 or glbss@osu.edu for more information on other events and services.

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Ohio Union, Gray Suite K (Basement), 7pm

Come and explore Faith and Spirituality within the GLBT community. We will be joined by representation from various places of worship around OSU and Columbus. Coordinated by Luke LaCroix. This program is a part of GLBTIA Awareness Week 2001. Please contact GLBT Services at 292-6200 or glbss@osu.edu for more information on other events and services.

Friday, January 19, 2001

**LOREN CAMERON
Ohio Union Conference Theater (2nd Floor), 8pm,

Nationally known photographer and author, Loren Cameron will be at Ohio State sharing a photo presentation followed by a book signing. Cameron is author of Body Alchemy: Transsexual Portraits. Reception to follow. Co-sponsored by The Ohio Union: A Place for Community Dialogue, Student Gender and Sexuality Services, and Men’s Initiatives. This program is a part of GLBTIA Awareness Week 2001. Please contact GLBT Services at 292-6200 or glbss@osu.edu for more information on other events and services.

Saturday, January 20, 2001

**DRAGDOM
Woody's Place, Ohio Union, 9pm-12pm
*** $3 cover charge, part of the proceeds will go to charity***

A popular night of gendered "turnabout" hosted by those fab boyz of H.I.S. KINGS acclaim. Unique in its approach to challenging gender stereotypes, Dragdom pushes the envelope to the extreme. At best, it is a culmination of drag, karaoke, and lip syncing. So blow the dust off your stilettos and the crust off your vial of spirit gum because this is fun for young and old alike. You don't have to be a star, baby. Just 100% Pure Fun! Please bring a CD or tape of the song you wish to perform. This program is a part of GLBTIA Awareness Week 2001. Please contact GLBT Services at 292-6200 or glbss@osu.edu for more information on other events and services.

Monday, January 22, 2001

**BREAKING DOWN THE WALLS: GLBT ISSUES IN THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY
Ohio Union, Memorial Room (2nd Floor), 3pm-4pm

Hispanic Student Services and Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Student Services in collaboration with Residence Life welcomes you to a discussion on how cultural issues can impact climate and create multiple identities. Everyone welcomed and encouraged to participate in dialog. Refreshments provided. This is the first of a four part series. This program is a part of GLBTIA Awareness Week 2001. Please contact GLBT Services at 292-6200 or glbss@osu.edu for more information on other events and services.
TRANSforming ART - THE GALLERY OPENING & RECEPTION
Exposures Gallery, Ohio Union (2nd Floor), 5pm-7pm

Come and celebrate the art we create to express our selves, our experiences and our lives. See the art that was created during TRANSforming Art, and other local talents displayed. This exhibit runs from January 22 through January 26. This program is a part of GLBTIA Awareness Week 2001. Please contact GLBT Services at 292-6200 or glbss@osu.edu for more information on other events and services.

**BOYS DON'T CRY**
Conference Theater, Ohio Union, 7pm

Residence Life brings this award winning powerful film to OSU. Boys Don't Cry "explores the contradictions of American Youth and identity through the true life and death of Brandon Teena. What emerges from the dust cloud of mayhem and murder is a story of a young American drifter searching for love, a sense of self, and a place to call home." This program is a part of GLBTIA Awareness Week 2001. Please contact GLBT Services at 292-6200 or glbss@osu.edu for more information on other events and services.

**COMMON GROUND**
Ohio Union, 4th Floor Lobby, 7:30pm

Common Ground is a queer and queer questioning student group which provides a safe space for education and support on queer student issues through group discussion. For more information contact: commonground_osu@yahoo.com. This program is a part of GLBTIA Awareness Week 2001. Please contact GLBT Services at 292-6200 or glbss@osu.edu for more information on other events and services.

Tuesday, January 23, 2001

**BRAVO: QUEER SAFETY AND SELF DEFENSE**
Ohio Union, room 455, 6pm-8pm

Have you ever been threatened or harassed because of your queer identity? What is keeping you from shouting and fighting back? This short workshop will discuss some of the basics of personal safety for LGBT, including an introduction to verbal and physical self-defense. Come prepared to have fun and kick *#$@$!!! Facilitated by the Buckeye Regional Anti-Violence Organization (BRAVO). This program is a part of GLBTIA Awareness Week 2001. Please contact GLBT Services at 292-6200 or glbss@osu.edu for more information on other events and services.

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SPEAK
Woody's Place, Ohio Union, 8pm-11pm

Back by popular demand! GLBTIA Awareness Week is honored to collaborate with SPEAK for the second year in a row. Come and join local talent in sharing of written word poetry slam! Bring your own work, listen to others speak, and have a great time! This program is a part of GLBTIA Awareness Week 2001. Please contact GLBT Services at 292-6200 or glbss@osu.edu for more information on other events and services.

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Wednesday, January 24, 2001

BROWN BAG: PROFESSIONAL LIFE, PIZZA AND A PANEL
Buckeye A & B, Ohio Union, 11:30am-1am

What will it be like being a GLBT person in the professional world and workplace? Find out from a panel featuring board members of The OSU Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Alumni Society. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Co-Sponsored by The OSU Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Alumni Society. This program is a part of GLBTIA Awareness Week 2001. Please contact GLBT Services at 292-6200 or glbss@osu.edu for more information on other events and services.

SHADES: FIRE
Kuhn Honors House, Living Room, 7pm-9pm

In honor of GLBTIA Awareness Weeks, please join Women Student Services, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Student Services and the Honors and Scholars Program for the viewing of the film "Fire." The film, which centers on the lives of an Indian family, examines the tensions between traditional cultural traditions and the desire for greater freedom and exploration. It will be followed by a fireside chat, and refreshments will be served. This program is a part of GLBTIA Awareness Week 2001. Please contact GLBT Services at 292-6200 or glbss@osu.edu for more information on other events and services.

Thursday, January 25, 2001

MYTH OF FATHER
Wexner Center for the Arts, 7pm

Director Paul Hill will be in person to introduce his film Myth of Father. This is a remarkable first-person report on the filmmaker’s and his family’s response to his father’s process of transsexual adjustment. For
ticket information call Wexner at (614) 292-3535. This program is a part of GLBTIA Awareness Week 2001. Please contact GLBT Services at 292-6200 or glbss@osu.edu for more information on other events and services.

**THE GAYME SHOW**
Ohio Union, Buckeye Suites A & B (3rd Floor), 7:30pm

Want to learn more about your history, fun facts, and community resources? Come to The Gayme Show, a jeopardy format rainbow game. Bring a friend! Fun, prizes, and a good time for all! Presented by Gina Zanardelli of Counseling and Consultation Services. This program is a part of GLBTIA Awareness Week 2001. Please contact GLBT Services at 292-6200 or glbss@osu.edu for more information on other events and services.

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Friday, January 26, 2001

**COLUMBUS QUESTIONABLE**
Wall Street Night Club, 8:00pm

Known as the evil, ugly step-sister of Bat-N-Rouge, this half-court drag basketball event returns to benefit Stonewall Columbus. Those in the crowd will get chances to compete in shooting and free throw contest, raffle prizes, as well as see some of the hilarious competition. Tickets - $5 This program is a part of GLBTIA Awareness Week 2001. Please contact GLBT Services at 292-6200 or glbss@osu.edu for more information on other events and services.

Saturday, January 27, 2001

**THROW DOWN!**
Longaberger Alumni House (Sanders Lounge) 2200 Olentangy Drive, 9pm-12 midnight

Hey Students!!! End GLBTIA Awareness Week with a Blast! Join GLBT Student Services as we highlight local talent, enjoy some great food, mix friendships and have a THROW DOWN EVENT! We will be bringing you singers, comedians and tons of surprises! Shuttle service provided by calling 292-6200. Co-sponsored by OSU GLBT Alumni Society, OSU Alumni Association, and www.outincolumbus.com. This program is a part of GLBTIA Awareness Week 2001. Please contact GLBT Services at 292-6200 or glbss@osu.edu for more information on other events and services.
Thank you for taking time to recognize Allies for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Intersex community!!!
The Ally Lantern Recognition Ad was one of the most successful parts of 1999 GLBT Awareness Week, and we are excited to see this grow into an Ohio State tradition! Allies are an important part of our GLBT community. Their support, service, advocacy, and compassion are a continual source of inspiration both to within and outside the GLBT community.

Starting on January 22nd running through January 26th an ad will run in the Lantern recognizing different allies and their contributions to the GLBT community. This public recognition will highlight two different allies for four of the five days. The fifth day will list all those nominated and cosponsors. If possible, please provide a photo of the person whom you are nominating. Again, thanks so much for your help in making this program successful!

Your Name

Date

Email Address

Phone Number

• Whom would you like to nominate as an ally of the GLBT community?

(Ally’s Name)

(Ally’s email or mailing address and telephone number)

• Who is the ally affiliated with?--(circle one):

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FACULTY & STAFF

• Please list a few examples why this individual should be recognized as a GLBTIA Ally.

• Please return this form by no later than DECEMBER 6th.

C/O Ally Nominations, GLBTSS Office
1739 North High Street #464, Columbus, OH 43210.
FAX: 292-4462, Phone 292.6200

• Please be advised that campus mail is not timely. To ensure the nomination arrives by the deadline you might want to hand deliver the forms, or fax in the information.
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On January 15th through January 27th, the Office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Student Services (GLBTSS) is hosting Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersexed and Ally (GLBTIA) Awareness Week. This year’s Awareness Week theme is TRANSforming lives.

Programming already slated for GLBTIA Week includes a presentation by nationally known author and photographer, Loren Cameron. Cameron is author of the photography book, *Body Alchemy: Transsexual Portraits*. Our kickoff event on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 15) will be a Clothing Drive that will allow our students and University Community to participate in a Service-Learning Experience. Ally Safe Space/Anti-Homophobia Trainings are slated to occur in all Residence Halls on campus. Also scheduled is the Brown Bag Luncheon Series that include topics such as GLBT issues in the Hispanic Community; Oppression: How We Are All Affected; and Putting Spice in Your Rice: Queer-ing Race, Race-ing Queer, (en)Gender-ing Politics with Asian American Student Services. Need a Winter “warm-up”? Join us as Women Student Services hosts a Soup and Substance event, or sharpen up your self-defense skills, tactics and strategies with the Buckeye Regional Anti-Violence Organization (BRAVO). We are planning a large student social event, which will be an evening packed full of fun! Our Committee is hosting a Reception for the Gallery Opening, which will feature works from the GLBTIA Community. Given last year’s success with our week-long Ally Ad Series, we will once again run ads in the student newspaper that highlight friends/allies of the GLBTIA campus community. These are just a few of the things we have planned!

Help us continue the work! The harsh reality is that it takes money to continue what we are doing. We are calling on you to help us continue our success in programming by donating monetarily and/or an in-kind service. For example, last year, one of our contributors provided printing services for our calendar, taking care of design, layout and printing costs. Another donor earmarked monies for a banner, while yet another accepted the bill for our keynote speaker’s travel and board. Both individual and departmental contributions in any amount are welcome. In exchange for donations, acknowledgment can be made in various ways, such as being announced at events and listed on printed materials and ads for the week. We are estimating 1,500 persons will attend just the programs that I have already mentioned. You may have your own idea for how you would like to give, but be assured, your contribution will go towards programming that will enrich the lives of many.

We ask that you please consider contributing to GLBTIA Awareness Week 2001. Your support can and will make a difference. Enclosed is a contribution form, which can be mailed with your donation. As you have heard time and time again...any amount helps! Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions, concerns, or programming suggestions.

In Pride,

Chad M. McCoury
Acting Coordinator
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Student Services

Division of Student Affairs

Men's Initiatives 688-8750
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Student Services 292-6200

Women Student Services 292-8473
Rape Education & Prevention Program 292-0479
Thank you for your contribution to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Student Services. Please send donations (as indicated below) to:

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  Activists and Students

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  Lecturer, English Department; Mentor, Department of Athletics Student Athlete Support Services; Law Student

- **Xenia Palus**
  Wexner Center for the Arts

- **Chad McCoury (Acting Coord.) and Elizabeth Warren**
  (Programming GAA) GLBT Student Services

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Si’le Singleton
Interim Director, Ethnic Student Services

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Loren Cameron
Ohio Union Conference Theatre (2nd Floor), 8p
Nationally known photographer and author, Loren Cameron will be at OSU sharing a photo presentation followed by a reception.

Saturday, January 20
Dragcon
Woody's Place, Ohio Union, 9p-12a
Dragcon pushes the envelope to the extreme. At best, it is a culmination of drag, karaoke, and lip-syncing. Please bring a CD or tape of the song you wish to perform. ($3 cover charge, part of the proceeds will go to charity.)

GLBTIA Awareness Week runs from Jan. 15-27
For a complete listing go to www.osu.edu/sgss
Lifting Up Our Friend: Giving Hope and Help
Ohio State University Suicide Prevention Week
February 14 - 22, 2001

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, February 14, 2001 Heart and Lung Institute, Rm. 165 12 p.m.
Grand rounds presentation by Howard Sudak, M.D., Past President of the American
Suicide Foundation

Heart and Lung Institute is located at 473 W. 12th Avenue. Grand rounds lecture followed by
Student Affairs in-service training in Room 150, OSU Counseling and Consultation Service,
Younkin Center for Success at 2:00 p.m. Faculty and staff in-service training will be
conducted there on Friday, February 16, 2001 from 8:30 - 10 a.m.

Monday, February 19, 2001 Hitchcock Hall 131 5 p.m.
Appearance by Julie from MTV’s Real World New Orleans

Real World star speaks out about how suicide has touched her life and how college students
can learn more about how to detect the warning signs in their friends and loved ones.

Tuesday, February 20, 2001 Wexner Center for the Arts 7 p.m.
The Virgin Suicides screening and guided discussion

Free screening of film directed by Sophia Coppola which covers the issue of suicide.

Wednesday, February 21, 2001 Ohio Union (Buckeye Suites C,D,& E) Noon
Brown Bag lunch presentation on suicide co-sponsored by OSU Gay, Lesbian,
Bisexual, and Transgender Student Services

Thursday, February 22, 2001 Summit United Methodist Church 7 p.m.
Memorial service dedicated to those who have had their lives touched by suicide

Summit United Methodist Church is located at 82 E. 16th Avenue. Parking is available there
and across from Indianola Presbyterian Church at 1970 Waldeck Avenue.

For more information: www.ocsp.org
Sponsored by: Cardinal Health, Inc. and Eli Lilly & Company
Have you ever been to an X-rated Cabaret ???

Can you picture your grandma in Drag ???

What is the definition of "normality"?

This postmodern cabaret inspired by Carson McCullers' novel "Ballad of the Sad Cafe" and the lives of Tennessee Williams and Yukio Mishima. The performance combines poetry, dance, visual performance art, and humor. It explores the theme of unrequited love, sexual uncertainty, loneliness, and isolations, and the outsider vs. the normal. It also deals with the horrible/funny agony of the love triangle as well as the dichotomy between traditional values and the sterility of modern life. The "ordinary" characters are gender benders who argue back stage about who has to wear the dress; in fact, both switch back and forth between men and women's dress. It is a tossed salad of corrosive insights, off-the-wall fantasy, and consciously bad puns. The performance deals with racism, feminism, gender bending, and the queer experience.

This performance group is from the United Kingdom and the cast includes:

Peggy Shaw -- Obie winner for best actress

Stacy Makishi -- an Okinawan performance artist/poet, honored with a "Leaders for London" Millennium Award, in addition to being awarded Attached Artist Residency at the Institute of Contemporary Art in London

Lois Weaver -- Obie winner for sustained excellence.

"The Salad of the Bad Cafe" has been previously invited to perform by the following colleges:

- Harvard University - (received a special citation from the president)
- MIT
- Wellesley College
- UC Berkeley
- UC Davis
- Hampshire College
- University of North London
- Queen Mary College, London

Brought to you by The Ohio Union Activities Board, The OSU Hillel Foundation, FUSION and GLBTSS
Keynote Speaker: Joo-Hyun Kang, Executive Director of the Audre Lorde Project
Sponsored by: Women Student Services, Residence Hall Advisory Council & Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Student Services
Time/Location: Thursday, March 8; Wexner Center, Film/Video Theater; 4pm-6pm.
Executive Director of the Audre Lorde project will speak to students, staff, and faculty on the intersectionality of race, class, gender and sexuality issues.
Free and open to the public.

Movie Night: ‘Chutney Popcorn’
Sponsored by: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Student Services
Time/Location: Tuesday, March 27; 7:30pm; Kuhn Honors & Scholars Center
Screening of the groundbreaking movie about definitions of love and family.

Concert!
Lucy Blue Tremblay & Donna Mogavero
Sponsored by: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Transgender Student Services, Institute for the Musical Arts-Midwest
Time/Location: Saturday, March 31; 8pm
Ohio Union Conference Theater (rm. 224)
Canadian singer/songwriter Lucy Blue will be performing from her new CD “Because of You.” Local favorite Donna Mogavero will open. Admission: $3-5. All profits benefit Lesbian Health News.
Lucie Blue Tremblay
In Concert
To Benefit
Lesbian Health News, Inc.
With
Donna Mogavero, Featured Opener,
Sile Singleton, M.C.
And
Nikki Bunch Interpreter
Also the
Ruth Ellis Memorial Award Presentation
Saturday, March 31st
8:00 pm
Ohio Union Conference Theatre
On the Campus of
The Ohio State University
Produced by
I.M.A. Midwest
(Institute for the Musical Arts)
Co-sponsored by
OSU Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Student Services
May 2001– GLBTSS Spring Quarter Calendar

Schedule of Events

- **1st** — GLBT Issue Series, “Wellness” No. 2, 4-5 PM, Buckeye P & G, Ohio Union.
- **2nd** — FUSION: Officer Elections, Gray Suite G, 8PM-9:30PM.
- **4th-5th** — Officer Retreat for old and new officers of FUSION 6PM-4PM.
- **6th** — AIDS Walk, for registration information contact kankel.2@osu.edu or 688 7402
- **8th** — FUSION: Ex-ex gay presentation, Gray Suite G, 8PM-9:30PM
- **10th** — Coffee and Conversation, Coffee Fino, Ohio Union, 5PM-7PM. FREE DRINKS!!!
- **11th** — Rainbow Graduation/Karaoke Night, Longaberger Alumni House, 7-10PM. FREE
- **14th** — SGSS Leadership Awards, PFLAG Scholarship Announced @ faculty club
- **16th** — FUSION, Transsexual Panel, Gray Suite G, Ohio Union, 8PM-9:30PM.
- **17th** — AWS: Take Back The Night
- **19th** — Jewish Queers: Queer Columbus and Bruce: A Risque Reception for Bruce Vilanch.
- **23rd** — FUSION, HRC, GLSEN, NGLTF, Gray Suite G, Ohio Union, 8PM-9:30PM.
- **24th** — Coffee and Conversation, Coffee Fino, Ohio Union, 5PM-7PM. FREE DRINKS!!!
- **24th** — Jewish Queers: Financing Your Future, 7PM

STUDENT ORGANIZATION INFO

FUSION: Every Wednesday, 8 PM, Gray Suite G, Ohio Union. Contact: j.morgan329@ymail.com or whitworth.6@osu.edu

SAGA: Contact: www.osu.edu/students/saga or THESAGA@osu.edu

COMMON GROUND: Every Monday, 7:30PM, 4th floor Ohio Union, commonground_osu@yahoo.com

PRIDE: Contact: Ron at kechendorfer.1@osu.edu

JEWISH QUEERS: an inclusive community for GLBT and affirming ally friends. Contact: Luba Beyer @224.4797 or beyer.53@osu.edu

GAY LESBIAN BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER STUDENT SERVICES

QUESTIONS??? CONTACT US FOR FURTHER INFO ON EVENTS

1730 N. High Street
RM 464 Ohio Union
Columbus, OH 43210
Phone: 614.292.6200
Fax: 614.292.4690
www.osu.edu/sgss
April 2001-GLBTSS Spring Quarter Calendar

Schedule of Events

- 4th — National Day of Silence: Candlelight Vigil starting in front of Main Library at 8PM, speakers in front of Wexner Center.
- 8th — Jewish Queers: "Coming OUT" of Egypt, TBA
- 9th — GLBT Alumni Society Presents: Mentoring Meeting. Be a part of designing a mentoring program. 5:30-7:00, Gray Suites C, D, E, The Ohio Union.
- 10th — GLBTSS Issue Series #1, "Navigating FINANCIAL AID". 4-5 PM, Scarlet D, Ohio Union.
- 12th — Coffee and Conversation: Caffe Fino, Ohio Union 5PM-7PM, FREE DRINKS!!!
- 19th — GLBT Issues in the Hispanic Community (#4 of a 4 part series), 3:30 PM-4:30 PM, Room 436 Ohio Union.
- 20th — Latina LateNight at the Ohio Union, 8PM-1AM
- 22nd — Jewish Queers: Bagel Brunch, 11:30, Hillel
- 23rd — GLBTSS Volunteer Pizza Party 6PM-7:30PM, 455 Ohio Union. Want to become a volunteer? Come and get connected!!
- 25th — Fusion: International GLBT Issues, Gray Suite G, Ohio Union, 8PM-9:30 PM
- 26th — Coffee and Conversation, Caffe Fino, Ohio Union 5PM-7PM, Free Drinks!!!
- 26th, 27th, 28th — Wexner Center GLBT Film/Video Series.
- 27th — GLBTSS hosting a reception for visiting film director, Shu Lea Cheang at Wexner, 6PM
- 29th — Jewish Queers, "DO THE DEED", 11 am

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National Day of Silence

GLBTSS Spring Quarter Calendar

A unit with in Student Gender and Sexuality Services
Candlelight Vigil to recognize National Day of Silence at The Ohio State University

Get ready for the campus to be a little quieter. On Wednesday, April 4, 2001, students, faculty and staff at The Ohio State University will join others across the nation in a Day of Silence to protest silence faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth and to offer suggestions to end the silence.

Student organization, FUSION, has coordinated day long events for The Day of Silence at The Ohio State University. Participants will spend their day in silence on April 4, wearing stickers and passing out cards that read:

"Please understand my reasons for not speaking today. I support lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender rights. I believe that laws and attitudes should be inclusive of people of all sexual orientations. The Day of Silence Project draws attention to those who have been silenced by hatred, oppression, and prejudice. Think about the voices you are not hearing today. What can you do to end the silence?"

Stickers, cards and other information will be available in the GLBT Student Services office located in room 464 of the Ohio Union (1739 N. High Street) or at informational tables on the Main Oval on Tuesday and Wednesday from 11am until 3pm. A candlelight vigil will begin at 8pm on the Main Oval in front of the Main Library and proceed to the Wexner Center, where guest speaker, Martha Garland, Dean for Undergraduate Studies will join Chad M. McCoury, Acting Coordinator of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Student Services, and students, Veena Gopalakrishna and J Easterling.

The Day of Silence, according to Chad M. McCamy, Acting Coordinator of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Student Services, is especially relevant to our university because, “people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender still face prejudice, hate and oppression in our society. We must start here at Ohio State and continue to educate people as well as bring awareness to the fact that gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people are silenced through these actions.”

The Day of Silence Project is a nationwide, youth-led event during which hundreds of high schools and colleges protest oppression of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth. For more information contact GLBT Student Services at 614-292-6200 or visit the Day of Silence Project website at http://www.youth-guard.org/dayofsilence.

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Division of Student Affairs
the day of silence project

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Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Student Services

ISSUE SERIES

April 10th:  “Navigating Financial Aid”
Scarlet D, Ohio Union, 4-5PM.
Presented by Tally Hart, Director of Financial Aid

Ever want to find out the best way to secure financial aid? Or just want to talk about your experience with financial aid? Come and talk with Tally Hart, the director of financial aid about your questions and concerns!!!

May 1st:  “Wellness”
Buckeye F & G, Ohio Union, 4-5 PM.
Presented by the Wellness Center

IT’S SPRING TIME!!! Time for renewal, and refreshing your life. Come and discover the new you with the Wellness Center providing the latest in tools for managing life.

May 22nd:  “Career Connection”
Buckeye F & G, Ohio Union, 4-5 PM.
Presented by Career Connection

Job searching? Whether you are looking for a summer job, or starting your career, come to this event to find out more about those pesky resumes, interviewing and gay friendly companies.

FREE FOOD AT ALL EVENTS!!!

GLBTSS

WANT MORE DETAILS?

For more information on these events, contact GLBTSS at 292.6200.

A Unit within Student Gender and Sexuality Services
Coffee and Conversation

Let GLBT Student Services buy a drink of your choice as we all gather to chat. No agenda, just plain old, fun talk. How simple? All you have to do is show up and join us for a casual time of friends, "family", froth and fun.

Caffe Fino, Ohio Union
5pm-7pm
Thursday, April 12
Thursday, April 26
Thursday, May 10
Thursday, May 24

Contact Chad at mccoury.1@osu.edu or 292-6200 for more information. Drinks of your choice are provided by GLBT Student Services! (Co-sponsored by OSU's GLBT Student Services)
From the Edge of the City
(Constantinos Giannaris, 1998)

PRECEDED BY
Rick & Steve the Happiest Gay Couple in All the World
(Allan Brocka, 2000)

A Summer Dress
(François Ozon, 1996)

THU, APR 26 / 7 PM

Set in the rough-and-tumble underworld of street prostitution in Athens, From the Edge of the City (98 mins.) follows 17-year-old Sasha, a hustler who lives with his working-class family but is unable to rescue himself from a life of late-night carousing. Preceded by two shorts: the inspired Rick & Steve (8 mins.), which uses Legoland figures in unintended ways, and A Summer Dress (15 mins.), French director Ozon's tale of a teen's holiday encounter with a stranger on a beach.

Live Nude Girls Unite!
(Vicky Funari and Julia Query, 2000)

FRI, APR 27 / 9:15 PM

Live Nude Girls Unite! (70 mins.) tells the amazing story of San Francisco's Lusty Lady Theater, the first unionized strip club. Codirector Julia Query is a queer writer and stand-up comedian who worked at the Lusty Lady to pay the rent. When the strippers decided to struggle to unionize, she vowed to document it. The result is a sex-trade documentary that tells remarkably moving stories, not the least of which is Query's own.

Chutney Popcorn
(Nisha Ganatra, 1999)

PRECEDED BY
Breaking the Glass
(Marla Leech, Dina Maria Munsch, 2000)

SUN, APR 28 / 2 PM

A provocative, sexy comedy, Chutney Popcorn (92 mins.) takes on the clash of values that occurs between a traditional Indian mother and her New York–bred, motorcycle-riding lesbian daughter. Director and cowriter Nisha Ganatra plays Reena, an aspiring photographer and henna artist living with her girlfriend (Jill Hennessey of Law & Order), Breaking the Glass (25 mins.) is a fast-paced documentary about the women's pro basketball league that included our own three-time champions, the Columbus Quest.

VISITING FILMMAKER SHU LEA CHEANG
I.K.U.
(2000)
FRI, APR 27 / 7 PM

INTRODUCED BY SHU LEA CHEANG

Free Reception
Sponsored by OSU's GLBT Student Services
Lower Lobby / 6 pm

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VISITING FILMMAKER TOM SHEPARD
Scout's Honor
(2001)
SAT, APR 28 / 7 PM

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CALL 292-3535
for event and ticket information.

www.wexarts.org
wexner center
for the arts
the ohio state university
located on n. high street at 15th ave.
A three-day festival of international works highlighting gay, lesbian, and bisexual themes.

THU, APR 26 / 7 PM
CONSTANTINOS GIANNARIS'S
From the Edge of the City (1998)
Preceded by
ALLAN BROCKA'S
Rick & Steve (2000)
FRANÇOIS OZON'S
A Summer Dress (1996)

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SHU LEA CHEANG INTRODUCES

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VICKY FUNARI AND JULIA QUERY’S

SAT, APR 28 / 2 PM
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Chutney Popcorn (1999)
Preceded by
MARLA LEECH AND DINA MARIA MUNSCH’S
Breaking the Glass (2000)

SAT, APR 28 / 7 PM
VISITING FILMMAKER
TOM SHEPARD INTRODUCES
Scout’s Honor (2001)

ADMISSION
$5 general public
$4 Wexner Center members, students, and senior citizens.

Tickets can be purchased at the Wexner Center Ticket Office/Information Desk. A separate ticket is required for each program.
The office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Student Services (GLBTSS) at The Ohio State University would like to extend a warm congratulations to you for receiving your college degree during the 2000-2001 academic year!

To celebrate your achievement, GLBT Student Services would like to cordially invite you to a reception in recognizing GLBT students for their recent accomplishment.

**RAINBOW GRADUATION**
Friday, May 11, 2001 7pm-10pm
Karaoke, Food and Fun—all FREE
Longaberger Alumni House
Klevay Gallery, 2nd Floor
2200 Olentangy River Road
Columbus, Ohio

**EVERYONE AND ANYONE IS WELCOME TO CELEBRATE!**
Simply call Chad at 614-292-6200 if you wish to register as a graduate

Some things to enjoy...

- A Recognition Ceremony of Graduates
- Free Food
- Karaoke Celebration
- Celebrate old and new friendships
- Say good-bye to old times and hello to new endeavors
- FUN, PARTY, FUN!
- Totally Free!!!

So, Bring Your Dancing Shoes, Singing Voices, OSU Memories, and Friends and join us for fun. If you are graduating or for more information, please contact Chad McCoury at mccoury.1@osu.edu, or call 292-6200!
For those who didn’t fit in the straight world’s Prom. This time YOU decide who to take.

Whoever you are
Lesbian, Transgendered,
Bisexual, Gay, Queer, Ally-
Whatever- This prom welcomes YOU.

Enjoy music by Queerbeats,
Free Food,
Door Prizes,
And a photo op.

Dress to impress.

Sponsored by Fusion and Common Ground

Admission $10.00
Tickets are available at the following locations:

Stonewall Columbus (299-7764)
Or
Kaleidoscope youth coalition (203 king ave. (614) 294-7886)
Or
Buy tickets at the door
Making a Glove into Dental Dam

1) Flatten Glove
2) Cut a straight line just below the four fingers
3) You should now have a glove with a thumb and all four fingers cut off
4) Cut a slit up the side of the glove, this is your second and final cut
5) You should have a somewhat square piece of latex with a thumb piece in the middle
Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender
Student Services

Volunteer Form

Name:

Date:

E-mail:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

Major/Program:

The office of Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Student Services (GLBTSS) coordinates over 100 events each year, be we can not do it without your help!!!
Please indicate below your areas of interest (i.e. Speaker's Bureau, Outreach / Education, Awareness Week, National Coming Out Day, etc.). Also, please indicate any specialized trainings that you have as well as any areas of expertise:

(Return this form to: GLBTSS, The Ohio Union, RM 464, 1739 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43210)
GLBT Student Services GAA Midyear performance evaluation

Presented to:  
Presented by:  Chad M. McCoury, Acting Coordinator, GLBT Student Services
Date:  
Evaluation Period:

Supervisor Comments: This midyear evaluation is provided to help the employee and supervisor recognize strengths and weaknesses of the employee’s job. This evaluation is rated in 4 areas: Attendance, Communication, Employee Relations, and Specific Job Responsibilities. This evaluation will become a part of the employee’s permanent file with The Ohio State University.

1. Rating Scale

1-Provisional (Fails to meet job requirements)-Performance indicates a serious deficiency in job performance. This person is unable to obtain the desired results due to deficiencies in knowledge, skill and/or abilities. Immediate attention is required to bring performance up to the minimum standard.

2-Needs Improvement-Current performance is in need of improvement. Goals are not always achieved at a satisfactory level. This person is in need of immediate improvement to perform at a competent level.

3-Competent (meets job requirements)-This rating indicates the person is completing all job responsibilities in a complete and satisfactory manner. He/she is meeting expectations on some goals, while in need of improvement on others. This person has some areas of performance to consider for further development.

4-Commendable (clearly exceeds job requirements)-This individual exceeds expectations and goals on most areas of this job requirement/position. There are few areas for improvement the person should consider.

5-Exceptional (rarely equaled)-This individual far exceeds all expectations and goals for this job requirement/position.

II. Performance Review Areas

Attendance

Communication

Employee Relations

Specific Job Responsibilities (**NOTE** each job will be individually rated as noted)-Responsibilities are based on current position description.
Advising Student Groups

Create and/or support direct and indirect services/Coordinate diverse GLBT programs on campus/Work closely with other University departments and organizations/Coordinating Volunteers

Support the coordinator with marketing, fundraising, and development

Serve on University Committees

III. Overall Performance

In review, I see _______ priorities as:
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IV. Employee Comments: (attach sheets as necessary)

I have read and discussed this evaluation with my supervisor.

Employee Signature

Date

GAA, GLBTSS

Supervisor Signature

Date

Coordinator, GLBT Student Services
PFLAG Columbus Scholarship
The Ohio State University

In 1997, PFLAG made a contribution to The Ohio State University to establish a scholarship for students at the university. Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is a national organization that promotes the health and well-being of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people, their families and friends, through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights. Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays provides opportunities for dialogue about sexual orientation and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity. In keeping with this mission, the scholarship recipient must be a student who demonstrates a commitment to these goals. A few examples of such commitment might include:

- volunteering at a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community center
- providing services to an organization serving people living with HIV/AIDS
- advocating on issues of importance to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people
- involvement with Ohio State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender students
- demonstrating leadership in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender student community

The recipient of the PFLAG Columbus Scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled as an Ohio State student (undergraduate, graduate or professional)
- A cumulative GPA of no less than 2.5 for upperclass students (students with more than 45 hours) and graduate/professional students. First year students (fewer than 45 hours) must have a cumulative GPA of no less than 2.0.

The recipient of the PFLAG Columbus Scholarship must understand the following:

- The scholarship amount is a total of $1,200.00 toward tuition, payable over three consecutive quarters. The scholarship is not renewable, but students may reapply for the scholarship.

- Some consideration will be given to the student's financial need, if it is necessary to narrow the field of applicants. When other factors are equal, the scholarship will be given to the student who demonstrates the most financial need.

- The recipient must conduct her/himself in a manner that supports the goals and mission of PFLAG. If the recipient were to speak out publicly in a manner that is unsupportive of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender issues, PFLAG would retain the right to the suspend distribution of the scholarship to the recipient at the discretion of the PFLAG Board.

- The application for the scholarship will require that the student complete this application form which must be submitted by February 9, 2001 for the 2001-2002 academic year.
The Office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Student Services, a Unit within the Department of Student Gender and Sexuality Services, administers the PFLAG Columbus Scholarship at The Ohio State University. Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Student Services provides support and addresses students' needs through advocacy, information, referrals, programs and service delivery. The mission of this office is to provide education with, about, and on behalf of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender student population. In this capacity, the office serves all the students at the university. Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Student Services exists to provide programming and activities, resource information, advocacy for student needs, and leadership development opportunities and experiences.

Application Process Timeline

**February 9, 2001**
All applications due. *Hand-deliver* completed applications to:

GLBT Student Services  
Attn: Chad M. McCoury  
464 Ohio Union  
1739 North High Street  
Columbus, OH 43210

**February 12-16, 2001**
Applications reviewed by faculty and/or staff from The Ohio State University, and representation from PFLAG Columbus.

**March 1, 2001**
Information sent to Office of Student Financial Aid. Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Student Services will notify the recipient of his/her selection. The Office of Financial Aid will also follow up with notification.

**May 14, 2001**
Awardee will be presented with the scholarship at the annual Student Gender and Sexuality Services' Recognition Ceremony.

Any questions about the scholarship, application form, or the process may be directed to Chad M. McCoury in the Office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Student Services, 464 Ohio Union, 1739 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43210, 614-292-6200.

*It is the policy of The Ohio State University to ensure equal employment and educational opportunities for all people without regard to race, national origin, color, creed, religion, sex, age, Vietnam-era veteran status, or sexual orientation. Accordingly, this scholarship is open to all Ohio State University students.*
Part One. Write a 2 page autobiographical statement (typed, double-spaced) that describes you and your future goals. The statement should describe your educational and community experiences and your plans for future education or work.

Part Two. Respond to the following statements (one typed, double spaced page for each response)(A) Describe any services to, contributions to, or activities in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community in Columbus, at The Ohio State University, or in a previous setting.
(B) Describe what you see as the climate for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender students at The Ohio State University and what would be your vision for the future of the University related to these issues.

Part Three. Included is a reference form that you must have completed by at least one, but no more than three references of your choice. They should be individuals who are familiar with your university, high school, or community experience. These reference forms must be submitted with your application, must be placed in a sealed envelope, and the author of the reference must sign the sealed flap of the letter.

Application materials are due on February 9, 2001 for the 2001-2002 academic year. For full consideration, a complete application must be hand-delivered to the Office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Student Services no later than 5:00 pm on February 9, 2001. A complete application consists of this application form, your autobiographical statement, responses to the the statements in part two and at least one, but no more than 3 reference forms. Late materials will not be accepted.
Recommendation for PFLAG Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT:
Write your name in the space provided below. Then give one of these forms to a maximum of three people who will be providing a recommendation for you. Have them return this form directly to Chad M. McCoury, Acting Coordinator of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Student Services at the address listed below.

Applicant's Name

RECOMMENDER:
In the space below, please state your professional and/or personal relationship to the applicant and provide information about his or her scholarly achievement, personal qualities, character, community involvements and other information that you consider pertinent (use additional sheets of paper if needed). Please provide your name, position, institution, business phone, email address, date and signature in the space provided below. Please return in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal.

Scholarship Mission:
In 1997, PFLAG made a contribution to The Ohio State University to establish a scholarship for students at the university. Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is a national organization that promotes the health and well-being of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people, their families and friends, through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights. Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays provides opportunities for dialogue about sexual orientation and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity. In keeping with this mission, the scholarship recipient must be a student who demonstrates a commitment to these goals.

Name
Position
Institution/Affiliation
Phone number
Email Address
Signature
Date

PLEASE SEND SEALED ENVELOPES WITH SIGNATURES ACROSS THE SEAL TO (NO FAXES PLEASE):

CHAD M. MCCOURY
464 Ohio Union
1739 N. High St
Columbus, OH 43210
PFLAG Columbus Scholarship Criteria Form for 2001-2002

Applicant name____________________

Name of Committee Member____________________

Application is complete (check all areas that are complete)

____ Cover Sheet

____ Autobiographical Statement

____ Essay Questions

____ Letters of Reference

____ GPA requirement (2.5 undergrad upper-class, 2.0 first year)

List of components with rating scale of 1-5 as follows:
5-Completely Committed
4-Mostly Committed
3-Usually Committed
2-Sometimes Committed
1-Not Committed

Autobiographical statement 5 4 3 2 1

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TOTAL SCORE____________________

Additional Comments:__________________________________________

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ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsored By:  PFLAG COLUMBUS  
(Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)

- Available to all Ohio State students (Undergraduate, Graduate, and Professional)
- Will provide tuition for one quarter (payable over three consecutive quarters)
- Applications are available at:

**GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDERED STUDENT SERVICES**
464 OHIO UNION  
1739 N. HIGH STREET  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: 292-6200

Applications due: February 9, 2001
Anti-Oppression Training: An overview for a 90 minute workshop

This is the beginning of a more intensive exploration of the nature of oppression and how it manifests in our world. Due to the length of the workshop, the exercises will focus on only two major aspects of oppression. The first is personal. How are we individually disadvantaged based on our ascribed characteristics and group membership? What aspects of our identity (group memberships) give us a social advantage over others? The second aspect is cultural and institutional. How do groups maintain their social advantages over other groups? How do group members help maintain the status quo knowingly or unknowingly? Therefore, this training will help participants begin to examine these issues and encourage a recognition that all oppression is inter-related in terms of consequence and tactics of power and control.

Agenda

I. Welcome and Introductions 10 minutes
II. Agenda Overview and Guidelines 5
III. Exercise: The Playing Field 15
IV. Processing The Playing Field (Dyad) 5
V. Large Group Processing 10
   Break 5
VI. Exercise: Circle 10
VII. Large Group Processing 10
VIII. Exclusion (Dyad and Discussion) 10
IX. Closure and Check-out 10

Materials needed:
Only newsprint and markers are needed. All chairs should be a part of a large circle, and all tables should be removed. In addition, there should be enough room for all participants to stand shoulder to shoulder in a straight line AND have room to step at least 10 steps forward and backward. Handout(s): Power and Control of Oppression, Sum of the World; Fact Sheets.
• Welcome and Introductions *(Participants are seated in circle)*  
  o Tell participants to share the following:  
    • Name  
    • Major  
    • Why s(he) is in the training.  
    • One expectation s(he) has for the training.  
  o Ask for volunteer.  
  o Have volunteer pick a direction for the introductions to continue.  
  o Facilitator should share same information as part of the circle.

• Overview of Agenda, Training Goals and Guidelines for Interaction  
  o Pass out the agenda and briefly discuss activities with participants. Stress that:  
    • Training is highly interactive  
    • Full participation is necessary to get the most from workshop  
    • The collective wisdom of all of the participants is necessary in the exploration of this topic.  
  o Share purpose and goal of training:  
    • To begin a personal and collective exploration of oppression;  
    • To identify how oppression manifests in our world and in our lives;  
    • To examine how all oppression is connected in terms of tactics of power and control;  
    • Stress that this is just an exploration only; nothing major will be resolved during this workshop.  
  o Discuss the importance of guidelines during this type of process (e.g. an exploration requires that all viewpoints are shared therefore a safe space must be ensured, etc).  
    • Share (handout and/or on flipchart) the following guidelines:  
      • Confidentiality  
      • Amnesty  
      • Be mindful of judging (self and others)  
      • Listening and respect  
      • Be open to changing your mind  
      • Participate, don’t dominate  
    • Ask if there are any additions to these guidelines  
    • Add any additional guidelines to list  
    • Tell participants “These will be the guidelines that we use to interact with one another today. By a show of hands, can we agree that we will honor these guidelines?”  
      • Tell participants that if at anytime they would like to revise the guidelines, we can do so  
      • Keep guidelines posted throughout the workshop.

• The Playing Field  
  o See attached for exercise.  
  o Dyad exercise  
    • Tell participants to pair up with someone they don’t know well. They must move their chairs and sit face to face with their partner.  
    • Instruct them that they will be discussing with their partner the exercise they just experienced. Let them know that they will take turns sharing their experiences with one another. Each person will have 1½ minutes to respond to the questions or statements.  
    • When their partner is talking, individuals have no other responsibility than to listen. Instruct them to not interrupt or respond verbally with their partners.
Tell them that they will be signaled by the facilitator say “Switch” when the first persons time is over then the second person may respond using the same guidelines as above.

After giving instructions, tell participants to find a partner. As they are moving around, write the following on a flipchart or board:

- Were you surprised at where you ended up? Why or why not?
- How did it feel to have to let go of someone’s hand?
- What do you think is being illustrated in this exercise?

Once partners have been chosen and all have moved into pairs, direct attention to the questions. Read them to the group and tell them that they will all have 1½ minutes to respond to one or more of the questions.

Tell them who in the dyad will go first (e.g. The person who has been at OSU the longest) and once this is determined, signal for the first person to go.

Be sure to time each half of the dyad as equally as possible.

After 3 minutes have passed and both partners have responded to the statements or questions, ask group to reassemble the circle.

Begin processing by asking participants to share the following:

- How did it feel to speak for a minute and a half without interruption? How often does that happen?
- What was it like to just listen? Did you find yourself listening in a different way?
  - These questions allow participants to reflect on the process and increase awareness of the value of listening to validate, support and acknowledge one another’s viewpoints.
- Encourage participants to share what they discussed within their dyads. Follow the conversation wherever it goes. Challenge participants to acknowledge areas where they are social disadvantaged and advantaged due to our complex and multiple identities. Encourage participants to see how oppression can manifest in similar ways.

- The Circle Exercise
  - Instructions:
    - Ask for 5-6 volunteers. The number of volunteers is determined by the size of the group. A rule of thumb is that the number of volunteers should equal about 10% of the total group.
    - Volunteers are taken away from the main group and given the following instructions.
      - The remaining group will be forming a circle and linking arms with one another to keep you out.
      - Get into the circle by any means necessary except by physical violence.
      - Once you get into the circle, you must link arms with members of the circle and keep others out.
    - Meanwhile, the circle group is given the following instructions:
      - Form a circle facing outwards and link arms.
      - The volunteers will be trying to infiltrate the circle and get inside.
      - If a volunteer makes it inside, s(he) must be made a part of the circle, so link arms with the person.
      - Keep volunteers out by any means necessary.
    - Signal the group to begin.
      - Facilitator should walk around the circle to encourage volunteers to get in.
There should be another facilitator around to encourage the circle to stay together.

The game is over when all the volunteers get into the circle or when it seems some or all the volunteers will not be able to get into the circle. Use your best judgment.

- Reconvene the larger circle. Processing questions:
  - **Volunteers:**
    - What are your initial reactions?
    - How did you feel when you saw that circle of people ready to prevent your entering their group?
    - Did you get into the group? How?
    - If you didn’t get in, what were you thinking once the exercise ended?
    - If you got in, what was it like to be a part of that circle?
    - If you got in, how did it feel to be a part of the circle when your comrades were still trying to get in?
    - Did you facilitate any of your fellow volunteers getting in? If so, how and why? If not, why not?
    - Why were you trying to get into that circle so badly?
  - **Circle Members:**
    - What are your initial reactions?
    - How did you think when you saw that group of outsiders coming at you to get into your circle?
    - How did you feel linking arms in a circle with the other people in your group?
    - What tactics were the volunteers using to get in?
    - What was the most effective tactic you used?
    - Did you notice a spot in your circle where the volunteers seemed to have easy access to your circle? How did that make you feel?
    - How did you feel about allowing someone to become a part of the circle once s(he) got in?
    - Why were you trying so hard to keep people out of the circle.
  - **Facilitator should list responses.**
    - The sense of loyalty to the group and keeping people out because we are told to is very common.
    - Volunteers (outsiders) desire to get in is also really normal whether they know what is on the inside or not.
    - There are inside and outside groups in our society. What are some inside groups and what are some outside groups in our society?
    - Divide newsprint lengthwise into two categories.
      - Write Agent Group at the top of one column and Target Group at the top of the other column.
      - Tell group to come up with a Target Group for every Agent Group they come up with.
      - Remind people of the Playing Field exercise.
      - Write responses in the appropriate column.
• Dyad about Exclusion and Being an Ally
  o Ask the group to divide into pairs again.
  o Write the following on newsprint for all to see.
    • Pick a group that you are a member of that makes you an insider.
    • Discuss with your partner how you would allow outsiders access to your group.
      How would you treat an outsider?
  o Clarify any questions group may have.
  o Give 1 ½ minutes to each partner and signal when to begin.
  o Say "switch" after 1 ½ minutes.
  o After each partner has gone, reform the circle.
    • Ask individuals to share what they discussed by giving one specific example of
      being a member of an agent group in which they belong and how they intend to
      reach out to members of the target group.

• Closure and Checkout
  o Ask group to go around circle and share one thing that s/he is taking away from the
    workshop.
  o Thank group members for their participation.
The Playing Field Exercise

- **Purpose:** To allow participants the chance to examine their individual positions in U.S. society and to challenge the notion that all people have an equal chance to achieve.

- **Instructions:**
  - Ask participants to line up side-by-side, touching shoulders and facing the wall.
  - Tell participants to hold hands.
  - Tell participants that a list of statements will be read to them. After each statement, they will be instructed to step back or step forward if the statement applies to them.
  - Caution the participants that some of the questions may seem personal. If a participant does not want to share the information by stepping forward or back with others than he/she is welcome to stand in place after the statement. Remind participants of confidentiality guidelines, but also encourage them to be mindful of their own limits for self-disclosure.
  - Inform participants that this is a silent exercise for two reasons: 1) to allow everyone to hear the statements and 2) to allow everyone an opportunity to be aware of any feelings that come to the fore during the exercise and to allow them to be self-aware throughout. There will be an opportunity to discuss the exercise afterward.
  - Instruct the participants to hold hands for as long as possible, but release one another's hands when they can no longer hold on.
  - Read the following statements to the participants:
    - If you are a male, take one step forward.
    - If you are female, take one step back.
    - If you are white, take one step forward.
    - If you are a person of color, take one step back.
    - If you have ever lived in a home that you or your family owned, take a step forward.
    - If you had at least 10 children's books and 20 adult books in your home while growing up, take a step forward.
    - If you have ever been followed in a store by staff or security, take a step back.
    - If you have a hidden or unhidden disability, take a step back.
    - If you can easily find band-aids, hair care products, or make-up that is made to suit your hair texture and skin color, take a step forward.
    - If you or your family has a savings account, take a step forward.
    - If you, as an adult or a child, have ever been on government assistance or eaten government food, take a step back.
    - If one or both of your parents graduated from college, take a step forward.
    - If you have ever been advised or told to change your hairstyle, the way you speak or your general appearance to get or to keep a job or to gain acceptance, take a step backward.
    - If you can legally marry the person of your choice without question or fear, take one step forward.
    - If you belong to a group who has ever been considered by scientists and/or religious communities as morally, socially, intellectually and/or biologically inferior, take a step back.
    - If you can openly show affection with your lover in any setting without the possibility of harassment, disapproval or shock on the part of others, take a step back.
    - If you are cross-gendered, take a step back.
• If people who share characteristics with you (e.g., skin color, sexuality, etc.) are shown in a multi-dimensional way most of the time on T.V. and in movies, take a step forward.
• If you have repeatedly been expected to represent your entire “race” in conversation, class discussion, etc., take a step back.
• If you had your own room with a door while growing up, take a step forward.
• If the newspaper was read in your home regularly while you were growing up, take a step forward.
• If days that are important in your religious and/or ethnic community are acknowledged and/or celebrated at your school or job and they are considered national holidays, take a step forward.
• If you have been told more than a few times that you do not behave in a way that is representative of your sex, “race” or gender, take a step back.
• If you and/or a sibling received new clothes at the start of the school year when you were growing up, take a step forward.
• If you have ever been told that rights that you did not have, but others did have would become “special rights” if extended to include you and others like you, take a step back.

* Ask the participants to stand where they are and silently look around them. Tell them to take note of their position, see who is in front of them, behind them and beside them. Ask them to return to their seats.
* Begin the dyad exercise.
The office of GLBTSS serves as a clearinghouse for GLBTI groups and organizations:

- BGALA
  [http://www.acs.ohio-state.edu/students/bgala/](http://www.acs.ohio-state.edu/students/bgala/)
- Queer Grads
- AGLBFS
- GLB Law Caucus
- In the Life
- GLBT Veterinarians
- Alumni
- Advisory Council
- Queerbucks listserv

**Other GLBTSS Affiliated groups**
- Afrikan Student Union (ASU)
- Students for Equality and Racial Justice (S.E.R.J.)
- Undergraduate Student Government (USG)
- Council of Graduate Students (CGS)
- Women Studies Graduate Association (WSGA)
- Undergraduate Women Studies Forum (UWSF)
- Student Gender and Sexuality Services
- Women Student Services
- Rape Education and Prevention Program
- Men's Initiatives

**Employment and Volunteer Opportunities**

GLBTSS has work-study positions available. Contact Chad McCoury (McCoury.1@osu.edu) at 614-292-6200 or stop in the office (464 Ohio Union) to apply.

The majority of our programs are collaborations with students, faculty, and staff. Contact Chad McCoury (McCoury.1@osu.edu) to become a volunteer on a committee, program, or your own initiative. We are currently seeking volunteers for the Speakers Bureau, GLBTIA Awareness Week Committee, Safe Space facilitators, and the GLBTSS Advisory Council.
About the Office

The office of Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Student Services (GLBTSS) is a unit of Student Gender and Sexuality Services within the Division of Student Affairs at The Ohio State University.

Mission

The mission of the Office of Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Student Services (GLBTSS) is to provide advocacy, education, resources, and referrals for the greater Ohio State University community. Through programming and the creation of visibly identifiable safe spaces, GLBTSS is able to meet the needs of its Gay, Lesbian, Transgender, Intersex and Ally (GLBTIA) constituents. In this capacity, the office proudly serves all students at the university.

History

The Office of Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Student Services was created in 1990 after the completion of a report that found that gay, lesbian, and bisexual students faced a hostile climate on this campus. Hostility in the form of threats, vandalism, and violence create a situation on campus that is not favorable to GLBTIA students or anyone perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or intersex.

With a small staff and small budget, the office set to work on making the campus climate conducive to learning for GLBTIA students and providing an educational resource for all students. The early programs included solidifying Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Awareness Week, expansion of the GLBT Speakers Bureau created by a student organization, and the expansion of a resource center dealing with GLBT issues.

Services

Programs and Events
for more information call 614-292-6200

- Buckeye Ally Safe Space Program
- Speakers Bureau
- Student Gender and Sexuality Services (SGSS) Bizarre Bazaar
- GLBTI History Month
  - National Coming Out Day
  - Taste of the Rainbow
- National Gay & Lesbian Task Force's Creating Change Conference
- World AIDS Day
- GLBTIA Awareness Week
- Rainbow Graduation
- SGSS Leadership Awards

Other GLBTSS Affiliated Events

- Black History Month
- Women's History Month
- Native American Week
- Hispanic Awareness Week
- Asian American Awareness Month
- Safer Sex Week
- Disability Awareness Week

Online Resources - National

NGLTF (National Gay & Lesbian Task Force) ........................................ www.ngltf.org
National Organization of Women (NOW) ........................................ www.now.org
Human Rights Campaign... www.HRC.org
National Consortium of Directors of LGBT Resources in Higher Education
Campus Directors ........................................ www.uic.edu/orgs/lgbt
PFLAG ........................................ www.pflag.org
GLSEN ........................................ www.glsen.org
Queer Resources ........................................ www.qrd.org/qrd
Transgender .................. www.lava.net/~dewilson/gender/sgss.html
Bisexuality .................. www-rohan.sdsu.edul Njlorenze
GLAAD ........................................ www.glaad.org/glaad/index.html
Transgender .................. www.lava.net/ندewilson/gender/ssh,gfaq/terms.hhnl
Bisexuality .................. www-rohan.sdsu.edul/~Jlorenze
GLAAD ........................................ www.glaad.org/glaad/index.html
Lancaster chapter
http://homepages.infoseek.com/ /pflagoflancasterfairfieldco
Mansfield Chapter Becky and Ed Hoffman ........................................ 419-756-0460
Phoenix Pride ................. 614-440-0800
Kaleidoscope ........................................ www.kaleidoscope.org

Online Resources - Local

Out in Columbus ........ www.outincolumbus.com
Lesbian Business Association ...... 614-267-3953
Buckeye Regional Anti-Violence Organization (BRAVO) ...................... email stude62@ee.net
Columbus AIDS Task Force (CATF) ........................................ www.netwalk.com/catif
Stonewall Columbus ................ www.stonewall-columbus.org
PFLAG Columbus ................ www.geocities.com/colspflag
East Side PFLAG ................ Patty and Earl Tredt 614-231-4385
African American Support Group ........................................ Pat Moss - 614-463-1183

Out Youth .................. www.outyouth.org
Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (Smyal) ........................................ www.smyal.org

Gay Teen Reference Page
www.geocities.com/westhollywood/4941
Join us for our next meeting!
For more information about Common
Ground including our meeting days
and times please call

The Ohio State University Office
of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual,
Transgender Student Services
(GLBTSS)
614-292-6200

Or email us at
Commonground_osu@yahoo.com

Thanks for your interest in our
organization, and best wishes in
your personal journey. 😊

Common Ground

at

The
Ohio State University
Common Ground is a confidential peer support and discussion group and an independent student organization at The Ohio State University.

Common Ground is here to provide and safe, non-judgmental space for students wishing to discuss issues relating to sexual orientation and gender identity.

We are also here to provide you with information, resources and education on GLBT issues, but that isn't the whole scope of what we want to do. Common Ground is a place where you can come and feel safe to make and talk with new friends about what's going on in your life.

We want Common Ground to be a space where every student can feel comfortable, whether you are questioning, are coming out, or have been out for many years.

Common Ground maintains an emphasis on small group discussions and one-on-one interactions with the peer counselors in order to ensure everyone feels comfortable coming to the group and participating in the discussion.

Common Ground is designed to provide support and education, but not professional psychotherapeutic services.
Wednesday Meetings in Ohio Union Lower Level, Grey Suite G at 8pm

Make A Statement Without Saying A Word.

April 4
National Day of Silence

April 11
Social 01-02 Officer Nominations

April 18
Columbus AIDS Task Force: Personal Aspect Speakers

April 25
Human Rights Campaign
Stonewall & GLSEN

May 2
Movie Night
New 01-02 Officer Elections

May 9
Trans-Issue Panel

May 16
Ex-Ex Gay Speaker

May 23
International GLBT Issues & Perceptions

May 30
End of the Year Celebration:
Picnic at Goodale Park

For more information please contact us.
Office: 315 Ohio Union Phone: 247-5867 Email: fusionOSU@yahoo.com

Serving the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and all inclusive Queer community at the Ohio State University.
The Ohio State University
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Alumni Society

The Society promotes the best interests of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) alumni of the Ohio State University, as well as assisting with the educational needs of current students of the Ohio State University. The society does this by providing fellowship and professional relationships among alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends of the society and advocating for equality for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender alumni, students, faculty and staff at the university.

One of the seven GLBT alumni society committees is MENTORING. The mentoring committee will develop and implement a mentoring program linking society members with current Ohio State students interested in their profession.

Interested in participating? Here’s how......

- JOIN THE MENTORING COMMITTEE. Committee members have the important task of recruiting mentors who will foster the professional and personal development of GLBT Ohio State University students. Members will also have the opportunity to plan social activities and participate in other fun events for mentors, students and GLBT alumni society members.

The first Mentoring Committee meeting will be held on April 9th, 2001 (5:30 pm-7:30 pm) at the Ohio Union, Buckeye Suites C,D and E, 1739 N. High Street, Columbus. Come join us at the meeting and network with other Ohio State University alumni!

**If you are not interested in participating on the committee but would like to be a professional mentor to a student, please contact the Mentoring Committee chairperson, Linda Janes at #614-457-3197.
The Queer Task Force
(Actual name to be decided by the group after forming)

**Vision**
Members of the Task Force work to create a climate of diversity on the OSU campus that is safe, welcoming, and just to queer students in both general atmosphere as well as in physical spaces and facilities. The Task Force serves as an outlet for activism, promoting diversity, and energizing our constituency.

**Mission**
Queer students (undergraduates, graduates, and professional) in collaboration with Student Gender and Sexuality Services will synergize, advancing collective leadership, and diversity experiences; thus serving as change agents improving the university climate for queer persons, enhancing the student experience and linking with allies interested in social justice on campus.

Members are drawn from among progressive thinking students who are looking for a means of working to link the *isms* in their activism. Members are selected from among applicants who have distinguished themselves as student activists involved in campus community work.
Application for  

The Queer Task Force  
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Thank You for your interest in becoming a part of this new task force.

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Your responses will be our primary basis for selecting people for this task force.

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Queer Task Force Steering Committee

If you have any questions please contact GLBTSS at 292-6200.

Applications will be accepted through February 9, 2001

Please deliver completed applications to:

Student Gender and Sexuality Services, 464 Ohio Union
Elizabeth Warren's mailbox

Name:__________________________________________________
Email:__________________________________________________
I check my email __2x/day __every other day __what email?
Phone:____________________
Address:________________________________________________
Class Rank: 1 2 3 4 _______________________________________
College:_________________________________________________

On separate sheet:
1. I identify as:
2. Activities, Involvements, and Accomplishments
3. Special skills and/or Interests
4. Name two barriers you have come up against in your activism at OSU
5. Tell us one of your activism fantasies
Please provide a short reference. This can be from a friend, colleague, roommate, or someone you think knows a little bit about you. Please limit this to 1 page.
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On separate sheet:
1. I identify as:
2. Activities, Involvements, and Accomplishments
3. Special skills and/or Interests
4. Name two barriers you have come up against in your activism at OSU
5. Tell us one of your activism fantasies
Please provide a short reference. This can be from a friend, colleague, roommate, or someone you think knows a little bit about you. Please limit this to 1 page.
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GLBTSS Spring Quarter Report
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PROGRAMS:

1) National Day of Silence
I assisted FUSION in coordinating and putting on the rally. I was a speaker at the rally.

Approximately 25 students were in attendance of the program.

2) Mumia Abul Jamar/ Leslie Feinberg Graduation Speech
I attended and assisted students in attending the Antioch Graduation program. Approximately 15 OSU students were in attendance.

3) Wexner Center GLBT Film Festival
I worked with the publicity manager at Wexner to market the film festival to OSU students.

4) David Williams Town Hall Meeting
I worked with students during two separate meetings lasting more than four hours each meeting to help prepare and practice for the meeting with David Williams. I participated in the meeting itself and acted as a co-facilitator. I did follow up with the students after the meeting to give them updates and performance evaluations.

5) OSU Heath Care System Concerns Meeting
For this program, I helped coordinate meeting times between administration and students.

6) CWA Strike
During the strike, I moved my office space into Bricker Hall, and forwarded my email to my home internet service provider. I also attended several rallies, and marches, passed out information, walked the picket line and slept over in Bricker Hall. I also work with the Counsel of Graduate Students to help pass a movement that CGS officially support strikers.

1900 CWA workers were on strike for three weeks. Thousands of students, faculty and staff joined in coalition to help support the efforts of the strikers.
7) SGSS Awards
I created the awards certificate and printed over 100 different awards. I also helped formulate this years GLBTSS special awards, and pick out the awards that would be presented. I was a part of the selection process to determine who would be recipients of all other SGSS awards and notified part of the award recipients. I attended the ceremony and helped present GLBT awards.

8) Rainbow Graduation
For this program, I prepared the graduation certificates, and the program for the event. I also picked up Robyn Ochs and escorted her to her hotel after the speaking engagement. I secured the karaoke entertainment, and got deserts donated from PIECE OF CAKE. I also prepared and sent out notification of this event to other Ohio colleges and universities. Finally, I coordinated efforts with OSU alumni society to come and be a part of the program.

There were 10 recognized graduates, and approximately 30 people in attendance of the program.

COMMITTEE WORK:

1) Council of Graduate Students
As chair of the diversity committee and being a part of the executive committee, I was able to assist in the funding of several campus diversity initiatives. These programs include:

- The Other Prom
- Juan Roberto Job
- African American Heritage Fest
- Spider Woman Theater

The diversity council consisted of six members which acted as a grant giving committee. We reviewed several proposals, and awarded funds based on 1) visibility for cgs, 2) quality of program, 3) unique coalition opportunities, 4) graduate participation.

2) OSU Homecoming:
I am the SGSS representative for homecoming sitting on both the diversity committee, and the education committee. The diversity committee is planning the diversity fair for homecoming. The education committee is having one event each day that is focusing on various academically based events. These event include Quiz Bowl with Kirwin, Paper Air Plane contest, Elementary School Rocket Launch and poetry reading.
ADVISING:
Acting as co-advisor to FUSION, I assist in all manners of programming, planning and internal functioning. I work with approximately 8 students on a consistent basis four hours every week. This does not include special events, numerous phone conversations, face to face advising, and other correspondence that occurs on a daily basis.

OTHER GLBTSS EVENTS
I was not involved in these events in any manner.

1) Larry Bliss
2) Roberta Diaz-Goto
3) Take back the night
4) Angela Davis