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I. Lack of "hate crime" victimization record keeping at OSU.

- This effects every "minority" group on campus. It is not just a gay, lesbian or bisexual issue.
- The U.S. Justice Department has been instructed to gather the "hate crime" statistics in the country. The City of Columbus has a "hate crime" ordinance (which includes sexual orientaton).
- Ohio State will be unable to help the Justice Department gather its statistics, or help students who are victims of "hate crimes" prosecute their case in Columbus.
- If an incident occurs on campus, a student must choose from five offices on campus as to where to report the incident: Residence and Dining Halls, OSU Police, Judicial Affairs, Affirmative Action, or Ombudservices.
- The OSU Police form does not indicate whether the incident was a "hate crime".
- Residence and Dining Halls "Complaint Information Form" does not indicate whether the incident was a "hate crime".
- The Judicial Affairs office does not keep track of the cases that are "hate crime" oriented.
- In short, no office at Ohio State knows how many "hate crime" incidents occur on campus, let alone help students who have been victimized work through the process.
- While this is disturbing for all minority groups, it is particularly relevant to the gay, lesbian and bisexual population. According to the Justice Department, one in every four gay men and one in every eight lesbians will be physically attacked simply because of their orientation. Gays and lesbians are the number one group against whom "hate crimes" occur. The Pennsylvania Justice Department reports that gays and lesbians are seven times more likely to be attacked than "ordinary" citizens.
- Victimization against gay, lesbian and bisexual people (whether it be verbal, physical, threatening, or property damage) occurs every day at Ohio State.

II. Support for "minority" offices.

- This <sup>e</sup> affects several offices, not just Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Services.
- Funding for only a 50% time secretary.
- No funding for equipment, such as a typewriter.
- It is hard for any minority office to help enlighten the University community without adequate support.