

CONSTITUTION OF AEGIS

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ARTICLE II – The purposes of AEGIS shall be to develop and promote the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Community at NCSU. Goals of AEGIS include but are not limited to promotion of just and equitable treatment of all people, promoting dignified and purposeful social and recreational activities for its members, political action, and presenting a positive image which respects the diversity of all individuals, irrespective of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

ARTICLE III – Principles and Policies – This constitution shall be the primary defining document of AEGIS. AEGIS will maintain a set of Bylaws and Standing Rules whose provisions shall be secondary to this Constitution. The provisions of the Standing Rules will also be secondary to the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV – Classification and Location – AEGIS shall be based at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina.

ARTICLE V – Membership – Active membership shall be open to any student, faculty, or staff member of the NCSU University Community, regardless of age, upon payment of dues. Associate membership shall be open to anyone eighteen years of age or older who does not meet the active membership criteria upon majority vote of the Active membership (majority vote is defined as more than fifty percent of the Active membership present, with abstentions counting in the positive), and upon payment of fifty percent of the Active membership dues.

ARTICLE VI – Organization Officers – AEGIS is to be governed by a set of central core coordinator(s). The exact number of coordinators will be decided upon by the Active and Associate Membership of AEGIS, but should not be any fewer than four, one of whom shall be elected president by a joint vote of Active and Associate Membership. These coordinators are to meet with the Graduate Advisor of AEGIS on at least a biweekly basis during the academic school year.

ARTICLE VII – Organization Councils and Committees – AEGIS shall have a set of central core coordinator(s) as listed in ARTICLE VI. Additional Councils and Committees are to be outlined in the Bylaws. The central core coordinator(s) as a group supercede all other Councils and Committees in rank.

ARTICLE VIII – Organization Voter Provisions – A quorum for conducting the OFFICIAL BUSINESS of AEGIS consists of twenty-five percent of the Active membership. OFFICIAL BUSINESS may also be conducted by the set of central core coordinator(s), but is subject to review at the next OFFICIAL BUSINESS meeting. Quorum for the set of central core coordinator(s) is three coordinators. For OFFICIAL BUSINESS, a majority vote consists of one more than half the Active and Associate membership present by show of hands, secret ballot, oral response, or acclamation. Associate members may hold offices other than those listed in

ARTICLE VI. Associate members may also serve on Councils and Committees with a vote in those bodies other than the set of central core coordinator(s). Votes by proxy, as defined in ARTICLE XI, will be accepted.

ARTICLE IX – Finance and Property – The necessary expenses of AEGIS shall be met from funds secured through dues, fees, donations, fundraisers, and other funds. One AEGIS coordinator shall keep financial records subjected to audit at anytime by the Executive Council, Active membership, and AEGIS advisor.

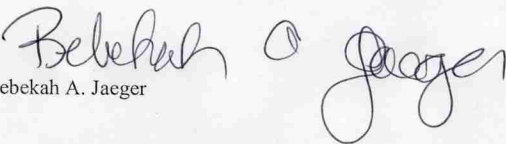
ARTICLE X – Amending this Constitution – The power to amend this Constitution rests with the Active and Associate membership. All proposed amendments to the constitution must be presented in writing or electronically to the Active and Associate members of AEGIS at least fourteen days prior to the OFFICIAL BUSINESS MEETING in which the amendments are to be voted on. Adopting a Constitutional Amendment shall require an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Active Membership present at the aforementioned OFFICIAL BUSINESS MEETING.

ARTICLE XI – Proxy votes – A proxy vote shall be a signed written letter received by the advisor no later than one business day prior to the meeting in which the vote will occur. Members of the set of central core coordinator(s) and one non-member, the Graduate Advisor if available, shall be present to count any proxy votes.

ARTICLE XI – This constitution was adopted unanimously by the attending members on November 12, 2007. This constitution replaces all previous constitutions of AEGIS (formerly known as BGLA).

Signed by:

Advisor: Rebekah A. Jaeger

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4/2003

CONSTITUTION OF THE BGLA AT NCSU

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ARTICLE VI - Organization Officers - Elected Officers shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recorder, Webmaster, and Social Activism Officer. The Chapter may elect any additional Officers as it deems necessary.

ARTICLE VII - Organization Councils and Committees - The BGLA shall have a standing Executive Council consisting of the officers listed in Article VI. Additional Councils and Committees are to be outlined in the Bylaws. The Executive Council supercedes all other Councils and Committees in rank.

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ARTICLE IX – Finance and Property – The necessary expenses of the BGLA shall be met from funds secured through dues, fees, donations, fundraisers, and other funds. The BGLA Treasurer shall keep financial records subjected to audit at anytime by the Executive Council, Active membership, and the BGLA advisor.

ARTICLE X – Amending this Constitution – The power to amend this Constitution rests with the Active membership upon thirty days' notices of the amendments in writing or electronically to the BGLA President or Executive Council. The BGLA President or Executive Council must present the amendment in writing or electronically to all Active members of the BGLA at least fourteen days prior to the OFFICIAL BUSINESS MEETING in which the amendments are to be voted on. Adopting a Constitutional Amendment shall require an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Active Membership present at the aforementioned OFFICIAL BUSINESS MEETING.

ARTICLE XI – This constitution was adopted by three-fourth votes of the dues paid members present on APRIL 8, 2003. This constitution replaces all previous constitutions of the BGLA.

BYLAWS OF THE BGLA AT NCSU

ARTICLE I – Dues – The amount of dues shall be set by vote of the Active membership and cannot be less than ten dollars per academic year for the Active membership and five dollars per academic year for the Associate membership. The treasurer shall collect the dues by the end of the third meeting of the fall semester. Anyone joining in the spring or after the third meeting, will still have to pay the full amount of dues for the academic year.

ARTICLE II – Officers, Councils, and Committees - The Executive Council or Active membership can create additional Officer positions, Councils, and Committees. These Officer positions, Councils, and Committees will automatically expire at the time of the annual election meeting unless renewed by the Executive Council or Active membership.

ARTICLE III – Annual Election of Officers – The annual election of the Officer positions as outlined in the BGLA Constitution shall occur at the third fall meeting of the new academic year after dues have been collected. A person may not be elected as an Officer until his or her dues have been paid.

ARTICLE IV – Although, at the time of the approval of this Constitution, it is not required for student organizations at NCSU to have a faculty or staff advisor or advisors, this organization is strongly encouraged to have one or more such advisors. In the event that a willing faculty or staff member cannot be found, a full-time registered graduate student may also serve as faculty advisor. The faculty advisor should be approved by majority vote of the Active membership once an academic year (at any meeting).

ARTICLE V – Officer and Committee duties shall be established and kept in written form by the President of the BGLA. The duties of the Officers should be approved by a one-time vote of the Active membership. They may be changed or amended upon simple majority vote of the Active membership.

Article VI – These Bylaws may be amended by three-fourths votes of the Active membership present upon two weeks notice to the BGLA president or the Executive Council of the amendment. The BGLA president shall notify the active membership of the proposed amendments in writing or electronically within one week of the meeting in which they are to be voted on.

Standing Rules of the BGLA

1. The BGLA President shall act as Parliamentarian unless the position has already been created according to the Bylaws.
2. The BGLA President shall also act as the Sergeant-At-Arms unless the position has already been created according to the Bylaws.
3. The BGLA shall refer to Robert's Rules of Order in matters of disputes.
4. Anyone who is deemed to be disruptive or destructive by majority vote of the Active membership present, may be removed from any meeting or event of the BGLA.
5. Anyone who is deemed to be disruptive or destructive to the purposes of the organization may be removed from Active or Associate membership of the organization at the next OFFICIAL BUSINESS MEETING by a two-thirds vote of the Active membership and approval of the BGLA advisor.
6. Any dues paid to the organization are non-refundable.
7. The BGLA may participate at events or activities outside of (or not associated with or sanctioned by) the university community. However, the organization assumes no responsibility for any risks of any kind associated with, or as a result of, such events or activities, including but not limited to travel to and from such events.
9. The BGLA shall strive to maintain some kind of public presence on campus such as by the use of an office.
10. The BGLA is strongly encouraged to hold at least two meetings a month, one of which should be an OFFICIAL BUSINESS MEETING during the months of the academic year, with the exception of December and May (and the summer months). In addition, the Executive Council is strongly encouraged to hold one meeting a month.
11. The Standing Rules may be amended at any meeting upon vote of two-thirds of the Active membership present, and a majority vote approval of the Executive Council members present, and approval of the BGLA advisor (if he or she is present). Otherwise, changes made to the Standing Rules may be proposed according to the amending policy procedures in the Bylaws.



North Carolina State University

Department of Student Development
Division of Student Affairs

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October 12, 1988

Jeffrey D. Young, President
L & G Student Union
PO Box 12576
RTP, NC 27709

Dear Mr. Young:

We have reviewed your organization's constitution and officers list and everything seems to be in proper order. You are now an officially registered student organization of North Carolina State University entitled to all privileges entailed in that status.

Understand that this registration in no way gives the University or Student Government responsibility for any financial liability which may be incurred by your group. Your status does, however, give you the opportunity to approach the Student Senate with a request for funds, and it also gives you certain on-campus solicitation privileges.

Please be aware that we ask each student organization to update its file whenever there is a change of officers and at the beginning of each school year. Failure to do so will result in a loss of registration.

If the Department of Student Development can be of assistance to your group, please do not hesitate to call on us. Good luck with your new group.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. S. Bryan, Jr.", followed by a horizontal line.

Robert S. Bryan, Jr.
Assistant Director,
Student Development

RSBjr/dw

cc: President, Student Government
Reservation & Catering, Student Center

An Open letter to the campus community

North Carolina State University is a microcosm of our country. We become especially conscious of our diversity when campus events are organized to inform us or to engage us in dialogue about particular issues. ^{Resumed} Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week, February 16 to 22 is such an opportunity.

As the event ^{is} approaches, we are reminded that all of our rights were earned through efforts of people who had the courage to gather for a cause – from those who assembled to declare our nation's independence to those who pursued the rights for women and African Americans in our century. In recent years, gays and lesbians have pressed for rights they believe are not fully extended to them as guaranteed by moral and constitutional imperatives.

At issue here at NC State University is guaranteeing the rights of gays and lesbians in our university community to claim their rights to assemble, advocate and to be heard. I would remind you that, by virtue of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, *all* citizens possess the right of free expression, free assembly, and the right to demonstrate in peaceful and civil manner. What's more, all citizens, regardless of sexual orientation, have the right to do these things without fear of harassment or violent acts against them.

While others have the right to disagree with their grievances, they do not have the right to deny any group or individual the right to demonstrate. Let it be known that, as we have articulated on a number of occasions, we will not tolerate violence against any of our students based on sexual orientation.

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to creating environment of understanding and civility, in which the free and open exchange of ideas can be aired. No one can hear above shouts or understand with minds closed to differing points of view.

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Again, the university community is committed to fostering a safe, secure, violence-free environment in which all students can develop ^{to} their fullest potential.

Larry K. Monteith

Chancellor

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From: Robert Faggart
To: LEXUS.NPSFRLH,LEXUS.NPSFTMW,PEELE.NSAFTHS,NSDVEMR
Date: 2/14/97 4:30pm
Subject: Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week at NCSU. -Forwarded -Forwarded -Reply

In response to Evelyn's message, I wanted to make everyone aware that BGLA plans to paint the Free Expression Tunnel on Sunday evening at 10:00pm. I have spoken with some of the students in BGLA about what they would like to see happen. They are concerned about their safety, based on what has happened previously, and that several gay issues have been highlighted in the Technician lately. They don't really want a uniformed officer to stand guard while they are painting, but they would like for the officers on duty to be aware that they are in the Tunnel, and if the Student Patrol or a patrolling officer would come through regularly they would feel more at ease. Faculty and staff have been invited to participate in the painting, so it is likely that there will be several "authority figures" on the scene. However, I don't know that anyone other than myself will be there. Hopefully, there will be no need for any of us to be at the tunnel, or to respond to any incidents there.

Evelyn, thank you for thinking proactively on this, and thanks to everyone else for the consideration you're giving this problem. I apologize for not posting this response sooner, but I wanted to speak to the students first.

Rob Faggart, University Scholars
BGLA Advisor

>>> Evelyn Reiman - 2/10/97 12:57 PM >>>
Forward fyi to: Tom Stafford, Ralph Harper, Terry Wright

I would like to recommend that we think proactively and preventively about containing or eliminating the backlash previously caused by some of these events, particularly the tunnel painting and the info fair. Both events have experienced negative and potentially violent reactions in the past. Dr. Stafford, do you think that Chancellor Monteith would be willing to re-issue his "Statement of Concern?" Ralph and Terry, I think it might be appropriate to have Public Safety presence nearby during the tunnel painting and, perhaps, the info. fair. I am copying this to BGLA's advisor, Rob, in case he has any concerns or suggestions about these recommendations. Thanks, Evelyn

cc: SD Staff
Rob Faggart, BGLA Advisor
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Welcome to TOL -- The Pulse of the Pack

February 17, 1997

Celebrate and educate during awareness week

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Nancy Hight
Commentary

Is everybody happy? Does gay still mean happy? If it does, then I'm not gay. Can anyone who is homosexual honestly say that they are happy?

For those of you who may have some preconceived notions, let me clarify a few terms that you may think you are familiar with. The word "fag" is a verb which means to tire by work. Yes, I am fagged. "Fag" as a noun is British slang for a cigarette. I'm not a cigarette. A "fagot" is a bundle of sticks or things tied together for use as fuel. It is to fasten together in bundles. We should all be fagots and come together in unity.

"Dyke" comes from "dike" which is a bank of earth or dam built as a defense against flooding by a river or the sea. Yes, I am a dike, trying to be a defense against the flooding of rivers and seas of hatred and misconception.

Think about how you perceive the gay community. This week is Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week at N.C. State, a week set aside by the Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians and Allies (BGLA). The purpose of this week is to make people aware and more educated about the issues of homosexuality. I encourage you to take this opportunity to step outside the classroom and further your on-going education.

Another purpose of the week is to try to change the apathy among those faculty members and students who may benefit from BGLA. One reason for this apathy is because showing any support for the BGLA may be perceived by others as making a statement.

You don't have to be out to come to the meetings. You do not even have to be gay. The BGLA is a diverse group. The diversity not only comes from the bisexuals, gays and lesbians, but also with the allies, who are not afraid to support ideas that may be different than their own, or to gain some insight to an alternative way of life because they may know someone who is gay.

The strength of any organization is in numbers. The BGLA has an opportunity to grow and should be allowed to continue with their mission of changing campus attitudes and

supporting those with common interests who need the organization. The BGLA is just as important as organizations such as the College Republicans, Campus Christian Fellowship, Collegiate 4-H Club, and the Outing Club.

The gay community tries to be a family. We all have families we are born into, but many homosexuals are discriminated against within their own biological families. When our families change, we have to build our own. Within this family, many of us are still strangers to one another.

We need to come together and support our fellow members. Of all the social issues we are faced with, homosexuality seems to be the most controversial. Politically, there are conservatives who will never change. Religiously, there are the fundamentalists who will never change. Socially, the gay community is considered a minority. Wouldn't it be nice if the narrow-minded were the only minority?

Within a society, change begins with its youth. As young adults we are in a unique position to help facilitate some of those changes, not just on our campus, but state and nation wide. We need to educate ourselves. We need to educate our families, educators and politicians.

Many think that to live the gay lifestyle is a choice. Yes, we do have our choices. In the end, the only choice anyone can make is acceptance.

It amazes me that a country that prides itself with its diversity can still pick and choose issues of tolerance. If this is truly the land of the free and the home of the brave, then can we truly be brave enough to accept and celebrate diversity and to see all people as equal, if not in our minds, then at least equal in the eyes of the law? We need more brave citizens and politicians who will not cower in the shadows of illiteracy.

Our nation is still very young. We must not lose sight of what America can still become.

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February 14, 1997

The Campus Forum

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Anyone who harasses or commits violence against another member of the university community will be dealt with according to the Student Code of Conduct and the law.

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Larry K. Monteith
Chancellor

Editor's Note: The length requirement was waived to allow for a more complete response.

■ Resolution is unnecessary

It has been reported recently that the Student Senate is considering a resolution that would add a sexual-orientation clause to N.C. State's non-discrimination policy. This addition is simply unnecessary. If this addition is not implemented, Student Senator Scott Starin claims, "they [gays and lesbians] will wonder about NCSU's discrimination policy." Well, Starin has revealed in the past that he is a homosexual and he got accepted to this university. My point is proven.

If this addition is unnecessary, then why is it wanted?

Matthew P. Hamby
Junior, Textile Chemistry

■ Condemners should practice tolerance

I applaud Matthew Hamby's courage to stand up for his beliefs in his Feb. 7 letter to the Campus Forum. This doesn't mean that I necessarily agree with him, but I do believe that everyone has the right to express their own opinions. I was bothered by the fact that the responsive letters inferred that Hamby needed "to get educated" or was ridiculed for simply believing something that not everyone agrees with. Whatever happened to tolerance? Hamby is entitled to his beliefs, without being judged, just like everyone else is in this wonderful country. Maybe people should set an example and practice what they preach.

Susan Hamilton
Sophomore, Food Science

BGLA
NCSU, Box 7314
Raleigh, NC 27695

February 9, 1997

Dear Friend,

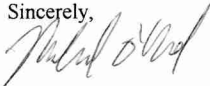
It is my pleasure to take this opportunity to invite you to the sixth annual Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Awareness Week on the campus of N. C. State University. This year's events will be held February 16 through February 17 with a special movie presentation on February 25.

I have enclosed a pamphlet outlining the activities occurring during Awareness Week. More information about BGLA and an online Guide to Awareness Week can be found online at:

http://www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/stud_orgs/lgsu/

If you have any further questions please feel free to call me at 854-9121 or to e-mail me at mhoneal@unity.ncsu.edu. I hope to be honored with your presence and support at our upcoming events.

Sincerely,



Michael O'Neal
Chair of BGLA

Enclosures

NC State University

TELEFAX MESSAGE

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CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
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TELEFAX NUMBER: (919) 851-3545

DATE: 2-12-97
TO: Evelyn Peiman
FAX #: 8078
FROM: Pam

Number of pages including cover sheet: 3

Hard copy to follow: yes no

COMMENTS:

Please look this over - Add points
you think are missed. Punch
it up in weak spots. Our
deadline is Thursday. Thanks, Pam

If transmittal is not good or if you do not receive all pages, please call (919) 515-2191 as soon as possible.

From: Robert Faggart <NSAFRDF@GWGATE.BAS.NCSU.EDU>
To: NCSU.PULLEN(NSDVEMR,NSAFRDF)
Date: 2/10/97 8:36am
Subject: Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week at NCSU. -Forwarded

Here is the Schedule for Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week, which will be next week. Please note a few items:

- * There will be a tunnel painting at 10 pm Sunday evening for those who are interested in helping out.
- * Blue Jeans Day is Wednesday, February 19.

Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week February 16-22

Tuesday, February 18

12:30-2:pm, University Student Center Blue Room---Phyllis Satrezamis of Triangle P-FLAG will speak.

Wednesday, February 19

10:am-2:pm, University Student Center 1st Floor--Gay Info Fair.
12:30-2:pm in the Green Room--Speaker Bill Brantley.

Thursday, February 20

12:40pm, University Student Center Brown Room--Peace Lunch
Forum Series sponsors "Same-sex Marriage" with speakers MK Cullen of NC Pride PAC, and Rob Faggart of NC State.

Friday, February 21

8:pm--BGLA Dance Night at club CC, Hargett St, Raleigh.

Tuesday, February 25

6:00pm AND 8:00pm--"Stonewall" shown at NCSU Witherspoon
Campus Cinema. Admission: \$2.

Well, we hope each and every one of you can attend some of our events this year!

Rob Ridings,
Publicity Sec.,
Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians & Allies (BGLA)
NC State University

http://www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/stud_orgs/lgsu/

Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians & Allies

(BGLA)

Constitution

Article I **Name and Purpose**

Section 1 The organization shall be known as the Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians, and Allies and shall remain so for infinity or until the organization decides to alter the above stated name. Hereinafter the organization shall be referred to as "BGLA."

Section 2 The purpose of this organization shall be to educate the general campus community about the issues concerning bisexual, gay, and lesbian issues, and to unite the bisexual, gay, lesbian, and allied community in a setting which provides both support and social interaction for the community.

Article II **Membership**

Section 1 Membership in the university chapter shall be open to all regularly enrolled students and faculty and staff who are interested in the issues pertaining to BGLA. Membership grants the right to vote and to hold elected office. Membership on the state and

Section 2 Associate membership may be acquired by any individual who does not have a direct connection with the university. The associate member shall pay the same dues as regular members and shall have all the rights of regular membership with the exclusion of voting privileges and the right to hold office.

Section 3 Membership in the club is guaranteed as long as dues are paid in a reasonable time, and the member is not disruptive to the environment set forth by the organization.

Article III **Officers**

- Section 1 The elected officers shall be members of an Executive Board which shall consist of two Executive Directors, one of whom shall be male and the other female, two Secretaries, of any sex, and a Treasurer, which may be a fifth member of the Executive Board or any one of the directors of the Executive Board may be assigned the duty according to group necessities. The two Executive Directors may be of the same sex if there is not interest by two individuals of the opposite sex for the office.
- Section 2 Board members will be elected prior to spring exams each year. Each executive board member will then have the right to remain in office for one year. If a member vacates office a new member will be elected at the next official meeting with prior notice to all members and that member shall serve until the end of the term and then must be reelected just as any member to continue service.
- Section 3 An advisor from the faculty or staff who is familiar with the issues of BGLA may be appointed at anytime during the year by either of the two executive directors for the purpose of helping to administrate the organization.
- Section 4 The organization will keep a list of current members for the express purpose of contacting group members to keep them updated on events. The list will not be public domain and will not be distributed to anyone who is not on the executive board without express permission of those named on the list.
- Section 5 Responsibilities of the officers
- Subsection 1 The Executive Directors shall be responsible for the following:
- A. Supervision of officers
 - B. Supervision of official BGLA meetings and Executive Board meetings

- C. Coordinating functions for the organization
- D. Representing the organization on any occasion which requires representation.

Subsection 2 The Secretaries shall be held responsible for one of the two following task lists:

A. Publicity Secretaries

- a. Will assure that meeting are reported in the technician
- b. Will be responsible for publicizing events through multiple creations including pamphlets, fliers, et cetera.
- c. Will be responsible in helping to create a newsletter for the organization which will be printed on at least a bimonthly basis.
- d. Other tasks assigned by the Executive Directors with the Assistant Director's consent.

B. Records Secretaries

- a. The records director will keep and type minutes of all meetings.
- b. The director will also be responsible for e-mail of meetings.
- c. The director will also help in the publication of the newsletter.
- d. The director, when there is not a treasurer. will in most cases be assigned the duties of treasurer which are described below (Article 3, Section 5, Subsection 3).
- e. Other tasks assigned by the Executive Directors with the Assistant Director's consent.

Subsection 3 The treasurer if elected as a fifth member of the executive board shall

have the following duties:

- A. Keep the checkbook for the organization
- B. Keep an accurate record of all income and receipts of all expenditures of the organization.
- C. Be responsible for the collection of dues.
- D. Be responsible for the timely deposit of all income and payment of all bills.
- E. Other tasks assigned by the Executive Directors with the Treasurer's consent.

Section 6 During summer session any member of the executive board may act to publicize the group at student orientations or other events without prior permission or assistance of other members of the board.

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Dues for all members shall be five-dollars per semester in US currency for membership in the university chapter.

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necessary the meetings may be held as often as once a week but no more than once a week. The meetings shall be held at a time convenient for all board members and attendance shall be required. All members of the organization are invited and encouraged to come to the meeting to voice their opinions and ideas.

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Section 1 The Executive Directors with the advice and consent of the members may create committees and appoint chairs to those committees to meet specific needs of the organization.

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Section 1 The regular meetings and the executive board meetings shall be ran in a modified Robert's Rules of Order fashion.

Section 2 Any meetings for the explicit reason of social gathering shall not use these rules of order.

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Section 1 Attendance is mandatory by executive board members to both regular and executive board meetings. Valid reasons, as deemed by majority vote of the executive board, must be presented for absences. More than three unexcused absences is grounds for impeachment.

Section 2 It is vital that all members of the board do their part. If a member of the board does not fulfill his or her assigned duties then there are grounds for impeachment. Impeachment may be proposed by any member of the organization. Impeachment will be accomplished by a majority vote of the executive board members and the impeachment proceedings shall be announced at the next regular meeting. Charges of the offenses shall be explained. The member in danger of being impeached will then be given the chance to resign or say something on their behalf. If they choose to say something on their behalf the members will vote on the impeachment but not until the next meeting. All members will be notified of the proposed impeachment. A majority of 2/3 of the members present and voting will be required for final impeachment. Upon voting the impeachment shall be official and if impeached a new officer may be elected in accordance to election proceedings.

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Section 2 Reference to the university or its policies in this text is not meant in any way to imply or otherwise form any connection between the university and the organization other than those set forth by Student Development guidelines for officially recognized student organizations.

From: Robert Faggart
To: nsdvmr@gwgate.bas.ncsu.edu
Date: 2/19/96 11:06am
Subject: 5th annual Gay & Lesbian Awareness Week

Below is the schedule for the 5th annual Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week. Sorry this wasn't posted sooner, but I just got the complete schedule myself.

Rob

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5th Annual Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week at NC State

Monday, February 19

All in the Family

Speech by Candace Gingrich

2:35 PM

Campus Cinema, Witherspoon Student Center

Sponsored by the University Scholars Program

LGSU Dinner

7:00 PM

Two Guys Restaurant, Hillsborough St.

Tuesday, February 20

Speech by Mandy Carter

4:00 PM

NCSU Women*s Center, B-19 Nelson

Sponsored by the Women*s Center

Wednesday, February 21

BLUE JEANS DAY

Film

Torch Song Trilogy

8:00 PM

Campus Cinema, Witherspoon Student Center

UAB Diversity Film Series

Thursday, February 22

Civil Rights for Gay Men and Lesbians

Speech by Mab Segrest

12:40 PM

Brown Room, University Student Center

Sponsored by the Peach Lunch Forum Series

Gay and Lesbian Student Bowling Night

9:00 PM

Western Lanes, Hillsborough St.

Friday, February 23

GLB Lunch on the Brickyard

11:30 AM

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care about buying the new BMW or 2-door car. The educational system must get these kids interested in thinking on their own.

Homosexuals ask for respect, not harassment

Imagine trying to cope with rejection from society, family and friends. You may not be able to, yet this is reality for many homosexual students at N.C. State and a thought they are forced to think about.

Four students representing the newly formed Lesbian/Gay Student Union participated in a discussion in the Student Center Thursday, saying the gay community needs lots of support. Homosexuals need to support each other, and the heterosexual community needs to be better educated. Basically, they said homosexuals are human beings and homosexuals should be respected and treated like human beings.

There is no excuse for the harassing phone calls the students said they have received since recent articles about the group have been published in Technician. These students are attempting to break through the discrimination barriers against the gay community on the NCSU campus. They are speaking out for what they believe in. But, there will be those few who cannot accept something they know little about.

Even if these limited individuals cannot accept homosexuality, they should at least keep an open mind on the subject rather than condemning it. The Student Senate and Student Development have been supportive of this issue recently. That's because they took the time to listen to what members of the gay community have to say.

Even if you don't agree or condone homosexual lifestyles, at least be quiet and let people live their lives in peace.

Nectar from the gods

Congratulations are due to Jimmy Valvano's Wolfpack on whipping the tar out of UNC Thursday night at Reynolds Coliseum.

A Wolfpack victory in the legendary coliseum, no matter against who, is always sweet. But when the pounding is against archrival Carolina, it's nectar from the gods to N.C. State students.

Sure, the Wolfpack lost to UNLV at home yesterday, breaking Jimmy V's 17-game winning streak at home. Though State fans would rather have both, we'll take a victory over UNC instead of UNLV any day, especially a victory as solid as Thursday's victory.

So congratulations to the Wolfpack in coming through against adversity again. With the cloud of a book (that might be published one day with some allegations that might or might not have any facts said by an ex-team manager full of sour grapes) dark and heavy above their heads, Valvano and company have at last pulled together on the basketball court.

ber that the term "homosexual" does not include merely the bums on the street, but also includes a large number of otherwise productive, working-class members of society who have encountered bad circumstances.

Second, Bush should adhere to his campaign promise to provide day-care for working parents. If "family" is the priority to Bush that he says it is, then he could hardly neglect this issue. With more parents having to work, more children are, of necessity, left to an empty house and potential dangers. If you're a single parent, too, such willingness. Fourth, the new his record on the careful attention natural resources dren will be able to today. Overall, Bush promises to culti America. But, if able to keep his taxes. The defic but nation. The making Americ

Forum

Bolton responsible

After reading a recent article about Bennie Bolton in the News and Observer, I was more than a little upset with some of Bolton's comments about his college career at N.C. State. Then I had to read more of that drivel in a N&O editorial, "When the cheers fade," that appeared in the paper on February 1.

Bolton attended NCSU for four years, including summers, and still didn't graduate. So what? Many college students do not graduate in four years for a variety of reasons, but they don't blame the school. Bennie can go another year (or whatever it takes) and get his degree if it is so important to him. True, he won't have all the tutors, study halls, mentors, limelight, cheering and television coverage that he had the first four years, but he can still graduate if HE is willing to put forth the effort.

The N&O reports that Bolton says he has memories — some good, some bad, some joy, etc. — about his days at NCSU. Sorry, Bennie, but you are not any different from any of the rest of us as we were going through college. Life is like that, young man, for all of us. Not enough spending money, not enough meal money — all are complaints heard by parents from does college kids. Again, Bennie Bolton does not have a lock on that aspect of college life. Perhaps Bolton is dis-

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chris Baysden
Editor in Chief, Technician

FROM: Thomas H. Stafford, Jr. *Thomas H. Stafford*
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

I would like to take a moment to address the attitude promoted by fliers which recently circulated on our campus proclaiming the week of March 24 through March 28 to be "Gay Hatred Week." In fact, NC State University is celebrating "**Human Rights Week**" March 23 through March 27. The attitudes conveyed by the "Gay Hatred Week" flier are not only damaging to our bisexual, gay, and lesbian students, faculty, and staff--they hurt the entire NC State community.

I know from my experiences speaking with bisexual, gay, and lesbian students that they are troubled by the overall campus climate on this issue. I, too, am deeply concerned about the hostility directed toward these individuals, and especially this most recent demonstration of hatred and ignorance. Let me clearly state that violence and harassment toward any groups or persons will simply not be tolerated on this campus. Attitudes and demonstrations of hatred have absolutely no place in a University that is dedicated to the mission of providing opportunities for all students to develop their fullest potential and enhance the quality of life in our state. In order to be able to fulfill this fundamental mission of the University, it is the responsibility of each and every person on this campus to make NC State a safe, accepting, and respectful place for all of our members to work, live, and study. I challenge and encourage all administrators, faculty, staff, and students to embrace this responsibility and take every opportunity to make NC State a University that supports and promotes growth in all of its members - a University for which we can all be proud. In the words of the Human Rights Week fliers, let's "**View All Human Beings as Worthy.**"

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Section 5. Responsibilities of the officers.

The Co-Chairs shall be responsible for the following :

- a. Give supervision to the LGSU and its officers.
- b. See that the duties and obligations of the by-laws are fulfilled.
- c. Coordinate and be ultimately responsible for the functions of the LGSU.
- d. Represent the LGSU on any occasion that requires such.

The Secretary shall be responsible for the following:

- a. See that an accurate written record is kept of the proceedings of meetings and give a report to the entire membership.
- b. Be responsible for the memorandum.
- c. Perform other duties as might be prescribed by the executive council.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the following:

- a. Have charge of the finances of the LGSU
- b. Keep an accurate record of the receipts and expenditures of the LGSU.
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Section 3. A listing of possible committees to fill needs of the Group.

Publicity Committee

The coordinator shall be responsible for the following:

- a. Be responsible for all publicity of the LGSU
- b. Publicize all functions and projects of the LGSU at the represented colleges (ex. NCSU's Greensheet, Technician's Crier)
- c. Organize tunnel paintings to advertise upcoming events.

Support Group Committee

The coordinator shall be responsible for the following:

- a. Be responsible for all support group(s) of the LGSU.
- b. Be responsible for finding a location on campus to meet.
- c. Be responsible for planning the program of the support group meetings.

Social Events Committee

The coordinator shall be responsible for the following:

- a. Insure the execution of all recreational activities of the LGSU.
- b. Find locations for events to be held.

LGSU Programs Committee

The coordinator shall be responsible for the following:

- a. Be responsible for the execution of all programs.
- b. Plan programs centered around the concerns and general interest of the students in the LGSU.

Information Package Committee

The coordinator shall be responsible for the following:

- a. Be responsible for preparing information packet on the LGSU.
- b. Be responsible for preparing information to go to incoming freshmen at freshman orientation.

Educational Programs Committee

The coordinator shall be responsible for the following:

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BGLA would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their support:

Phyllis Satrazemis and Bill Brantley for taking time to come speak during Awareness Week

Peace Lunch Forum and Student Senate Diversity Committee for their support in sponsoring M.K. Cullen and Rob Faggart's presentation on Gay Marriage

Student Senate for showing their support by providing us with funding

Rob Faggart for being the BGLA staff advisor

All the faculty and staff who have shown their support throughout the year through having their names in the NCOD ad, through their generous financial contributions, and through whatever other activities they may have been involved in to help the BGL community

For More Information

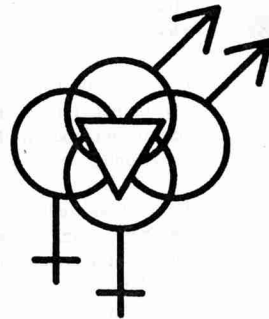
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**BISEXUAL,
GAY, &
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AWARENESS
WEEK 1997**



FEBRUARY 16 - 22

Purpose

Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Awareness Week has been an annual event on the N.C. State campus since 1992. Awareness Week strives to fulfill BGLA's threefold mission through activities, education, and activism.

BGLA

BGLA is the only campus group serving the BGL community at N.C. State. Our weekly meetings are held in Tompkins, room 109 at 7:30pm on Tuesday nights.

BGLA Mission

The mission of BGLA is as follows:

1. To provide a supportive environment for gay, lesbian, and bisexual members of the N.C. State Community.
2. To provide education to group members as well as outreach to the campus at large on issues regarding sexual orientation and the BGL community.
3. To provide a vehicle for activism and positive social change on campus regarding issues of sexual orientation and the BGL community.

Schedule

February 17 10:00-2:00pm

February 18 12:30-2:00pm

February 19 12:30-2:00pm

10:00-2:00pm

February 20 12:40-2:00pm

February 21 8:00-???

February 25 6:00 & 8:00pm

*all rooms are in student center

Information Table

Phyllis Satrazemis

Bill Brantley

Information Fair

MK Cullen and Rob Faggart

Dance at CC

Stonewall

Brickyard

Blue Room

Green Room

Lobby

Brown Room

Campus Cinema

Speakers

Phyllis Satrazemis is the president of the Raleigh chapter of P-FLAG. Her current projects include "Sally's House," a temporary shelter for gay and lesbian youth cast out by their families. She will be speaking about important issues relating to coming out to family.

Bill Brantley is a former ASA member who has lived with HIV/AIDS for 15 years. He has received Pride Man of the Year for NC Pride and gives lectures all across the state. He is currently the longest living person with AIDS in this area. He will be speaking about current issues facing the BGL community.

MK Cullen and Rob Faggart will be speaking about domestic partnership and gay marriage as part of the Peace Lunch Forum. MK Cullen is the director of NC Pride PAC and Rob Faggart is an NCSU staff member.

Events

Information Table

There will be an information table about Awareness Week, BGLA, and BGL issues. We will also be distributing buttons with gay-affirmative slogans.

Information Fair

Organizations from the area who serve the BGL community will have information tables and representatives. Groups will be from both the NCSU community and the surrounding Raleigh area.

Dance

A dance to support BGLA will be held at CC's. Admission will be \$1 at the door.

Stonewall

The movie *Stonewall* premiered at the 6th Annual Gay and Lesbian Film Festival in New York City. It was the winner of the film festival's highest honor. Admission will be \$2 and it will play at both 6 and 8pm.

PERSPECTIVES**University Scholars Programs****March 14, 1989****Vol. 4 No. 7****Freedom of Choice?**

Among all of the "social" issues being debated today, perhaps none is quite as touchy as the homosexual question. In the wake of recent articles in the Technician and a series of reports on local television, this article seemed warranted. It appears that the prevalent attitude among Americans today, especially religious groups, is that homosexuality is some type of disease. It's not. It is a choice that certain individuals make based upon their sexual preferences. This is obviously not a socially acceptable choice; nevertheless, it is a choice. And considering that this is America and we are supposed to have freedom of choice, it is not the place of institutions, i.e., universities or churches, to condemn these people for their preferences.

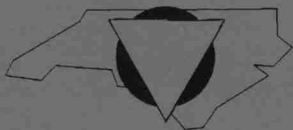
I don't choose to be a homosexual, nor am I advocating homosexuality. Similarly, I don't choose to be a Democrat, and I certainly don't advocate certain ideas affiliated with that political party. However, I don't harass Democrats because I don't like their ideas, at least not too much. In all seriousness, as presumably intelligent college students, we are the people who will be setting the moral and social tones for the next two generations through the ideas we hand down to our children and grandchildren. What advantage do we have to gain from persecuting any group in our society? Articles such as Luke Setzer's in the Technician only serve to perpetuate the ignorant attitudes of people like himself who believe as he does that "...the mouth is not a sexual organ." As an astute suite mate of mine pointed out, "He's obviously never been kissed." He's also at the very least naive. The Hite report states that 60% of Americans profess to having oral sex. Other stereotypes traditionally reserved for gays are also typically stupid and uninformed. The truth is that most homosexuals are undetectable as such. To borrow from psychological jargon, people who constantly condemn and harass gays may be in the midst of a homosexual identity crisis themselves.

So, Mr. Setzer and his puritanical cohorts in ignorance are trying to maintain a repressive attitude in this country akin to that reserved for other minorities during the 60's. Obviously, new methods of turning down advances from members of the same sex need to be developed, but should this be any different from turning down a member of the opposite sex? Tolerance of different ideas is highly indicative of intelligence and maturity, and if what we are now experiencing is any indicator, this country has a long way to go. And considering that we all live in and presumably love this country, I feel that we must all do our part to eliminate discrimination of any kind, whatsoever.

Kevin Beck, ALS

THE LESBIAN AND GAY

STUDENT UNION



Sometimes
you need to
be accepted
just as you
are.

Being Gay at NCSU

In today's society, being gay, lesbian or bisexual is never easy. It's a constant struggle for acceptance in a world that, most of the time, wishes you would just climb back into your closet and disappear.

Fortunately, N. C. State University is a good place to be gay. That may come as a surprise to a lot of people, but it's true. The administration at NCSU is very supportive of its gay, lesbian and bisexual students. The Chancellor has even issued a statement prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. But most importantly, there is the Lesbian and Gay Student Union.

What Is The LGSU?

The Lesbian and Gay Student Union (LGSU) is an officially recognized student organization at North Carolina State University which provides support and educational services to the gay and lesbian community and its allies at NCSU. Membership in the LGSU is open to all students, regardless of sexual orientation. LGSU functions and meetings are open to all members of the NCSU community, including students, faculty, staff and their significant others.

What Does The LGSU Do?

The LGSU sponsors and is involved in numerous activities on campus and in the surrounding community.

Raising Campus Awareness

The LGSU is a driving force for change on the NCSU campus. Raising campus awareness is important to that end because to many people, we are an invisible minority. A number of awareness raising

activities are sponsored throughout the year to try to make the entire campus aware of the reality of being gay or lesbian at N. C. State.

Last years activities included National Coming Out Day, a march and candlelight vigil on World AIDS Day, Blue Jeans Day, and Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week. NCSU staff members also tuned into a national teleconference on meeting the needs of gay, lesbian and bisexual students.

The Co-chairs of the LGSU represent the gay and lesbian student population (an estimated 2600 students) on the President's Roundtable, which meets monthly with the student body president, and the Chancellor's Liaison Committee, which meets monthly with Chancellor Larry Monteith.

Regular Meetings

The LGSU holds regular meetings every other week during the academic year. Meetings usually include speakers on topics ranging from racism to developing (and keeping) relationships to politics, as well group discussions and social time.

Speaking Out On Campus

The LGSU Speakers Bureau provides panels of gay and lesbian students to speak to classes, residence halls, and other campus groups on a variety of topics, from general Q & A sessions to specific issues of concern to gay men and lesbians. Last year the LGSU Speakers Bureau spoke to over 1200 students.

Supporting Ourselves

The LGSU provides numerous support services to lesbian and gay students through referrals and peer counseling. The LGSU also sponsors a support group which meets outside the regular LGSU meetings. The support group is a place for people to

discuss problems they may be having which are related to being gay or lesbian. One of the focuses of the group is to help people who are coming out and coming to terms with their sexual orientation.

Mixing, Mingling, and Socializing.

Besides working to make NCSU a better place for gay, lesbian and bisexual people, we like to have fun, too! There are many opportunities for people to interact in a positive atmosphere. Throughout the year, LGSU members get together for parties, dinners and nights on the town. At the end of Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week, the LGSU holds the annual Out and About Ball, right here on campus.

How Do I Find Out More?

The Lesbian and Gay Student Union meets every Tuesday at 7:30 pm during the regular academic year. The support group meets on the alternate weeks. For information on meeting locations and upcoming events, or if you just have questions or need someone to talk to, call 821-5995, or write to Box 7314-NCSU, Raleigh, NC, 27695.

OTHER RESOURCES IN THE NCSU AREA

The Wake County Gay and Lesbian Helpline

Information, referrals and counseling seven days a week, 7 - 10 pm.

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) - Triangle Chapter

Contact Sally at 467-9807. Meets 3rd Thursday of the month.

St. John's Metropolitan Community Church

Meets Sundays at 7:15 at the corner of Wade Avenue and Dixie Trail in Raleigh. Call 834-2611 for more information.

NSCU Counseling Center

Located at 2000 Harris Hall. Phone 515-2423.

The Front Page

North and South Carolina's gay and lesbian newspaper. Available at various locations around the state and locally. Call 829-0181 for more information.

White Rabbit Books and Things

Gay and lesbian bookstore located at 309 W. Martin Street, Raleigh.

New gay group offers support, education

By Tor Blizzard
Senior Staff Writer

Discrimination on N.C. State's campus is not limited only to race; it also exists in the form of sexual bias. According to one Steven C., treasurer and program director for a new lesbian/gay organization, students and the community lack education and understanding about another minority group: homosexuals.

Steven, who would not give his last name for personal reasons, works with the Lesbian/Gay Student Union, an organization on campus designed to educate the community, as well as provide support for gays and lesbians.

The only other NCSU student organization for gays is the Gay and Lesbian Association (GALA). Steven said this group is more socially oriented and does not offer educational programs. GALA members could not be reached for comment.

Steven's group, which began last semester, presently has 35 active members. Steven said members meet every other week to discuss fundraisers, current business, upcoming conferences and speakers. They also conduct a support group on campus once a week.

He said for those who seek more personal counseling, the group can refer individuals to local profes-

sional counselors.

To meet educational objectives, Steven said group members will speak at psychology and sociology classes that are interested in discussing the controversial issue of homosexuality.

"If you present yourself as a gay in front of a group, then it makes them think ... (and) this starts to tear down some of the walls to discrimination," he said.

Steven said crude jokes are a vivid reminder that a great lack of education about homosexuals exists on campus.

Because of this lack of education, many people are shocked to find that many gays don't have the expected stereotypical traits. "We are proud of who we are ... we are not sick," he said.

There are many more homosexuals than most people are willing to admit, Steven claimed.

"Everyone assumes that you are attracted to the opposite sex and (that you) get married," he said.

According to a study in 1948, 10 percent of the American public is gay, while 33 percent have had homosexual thoughts.

Despite the age of these findings, many professionals still consider them accurate.

The late Alfred Kinsey, at the Institute for Sex Research in Indiana, conducted the study over a period of several years.

Student Senate passes finance bill for campus gay group

By Tor Blizzard
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After 45 minutes of intense debate, the student government appropriated \$400 to a relatively new student organization, the Lesbian/Gay Student Union (LGSU), Wednesday night in Senate Hall.

A week ago, Senate President Brooks Raiford warned senators that they could not use the issue of sexual preference to oppose the bill. This, he said, would be unlawful according to an ordinance passed last June

by the Raleigh City Council. The ordinance states that any company dealing with the city of Raleigh cannot refuse employment on the basis of sexual preference.

Student senators' opposition focused, instead, on LGSU's lack of fundraising.

Before the debate began, Sen. Andrew Cook, who sponsored the bill, told senators that N.C. State's gay/lesbian community needs attention. "Education will go a long way to reduce discrimination," he said.

Sen. Marty Massey said that although he did not disagree with LGSU's intent, he felt

that the new club could do more to come up with its own money. "They can spend some of their own money for this cause," he said.

Massey also suggested that since the group had difficulty with fundraisers, it could raise money by sweeping out Reynolds Coliseum, as other campus organizations have done.

Financially speaking, "this bill is entirely without merit," he said.

Another senator spoke out against the bill, saying that in the two years he's been in the Senate, he's never known it to appropriate

money to a club which hadn't had any fundraisers.

Senate treasurer Brian Nixon was quick to point out that student government has given funds to assist start-up groups in the past.

Nixon also said this issue reminded him of days when blacks on campus went through similar difficulties when asking for monetary assistance. LGSU is "a group that is undoubtedly needed on campus," he said.

Massey attempted to amend the bill to \$200.

"Although this is a minority-based group,

it should be treated just like any other group," he said. "(Other groups) have had to sacrifice, this group should have to do the same."

Cook disagreed with Massey's statement. "I'd ask you what it'd be like in the 1960's — if we told blacks to just 'fight it out,' " he said.

Most senators however, did agree that LGSU needs to increase their \$2 a semester dues in order to better cover expenses.

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Sen. James Yow disagreed with reducing the appropriation. "It would be a slap on the face to amend this bill," he said.

Sen. Haley Haines agreed with Yow. "It's presumptuous to say you can cut here, you can cut there."

"Imagine the courage it takes to stand before a group of people and talk about your sexual preferences. Let's not be hypocritical," she added.

A vote was taken and the amendment failed to meet the required two

thirds majority.

The original appropriation for \$400 was eventually approved 29-13.

The chair of LGSU, Catherine (last name omitted for personal reasons), later said she was pleased the new group received the appropriation.

"I was surprised at the real strong positive support," she said.

However, Catherine wasn't surprised by the opposition. Several senators didn't see the group as an important one, she said, and "there seemed to be hostility in their voices."