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Lesbian and Gay Student Union

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a student organization at NC State

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What is the LGSU ?

The purpose of the Lesbian and Gay Student Union is to provide opportunities for education, fellowship, group social events, emotional support, social action and other organized activities among gay, lesbian and straight students, faculty and friends.

LGSU is a driving force for change on the NCSU campus. Awareness is important to that end because to many, we are an invisible minority. The group has lead many events to try to make the entire campus aware of the difficulties of being a lesbian or gay man at N. C. State. One of those was Blue Jeans Day last fall. An article from the Technician is to the right.

LGSU provides opportunities for fellowship and social interaction. Meetings occur every other week on campus and provide programs dealing with gay and lesbian issues. Members gather regularly to go out to eat or attend other social functions. There are many opportunities for people to interact in a positive atmosphere.

As a student organization, the LGSU is committed to education, awareness, and the elimination of discrimination and prejudice. One of the ways the LGSU accomplishes this is by having members facilitate discussions in psychology and sociology classes. These volunteers help those classes explore the subject of homosexuality from a perspective other than a textbook. This allows students to gain knowledge of what its like to be gay or lesbian and allows the volunteers to dispel fears and prejudices that people have toward homosexuality.

The group also provides a support group to give people a place to discuss problems they may be having. One of the focuses of this group is to help people who are in the midst of problems associated with "coming out", the process of coming to terms with one's sexual orientation.

To contact the LGSU call 829-9553 for a taped message and information or write to:

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Support gay rights

On Nov. 1, the Lesbian and Gay Student Union will sponsor Blue Jeans Day at N.C. State. On this day, we ask that all who support the right of gay and lesbian rights, already enjoyed by the majority of the population, to wear blue jeans as a symbol of their support.

Our motivation for sponsoring this event is quite simple. We want everyone to think about the issue of lesbian and gay rights.

As such the choice of blue jeans as a symbol of support was not arbitrary. Blue jeans are the most commonly worn article of clothing; thus the greatest number of people will be obliged to consider the issue

of equality for gay men and lesbians.

If you choose not to wear jeans because you fear the consequences of being perceived as gay, we ask that you reflect on this feeling. Try to imagine living with that fear every day as do many gay men and lesbians. Furthermore ask yourself why such fear exists.

We realize that some of you who choose not to wear jeans may be disgruntled at what you see as an inconvenience. If you will, compare this annoyance to the "inconvenience" of losing your job because you are gay.

Understand though that we do not seek to antagonize. We simply wish to call attention to the fact that discrimination against lesbian and gay people exists, and it must

be addressed by everyone if it is to be eradicated. We hope those of you who agree with us will wear your denim on Wednesday to show your support.

Gary S. Pittman
NCSU Gay and Lesbian Student Union

Wear your blue jeans

The United States Constitution states plainly that all men are created equal, and that we all are endowed with certain rights.

Unfortunately, today's society seems unwilling to grant those rights to gays and lesbians. The N.C. State Lesbian and Gay Student Union wants to change that.

On Nov. 1, LGSU will sponsor NCSU Blue Jeans Day. Before you go jumping to conclusions, understand that wearing blue jeans on Wednesday does not mean that you are gay.

If you wear your jeans that day, it means that you support basic civil liberties for gays and lesbians. Nothing more, nothing less.

Knowing this, there is no reason not to wear your jeans. If you are not homosexual, you should have no fear of being labeled as such. More importantly, wearing your jeans will symbolize your belief in the basic equality of all mankind. No moral judgment is involved or implied.

For those of you who choose not to wear jeans, do not gripe about being inconvenienced. If nothing else, it will be a chance for you to dress nicely for something besides church. Who knows, maybe it will even get you noticed by that person you have been watching in your 7:50 class for the last month.

Just remember, wearing your jeans does not mean that you are gay, only that you support one group's rights to basic civil liberties. If the equality of all men and women is not worth standing up for, then nothing is.

Wear your blue jeans Nov. 1.

Support sought for gay/lesbian rights

from staff reports

N.C. State students and staff can show their support for lesbians and gays by wearing blue jeans Wednesday.

According to Gary Pittman and members of the Lesbian and Gay Student Union, people who wear blue jeans on Blue Jeans Day Wednesday will be showing their support of lesbian and gay rights, but should not be labeled as homosexuals.

Pittman could not be reached for further comment Sunday.

In a letter describing the event, he said, "We want everyone to think about the issue of lesbian and gay

rights.

"The choice of blue jeans as a symbol of support was not arbitrary," he said. They are "the most commonly worn article of clothing; thus the greatest number of people will be obliged to consider the issue of equality for gay men and lesbians."

Pittman emphasized the need to draw attention to discrimination against gays and lesbians.

He compared what some people may see as an inconvenience in choosing not to wear jeans to the "inconvenience of being evicted from your home because you are gay or the inconvenience of losing your job because you are gay."

RESOURCES

The Front Page The bi-weekly gay newspaper for North and South Carolina
P.O. Box 27926, Raleigh NC 27611

The Newsletter The triangle area's lesbian newsletter.
Post Office Box 2272, Durham NC 27702

The Advocate A national gay news magazine
The periodicals section of DH Hill Lib.

National AIDS Hotline Information about AIDS
1-800-342-AIDS

PFLAG - Triangle Area Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays
781 - 7635 (before noon)

Dignity The triangle area's group for gay catholics
362 - 0414

Integrity Episcopal group for gays & lesbians
922 - 1797 (in Durham)

St. John's MCC Raleigh's parish of the Metropolitan Community Church.
834 - 2611

Written Resources (Can be found in DH Hill Library)

Loving Someone Gay Don Clark. 1977 HQ76.2 .U5 C57

Young Gay and Proud Sasha Alyson. 1980 HQ76.25 .Y8 1980

Now That You Know Betty Fairchild. 1979 HQ76.3 .U5 F33