

Next Month is Pride Month—Watch for Complete Details of all Local Events In The June Triangle

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April: A Busy Month For UCF's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Student Union

April was a busy month for UCF's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Student Union (GLBSU). Chief among the activities was the Second Annual Lesbigan Awareness Week.

During this week, GLBSU held an Induction Ceremony at which the new officers of the group were announced. They are Patrick Ketelaar, Treasurer; Misty Rogers, Secretary; Brian Monroe, Co-Vice-President; and Jamie Gordon, President.

Also during the ceremony, last year's President, Greg Seaney, presented the GLBSU President's Council Award to the most outstanding members. Those who received the award were: Wendy Bush, Brian C., Gwenn D., Jamie Gordon, Dan Indiciani, Ken Kazmerski, Patrick Ketelaar, Michael McNeil, Paul St. Laurent, Anthony de Shazor and Tony Tapia.

The group also acknowledged those in the community and group who have gone out of their way to help free the University campus from homophobia. Those receiving this award of recognition were: Acting

Studio Company, UCF African American Student Union, Michael Ames, Tom Amundrud, Tracy Balkham, Harley B., Allen Baus, Central Florida Future, Jana Cohen, Front Runners, Jim Gilkeson, GLCS, Cheryl Mahan, Derrick Keith McKinney, Derek Miner, Brian Monroe, Sue O'Riley, Out & About Books, Oliver Reyes Gary Shiffrar, Derrick Thomas and Beverly Warner.

GLBSU also secured \$580 worth of gay and lesbian videos for the UCF library. The money was awarded through the University's new Student Funding Committee.

On a more somber note, The GLBSU Lesbigan Awareness Week Banner was stolen from the front entrance to UCF on the evening of April 10. GLBSU is posting a \$100 reward for the return of the banner and arrest and conviction of those who stole it. Any donation to the group for this reward would be appreciated.

GLCS Innovates For The Year 2000

We are proud to announce the newest innovation from the Gay and Lesbian Community Services:

Direct, on-site access to the INTERNET, including our own GLCS WEB PAGE and complete E-MAIL capabilities!

Yes, we have had our web page in place for a few months now, however, with on-site (at the Center) access, we can ensure the most current information and listings, spotlight special features such as our business members and referrals, share pictures of special events, i.e. Spectrum Awards and Pridefest, and place our "Membership Application" and fundraising details right on the web site for easy printing and updates.

Our web site is located at: [HTTP://www.flamingopark.com/glcs/](http://www.flamingopark.com/glcs/)

And our e-mail address is: glcsfl@accnet.com

We would mainly like to utilize the e-mail to increase the speed and effectiveness of how we "get the word out" on the latest information about upcoming local and national issues affecting our community. This will be a major asset in organizing, as well as a way to keep you as a member more in tune with the most current "lesbigan" events and concerns.

There has been a great deal of talk in the community about how to organize faster and more efficiently, especially as the Colorado 2 Amendment and other important local and national work is coming up for action. Forming an "Activists Action Network" (AAN) is one way to "get the word out" much quicker

than phone calls, faxes, and most definitely "snailmail". We can coordinate the e-mail lists and information dissemination from the Center and e-mail could easily come from any group. GLCS could keep the e-mail addresses confidentially and take care of actually sending the news out to the network. In addition, as we are all so busy, this would cut down communication time between organizations, with an actual gain in information exchange.

However, in order to make this project a reality, we need your support, and most of all, your participation. Remember, this will be a "FREE" service to the community and will cut the time it takes to get our supporters alerted for protests, rallies, letter writing and phone calling campaign, etc. to very little, while saving our community time and money through fewer paper costs, faxes and phone calls.

If you would like to be included on our "Activist's Alert Network", please contact Lara Anderson at 407/425-4527 with your e-mail address and also, please spread the word about this service. Our goal is to create a powerful "Activist's Network", whereby we can send an "Alert" to an infinite number of people with the push of a button. We also need your help, and expertise, in order to discuss the most effective manner in which to set up and maintain this network.

So if you have any comments or suggestions about how we can best utilize these new "innovations", please give Lara a call at the Center and watch in the coming months for future updates about the Network and other Center "innovations"!

Orlando Sentinel Spotlights Gay Community Coalition

By Laura J. Harding

On April 18, 1996, the Orlando Sentinel spotlighted the "FRIENDS Community Coalition", a group of gay and lesbian leaders and concerned citizens from five counties in and around Central Florida, in the "Orange Extra" section of the paper.

The idea for the article evolved when

Sentinel Minority Affairs reporter, Nancy Feigenbaum, contacted Executive Director Lara Anderson of the Gay and Lesbian Community Services of Central Florida (GLCS) regarding the issue of lesbian and gay parenting. During the conversation, the subject of the FRIENDS Community Coalition and its work with mainstream

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