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Dear Colleagues:

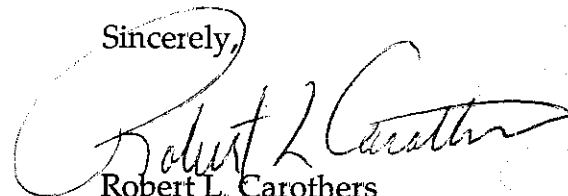
On April 10, 11, and 12, the Third Annual Symposium on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Issues will be held in the Galanti Lounge of the University Library. Some of the special features of this year's conference include a display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, discussions regarding issues of Campus Climate, and the keynote speaker, Karen Marshall, the Director of the San Diego Lesbian & Gay Men's Community Center. The Symposium, which is free and open to the public, will provide a forum for people to come together and share their research, art, ideas and experiences. People of all sexual orientations are encouraged to attend.

The conference marks the University's continuing support for diversity and for the rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals. The URI Safe-Zone stickers, which were developed several years ago, send an explicit message to lesbian, gay and bisexual students, faculty and staff that the office displaying that triangular symbol is home to individuals who will not be judgmental.

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Resource Brochure is a resource for anyone wanting to know what organizations, services, and support groups are available to the University of Rhode Island community. These brochures, as well as more information regarding the Symposium and URI Safe-Zone campaign, can be obtained through any of the following contacts: Bill Bartels, Protestant Chaplain and Chair of the Committee to Eliminate Homophobia and Heterosexism (319 Roosevelt Hall, 4784); Professor Lois Cuddy (4671); The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Association (GLBTA) (MU Room 130, 5480) or Holly Nichols, Symposium Chair (via e-mail hnic@uriacc.uri.edu). The schedule of symposium events will be listed on the web at <http://www.uri.edu/news/symposium.htm>.

I look forward to seeing you at this year's Third Annual Symposium on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Issues.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Carothers
President