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May 25, 1994

Dr. W. Lynn McKinney
Associate Professor
Education Department
107 Quinn Hall
Campus

Dear Lynn,

On behalf of the Committee to Eliminate Homophobia and Heterosexism, we appreciate the opportunity to write a proposal to receive \$500.00 from the Richard Katzoff Fund to support our work on campus.

The grant received last year was used to support OUTFLICKS, the URI Lesbian and Gay film series. Enclosed you will find a listing of the movies featured during the academic year. Films were chosen to depict the diversity within the lesbian and gay community with broad appeal to people of all sexual orientations. Attendance for the films steadily increased each month, and during the April showing featuring films by Cheryl Dunye, over 80 people were in attendance.

Because of the support for the film series, this committee, in conjunction with the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Association and other student groups, will present the OUTFLICKS series again next year. However, we are improving the program by making OUTFLICKS a lesbian-gay film and lecture series. Once each month, either films, a speaker or both will present a topic involving issues of sexual orientation. For example, current speakers being considered include "Ladies on the Couch", a lesbian comedy team from Chicago; Joan Nestle, a renowned lesbian author; and a gay or lesbian veteran to speak on sexual orientation and the military.

At each presentation, there would be time for discussion about issues raised during the evening. We are hoping to continue to make each an educational event that would attract a wide variety of people.

At the beginning of each semester, a complete schedule of events would be sent to each faculty and staff member to offer the opportunity to incorporate speakers and films into their curriculum.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. This committee and other organizations have worked tirelessly to make this campus a comfortable one for people of all sexual orientations, a goal shared by Dr. Katzoff.

Sincerely,



Gary Burkholder

for the Committee to Eliminate
Homophobia and Heterosexism


Christine Nickerson
President, RI Alliance for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights
339 Morris Avenue
Providence, RI 02906

September 29, 1994

Dear Christine:

On behalf of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Association and the Committee to Eliminate Homophobia and Heterosexism at URI, I want to thank you for speaking at the showing of "Before Stonewall". You did a wonderful job of bringing together the themes discussed in the movie and the civil rights movement in Rhode Island.

The evening would not have been the same without you! 

Gary Burkholder 
Co-Chair, Committee to Eliminate Homophobia and Heterosexism
Co-Facilitator, Graduate Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Association