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Three Dollar Bill

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GLBTA participates in Discussion Group

Coming Out and Relationship Issues Hosted by The Committee to Eliminate Homophobia & Heterosexism

Last Monday evening at 8:00 PM at the Multi-cultural Center Professor Al Lott facilitated presentation and Discussion of Coming Out & Relationship issues. The event was attended by members of the GLBTA, the H&H committee, and various faculty, and students.

Prof. Lott began with a presentation of the current issues of Coming Out. Included in these he brought up the importance of the idea of 'Coming In' as an important step in Coming Out. Coming In refers to the exploration of the GLBT community by a person questioning their sexuality. In this exploration a person is able to find out more about themselves and acquire a support network by joining the community. This in turn empowers a person on the road to Coming Out, often making it a much smoother ride. Prof. Lott also introduced some data from a Psychological study on Coming Out which he was recently involved in. We hope to hear more on Prof. Lott's research in the future.

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New President for the GLBTA

Last Thursday, February 19, 1998, Catherine M. Duquette was elected as the new president of the URI GLBTA. Catherine replaces Jen Kim, who was no longer able to serve as president because of heavy school schedule. Catherine is a Psychology/History major at the University and this is her second semester with the GLBTA. Last semester Catherine helped with several GLBTA sponsored events and hopes to help the GLBTA grow and become a dynamic voice at URI in the next year.

GLBTA Meeting times!

Come to the meeting this Thursday!!! Help the GLBTA with your ideas and support!

Dates: 3/5/98, 3/12/98, & 3/19/98

Time: 8:00 PM

Place: Women's Center, Plains Rd. (The little red building across from the athletic fields.)

Who: Anyone and Everyone interested!

Note: Until further notice all meetings will be held each week at this time and place.

Come to the Office!

The GLBTA office is open to all student's for resource information, GLBT literature, or for support. Our library contains many titles relating to GLBT issues, including books, magazines, and local newsletters.

Tentative hours for this semester are:

M - 9:30-10:30 AM & 11-1 PM

W - 2-4 PM

F - 10 - 4

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Discussion

In the Discussion portion of the evening many new ideas were discussed. Some very promising ideas for breathing new life into the GLBTA were discussed. These included ways of increasing students involvement in the organization and increasing the visibility of the GLBTA. Also, issues involving the unique nature of dependent college students being outed involuntarily and consequently running the risks of homelessness, loss of tuition, and all support from families. A fresh idea was expressed on this issue, a University funded help agency for displaced students not unlike a battered women's shelter. The entire group thought that this was definitely an issue that demanded more examination. Other issues considered were discrimination that occurred on campus, faculty response to GLBT issues, and ideas to bolster the H&H Committee's effect on campus. The evening was very enlightening and has the potential of being a very constructive stepping stone for the future.

Student Senate votes on GLBTA Budget

Last Wednesday, February 18, 1998, the Student Senate voted on the budgets for all Student Senate funded organizations. This year the GLBTA was able to get an increase to our speaker's budget. This will enable us to have more than one speaker next year. This year the GLBTA had the problem arise that with a small speaker's budget we were only able to hear the voice of one side of our multifaceted organization. When it came time to hire a speaker we literally had to choose between a lesbian, bisexual, or homosexual. We didn't think this worked very well to represent our membership so we asked the Student Senate for an increase in the speaker's budget. We are hoping to bring back the Henson's to come speak next year. They are a couple from Mississippi who opened a feminist retreat to the opposition of local groups in their state. Unfortunately only Brenda Henson was able to come speak this year because of illness in Wanda Henson's family. Despite this Brenda was an incredibly inspiring speaker with a wealth of knowledge and experiences to share. Because of her popularity

with those who heard her presentation we are hoping to ask her and Wanda back next year, and hear both sides of the story, so to speak. Anybody with ideas for another speaker that would represent another aspect of our membership, please come to the meeting this Thursday!

Again GLBTA would like to thank the Student Senate for their generosity in approving our budget and increasing our speaker's budget.

Agenda for March 5, 1998 Meeting

Ideas needed:

- ◆ Banner for the GLBTA
- ◆ Artwork for Multicultural Quilt Piece
- ◆ Table for Earth Day
- ◆ Next issue of Three Dollar Bill

Planning:

- ◆ Once a month potluck with H&H and POWER
- ◆ Community Plunge (Volunteer work)
- ◆ June Pride March
- ◆ GLBTA help in March pageant in at Deville's

Keith Haring, Virginia Woolf, Michelangelo, Hans Christian Andersen, Amelia Earhart, Walt Whitman, Indigo Girls, Margarethe Cammermeyer, James Baldwin, Sandra Bernhard, Martina Navratilova, Francis Bacon, Tyrone Power, Harvey Milk, Erroll Flynn, David Hockney, Tchaikovsky, Divine, William Shakespeare, Jane Rule, W. H. Auden, Gertrude Stein, Cole Porter, T. S. Eliot, Billie Jean King, Langston Hughes, Perry Ellis, Armistead Maupin, Leonardo Da Vinci, E. M. Forster, Gerry Studds, Edward II, Gore Vidal.

!m in good company.

Sappho, Anna Freud, Caravaggio, Joe Orton, Jean Cocteau, Plato, Eleanor Roosevelt, Montgomery Clift, Rita Mae Brown, Amanda Bearse, Bob Paris, Jeanette Winterson, Noel Coward, Melissa Etheridge, Willa Cather, Jimmy Sommerville, Rock Hudson, Barney Frank, William S. Burroughs, Akbar & Jeff, John Maynard Keynes, Tennessee Williams, Lily Tomlin, Dorothy Allison, Truman Capote, Susan B. Anthony, Andy Warhol, Edmund White, Alice B. Toklas, James Dean, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Bessie Smith, k d lang, Greg Louganis, Andy Bell, Audre Lorde, Elton John, Freddie Mercury, Samuel Barber, Benjamin Britten, Ellen DeGeneres & Me!