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## First GLBTAA scholarships awarded in spring 2005

After years of planning and hard work, the IU GLBT Alumni Association kicked off its scholarship program by awarding funds to four students this year.

Two of the recipients received emergency scholarships that are awarded to students facing a loss of financial support due to orientation issues. The two general scholarships, of \$500 each, were awarded to Kimberly Gann of IUPUI and Gene William O'Berry of IU Bloomington. The general scholarships are designated for GLBT students and allies who are improving the climate and atmosphere on their IU campus for GLBT students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

Each year, many GLBT students lose vital financial support needed for their higher education for being open and honest about their sexual orientation. These students find themselves in dire need of funds and support in order to reach their educational goals. The IU GLBTAA Emergency Scholar-



Kim Davis, GLBTAA president, right, visits with scholarship recipient Kimberly Gann.

ship is intended for current IU GLBT students who are facing or have lost financial support from their parents/family due to coming out issues. The maximum award is \$750 per semester, with a maximum distribution of two semesters. Second-semester renewal is contingent upon good academic standing.

The emergency scholarship is open

only for GLBT students attending the IU Bloomington campus at this time. This scholarship is intended as a last resort for currently enrolled GLBT full-time/part-time students. Students who have been on hiatus for one semester due to financial hardship may also be considered, but currently enrolled students will receive preference.

Before applying for the emergency scholarship,

students have to contact the Office of Financial Aid to determine what other financial aid options are available. After contacting financial aid, students should contact the Gay, Lesbian,



Will O'Berry

Bisexual, and Transgender Student Support Services Office to discuss their individual situation. Due to the potentially sensitive nature of each student's situation, emergency-scholarship applicants and recipients are kept anonymous.

The regular scholarship is open to all currently enrolled GLBT full-time/part-time students and allies from any IU campus. Scholarships are awarded based upon leadership on GLBT issues, a record of academic achievement, future career goals, financial need, volunteer involvement, and other extra curricular activities. Preference is given to undergradu-

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## Please join us!

Our end-of-summer gathering is planned for Saturday, Aug. 6, at Terry's on Bloomington's west side. The evening will include a happy hour, dinner, dance, silent auction, poker, and other games. The event is growing bigger and better every year. Registration forms are enclosed in this issue and are due Friday, July 29.

## Scholarships

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ate students, but consideration is also given to graduate students.

"One of the major goals of IU GLBTAA has been to create a scholarship fund for GLBT students at IU. With the hard work of the board, we have made this a reality, much sooner than many anticipated," said GLBTAA President Kim Davis. "With the success of our silent auction last year at our Summer Luau (annual meeting event) and seeking corporate sponsors, we were able to raise the needed money to get the program started. This dedicated board is very proud to present the two academic scholarships and two emergency scholarships this year to four worthy candidates. Personally, I could not be more pleased or satisfied."

Davis said that once students completed applications, the Finance Committee met to review and rank applicants. The process included meeting with the bursar's office and checking transcripts to ensure that the scholarship would not interfere with other financial assistance of that student and also to be sure of their reported GPA. Once that was all in line, the winners were notified.

Below are excerpts from each of the academic scholarship winners' applications.

### Kimberly Gann

**Education and Career:** Kim will graduate with a bachelor's degree in social work in May 2006. She is applying for the advanced-placement master's program in hopes of graduating with an MSW in May 2007. She will specialize in mental health and substance abuse and pursue a career in counseling in this field. "I would like to work with GLBT people specifically in need of services for mental illness and substance-abuse issues. Eventually, I would like to work on a macro level in policy advocacy, focusing on equality and social justice."

**Involvement:** "I was co-founder of the Indy Lesbian Mom's Group, in which we actively worked to assist lo-



Kim Davis, left, and Erica De Santis, right, introduce scholarship winner Kimberly Gann at the Indy Spring Fling 2004.

cal lesbian moms in caring for themselves and their children. We created an atmosphere of support and offered links to resources for the moms and their children. More recently, I have advocated for the GLBT community by talking with other social-work students about the issues GLBT people and their families face. By request, I am currently working with Lambda Consulting, a lobbyist group working with Indiana Equality to ensure that the GLBT rights are secured. This semester we have worked to fight SJR7 and are planning on working on this issue while we wait for the next General Assembly to vote on this resolution. During this time I have e-mailed legislators, attended equal rights rallies, and participated in demonstrations for equality in my community."

### Will O'Berry

**Education and Career:** Will is seeking a bachelor of arts in music from the College of Arts and Sciences. He plans to complete a double master's degree in musicology and higher education administration. He will then seek a PhD in one of those fields. "One thing I would like to do is write, research, and teach as a professor of musicology at one of the country's leading institutions. I would also like to work

with student development, specifically efforts that deal with diversity education. I would eventually like to work as a dean of a music school/conservatory or as a dean of students (and other positions dealing with university administration and student development)."

**Involvement:** "I am a resident assistant in Teter Residence Center and have made it a point to promote tolerance on my floor through simple interaction and conversation with my residents. Additionally, I have done several programs on issues of diversity. In fall 2004, I organized a GLB panel discussion as a program for all Teter in order to educate on issues of sexuality. (I was awarded the NRHH's Commitment to Diversity Award, November 2004, for this program). I also participated as a contestant and assisted in the implementation and planning of Miss Gay Teter (NRHH's Program of the Year) in March 2005. I was given the title of Miss Gay Teter. However, this was not a program for entertainment purposes alone. The program was a forum for discussion concerning issues of sexuality and gender and was a large success. I am also an active member of the GLB Speakers Bureau, which does discussion panels for classes across campus."

## Letter from the president

# Davis reflects on group's accomplishments

Greetings! This will be my last update as I will be stepping down from the presidency Aug. 6 at our annual Summer Fling. As I prepare to turn the responsibilities over to our new president, I reflect on all we have accomplished together in my years as president



Davis and feel extremely proud of our hard work. We have:

- Created a PATH plan for our future goals and dreams (see the fall 2003 newsletter at [www.indiana.edu/~glbtaa/fall03/fall03.pdf](http://www.indiana.edu/~glbtaa/fall03/fall03.pdf));
- Continued producing an excellent newsletter;
- Participated in Pride events in Chicago, Fort Wayne, and Indianapolis;
- Made arrangements to participate in Chicago Market Days with Northwestern University;
- Placed an ad in the *Advocate* magazine along with seven other Big Ten universities;
- Supported Miss Gay IU;
- Held two successful Rainbow Graduation Celebrations;
- Increased attendance at our annual meeting and moved it off campus;
- Had Tret Fure perform for our annual event in 2002;
- Generated more than \$2,300 at our annual Silent Auction in 2004;
- Used that \$2,300 as the basis for our scholarship program;
- Presented two academic and two emergency scholarships in spring 2005;
- Obtained corporate sponsors whose donations also supported scholarships in 2004-05;
- Held very successful alumni events in Indy and Chicago;
- Expanded to include regional chapters in Indianapolis, Chicago, Cleveland, San Francisco, New York City, and Washington, D.C.;
- Held a regional event in New York City;
- Attracted 16 nominees (many of



GLBTAA board members met Sept. 20, 2003, to create a PATH toward the future with two "Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope" facilitators. "PATH-breaking" board members are, from left, front: Craig Boeck, Erica De Santis, Kim Davis, and Doug Bauder; back: Kevin Fortwendel, Nancy Kalina, Andrew Wilson, Bryan Sirtosky, and David "DJ" Johnson.

whom volunteered) for the board positions this year;

- Obtained a balanced budget;
- Worked toward support for transgender individuals on campus;
- Helped celebrate the 10th anniversary of the GLBTSSS office at IUB in 2004; and
- Increased membership to more than 750 members.

This is just the short list of accomplishments your GLBT Alumni Association board has achieved in a few short years. When Jeff McKinney created this group in 1997, one of his dreams was scholarships for GLBT students. Well, Jeff, we have done it!

There is still much left to do. We want to continue the scholarship program and our support to the GLBTSSS office on campus; eventually start a capital campaign to build a new, better, and roomier GLBTSSS office at IUB; and ensure that IU inserts transgender into its anti-discrimination policy.

Our dreams are big but attainable. As I have always said, we cannot do it alone. We need active and financial support from all of our GLBT alumni and our allies. I encourage each of you to become involved in whatever manner you can: Volunteer to be a regional host, attend events, or send a donation to our causes. There is much we have completed and still much to be done. I know we can achieve our dreams; we have thus far. Join us in our journey to greater success and achievements.

Thank you for all of the support you have shown the GLBT Alumni Association board and to me, personally. I am not leaving the board but will become immediate past president, so I am still around. However, I want you all to know that it has been my pleasure and honor to serve you as president. I am very proud of who we are and what we have done. We are amazing! Let's keep it up!

— Kim Davis

# Davis leaves legacy of enthusiasm, growth

As Kim Davis ends her terms as president of the board of directors of the GLBT Alumni Association, several of her peers took time to reflect on how far our organization has come under her leadership.

When Kim took the reins in the fall of 2001, the group had 308 members. Under her leadership, it now boasts almost 800 members and has regional chapters in several major cities across the country. Kim has worked to attract representatives to the board from around the country, making sure it is not just a Bloomington organization.

Despite holding a full-time job with the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community and teaching at IU this past semester, Kim served not only as board president but also was active on all committees and began writing a regular column for the newsletter.

Two years ago, she wanted to move the board to a more structured method of setting and achieving goals. Kim gathered the board together and brought in facilitators Melissa Madill and Kathy Osborn to help the group formally brainstorm and develop a PATH to help our dreams for the future come true. Then, under Kim's guidance, the Finance, Membership, and Communications committees have met the goals and timelines they set forth that day.



Justin Robertson and Kim Davis at the 2004 Summer Luau at Fourwinds

"Kim has shown incredible leadership," said Nancy Kalina, Kim's partner and a board member. "This was displayed with her vision of having a strategic plan facilitated for the IU GLBTAA in the first place. She never wanted this to be a group of mediocrity. She wanted this group to be powerful and involved."

Under Kim's direction, the work started by her predecessors has continued and the group has flourished.

"Kim has been the driving force behind what has become THE most active of the Alumni Association affiliate groups," said Doug Bauder, director of the GLBT Student Support Services Office at IUB. "Working with her has been an absolute delight. She has vision, amazing people skills, a great heart, and a wonderfully warped sense of humor.

"What has been especially rewarding is the way she has enabled the GLBTAA to define itself, at the same time supporting the GLBT office on campus in very specific ways. Our dramatic increase in membership is the direct result of her efforts, and the fact that we have a large number of people wanting to serve on the board speaks volumes about her style of leadership. She will, of course, say this all happened because she had a great board. She did! But we were inspired, motivated, and affirmed by her!"

In past years, GLBT officers frequently had to recruit community members to serve on the board, and elections were somewhat symbolic as there were never more candidates than open positions on the board. Sometimes, seats went unfilled. But this year, partially because of the organization's growth and partially because of its new activities, alumni from around the country want to be involved with



Kim Davis, left, holds up a copy of *Reaching Out*, showing pictures from last year's summer luau, while Erica De Santis addresses a gathering in Indianapolis.

the board, and an actual election will be held in August.

"There are so many things that could be said about Kim's tremendous leadership and what she has done for the Alumni Association. For me, Kim's positive attitude and enthusiasm are what stand out the most. Kim is a truly caring person and is always so pleasant, she makes people want to be involved — if for no other reason than just to be around her optimism," said board member and newsletter editor Ann Wesley. "The next president will have extremely large shoes to fill."

Kalina noted that Kim was not content to delegate authority or only organize. Instead, she took part in each committee and each activity the board planned. "I think her leadership was displayed by her unending commitment to each committee. She sat on all four committees and was truly invested in everything the entire organization was doing. This was also how she displayed that she valued everyone on the board and that she valued their input and their effort. Her valuing of everyone on the board motivated board members. She was truly wonderful at letting people know how well they were doing and how important their contribution was and is."

In November of 2003, Kim was presented with the GLBT Spirit Award for her embodiment of the strength, character, and spirit of the GLBT Student Support Services Office. The

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# Rainbow Dinner honors graduates

## *Tamiji Moto reflects on IU's welcoming atmosphere*

In late April, GLBT graduating students were honored with a dinner at the Village Deli in Bloomington to celebrate their accomplishments, reflect on what they've learned, and share their dreams for the future. The dinner was hosted by the GLBT Student Support Services Office with assistance from the GLBT Alumni Association. Several board members dined with students to wish them well in their future endeavors.

Tamiji Moto was one of the students at the event. He came to Indiana University from Japan to study and be with his partner, Chris. Tamiji said his time in Bloomington, and the



Tamiji Moto talks with IU GLBTAA President Kim Davis about joining the Alumni Association.

ability to live as an openly gay man here, changed his life. Many students shared stories of finding a level of support in Bloomington that was greater than they expected. Tamiji agreed to share some of his thoughts and experiences for our newsletter.

Tamiji was at IU for three years. During that time, he worked as an AI of Japanese language. He said he was out to his co-workers as well as other students and friends. The current political climate and the regular news of anti-gay messages from some ultra-conservative religious organizations concerned Tamiji and made him somewhat fearful of being completely out. He said those fears, however, generally made him more cautious rather than forcing him to be closeted.

"I seldom met a person who negatively reacted to my sexuality, but I was careful about speaking with Christian people. There are still many occasions to fear being open, so for me it was important to know that the university officially has an accepting policy toward gay students," Tamiji said.

That atmosphere, and the support offered by Doug Bauder and Carol Fischer at the Student Support Services Office, is something Tamiji will never forget.

"There was one particular incident when I got help from Doug and Carol. It was Dec. 13 (I'll never forget the date) at Detroit Airport. Upon entering the United States, I was questioned by an immigration officer for more than two hours about my relationship with Chris, my partner. The officer found Carol's business card in my wallet and called the office. Doug later told me he was not sure what answer would work for my advantage. But their words helped me to reunite with Chris. Now, whenever I hear about harsh interrogation by U.S. soldiers in Iraq or Afghanistan, I always remember the immigration officer," he said.

"The existence of the office supported me in the sense that there are always people who will support and help me at 705 E. Seventh St., whenever I am in trouble or need information. Through the office, I met people whom I was able to share thoughts and troubles, as well as the power to improve the situation surrounding us."

Tamiji has come to appreciate the role the office played in his experience at IU and the job it has done in fostering an atmosphere of acceptance. Without the acceptance he felt at IU, Tamiji said he would not have been able to complete his studies.

"The goal to be at IU was to achieve my academic progress, and for that purpose, it was important for me not to worry about other things very much. I was able to concentrate on studying, thanks to the supportive environment. If this campus was gay-

hostile, then I would have had much difficulty to do so," he said.

"When I talk about the differences between Bloomington and Japan, I have to be careful because I only know part of Japan. I am not from Tokyo, and Tokyo has a big gay district. From my own experience, I did not see hatred toward gay people based on religion in Japan, and this is why I feel puzzled when I see strong hatred from Christian people here. Nonetheless, there is hatred and discrimination toward gay people in Japan. When I was working full time in Japan, I always hid my sexuality and kept a distance from my co-workers. I never completely enjoyed the environment.

"One thing that is clear to me is that a supportive environment makes a huge difference. After being in this supportive environment for GLBT students, I do not expect to receive the same amount of support in Japan, but since I learned about and experienced the supportive environment here at IU, I want to take a more active role in supporting GLBT people after I return home."

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## Davis leaves legacy

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award was presented by IU student Owen Sutkowski, who said, in part, "Every time I see Kim, the first thing I notice is the big smile on her face. I have come to notice Kim's smile is contagious and spreads to everyone within view of her. I can only assume that Kim's work began with an effortless smile and a few very good ideas. Now it has bloomed into something much larger, and yet the simple smile remains. I have come to understand that her smile is a reflection of the warm heart that beats within. As I go through my years here at Indiana University, I will breathe easier and I will carry Kim's smile with me always. She has helped me to realize, as Gandhi did, that we can be the change we wish to see in the world."

# Indy Spring Fling 2005!



GLBT alumni gathered for a Spring Fling at Hoaglin's on Massachusetts Avenue in Indianapolis. Hoaglin's provided a delightful space and delicious treats for our group. Clockwise, from top left: The Indianapolis Men's Chorus performs; Jim and Ray; Hoaglin's provides plenty of space for mingling; Jane Fleig, left, Reuben Lidster, John Oney, and Matt Holley; Kim Davis, left, and Erica De Santis listen to Doug Bauder promoting the Kinsey DVD; board members Erica De Santis, left, and Nancy Kalina welcome people to the Spring Fling in Indy; Doug Bauder, left, John Oney, and Matt Holley; the festive atmosphere and zany decor of Hoaglin's provided the perfect place for visiting.



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# GLBT Student Support Services Office anniversary

In November, the GLBT Student Support Services Office celebrated its 10th anniversary on the Bloomington campus. Ten years ago, the creation of the office was so controversial, it almost didn't happen. At the time, Kenneth R.R. Gros Louis, now IUB chancellor, drew criticism from both sides of the battle — from conservatives for backing the office and from GLBT allies for compromising on the original funding plans.

But the office did open and over the past decade it has become a model for centers around the country. Though still in its original location on East Seventh Street, the office has outgrown its limited space, and we hope to someday have a full-fledged center. Even in its cramped confines, the office and staff are able to provide a wealth of resources to students, families, faculty, staff, and the community as a whole.

"In being called a Student Support Services Office, it's important to note that with some mentoring and encouragement, we have been able to help so many students help themselves and, eventually, help others in advocating for fairness and justice for GLBT individuals," office coordinator Doug Bauder said. "I feel a tremendous sense of satisfaction and pride in the work we accomplish and gratitude for the wide-spread support we've received over the years."

Carol Fischer, the office assistant for the past 10 years, shared Bauder's sense of pride for what the office has become.

"The anniversary celebration honored the 10 years the office has been open, and all the people involved in what the office does — proving it really DOES take a village ... to have a good world. I was amazed. It seems like only a couple of years that we've been open! There have been so many students I've had the honor to meet, and they've become healthy, contributing adults in the ensuing years. They are proud of who

Alan Hazzard at the anniversary dinner; Rebecca Jimenez receives the GLBT Office Spirit Award from Doug Bauder; Sue Wanzer, Erica De Santis, Kim Davis, and Jane Fleig.

they are as LGBT people," Fischer said.

For Bauder, the highlight of the anniversary celebration was the brunch that featured remarks by Chancellor Kenneth R.R. Gros Louis. "It was tremendously satisfying to hear him reflect on the lessons learned related to the controversy surrounding the opening of the office. When a former student activist (now a university professor, himself) spoke of his frustration with the chancellor years ago and his ability to now see the wisdom of the university's approach to supporting the office, it was one of those wonderful moments of opposing forces celebrating the results of history. I also was struck by the comments of two parents who spoke of the value of the GLBT office in their son's life at a moment of crisis. Their reflections as educators, themselves, helped to affirm the amazing work that we do," Bauder said.

The chancellor spoke to about 100 people at a brunch



Sidney Bosley, center, with his parents, Norman and Karen. The Bosleys spoke at the anniversary dinner about how much it meant to them to have the GLBT Student Support Services office available for their son while he was coming out at IU.

celebrating the anniversary. His remarks follow.

After we made the announcement to go forward with the center in 1994, we received some letters:

"I honestly believe, Dr. Gros," begins one, "that the great majority of Indiana University parents and students abhor the gay and lesbian life style. I believe that they recognize sodomy as abnormal and repugnant forms of sexual



expression. We cannot abstain from being women, African-American, Asian-American, and Hispanic-American, Jews, or visiting students from foreign lands. We can abstain, while on Indiana University campuses, from declared and practicing homosexual life styles."

This writer goes on: "... Finally, may I say that "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness was not intended to include pleasure at the expense of responsibility. There is need for you to check your compass, Dr. Gros. For the sake of pluralistic acceptance, you have lost your bearings and have sailed off course." For those of you who know me, it's the nautical metaphor that is off course.

There were also letters from some of our own state representatives.

This one in particular cited how much respect he had for Indiana



Justin Robertson and Rob DeCleene

University, but then goes on to tell us: "However, as a friend, I must advise you, that the decision may have serious consequences. Several other legislators share my concern, as we watch some other representative make a big issue of IU's policy. It would be political suicide to support the gay center, and all of us realize that we could be forced to vote on the issue during our next legislative session. May God be with you."

These two letters are just a sampling of the many that we received from people who were angry or confused by our decision. However, not everyone felt that way. We did have a few friends left in the General Assembly and many

in the state.

"Thank you so much for your very thoughtful and reasoned letter regarding Indiana University's response to a very difficult and emotional problem on campus — the sometimes hateful treatment of gays and lesbians. As a state legislator, I fully support the action you have taken and would be very disappointed if our flagship university would back away from supporting this segment of its student population because of outside pressures. I agree with you that in the years to come, we all want to look back on the actions you take today, in supporting and protecting basic human rights, with honor and pride."

Another:

"Such a center is definitely needed. I had an older brother who was gay and who committed suicide, in part, I think, from not being able to connect his spirituality and his basic, homosexual nature. Many of our youth have always had to deal with this issue, most of the time without the support of family, church, or schools. In fact, those very groups have often been harmful to those trying to come to terms with such issues. I myself have spent the past few years letting go of my fear of what others might think and accepting my own sexuality. So, I personally and professionally appreciate your support of the basic purposes of the center and your continued support."

Of course, it is for people like that that the center was created. At Indiana University, we have always believed that a college campus must have a sense of community. That sense is built on feelings of respect, security, and knowledge. Students cannot learn and faculty cannot teach when personal safety is uncertain. Our role is to foster and maintain civil conduct among people who may disagree strenuously or who simply may have little experience with a particular kind of person. We try to bridge those gaps.



GLBT student staff who assisted with the anniversary celebration are, from left, Kendra Clarke, Matt Brunner, Misha Mikhail, Ruben Moore, Michaela Martin-Almy, and Robert Clinton.

That is why Herman B Wells forced the integration of the Union, local restaurants, and the swimming pool. Not to mention university housing, the basketball team, and the local barbershops. Wells knew that for IU to be a truly great place, all must be welcomed.

Today, as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, and Transgender Student Support Services Office, I think it is important to look back to consider how the center came into being. By doing so, I think, we will appreciate even more how far the center has come. Of course, as many of you know, this did not happen easily or quickly.

In the early 1980s, college campuses saw an increase in harassment of students based on race, religion, and sexual orientation. For a while, these issues could be handled by individual counselors. However, as the incidents of harassment increased, it became clear that such individual counseling efforts were unsatisfactory. We formed the racial incidents team to combat such issues.

In 1989, the Board of Aeons, a student organization, recommended the establishment of an office for gay, lesbian, and bisexual student support services. Following that suggestion, the IUSA Senate passed 11 different resolutions over five years endorsing either an office or some other means for combating the harassment of gays and lesbians. One major resolution in 1989 resolved the following:

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## Anniversary

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1. That a Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Support Center be created on the Bloomington campus under the supervision of the dean of students.

2. That this office be charged with:

a. Support of the GLB community on campus.

b. Educational and social programs for the GLB community as well as the campus in general.

c. Serving as a resource center for sexual diversity on campus.

d. Private counseling for individual gays, lesbians, or bisexuals.

3. That this office, once created, actively work to eliminate existing discrimination based on sexual preferences within the campus through educational programs and other means.

Then as chancellor, along with Michael Gordon, then vice chancellor for student affairs, I appointed a task force of faculty, staff, and students to review some of the issues and make recommendations on the best steps that might be taken. That committee, co-chaired by Alan Bell and Elizabeth Lion, spent several years working with other institutions around the country exploring possible options, and in March 1993, they recommended to me that an office be created. After working with the Bloomington Faculty Council, it endorsed the concept and recommended that \$50,000 be earmarked for the establishment of such an office.

Then the outcry began. A number of legislators, led by Woody Burton of Greenwood, threatened action against IU if any public money was used for the center. My office, along with the president's and the board of trustees members, received numerous letters from people across the state and alumni across the nation. The pressure was severe. We were going into a budget year of the General Assembly and our lobbyists assured us that there would be retribution in the form of budget cuts if this center was opened. Myles Brand, then-president, made the

decision to open the center, but to use no public money, only private funds. While this satisfied some members of the public, it enraged members of the GLBT community. For them, Brand's decision gave them an office, but immediately marginalized it by not supporting it through the General Fund.

Now I am going to quote myself, which when you have been here as long as I have you can do. "It became clear that to protect and provide the services promised, we should remove the public funding issue. I consulted with other administrators, the IU Student Association president and the Bloomington Faculty Council Agenda Committee; all agreed that private funds should be sought if it



Kendra Clarke, left, Misha Mikhail, and Matt Brunner

ensured the success of the office." I went on to say: "These actions do not demonstrate a backing away from the original intent: providing services and a full-time coordinator. I understand, but I am also sorry that members of the GLB community viewed these actions negatively. But I believe we found a way to respond to critics and still provide all the services promised." I am sure that some of the people in this room were the ones who were outraged at this decision. You felt that IU had turned its back on you, but at the time it was the only solution that seemed available. You should know that even legislators who were supportive said that if the issues were brought up in a closed party caucus, and a vote was forced, that the opposition would list publicly those who voted in favor of the center.

At this point, the board of trustees got involved. Normally, such a center would not have needed approval of the board, but members were getting letters on both sides of the issue, so they felt they needed to have a formal vote. The meeting was on the (IU) East campus in Richmond. I had a conversation with the board. Several expressed strong negatives; others looked at the pros and cons; some were silent. After perhaps 30 minutes, a former star athlete spoke for the first time. He said he didn't know all the implications and didn't pretend to be an expert, but what he did know was that one of his best friends in college was gay and spent most of his undergraduate years feeling haunted and miserable. "If there are still students like him, and I am sure there are, then we need this center," he said. That really ended the conversation, and the trustees, later in the day, after my presentation, voted 6-3 in favor of the center.

Now it was time to search for a director. In the midst of all the controversy, with pressure from both sides of the debate, the search for a director was launched. After several months we found the perfect person for the job. Doug Bauder came into a situation that few people would have wanted or sought. He has been the heart and soul of this center since it opened. I am not sure exactly how many students and staff and faculty he has helped, but those of you here, I am confident, represent just a sampling. Doug has provided tremendous leadership, so much so that this center is now a source of pride for the university. He is patient, thoughtful, reflective, understanding, kind, a good listener, an excellent guide, an exemplary teacher. Doug, thanks for all the work you do and for the way you do it.

My only regret today speaking on the 10th anniversary is that we aren't celebrating your 20th or 30th, or more. You have helped so many. I often worry about those who came to Bloomington before the center and who needed it. Happy anniversary.

# Summer celebration planned for Aug. 6



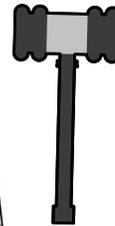
Your IU GLBTAA summer event will be held Aug. 6 at Terry's Westbury this year. The event will include a social hour beginning at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., and activities following.

Along with the dinner will be a dance, silent auction, poker, and other games. Cost is \$32 for the entire evening or \$10 for those who come after dinner for the auction, music, and games.

The silent auction proved to be phenomenally popular at last year's event — the first year for the auction. Board member Nancy Kalina has been diligent in securing a number of quality items available for the auction. Proceeds from the event fund IU GLBTAA scholarships.



The wide variety of items in last year's silent auction intrigued many. The word is that this year, the auction will be even better!



Among the items you will find at this year's auction:

- Art piece by photographer David Goodrum ([www.davidgoodrum.com](http://www.davidgoodrum.com))
- Designer table from Bella Bella Arts ([www.bellabella.com](http://www.bellabella.com))
- Collection of books from Bella Books
  - Autographed books from author DS Bauden
  - Gift certificate from the Villa Restaurant, Indianapolis
  - Legal documents including general durable power of attorney, living will, and health-care representative appointee from attorney Suzanne Sturgeon
  - Gift certificate for two to stay at the Palmer House in Chicago
  - Gift certificate from English Ivy in Indianapolis
  - Indiana Fever gift
  - Four tickets to the IU Auditorium to see the ballet *Flamenco*
  - Buy-one-get-one-free trip with the hiking vacation group Country Walkers
  - 16"x22" limited edition signed print of Beck chapel, by artist Delita Piercy

## **Alumni notes**

**Sidney Bosley**, BA'02, MS'04, relocated to San Francisco in July 2004 and currently works as a media planner and account executive at an advertising agency in the city. He volunteered for San Francisco Pride in June and plans to volunteer for the San Francisco Love Parade in the fall. Sidney can be contacted at [sbosley@alumni.indiana.edu](mailto:sbosley@alumni.indiana.edu).

**John W. Cannaday II**, MSW'91, writes, "I recently started my own company, Specialty Image and Sound.

"I compose and produce specialty compact discs for organizations and businesses. I just completed my first year and have sold more than 10,000 copies of my albums to local hospitals and small businesses.

"I was just interviewed by Yamaha Music for a feature article in one of their national magazines since I use their musical instruments for composing and producing the albums." John can be reached at [jcannaday3@aol.com](mailto:jcannaday3@aol.com).

**Shane David**, BA'03, writes, "After graduating in 2003 with a BA in English and Spanish, I spent the rest

of the summer working at Deerheart Woods Organic Farm right outside Bloomington. I then spent a year with AmeriCorps\*NCCC, serving with a team of 11 in Sacramento, Blythe, Pasadena, and El Dorado County, Calif.; Astoria and Portland, Ore.; and Phoenix, Ariz. Our projects ranged from building homes with migrant farmers to doing income-tax returns for low-income families.

"After AmeriCorps\*NCCC finished in July 2004, I took a seasonal position fighting wildland fires with Engine 66

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of Eldorado National Forest fighting.

"In January of this year, I returned to the West Coast to settle down (at least for the moment) and begin a master's program in integral counseling psychology at the California Institute of Integral Studies."

Shane lives in San Francisco and can be reached at [sdavid@ciis.edu](mailto:sdavid@ciis.edu).

**Keith Eby**, CbusSt'89, BS'90, writes, "I semi-retired from my marketing job at the Advisory Board Co. after 13-plus years, having just exercised the last of my stock options. I plan to get into commercial real estate in the Washington, D.C., area, travel around the world, and look for new business ideas. I hope to ultimately land in the entertainment industry in production/

development/marketing." Keith can be reached at [EBYDC@aol.com](mailto:EBYDC@aol.com).

**Jonathan B. Hall**, DM'01, has been appointed the new editor of Transcontinental Music Publishing, the official sacred music publisher of the Union for Reform Judaism, a division of the URJ Press and the largest publisher of Jewish music in the world. His office is on Third Avenue in Manhattan, and his new job involves extensive travel, presentations and workshops, and the overseeing of an ambitious publishing schedule.

He remains active as an organist and will be dedicating a new organ in Moscow early next year.

Jonathan, who can be reached at [jonahall@alumni.indiana.edu](mailto:jonahall@alumni.indiana.edu), writes, "My partner, Bill Powers, BM'01, and I are still enjoying living in New York City."

**David E. "DJ" Johnson**, BAJ'00, was hired as membership and organizational relations manager for the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association in Washington, D.C. He previously was a project manager in professional relations and professional development with the American Association of Diabetes Educators. He received a 2004-05 Diversity Scholarship from the Association Forum Foundation (Chicagoland). DJ can be reached at [dejohanson@nljga.org](mailto:dejohanson@nljga.org).

**Kari Niblack**, BS'95, has been named vice president of client relations for the Key family of companies in Indianapolis. She was a 2004 finalist for Indy's Best and Brightest Under 40 award, and she serves as a member of the board of directors for the Indianapolis Chapter of the Indiana University Alumni Association.



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