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# REACHING OUT

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## Creating a new world at IU

### *GLBT Student Support Services Office celebrates first decade*

"Thank you so very much for your wonderful hospitality during my visit to Indiana University. ... It was so liberating to see young men and women being themselves without fear. It reminded me of my good friend TJ, who had been thrown out of his house for being gay. Unfortunately, he did not have any role models or support. He died five years ago at the age of 27. ... Having grown up in New York and experiencing discrimination and harassment against my gay and lesbian friends, I can't tell you what I would give to be young again in the kind of supportive environment you help to create at IU. It's the type of world I have long dreamed of. Thank you for all that you do!"

Those words were written in a note to the GLBT Student Support Services Office not long ago by a gentleman who spoke to a large audience on campus about issues of diversity.

The writer hit the nail on the head. The office has created a world at IU that many alumni could only have dreamed about when they were in school.

In November, the office will celebrate its 10th anniversary. When the office opened in 1994 amid what Chancellor Ken Gros Louis called "unparalleled" controversy, few could have imagined the impact such a service would have on the Bloomington campus and around the country.

In the past decade, IU's office has become a model for other colleges and universities around the nation. Former students have gone on to create service centers at other universities, and its work was even recognized by

former President Bill Clinton, when in March 1999 coordinator Doug Bauder accepted an invitation from the president to attend a daylong conference at the White House on how communities respond to hate. Because of Bauder's work with the office, he became a member of Bloomington United. That group's work led to the invitation to Washington, D.C.

When the office was established its purpose was simply stated — to be "a resource center for the entire university community, supplying educational resources on gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender issues and offering information, support, and referral for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals."

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Kim Davis, left, president of the IU GLBT Alumni Association, and Doug Bauder, director of the IU GLBT Student Support Services Office, distributed rainbow tassels to graduating seniors who signed up as members of the IU GLBT Alumni Association at Senior Salute, a pre-graduation event at the DeVault Alumni Center.

## Changing the world

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"Support and education — those were the guidelines under which we were to operate," Bauder wrote in his annual report. "As we begin to make plans for our 10th anniversary this fall, it is clear that those two simple goals have been defined and re-defined in a wide variety of ways over the past 10 years, but they are still the foundation of the work that we do."

On a typical month, at least 200 individuals walk through the doors of the tiny office seeking information or support. The information aspect of the office is easy, but the support services are changing the world.

"I want you to know how grateful I am that Mike found his way to your office," a mother wrote in May 2001. "You may have saved his life."

Another mother, who visited the office table at freshman orientation this year, said, "I'm glad you're here. My son is gay, but he doesn't know it — yet!"

The activities of the office are numerous. Its impact in inspiration and assistance is immeasurable. Its growth is phenomenal. But its work is not yet done, nor has it achieved the full status on campus that it needs or that other groups enjoy.

Five years ago, the office submitted a proposal for increased office space, highlighting short-term and long-term needs. Since the office opened, a brand-new Asian Culture Center was dedicated, La Casa (the Latino Cultural Center) was remodeled, and the Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center was opened.

Students are struck, however, with the contrast between those facilities and the inadequate space out of which the GLBT office operates. The office, a house shared with two other groups, has no private space to counsel students. "We often turn to our next-door neighbors at La Casa for rooms for meetings or to support students in crisis," Bauder explained. The office has a library, but half of its books are in boxes because there is no shelf space to display them. And, worst of all, Bauder said, "we have had to say no to students interested in doing intern-

## Anniversary events

- **"A Passion to Preserve: Gay Men As Keepers of Culture,"** a lecture by Will Fellows on his latest book of the same title, in the State Room, East, in the Indiana Memorial Union on Monday, Oct. 18, from 7 to 9 p.m.

- **"This Desire for my Queer Survival,"** a lecture by Dr. Horacio Ramirez of UC-Berkeley, as he examines issues of queer and Latino identity in the State Room, East, IMU on Monday, Oct. 25, from 7 to 9 p.m.

- **"Coming Out Spiritually,"** a lecture by author Christian de la Huerta. A look at many of the world's religions and the distinct roles that GLBT folks have played and can play in each of them. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Grand Hall of the Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center.

- **Tenth Anniversary Reunion and Celebration,** Sunday, Nov. 14, in the Frangipani Room, IMU. Reception from 1 to 3 p.m., open to the public. Come and meet students, staff, and faculty, and alumni who have been part of the history of the GLBT Student Support Services Office.

- **More events** are being planned. Please visit the office Web site at [www.indiana.edu/~gltb](http://www.indiana.edu/~gltb) for an updated schedule.



ships or a practicum in our office because there simply is no room for them."

Bauder concludes his annual report this year with this statement:

"We are grateful for the support our office has received during the past decade. We have it on good authority that our services are respected on campuses around the country, but as we visit other universities, it becomes clear that students are valued, in large part, by the facilities provided to serve their needs. It is time for this campus to consider the variety of services our office provides students, parents, faculty, staff, and alumni and to provide the space for us to continue our tradition of excellence."

*Information was gathered from the GLBT Student Support Services annual report.*

Doug Bauder addresses the summer luau crowd.



## Letter from the president

# Busy year begins with success stories

Greetings! It has been one year since your GLBT alumni board created the vision for the future of this group. In this past year, we have been almost 100 percent successful in achieving our goals! We have been working hard to create an alumni association we can all be proud of as we move into our future. The articles in this newsletter will explain some of our achievements within the past year.



Davis

We had a new and different summer event this year, a luau at the Fourwinds Resort on Lake Monroe. A great deal of thanks goes to Erica DeSantis and David "DJ" Johnson for com-

ing up with decorations and planning the event and to Nancy Kalina, who secured many items for our silent auction. They helped make it our most successful summer event ever!

Largely due to the success of our silent auction, we will be able to move forward this year with one of our major goals — that of beginning to offer scholarships! The finance committee has been working on the details, and the scholarship campaign will be inaugurated at the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the GLBT Student Support Services Office this fall. Your GLBT Alumni Association is proud to be closer to achieving this goal and hopes that you are as well. Silent auctions can only add so much to our scholarship fund; therefore, your support is needed so we can offer scholarships on an annual basis.

This will be my last year as president of the GLBT Alumni Association; it will be a busy year and has the potential to be an even better year than this one past. I am looking forward to handing out our first scholarships in the spring, to continuing our support of the GLBT Student Support Services Office, hopefully reaching out to our members around the country

with regional activities in, perhaps, Indianapolis, Chicago, New York City, Washington, D.C., Cleveland, and San Francisco! We have many great dreams left on our plan and have been successful so far; there is no reason we cannot continue with our progress.

The IU GLBT Alumni Association is *your* organization. This group is made up of young and 'older' alumni, different orientations, gender identities, "out" and "closeted" people, different cultures, religions, races, etc. We are truly a melting pot of humanity. For that reason, it becomes challenging for our small group to plan for our entire 740 members —yes, 740!

It is difficult to plan events and activities that serve everyone. That is why we need to hear from you about activities you would like us to con-

sider or ways to support our scholarship fund. If you have ideas, please share them with us. Better yet, if you want to become actively involved, you could join one of our committees — finance, communications, or membership if you are close to Bloomington — or you could become a regional host. What we do want most of all is to continue to create and sustain the IU GLBT Alumni Association as an organization you can be proud to say you belong to and support. Let us hear from you. *You* are why we exist, and the current students can benefit in many ways from those of us who have come before them.

Remember to vote this fall; it is the vote of our lives.

Stay active and stay involved!

— Kim Davis

## *SMYHL conference a 'gift'*

The second Sexual Minority Youth in the Heartland conference attracted 150 people to IUB in July to learn about how they can provide support for GLBT youth and their friends.

Sponsored by the GLBT Student Support Services Office, the conference was attended by many first-time participants. About two dozen of the attendees were youth.

The "Youth Speak Out," at the beginning of the conference, allowed the teens to state their concerns at the onset, and their "Last Word," at the end of the conference, gave them a chance to respond to what they heard from the professionals who work in the trenches.

"I was especially pleased with the level of interaction among the participants, including several colleagues here on campus," said Doug Bauder, coordinator of the GLBT Student Support Services Office.

The conference is intended to educate youth-serving professionals so that they can provide an environment of safety, support, inclusion, and opportunity for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth.

The keynote speaker at the event was Dr. Terry Tafoya, a Native American of the Taos Pueblo and Warm Springs Nations. Tafoya is a clinical psychologist and an expert in cultural diversity.

Bauder said the conference evaluations were overwhelmingly positive. While the conference may not be held every year, Bauder said it will continue.

"The SMYHL 2004 conference was, quite simply, amazing. I found it to be educational, thought-provoking, and spiritual — truly a gem. I was honored to attend," participant Darrell Ann Stone said. "Congratulations to you and all of your planning committee. Your hard work and high-quality speakers made for three days of creative change and emotional impact. It felt like a gift, needing a thank-you!"

## Scholarship program begins with silent-auction funds

A significant goal of the finance committee and the GLBTAA board as a whole has been the establishment of scholarships. This fall, the scholarship program will kick off in conjunction with the 10th anniversary of the GLBT Student Support Services Office. Two scholarships will be offered — one for emergency assistance for students whose families may have cut off financial support to a GLBT student and one general scholarship.

Start-up money for the scholarships was raised through a silent auction at this year's summer luau in Bloomington. Dozens of items donated from businesses in Bloomington, Chicago, and even Michigan were auctioned to raise \$2,321.

When the board created its long-term goals last year, a timeline was set to establish eight student scholarships (one for each IU campus) by September 2008. The board is well on its way to meeting that goal.

The finance committee reviewed scholarship programs from other IUAA groups and groups around the country to determine criteria for the scholarships.

The emergency scholarship will award a maximum of \$1,500 to a student who is not being supported by his or her family. The amount cannot exceed the amount a family would have contributed — an amount determined by financial aid and loan officials. After receiving the award, the student must maintain a satisfactory grade point average and must stay in regular contact with a board representative.

The general scholarship will award \$500 to a GLBT student or ally with priority being given to undergraduates. In determining the recipient for that award, a committee will consider academics, volunteer involvement, support of GLBT issues, community or campus activities, and financial need. Applicants will also be asked to sub-

mit a short essay on their career goals.

"Other IUAA groups have been successful in setting up scholarships, and I think it's something we can do just as well," said Kevin Fortwendel, chair of the finance committee. "It gives us a sense of more purpose."

Without the enormous success of the silent auction at this year's luau, the scholarship might not have been possible this year.

Board member Nancy Kalina secured more than two dozen quality items, ranging from gift certificates to furniture and a weekend at a bed-and-breakfast. The auction proved to be enormously entertaining throughout the luau as attendees kept watch on their coveted items and jovially outbid each other, knowing the money would go to support this new cause but also would earn them some quality goods.

"I was pleasantly surprised with how successful it was," Kalina said. "We hadn't done this before in Bloomington and there was concern that people wouldn't be interested in an auction event or that we wouldn't get bids on everything. But I think quite the opposite was true. It was the highlight of the evening."

One of the most bid upon items of the auction was a table donated by Bella Bella Arts. The bidding started early and drew several competitive bidders throughout the evening. "I think because it was from a local artist who has done extremely well nationally, people knew it was a great item. Pieces from Bella Bella are expensive, so anyone bidding knew they were getting something of great quality," Kalina said.

Kalina said she expects the auction to be repeated at future events and that the silent auction may be supplemented with a live auction for a few items next year.

The generosity of businesses made the auction possible, and Kalina said she was slightly surprised by the willingness of almost every business contacted to participate.

"It was far easier to secure the items than people would have thought. I was a little surprised at the generosity. Some of these people blew me away,



Luau attendees eagerly place bids during the silent auction.

the Kirby House Bed & Breakfast in Michigan, for example. I don't think they remember that Kim and I had been there. We asked for something and we were expecting maybe a discount but they offered a full weekend for free. That surprised me because they aren't even in Indiana. But I guess they know we have alumni all over. That was one of the more surprising gifts."

Another great surprise was Blu Catering, which is a new business in Bloomington. "They pursued me when they heard about it. They were one of the first to register and called and said they wanted to donate," Kalina said.

The auction raised the funds for the initial scholarships, but it also raised awareness about the program and allowed board members to share information about how individuals can donate to the scholarship fund. After the event, board members felt confident the program will continue in future years.



Nancy Kalina, who contacted businesses far and wide for item donations, writes down her bid.



## 'Sold!' Generous businesses make silent auction big business

*The GLBT Alumni Association would like to acknowledge and thank the businesses that generously donated items for the silent auction. The event raised \$2,321 for scholarships.*

- **Burnham Woods** (Perennial Nursery): \$25 gift certificate
- **Ryan Robison**: Two hours of solo violin playing for a party or gathering
- **Charles Sprague**: Custom, handmade wood bookcase
- **Elements**: Glass etched vase
- **Judy Malschick**: 30-minute massage
- **Lu Sclair**: 30-minute massage
- **Indiana Fever**: WNBA official basketball autographed by Tamika Catchings
- **PAK Mail**: Five free mailing cards for packages up to 10 pounds to anywhere in the country
- **Bella Bella**: Handmade artistic console/table
- **IU Auditorium**: Two tickets to *42nd Street*
- **Fourwinds**: Dinner for two
- **Kirby House B&B**: Two-night stay in Saugatuck, Mich.
- **Lynn Gilliatt**: Original piece of pastel art
- **Phoenix Theater**: Gift certificate for two tickets to a performance during the fall 2004 season or the winter 2005 season
- **Chapman's Restaurant**: Gift certificate for brunch for two and gift certificate for dinner for two
- **IU Theater**: Two flex passes (for four shows)
- **Cindy Stone**: Pottery
- **Runcible Spoon**: Gift certificate for two for breakfast, gift certificate for two for lunch, and gift certificate for two for dinner
- **IU Opera**: Four tickets to *La Cenerentola* on Nov. 12
- **J.R. Stallsmith**: Gift certificate to the men's clothing store
- **Ann Wesley**: Framed photograph
- **Lotus World Music Festival**: Gift basket including two tickets to a Lotus concert, a poster of the 10-year anniversary festival, a CD from the 10-year anniversary, and a T-shirt
- **Oliver Winery**: Gift box including two bottles of wine
- **Coobah Restaurant and Bar in Chicago**: A \$50 gift certificate
- **Atlantis Glass Studio**: Handmade beveled stained glass mirror by Kathie Adair
- **Craig Boeck and Erica De Santis**: Legal documents to protect one's same-sex relationship
- **Laughing Planet**: Gift certificate
- **Soma Coffee House and Juice Bar**: Gift certificate
- **Best Buy**: Third season DVD set of *Queer As Folk*
- **Blu Catering**: Use of facility and hors d'oeuvres and beverages for 20 people
- **Matthew Mackek**: One-hour massage



Aloha!





The sun was shining, the water sparkling, the drinks were festive, the food delectable, the music was hoppin': It was the perfect setting for an outdoor reception, dinner, dance, and silent auction at the Fourwinds Resort and Marina! Clockwise, from left: David "DJ" Johnson dances and entertains at the luau; Erica De Santis and Kim Davis address the crowd; Rob DeCleene and NAME NAME check out the dance floor; a group of GLBT alumni enjoy food from the buffet; Ryan Robison, Mary Ann Macklin, Deb Phelps, and Ruth Eberle (with her daughter, Gretchen) applaud energetic dancers; Matt Bruner describes his role as the new student representative on the GLBTAA board; Q to the Fourth, a queer quartet from the QuarryLand Men's Chorus, performs (from left, Doug Bauder, Mitch Serslev, Scott Jackman, and Doug McKinney); and GLBT alumni enjoy drinks with dinner.

## GLBTAA's Summer 2004 Luau

# Membership numbers on the rise

## *More friends join the GLBTAA family*

Reaching out and connecting IU GLBT alumni and friends is not necessarily an easy task. Unlike other alumni affiliate groups, our members are not readily identifiable. There are no IU databases that list all GLBT and GLBT-friendly individuals — no way of quickly finding all those who might be interested in our group. Instead, we are forced to find more creative ways to find and connect our friends and colleagues.

When our GLBTAA board met in fall 2003 to devise our PATH (a comprehensive document containing our short- and long-term goals, as well as stepping-stones we needed to hit along the way), we knew that our membership committee would need to be active and ingenious to reach our goal of finding 75 new members by March 2004 and a total of 800 members by fall 2005. With just about 540 members, and without any events planned in the last quarter 2003, our committee realized we would be getting a slow start on our goals. So we put together an ambitious calendar of events that would kick off in April 2004 and run throughout the summer. I am glad to say that our efforts proved to be successful.

Last spring, we held two different events geared primarily toward

reaching students at IUB who are prospective members. The first, a presence at Miss Gay IU (the IUB student-group's most celebrated and well-known attraction each year), significantly raised our visibility with those in attendance and helped us attract eight new members. Then again in May, a very successful Rainbow Graduation Dinner held in Bloomington in conjunction with the GLBT Student Support Services Office added another 15 members to our family.

When combined with the four new members gained at our regional event held at the Heron Art School in Indianapolis in May and the members being enrolled through individual board member efforts and otherwise, heading into the summer we were a little behind on our goal. But our event calendar was just getting under way.

In June, the GLBTAA had a table and a presence at three different Pride celebrations in the Midwest: Indianapolis Pride on June 12, Fort Wayne Pride on June 19, and Chicago Pridefest on June 26. Collectively, these tabling efforts were a tremendous success as we gained more than 100 new members from these events alone! We topped

off our season of events and outreach with a luau-themed summer dinner and dance, adding another handful of members to our group.

Despite the hurdles presented, our GLBTAA family continues to grow and flourish. Thanks to the hard work of those on our board and on our membership committee, the GLBTAA

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Jane Fleig greets alumni at Chicago Pride.



ABOVE: GLBT students and friends enjoy a graduation dinner at the Village Deli in Bloomington. LEFT: Erica De Santis hosts the IU GLBTAA booth at Chicago Pride.

# New faces on GLBTAA board

August always brings changes to the GLBTAA board. Kim Davis continues as president this year, but she vows this will be her last year. Erica De Santis is vice president, and Kevin Fortwendel continues to serve as treasurer. Rob DeCleene stepped down from the board in August and from his position as secretary. David "DJ" Johnson, of Chicago, is now the board's secretary.

Also leaving the board in August were Angie Dill, of Bloomington; Linda Perdue, of Indianapolis; Christine Badowski, of Chicago; OUT representative Edyta Sitko; and student representative Andrew Wilson.

Continuing on the board are Craig Boeck, of Indianapolis; Rob Grayless, of Fort Wayne; Nancy Kalina, of Bloomington; Bryan Sirtosky, of Indianapolis; and Matt Brunner, who will be a student representative.

## New board members

### David Reinwald

David Reinwald will represent the IU GLBTAA from New York City, where he is anxious to recruit new members and plan activities. Reinwald graduated from Indiana



Reinwald

University with degrees in music, telecommunications, and Jewish studies in 2001. He is now a fourth-year cantorial student at the School of Sacred Music at Hebrew

Union College in New York City. He serves as the student cantor of Temple Beth-El of Jersey City, N.J. Reinwald lives in Jersey City with his two cats, Oscar and Millie.

### Mike Vogt

Mike Vogt attended IU from 1981 to 1986 and spent most of that time at Collins LLC. "Thank the good Lord that my adviser suggested that place. ... Being a kid from a small town, a school the size of IU scared me. He suggested I check out the Living Learning Center. That 30-minute interview was the most valuable in my life. It took me along a path that led to diversity the likes of which I had only glimpsed on *Donahue*, great friends, a safe atmosphere in which to come out, the best dorm room on campus, my first loves, mono (for the second time), and — oh, yes — a BS in computer science with a business administration minor."

Vogt will join the contingent of alumni in Indianapolis who have grown more active in the past year.

"To me, IU is about learning (mostly about oneself)! My mom gave me the courage and honesty to be out. IU made it safe, accepting, and fun. ... There I learned being gay didn't mean being alone. I hope that through my involvement with IU GLBTAA I can return the gift given me some 20 years ago," he said.

Since leaving Bloomington, Vogt has worked extensively with IT, primarily in support of drug development at institutions including Covance, Xerox, the Mayo Clinic, and Lilly.

### Ann Wesley

For the past year, Ann Wesley has been editor of the IU GLBTAA newsletter. She attended IU Bloomington from 1981 to 1984 and then took a long break to work, returning to complete her journalism degree in 1992. She currently serves as director of marketing for WTIU public television and WFIU public radio at IU. Wesley lives on Bloomington's south side with her two dogs. She also serves as manager for lesbian author DS Bauden.



Wesley

"After getting started with the newsletter and getting to the know the board, I learned about the wonderful work the GLBT Alumni Association was doing, as well as the unbelievable work being done at the GLBT Student Support Services Office, and I quickly realized I wanted to be more involved in this work. I have been very fortunate to be able to be completely out in my life and work, and if I can help make the IU experience more comfortable for today's IU students, I certainly want to. The people working on this board are incredible, and I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to work with them."

## Alumni notes

**James P. Moore**, BM'85, MM'87, is touring the United States as music director for the first national touring company of the Tony Award-winning *The Producers*. The New York City resident can be reached at jamesclicktr@aol.com.

**Carol A. Guess**, MA'93, MFA'94, writes, "My fourth book, a collection of poems titled *Femme's Dictionary*, will be published in October 2004 by Calyx Books. I continue to teach GLBT studies as an associate professor at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Wash." Guess lives in Seattle and can be reached at carolguess@aol.com.

## Membership

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now stands over 700 members strong — a growth of more than 30 percent in just one short year — and already we are within reach of the goal we set out to accomplish by September 2005.

But don't let our success fool you; we still know that our best chance to find more members for our organization is through *you!* Surely many of us know of a friend or two who may

be interested in the GLBTAA and the many important goals we have set. Please help us as we add more strength to our organization by adding as many members as we can! Together, we stand strong!

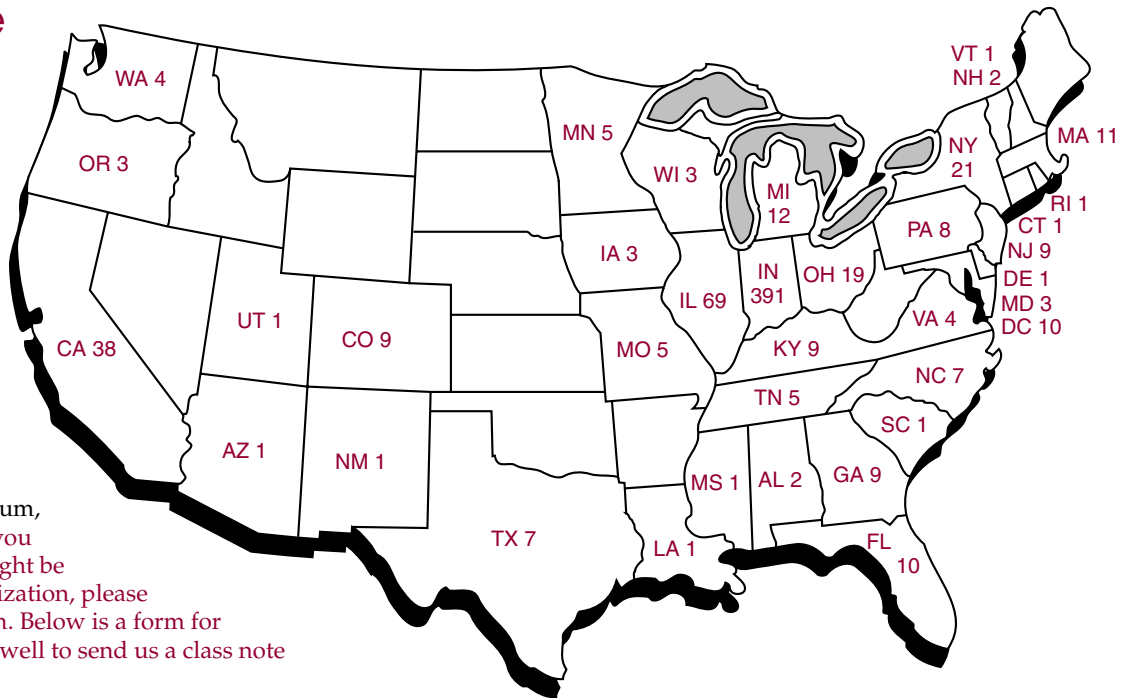
If you are reading this and are not a member, please consider joining us. Please also ask your friends to consider joining. Visit our Web site at [www.indiana.edu/~glbttaa](http://www.indiana.edu/~glbttaa) to register your free membership to the GLBTAA.

— Erica De Santis

## Where We Are

Membership in the IU GLBT Alumni Association continues to grow! Thanks to the industrious activity of our membership committee (see article on page 8), our numbers have grown by more than 30 percent since January 2004. We now stand at more than 700 strong.

The map at right shows the distribution of our membership throughout the continental United States. In addition, two members live in Canada, plus one each in Belgium, Malaysia, and Switzerland. If you know of GLBT alumni who might be interested in joining our organization, please share this newsletter with them. Below is a form for membership. Use that form as well to send us a class note about yourself.



### Please join us!

Your membership in the GLBTAA is **free**, although we do encourage you to become a dues-paying member of the IU Alumni Association. Your IUAA membership supports activities of the GLBTAA and includes membership in your local alumni club and your school alumni association.

- I want to become a member of the IU GLBT Alumni Association, which is free. *Membership, ID numbers, and mailings are kept confidential.*
- I want to join the IU Alumni Association, which is a dues-paying organization.

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