Before I sat down with Vice President Larry Moneta last spring to discuss the Center for LGBT Life’s new and vastly improved home in the West Union Building (the space formerly occupied by the Mary Lou Williams Center for Black Culture), a number of conditions had to be met. More to the point, a number of conversations had to happen. At the Center we needed to nurture the seedlings of a new intellectual, social and cultural energy around issues pertaining to sexual orientation. We did this by designing programs and staging events which appealed to a cross section of university members. We did this by beginning conversations and by making movement—intellectual, cultural, social and physical—possible. The senior administration also needed to come on board and more conversations needed to happen. Nan Keohane helped us launch our nationally-recognized SAFE on Campus Program, the academic deans worked with us to rebuild the sexuality studies program, and Vice President Moneta demonstrated his commitment to LGBT life by making room in the West Union Building for an expanded LGBT Center. Most important, our current and former students needed to begin the visionary process of imagining a Center space that might accommodate future growth. Their willingness and ability to articulate the importance of physical expansion for the LGBT Center has been and will continue to be critical. This semester we are operating in full force as we wait for our new home to undergo minor renovations. (See Open House Invite on p. 8) During this phase of anticipation, I have learned two important lessons: (1) Symbolic commitments, such as expanded and renovated space for the Center for LGBT Life, will further institutionalize our presence and will instill in our students some sense of ownership in and ownership of the larger Duke campus, and (2) Moving into a new home in no way diminishes the importance of the work we do or the ways in which homophobia and transphobia are still alive and kicking at Duke and, of course, elsewhere. Indeed, I believe our new surroundings will challenge us even more to act, speak, and write in ways that demonstrate we are not complacent with a heterosexist status quo. My hope is that the new Center space provides us all with enough energy to engage the ways in which difference is articulated and negotiated at Duke and beyond.

From the Desk of
Dr. Karen C. Krahulik, Director

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AQUADuke continues to organize weekend celebrations, Coming Out Week in the fall and Absolutely Fabulous Queer Family Love Week in the spring. In Spring 2003 the organization held its First Annual Lavender Ball, an LGBT semiformal in conjunction with UNC’s GLBTSA. For Spring 2004, we hope to add NC State as a participant in the Second Annual Lavender Ball. The Third Annual Drag show will also be held in Spring 2004. The 2003-2004 school year also includes new programming including an Inter-school Mixer for LGBT students at colleges and universities in the Triangle, hosted by AQUADuke; an Ice Cream Social during Freshman Orientation; and a Peer Mentorship Program that connects LGBT and Ally upperclassmen with underclassmen to assist in adjusting to life at Duke and the local LGBTQ community.

By Jessica Rosario - President

Out Lines is published twice a year by the Duke University Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Life. A professionally staffed department in Campus Life - Division of Student Affairs, the Center for LGBQT Life mission is to provide education, advocacy, support, and space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and straight-allied students, staff, and faculty at Duke, as well as alumni/ae and members of neighboring communities. Through its services, the Center for LGBQT Life presents educational, cultural, and social opportunities for all students, faculty, staff, and alumni/ae to challenge intolerance and to create a more hospitable campus climate.

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DukeOUT Update

By Rob Saunders - DukeOUT President

DukeOUT is excited about its second year! DukeOUT was started last year to bring together LGBTQA students from the graduate and professional schools at Duke. We have three goals: to increase interaction among LGBT graduate and professional students, increase the visibility of LGBT concerns, and foster discourse on LGBT issues. We work to fight homophobia and make Duke a more welcoming environment for LGBTQA students.

We have already had our first social event of the year on September 4th to welcome incoming students to Duke. About 50 people attended to listen to a jazz band, have some food, and meet new people. DukeOUT will host a number of social events throughout the year in order to build a sense of community among LGBTQA graduate students. As well, DukeOUT is sponsoring a speaker/film series this year to explore different aspects of LGBT life. We sponsor speakers from various disciplines, from business to divinity to political science, in order to learn more about the varied academic research taking place on LGBT issues.

If you have suggestions about a particular program you would like to see, let us know. DukeOUT is excited about our programming for this year, especially because the LGBT Center now has a workstudy working on programming focused at graduate and professional students!

If you are interested in learning more about DukeOUT, please visit our website: http://www.duke.edu/web/gap/DukeOUT/ or contact me (rss@duke.edu) for more information.

SAFE on Campus Training

SAFE on Campus Training Dates. Join 400 other students, staff and faculty already participating from all over Duke University. Participants must choose a first and second session. Sign up in advance online at http://lgbt.studentaffairs.duke.edu. (See ad on back page)

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Monday, February 16, 4-6 PM, Center for LGBT Life - 02 West Union Bldg. (West Campus below Duke Card Office near Bryan Ctr. Walkway)

Wednesday, February 18, 12-2 PM, Center for LGBT Life - 02 West Union Bldg. (West Campus below Duke Card Office near Bryan Ctr. Walkway) Coffee/ Juice/Bagels provided.

Tuesday, March 16, 12-2 PM, Center for LGBT Life - 02 West Union Bldg. (West Campus below Duke Card Office near Bryan Ctr. Walkway) Lunch provided.

#2 Sessions:

Tuesday, February 10, 9-11 AM, Center for LGBT Life - 02 West Union Bldg. (West Campus below Duke Card Office near Bryan Ctr. Walkway) Coffee/ Juice/Bagels provided.

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Announcements

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Duke dropped from Princeton Review’s top-20 list of homophobic schools.


North Carolina Pride 2003

(See photo on back page)

The annual North Carolina Pride was held for the third year in a row on Duke East Campus. The parade marched down West Main and Ninth St before continuing back to East Campus. Thousands showed up for the festival and to watch the parade. Many Duke students, staff and faculty participated in the parade including the undergraduate group AQUADuke (see picture), Duke Law and the Fuqua School of Business. Visit www.ncpride.org.

New SAFE on Campus Web Page

• Join Now and Sign Up Online
• Assessment Results - Making a Difference at Duke
• Resource Downloads
• Frequently Asked Questions
• Training Outline
• Resource Manual
• Order the DVD for your college or university
• View digital video scenarios used in the training

http://lgbt.studentaffairs.duke.edu/programs/safe
Blake Byrne, T'57, has initiated a project at Duke to improve the campus climate for gay and lesbian students. He has pledged up to $25,000 to help friends and Duke graduates create endowments that will support the Center. The minimum to create an endowment is $25,000, Blake will match a gift of $20,000 with $5,000 to fully fund a named endowment. Gifts are payable over five years. The fund will bear the name of the donor's choice. The Center for LGBT Life thanks Harry Harkins and his partner, Ben Stilwell, Trinity Board of Visitors ally Nina Lesavoy, and Peggy Lipscomb for being the first to meet Blake's challenge. The Harkins-Stillwell, Nina Lesavoy, and Peggy Lipscomb Endowment Funds will help us to meet our goals and produce dynamic programs at Duke and beyond. To help meet Blake's challenge contact Karen Krahulik at 919-684-6607 or krahulik@duke.edu. Two more challenge grants to go!

Triangle Area LGBT Alumni Dessert Reception

Saturday, December 13, 2003, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Join with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Duke alumni/ae to celebrate the holiday season! Find out about current events at Duke and the Center for LGBT Life. Contact the Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Life for event location and directions: 919-684-6607 or lgbtcenter@duke.edu

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4-6 PM, Saturday, January 31, 2004
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Local Alumni Clubs

We currently have LGBT alumni chapters in New York City, San Francisco, Atlanta and Washington D.C. To join or begin a local club in your area contact us at the above numbers.

* Atlanta - Contact Harry Harkins at krahulik@duke.edu
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Fall 2003 Events:

Tim Miller
Performance artist best known as part of the NEA Four
Us Man Bites Dog Theatre.
Thursday, September 18
Fast, funny and furious, Tim Miller's new show US ricochets between Miller's love affair since childhood with Broadway musicals to an exploration of home, exile and the injustices gay people face in the good ol' USA.

SEX! BODY! SELF!
A performance lecture & rant by Tim Miller
Friday, September 19
Theatre Studies Performance Studio room 202 (West Campus between Bryan Center and the parking garage.) Free and open to the public.

Faisal Alam
Director of Al-Fatiha - Muslim LGBT Organization
In the Name of Allah - Documentary film about LGBT Muslims
Thursday, September 25, 7:00 PM
Rare Book Room – Perkins Library

Randy Beggs
Ph.D., L.P.C., M.B.A.
Reflections of the Male Body: The Cult of Masculinity, Muscularity, Drugs, and Disco
Monday, October 20, 5 PM, Free Dinner!
Mary Lou Williams Center for Black Culture, 01 West Union Bldg. (below BC Walkway)
Second Presentation at 8 PM: Mirror Mirror On the Wall... Changing Views of the Male Body

The Films of Pratibha Parmar
Monday, November 3, 2003, 7-8:30 PM, Center for Documentary Studies, 1317 West Pettigrew st.
In honor and celebration of Parmar's commitment to the multiplicity of identity-making and negotiation, we will screen the following: Double the Trouble, Twice the Fun: A rare and lively examination of disability and homosexuality as it affects both women and men. Flesh and Paper: A lyrical exploration of the sense and sensibilities of Indian lesbian poet and writer, Suniti Bamjoshi. Jodie: An Icon: A fast paced, breezy look at the transatlantic phenomenon that has made Hollywood actress Jodie Foster a gay icon. Khush: "Khush," meaning ecstatic pleasure in Urdu, features South Asian lesbians and gay men in Britain, North America and India. Wavelengths: Explores the time honored quest for love and human intimacy in the polished world of computers and the Internet.

Spring 2004 Events:

Loren Cameron - Transgender Photographer – Body Alchemy
Thursday, January 15, 7 PM
Center for LGBT Life - 02 West Union Bldg. (Below Duke Card Office) & Friday, January 16, Noon, UNC-Chapel Hill

Jennifer Robertson - Yoshiya Nobuko and 'Girls Culture' in Japan
Monday, February 9, 5:30 PM
Center for LGBT Life - 02 West Union Bldg. (Below Duke Card Office)

Marga Gomez - Latina Comedian
Friday, February 20, 7 PM, Von Canon - Bryan Center, Free!

Transgender Film: All About My Father (Norway, 2002 - 75 minutes) with Esben/Esther Benestad. Screening and discussion. Thursday, March 18, Time and location to be announced.

Kara Keeling - UNC-Chapel Hill, Media and Cultural Studies
Monday, March 29, 5:30 PM
Center for LGBT Life - 02 West Union Bldg. (Below Duke Card Office)

Sponsors: Center for LGBT Life, Women's Studies, AQUA Duke, UNC Robertson Scholars Program, UNC LGBT Office, Cultural Anthropology, Theatre Studies, Latino Studies, Sallie Bingham Center, Division of Student Affairs, Latino/a Studies, Mary Lou Williams Center for Black Culture, Duke Out, Program in the Study of Sexualities, Program in Film/Digital Video, others to be announced
**Interview: Kerry John Poynter**

*When did you start at Duke and how do you like it so far?*

I started at Duke in September of 1999. I was filling the shoes of the previous Program Coordinator who was well liked by many of the returning students. That was sort of daunting but I think I’ve been able to establish a rapport with most of the students that we see on a regular basis.

*What has been most surprising about your job at Duke?*

The first few weeks were an eye opener. The Center had numerous organizations and departments approaching us for sponsorship for various LGBT programs they were planning that October. Bear in mind that I was coming from two universities where I or the lone gay student group were the only entities engaged in any awareness or educational activities. In this case I was able to bring all these different groups and departments together for a full week of programming that we then made our annual Coming Out Week. It is empowering to know that the Center for LGBT Life doesn’t have to be the only department or group addressing LGBT people and issues.

*Where were you before you started at Duke?*

I was a graduate student at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Yes, the city of Kalamazoo does exist. I was studying Student Affairs Administration in a Counseling & Psychology program. One of the top Student Affairs Preparation programs in my opinion. It had a strong emphasis on multiculturalism (broadly defined), excellent faculty, and it was counselor-based. I had a graduate assistantship as the Coordinator of LGB Issues in the office of Student Activities & Leadership Service Programs.

*Have you always been interested in LGBT administration?*

No. Not at first. I was quite active as an undergraduate at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. I was an elected student senator and student member of the faculty/staff senate. I also was heavily involved in the LGBT student group and served in numerous leadership positions. During these formative years in college I began to see how my involvement was affecting students as well as faculty and staff. One of my first boyfriends was applying to Student Affairs Preparation programs around the country. This was the first time that I realized there was such a profession as Student Affairs. You could say a little light came on in my head. Not long after I began hearing of full-time paid positions in LGBT Centers around the country. There were only a handful at the time. Well, there still are only a few. I was bound and determined that I would be the best of the best and be hired in one of these positions out of graduate school. I guess I did.

*When did you first get the idea to do programming with gay-friendly (straight) allies?*

As an undergraduate the LGBT student group that I was helping to lead developed the idea of SAFE (Students, Administrators, and Faculty for Equality) in 1992. We thought we were so original at the time. Now such programs are almost commonplace on college campuses nationwide. I still say we were one of the first.

*You have been doing research on gay-friendly allies. What is that about?*

Essentially we don’t know a lot about why heterosexual people become affirming and accepting of LGBT people. There are numerous theoretical models that explain the process of how racial and sexual minorities develop, as well as how White people develop their identity when abandoning racism. However, there is nothing in the literature about heterosexual identity! I’m in the process of finishing analysis with another colleague at Western Michigan University on a development model for heterosexual allies of LGBT people. It will be a beginning but a much-needed start. I currently use this model in the SAFE on Campus trainings.

I also included a qualitative research project in the spring 2001 SAFE on Campus trainings. I wanted to know what inspired these participants to become allies, what encouraged them, how they had been supportive, how they had failed to be supportive, and what significant events shaped their development. I think it will be a useful piece to future SAFE trainings and the DVD project.

*How does the SAFE on Campus program at Duke differ from others you have established?*

I’ve learned from my mistakes! The biggest difference is that our training for new members has some unique digital video scenarios. I really think these new SAFE members are getting the best information and skills we can give them in a four hour period. The Duke SAFE orientation is very participatory and requires attendees to think about themselves and how they would respond. This is where that counselor training and student development/identity development education comes into good use. It tries to be as inclusive of the diversity within the LGBT community as well. Another big difference is that the Duke SAFE program has had good administration support from the very beginning. The University President spoke at the kick off event in front of the Chapel. You can’t ask for better P.R. than that.

*Have you been pleased with the response to the program so far?*

Extremely! At Western Michigan University I had about 150 people after two years. Here at Duke we have 300+ after one year. Of course there has been some negative response to the program but that was to be expected.

*How does it feel to be the winner of the University Diversity Award for the ’00-’01 year?*

I guess I didn’t realize the scope of this award until the Annual Night of Duke Stars Celebration back in August ’01. I found out I was nominated and the winner a couple weeks before the celebration. That was a big surprise. I’m told there were some very good nominees as well. At the celebration a thousand people were being honored for their many years of service to Duke University. However, I was the only person to receive an award on stage and the President introduced the Award. Wow! They were so afraid I was going to drop that big crystal bowl they gave me. They had it lit under a candle on stage during the whole ceremony. I’m surprised someone didn’t drop it since it was so hot! It was funny as well that night. While Karen Krahulik and I were walking around after the awards and mingling on the quad it was interesting to see all the “family” that we had never met coming up to us and offering their congratulations, “I’m VERY, VERY happy you received that award.” and so on and so forth. Who ever said there were no queer people at Duke? Please!

*Can you also say a few words about the grants you won to develop SAFE DVD’s?*

In the spring of 2001 I decided to look for some outside funding in order to provide other colleges and universities all the materials and orientation videos on CD-ROM. We had a number of people calling us from all over the country wanting our materials and help starting their own SAFE program. You can’t just walk down to your local bookstore or go online and buy a “SAFE on Campus Development for Dummies” manual. I quickly realized that this was an untapped resource that people needed. I submitted grant proposals to the NASPA (National Association of Student Personnel Administrators) Foundation and the ACPA (American College Personnel Association) Education Leadership Foundation. Both foundations have awarded us with grants to help provide a DVD of our SAFE program at low cost as well as to assess the program. The Division of Student Affairs also upgraded much of our computer equipment with the latest in digital video editing technology and the Duke Mack Campus Life Fund provided additional funds that were not covered in the grants. Close to 300 orders have come in since ordering started this past summer.
SAFE on Campus

Ally

Look for this symbol!

Attend a training and join over 400 members from across Duke University and the health system. SAFE on Campus (Students, Administrators and Faculty for Equality) is a program sponsored by the Center for LGBT Life. SAFE provides an avenue through which heterosexual allies or gay-friendly people can show their support toward the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and ally community at Duke. By placing the SAFE symbol on their doors or in living spaces SAFE members signify their space is safe to talk about LGBT issues.

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IN OUT & IN BETWEEN

Mondays 4:00 p.m.
(Fall Semester)

Women's Center

LesBiGayTrans Discussion Group

A safe & confidential discussion group for lesbian, gay, bi, & transgender people at Duke. Explore Life Issues - Discover Duke - Learn About Yourself

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AQUADuke Float

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Grand Opening!

Center for LGBT Life
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Thursday, January 15, 2004
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