



The Rainbow *review*

OFFICE OF LGBT AWARENESS

REMEMBERING FRAN

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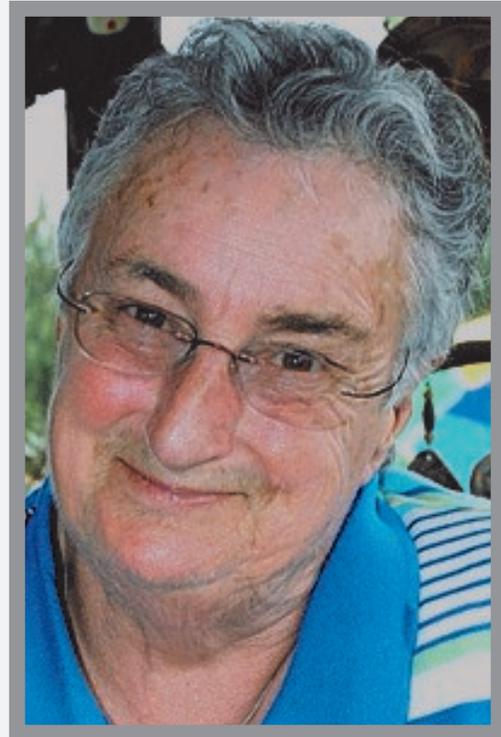
In the beginning of this year, the Bucknell community suffered a tremendous loss with the sudden passing of our beloved Fran McDaniel.

As director of the Office of LGBT Awareness, Fran was considered a mentor, teacher, and advocate for many university students, faculty, and staff. Under her direction, the office significantly increased its outreach and education efforts to the broad campus community, creating a more welcoming, accepting, and diverse university community. Fran was instrumental in the creation of Safe Space, a peer-to-peer education program designed to increase the acceptance and support of LGBT individuals by their peers, a program which has recently received national attention for its effectiveness. In addition to her work on behalf of the LGBT community, Fran also was involved with the Women's Resource Center, V-day Bucknell, efforts to improve campus climate, and a variety of other university services and programs.

Fran's work at Bucknell was characterized by persistence, patience, dedication, and humor. Beloved by students and colleagues alike, she was most interested in the well-being of students and always kept the best interests of students at the heart of her work. She recognized that students needed exposure and education to the world beyond Bucknell, resulting in programming that spanned the arts and humanities, the natural and social sciences, interdisciplinary work, athletics, music, theatre, film, comedy, and philanthropy. She was especially effective at creating programming that involved both student affairs and academic affairs. Her interest in students also was evident from her attendance at a variety of student functions, although she was especially fond of women's basketball, volleyball, and field hockey. Fran's legacy at Bucknell is deep and wide and she will be keenly missed by students, faculty, and staff.

Fran is survived by her life partner, Therese Miller; her stepdaughter, Erin Henson; granddaughter, Tenaja Henson; her nephew and great-nephews, Eric, Josh and Zach Smith; and her foster son, Joe "Pepe" Rodriguez.

In lieu of flowers, gifts can be made to Bucknell University, Office of LGBT Awareness, Roberts Hall, Lewisburg, PA. 17837.



THANK YOU, FRAN!

A celebration of Fran's life was held on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 1 p.m. in Rooke Chapel on the campus of Bucknell University.

Celebrating **TRANSGENDER** Remembrance Day at **BUCKNELL**

By Spencer Whalen

In honor of Transgender Remembrance Day this year Bucknell invited Mara Keisling, the Director for the National Center of Transgender Equality, to give a talk on important transgender topics and issues. Transgender individuals are often overlooked and experience marginalization, even within the LGB communities, so it is a topic that deserves recognition on all college campuses. Transgender Day of Remembrance serves to memorialize those who have been killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice.

Mara was born as one of seven siblings and grew up as Mark in nearby Harrisburg, PA. Throughout high school, Keisling found her political calling as a member of the Model U.N. Club. Soon after, she graduated from Penn State and pursued post-graduate work in American Government at Harvard University.

In the 1990's, Mark began making the transition to Mara after Keisling told friends and family she had felt like a woman since childhood. Keisling then began pursuing activism after recognizing the discrimination transgender people face. She co-chaired the Pennsylvania Gender Rights Coalition and served on the serving committee of the Statewide Pennsylvania Rights Coalition.

In 2003, Keisling recognized the need for recognition of transgender people in Washington, D.C., so she founded the National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE). In addition, Mara has over 25 years of professional experience in social marketing and opinion research. In 2005, Harvard University named Keisling Outstanding LGBT Person of the Year. This year Mara was nominated and recognized as an icon during GLBT history month in October for being "a leading transgender activist."

Clearly, Mara had the background to tell a story that Bucknell needed to hear—transgender people need to be given the support they deserve. Some interesting points of conversation in her talk included the "Security Thea-

ter" plaguing our nation's airports and how important it is to develop protective legislature for members of the LGBT community in order to prevent hate crimes. Her talk was very well received

by the campus. The auditorium in Rooke Chemistry was limited to standing room only by the time her presentation began. Afterwards, students and faculty were very eager to respond to her talk with questions and comments. Mara was also able to talk in a few classes earlier in the day, and she was very grateful for that opportunity. She felt as though the Bucknell community was very receptive to her presence on campus, and we were all glad she could share her message with us. Mara is not the first Transgender speaker to visit Bucknell, but she is only one of a few to visit in the past, so it is good we had the opportunity to have her visit and share her knowledge with the campus.

To learn more about Mara and her organization, visit <http://transequality.org/>



IT GETS BETTER!

Office of LGBT Awareness says "It Gets Better" for the "It Gets Better Snap Shot Project"

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Tuesday, February 15, Robyn Ochs Lecture "Beyond Binaries: Identity & Sexuality" 7:00pm, Rooke Chemistry 116
- ◆ Monday, February 21, "Don't Tell" Book Release. A book by local author and BU Alum K.A. Kron. 4:00pm, Barnes & Noble Community Room
- ◆ Thursday, February 24th, "A Jihad for Love" Q&A Session with the filmmaker Parvez Sharma 7:00 pm, LC Forum



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BUCKNELL Celebrates World AIDS Day

By Karel Parve

As part of the celebrations for World AIDS Day, the AIDS Quilt was brought once again to campus. The event was organized by the Names Project Foundation, the Bucknell AIDS Committee, and the Samek Art Gallery. The Quilt was displayed in the Samek Art Gallery from December 1st to December 7th, 2010.

ABOUT THE QUILT

In 1985, political activist, Cleve Jones, was among those planning the annual candlelight march to honor the memory of San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone, both assassinated in 1978. While planning the march, Jones learned that more than 1,000 San Franciscans had been lost to AIDS. In their honor, he asked his fellow marchers to write the names of those friends and loved one on placards and carried them in the march. For the first time, numbers became NAMES.

In June of 1987, a small group of strangers gathered in a San Francisco storefront to document the lives they feared history would neglect. Their goal was to create a memorial for those who had

died of AIDS, and to thereby help people understand the devastating impact of the disease. This meeting of devoted friends and lovers served as the foundation of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt.

Today the Quilt is a powerful visual reminder of the AIDS pandemic.

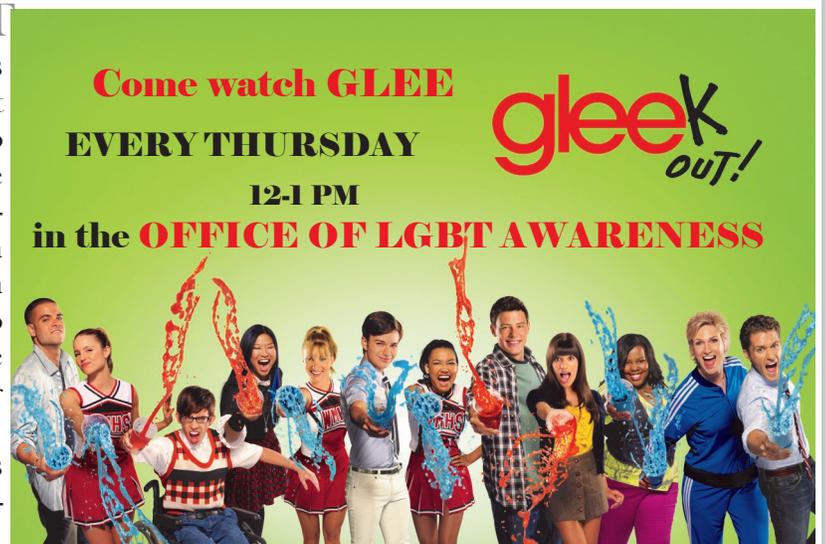
Each "block" (or section) of The AIDS Memorial Quilt measures approximately twelve feet square, and a typical block consists of eight individual three foot by six foot panels sewn together. More than 44,000 memorial panels -- most commemorating the life of someone who has died of AIDS -- have been sewn together by friends, lovers and family members.

As the epidemic continues claiming lives around the world and here in the United States, the Quilt continues to grow and to reach more communities with its messages of remembrance, awareness and hope.

STUDENT INITIATIVE

To raise awareness around both AIDS and World AIDS Day, student interns at the Office of LGBT Awareness, Karel Parve'12 and Alyssa Gianino'11, along with the help of the Bucknell AIDS Committee, placed 100 flags in front of the Langone Center to commemorate the lives of those who have died of AIDS. Each flag represented 25,000 people who had died of AIDS world-wide.

Furthermore, to reach out to the broader student population, a Celebration of Life Remembrance Service and Concert was held on December 6th in Rooke Chapel. Students read pieces to celebrate life and the campus A Capella groups performed songs that they felt carried a positive message of hope and love.



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CURRENT SAFE SPACES

A SAFE SPACE IS A PLACE WHERE ANYONE CAN RELAX AND BE FULLY SELF-EXPRESSED, WITHOUT FEAR OF BEING MADE TO FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE, UNWELCOME, OR UNSAFE ON ACCOUNT OF BIOLOGICAL SEX, RACE/ETHNICITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION, CULTURAL BACKGROUND, RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION, AGE, OR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL ABILITY; A PLACE WHERE THE RULES GUARD EACH PERSON'S SELF-RESPECT AND DIGNITY AND STRONGLY ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO RESPECT OTHERS.

FRATERNITIES:

CHI PHI 2007-2011 (CHAPTER & HOUSE)
DELTA UPSILON 2007-2011 (CHAPTER)
KAPPA SIGMA 2009-2010 (CHAPTER)
LAMBDA CHI ALPHA 2009-2010 (CHAPTER) 2010-2011
(CHAPTER & HOUSE)
PHI KAPPA PSI 2009-2010 (CHAPTER)
SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON 2009-2011 (CHAPTER &
HOUSE)
SIGMA PHI EPSILON 2008-2009 (CHAPTER) 2009-2011
(CHAPTER & HOUSE)
TAU KAPPA EPSILON 2009-2011 (CHAPTER & HOUSE)
(CHAPTER ONLY 2008-2009)
THETA CHI 2007-2011 (CHAPTER ONLY 2007-2008;
2010-2011)

OTHERS:

LANGUAGES AND CULTURES RESIDENTIAL
COLLEGE 2008-2010
SOCIAL JUSTICE RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE 2007-2011
RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE STAFF 2009-2010

SORORITIES:

ALPHA CHI OMEGA 2008-2011 (CHAPTER & SUITE)
(CHAPTER ONLY 2007-2008)
ALPHA DELTA PI 2009-2011 (CHAPTER & SUITE)
CHI OMEGA 2007-2011 (CHAPTER & SUITE)
DELTA GAMMA 2007-2011 (CHAPTER & SUITE)
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SUITE)
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SUITE)
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2010-2011 (CHAPTER)

ATHLETICS:

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM 2009-2011
WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM 2009-2011
MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD TEAM 2009-2011
WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD TEAM 2009-2011
MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM 2009-2010
WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM 2009-2010
MEN'S LACROSSE TEAM 2009-2010
WOMEN'S LACROSSE TEAM 2009-2010

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THE OFFICE OF LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER AWARENESS, IS COMMITTED TO MAKING BUCKNELL A SAFE PLACE FOR THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY. THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED BY SUPPORTING STUDENT GROUPS AND EFFORTS TO EDUCATING AND INCREASE AWARENESS ABOUT LGBT ISSUES AND CURRENT PUBLIC POLICY CONCERNS. THE OFFICE IS GUIDED BY AN ADVISORY BOARD COMPRISED OF STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, AND ADMINISTRATORS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN AND COMMITTED TO THE MISSION OF THE OFFICE.

GIVEN THAT BUCKNELL IS DEDICATED TO PREPARE ITS STUDENTS TO BE MORALLY RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS, AND GIVEN THAT SOCIETAL ATTITUDES ARE CHANGING, THE UNIVERSITY ATTEMPTS TO PROMOTE ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIORS AMONG ITS STUDENTS WHICH WILL CREATE A CLIMATE OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND EMPOWER US ALL TO APPRECIATE DIVERSITY.

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