Enhancing the climate for the GLBT community

Prior to 2000

Theater Workshop on GLBT issues. UNH Social Justice Theatre Troupe, WildActs, is born  ➞ Kate Borenstein’s Gender Workshop ➞ Ellen DeGeneres comes out on “Ellen” to MUB Theater packed for screening ➞ First Kidder Fund Awards presented at the bequest of Bill Kidder ➞ Safe Zones to Resident Assistant Training, Freshman Camp, Field Hockey teams and first national presentation ➞ The First Queer Conference at UNH ➞ Safe Zones to UNH Greek Leadership Conference ➞ The Indigo Girls and Robin Ochs, bisexual activist on transgressing the binary categories gay/straight ➞ March on Washington ➞ The first Safe Zones workshop for a campus climate of inclusion ➞ 2nd Pancake Breakfast in honor of the GSO and all who build a safer and more welcoming community ➞ SHARPP’s first Athletic Peer Education Program for coaches; addressed homophobia and gender issues ➞ Karen Harbeck, author of “Coming Out of The Classroom Closet: Gay And Lesbian Students, Teachers and Curricula” ➞ Karen Thompson of “Why Can’t Sharon Kowalski Come Home?” ➞ “Paris Is Burning”, documentary on New York City Black and Latino/ Latina drag queen culture ➞ Dave Pallone, Gay Major League Baseball umpire, diversity training consultant, university-wide audience ➞ Ladies on the Couch, 2-woman comedy improv to reveal the cross-section of America met while traveling as out lesbians

2004

The GLBT Commission Climate Survey portrayed UNH as a safe place for some but with more work to do to ensure that everyone feels safe and included ➞ RuPaul, actor, drag queen, model, and singer-songwriter, famous for his indifference towards the gender-specific pronouns of “he” and “she”, UNH Queer Conference ➞ Jennifer L. Levi, Esq., a leading expert on transgender legal issues at GLAD, Pancake Breakfast keynote

2003

Henry L. Minton researcher/author on gay rights, Pancake Breakfast keynote ➞ First Annual Conference of New Hampshire Transgender Resources for Education and Empowerment (NH TREE) ➞ A documentary, Transamazon: A Gender Queer Journey produced by Joelle Ruby Ryan, PH.D. candidate and Peter Welch, Health Education and Promotion, Health Services

2002

10th Annual Pancake Breakfast hosted by Office of Multicultural Student Affairs

2001

Queer Studies Emphasis supported in its continued development within the Women’s Studies Program in the Department of Liberal Arts

2000

Kidder Lecture Series with U.S. Congressman from Massachusetts Barney Frank on contemporary GLBT issues as New Hampshire approached the Primary ➞ Catie Curtis, singer/guitarist/wordsmith, Coming Out Week. Proceeds to Seacoast Outright working in collaboration with AIDS Response Seacoast

2005

Alix Olson, internationally touring folk poet and progressive queer artist-activist, Coming Out Week ➞ “Gender Outlaw” author Kate Borenstein, keynote, Pancake Breakfast co-hosted by the GLBT Commission and The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs ➞ Keith Boykin, AIDS activist, Speak Out for Alliance, Coming Out Week ➞ GLBT Climate Survey Specialist Sue Rankin, Senior Diversity Planning Analyst at Penn State ➞ UNH Social Justice Theater Troupe collaborated with Seacoast Outright on the Theater for Social Justice Institute in presenting a play on marriage equality that toured area Rotary Clubs

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THE FUND

Bill Kidder devoted most of his adult life to the University of New Hampshire. After earning a BA in political science and an MS in history at UNH, he spent his professional career at the university, serving as Associate Dean of Students.

After learning he had AIDS, Bill Kidder, by nature shy, went public with his condition and his sexual orientation. He visited classes, addressed civic organizations and church groups, spoke with medical students – in short, proving it was possible to bring about greater public awareness and understanding of what it means to be gay and what it means to live with AIDS. In his will, he established a fund that bears his name.

The purpose of the Kidder Fund is to sponsor:

• Distinguished Guest Lecture and Performance Series
• Educational and AIDS Awareness Programs
• Student Scholarships
• Faculty Awards

The fund is a tribute to those alumni, students, faculty, staff, parents and friends who struggle with being misunderstood and living with AIDS. In his will, he established the Kidder Fund to sponsor:

• Staff Awards
• Faculty Awards
• Student Scholarships
• Educational and AIDS Programming

The fund seeks to:

• Bring about greater public awareness and understanding of what it means to be gay and what it means to live with AIDS.
• Support students – in short, doing everything possible to bring about greater public awareness and understanding of what it means to be gay and what it means to live with AIDS.
• Support students, faculty and staff to design and implement programming that builds awareness on AIDS and sexual orientation.

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2006

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2007

Nicole Bassett, Psychology

Brands University on GLBT climate

15th Annual Pancake Breakfast hosted by the GLBT Commission with film director/producer Drew Emary

2008

Pancake Breakfast in the MUB Grande Room

260 guests hosted by the GLBT Commission with film director/producer Drew Emary

2009

Mike Berry, nationally recognized performer/ organizer of communities of color and LGBT equality

Keynote - "Building Communities of Color" with Carla Garcia at the 17th Annual Pancake Breakfast and Kidder Awards Celebration

2010

Billie Jean Robinson Keynote at the 18th Annual Pancake Breakfast and Kidder Awards Celebration

Kidder Fund Programs

• Distinguished Guest Lecture and Performance Series. Brings to UNH outstanding gay men and women from academia, business, the arts, sports and the professions for visits to campus to share their knowledge and experience, not only at the podium, but also at inclusive teaching forums, roundtable discussions and classroom and other student-centered discussions.

• Educational and AIDS Programming. Financial support for students, faculty and staff to design and implement programming that builds awareness on AIDS and sexual orientation.

• Student Scholarship. Awarded to students who demonstrate outstanding leadership in fostering understanding of issues concerning sexual orientation.

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