

Monday, 7 October, 1996

To friends of the Graduate Gay and Lesbian Alliance:

Due to **continual lack of interest**, the club will hold its **last meeting** this **Thursday, October 10, 1996** at **6pm** in Student Union 362 in the GGALA office.

Despite the variety of events that we have hosted in the past several years, I am disappointed that **few graduate students** find the time to **take part** in what should be an integral part of their graduate education. In the past few years that I have been president, we have attempted to provide an **outlet beyond the club scene** for gay/lesbian/bisexual/queer graduate students. It is unfortunate that the lack of interest in our organization has forced us to close and to force graduate students back into the club scene yet again. Had people only appreciated us when we were there: one point to note is that we are the **only gay and lesbian graduate student organization in Western New York**.

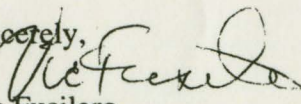
Some of the events which we have hosted in the past few years are the following:

- Salon Q: monthly university- and community-based round-table for discussion of non-heterosexual issues.
- film purchases and screenings: we have bought several queer videos for the Video Library of Lockwood Library (available at Capen) including titles such as *Boys Shorts*, *Last Call at Mauds*. In the past we have also held screenings in conjunction with the undergraduate group LGBA.
- social gatherings: at the different clubs as well as at several coffeehouses, e.g. Java Temple
- workshops/seminars: our most recent was last year on graduate teaching assistants and coming out to their students with guest speakers from the UB graduate school administration.
- guest lecturers: our most recent was last year: Roey Thorpe from Cornell University. Topic: Lesbian Communities in Detroit, Michigan, in the 1940s and 1950s.

I am most deeply disturbed that despite all these offerings we will have to cease to exist, making it all the more difficult to start the club up again in the future.

The only way we can save the club is for enough interested persons to show up at this week's meeting to **elect enough officers (4) to replace the four 3rd and 4th-year grad students** who are currently officers. The club needs new members who can inject new energy into our organization.

Sincerely,


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GGALA President