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# HOME COMING '05

## our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration !!!

**In case you haven't heard....** GALABI at Bucknell will be celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Homecoming 2005 (Sept. 30 - Oct. 1). There are a few events planned. The Weis Center is bringing in an a cappella singing group "**Chanticleer**" from San Francisco. (See the article on page 3) There will be a business meeting, brunch, and a late-night poetry slam (starring a few of our own...). **Don't let the idea of a business meeting scare you away!** You can learn all sorts of things, and get involved if you choose. We would like to elect officers, but nobody will be conscripted against their will. It is helpful to have a few folks to be the leadership voices. It gives us more validity and recognition as an alumni organization within the campus community.

Fifteen years as an organization in today's busy world is an achievement. We need to show the new administration that we do care about Bucknell and want to continue to support LGBT students, alumni, and campus activities promoting acceptance and understanding. Throughout the years there has been a "core" group that can be counted on to come to homecoming or special events and take an active role in GALABI. We are hoping to increase our numbers of interested and active participants dramatically. Enclosed in this newsletter is a revised survey that we hope you will fill out and return. We are also asking for your e-mail addresses. It makes it

much easier to send out notices and special event calendars, plus it cuts down on the extra mail you get from Bucknell.

As you probably are aware, there is a "new" web presence at BU. You should have already received information about "My Bucknell" with a password and how to log onto the system. We are in the process of creating a GALABI group similar to the Yahoo! e-group that can serve as a means to communicate news, events, conversation, pictures....etc.

We will try to publish this newsletter twice a year, or more if we have additional submissions. I know your lives aren't static, that there are special events happening throughout the year. We are looking for news of weddings, promotions, births, adoptions, memorials or special times that you would like to share. I know one of the first things I do upon receiving the Bucknell World is check out the class notes. We do have a "happenings" column that is pretty barren right now. Even though the print version of this publication is in black & white, the web version is in blazing color, so send us pictures too!

We would like to get an idea of how many people will be coming back this year and if any would like to take a significant role in the festivities. **Please call / e-mail / or send back the enclosed form so we can get a reasonable estimate.** If you would like to suggest/coordinate another event or get-together, please let us know ASAP.

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NOTE: The deadline for submissions for the next issue is November 15th, 2005. Send or e-mail them to galabi@bucknell.edu or abidelsp@bucknell.edu

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# Reflections from Homecoming 2004

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As a Homecoming Host for 2004, I was excited and anxious about what I had in store for Homecoming Weekend. It was a whirlwind of activities and events. I got to meet and greet high profile alumni, spend time with various groups, and cheer on the Football team to a close victory. (My high school never won a Homecoming game, so now I know what it feels like!) All of these events were wonderful, but one of the true highlights was the time spent with some of the alumni from GALABI.

Meeting and spending time with the GALABI alums that came back for the weekend was a great experience for a multitude of reasons. It is very empowering to meet some of the LGBT alums because it puts our experiences here at BU in perspective. Many times, it feels like we current LGBT students are the only ones who have gone through these struggles. It is very refreshing to meet people who have shared some of the same experiences and challenges at Bucknell. It gave me more a sense of purpose, in that I know I can keep working hard to make BU a better place, because there is great support from those who have gone before. Also, it's great to tell stories, and get to know all these cool alumni from Bucknell. It's nice to know that we will have friends and people to connect with even after we leave this school.

As a senior who is looking towards the next phase of my life, it is comforting to know that there are people out in the "real" world instead of just inside the Bucknell Bubble who connect with Bucknell University. I had a really great time meeting all the alumni and hope that this continues on in the future. I will soon be joining the ranks of these other awesome alumni and look forward to all that is in store.

~ Lee Cromwell '05

The alumni who came back to Bucknell in support of GALABI truly made Homecoming weekend great for us this year. We were able to connect with the folks who "planted the seeds" of the work that we do today. Hearing stories of our predecessor's battles inspired us all to keep pushing forward with our fight for recognition and fair treatment.

I think that each alumnus was a bit taken aback by how much progress LBGT people have made at Bucknell since they have graduated. We heard stories of the first rainbow flag that went up in a student's dorm room window just a few years ago. Now many of our allies sport the bright colors with pride. Over one thousand Bucknellians have t-shirts that say, "gay? fine by me." Only 10 years ago, that "gay" word could hardly be muttered around here.

I believe I speak for all of the active students when I say that meeting our alumni was encouraging and uplifting. It was humbling to spend time with those who probably had a harder time as a student here than we do. This situation reminded us to keep working hard for what we believe in. It encouraged dialogue and opened up important lines for resources for all of us. Perhaps most importantly, meeting the alumni reinforced the idea that a group of committed people can accomplish anything.

Hopefully all the alumni we met last year, and more, will come back for Homecoming 2005. Building community is important, particularly in a harsh and abrasive environment. I have grown due to my interactions with members of GALABI. I truly hope this tradition continues.

~Alyssa Schneebaum '06

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Homecoming 2004 was a very special weekend for current LGBT students and allies, as this was the really first time we had the opportunity to meet our predecessors. As current students, we are very much engulfed in our lives here and seldom have a chance to step back and see the wonderful changes taking place on campus. I assure you, we savor nothing more than this. When those alumni who came before us return to campus, we are given a glimpse of the Bucknell of years past. You can imagine how wonderful this is for us, as we often lose sight of where our people have been and where we are going. We also make incredible connections and garner some comfort from knowing that there are others like us out there. We look forward to seeing you soon!

~ Chad Freilino '06

Press Release...

## CHANTICLEER

This multiple Grammy Award-winning all-male a capella vocal ensemble of 12 ranging from countertenor to bass, has a repertoire spanning 10 centuries, from Gregorian chant, Renaissance polyphony, and the Romantic art song to jazz, spirituals, and contemporary music. The last category includes works by Bucknell composer and professor of music Jackson Hill. One of his pieces will be sung by the group in honor of Professor Hill's impending retirement. His *Voices of Autumn* (1982) was on Chanticleer's recent Grammy-nominated album, *Our American Journey*.

Named after the clear-singing rooster in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, Chanticleer won Grammy Awards for its albums *Colors of Love* and *Sir John Tavener's Lamentations and Praises*. *Christmas with Chanticleer: An Orchestra of Voices* has been broadcast nationwide on public television since 2002 and is available on DVD. *Parade* magazine selected Chanticleer's most recent release as one of the top releases of the year and said, "Glorious ... How Sweet the Sound can take the edge off the grimmest evening news – and it rocks!"

Chanticleer has a commitment to develop the choral repertoire which has led the group to commission works from a growing list of important composers

Additionally, with the help of foundation and corporate support, the group brings the gift of singing to young people by conducting artist-in-the-schools residencies both on tour and in the San Francisco Bay Area. Chanticleer is the recipient of major grants from The National Endowment for the Arts, the California Arts Council, The James Irvine Foundation, The William & Flora Hewlett Foundation, The William Randolph Hearst Foundation, and the City of San Francisco.

Join us at the Weis Center  
for a performance by

## Chanticleer

*San Francisco's  
acapella group....*

8 p.m. Saturday, October 1, 2005

Tickets are available after August 29<sup>th</sup>  
by calling the Weis Center Box Office  
at (570) 577-1000 or visit <http://www.bucknell.edu/boxoffice>

Reserved Seats: \$20.00

If you wish to sit with fellow GALABI's  
& family, call the box office & ask for  
Jaime before September 16th.

### Reviews....

"The world's reigning male chorus."

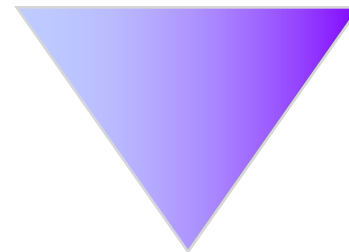
– The Boston Globe

"Chanticleer fascinates and enthralls for much the same reason a fine chocolate or a Rolls Royce does: through luxurious perfection."

– Los Angeles Times

"Precise, pure, and deeply felt singing."

– The New York Times



# homecoming 2005

### Schedule of Events:

#### **Friday September 30**

GALABI reception Arches Lounge  
7 pm til....

#### **Saturday October 1**

Business Meeting - 10:30 a.m.  
rm 302 L.C.

Brunch - 12:00-1:30 p.m. TBA

Chanticleer Concert - 8:00 p.m.

Weis Center (call for Tickets)

Poetry Slam 11:30 p.m.

7th Street Café

**Check out  
the LGBT Office webpage  
for upcoming events and news.  
[www.bucknell.edu/About\\_Bucknell/  
Offices\\_Resources/LGBT](http://www.bucknell.edu/About_Bucknell/Offices_Resources/LGBT)**



# profiles...

(The following is an edited version of a nomination Kyle Audette, Asst. Dir. Housing & Res. Life, wrote of Fran McDaniel for the American College Personnel Association's standing committee for the LGBT Awareness Public Service Award 2005.)

"I can't believe that I'm getting paid to be a lesbian on campus."

~ Fran McDaniel

That is a typical response from Fran, who began her career at Bucknell University seven years ago, when the Office of LGBT Awareness was known as the "Office of LGBT Concerns" as an advisor for the LGBT community. Back then, many would accurately portray the Bucknell culture to be that of a homophobic and often times a hostile environment for LGBT students. Fran's tenure at the University has since caused dramatic change in the culture and minds of students, faculty, staff, trustees, and alumni.

Fran's methodology for implementing change is like many others in the field of higher education: first get your footing so you understand the environment in which you work, and then enact change. After two years of learning who and what Bucknell was about, the first step in the process was to change the name of the office. The Office of LGBT Concerns was viewed by the campus as a place to go to when there were problems or issues within the gay community. When Fran advocated a change to the Office of LGBT Awareness, her goal was to provide support for LGBT students, faculty, and staff, and to increase ally support and educational outreach within and extending beyond the Bucknell campus.

Using that success as momentum to push forward, Fran (with the new title of Coordinator) organized and coordinated the first showing of the AIDS Quilt on Bucknell's campus. This was in addition to continuing to host events that brought the following performers to campus: Jeffrey Solomon, Suzanne Westenhofer, Holly Near, Danny & Melissa from "The Real World", Lucie Blu Trembley, and Ferron.

Fran has completed the fourth consecutive publication of the National

Coming-Out Day support list on the Bucknell campus, via the Bucknellian (student newspaper) and online on the homepage of the Office of LGBT Awareness (homepage link). This year will be the 4th Annual Freedom to Marry Dinner, an event that Fran implemented back in 2001. Other achievements in the past several years have included:

- Performances by the New Century Singers, Tom McCormack, Kate Clinton, and last spring, the Kinsey Sicks.
- Lectures by Rita Mae Brown, Billy Bean, Pat Griffith, Dave Pallone (cosponsored by Athletics), Leslea Newman, and Jennifer Boylan, a transgendered professor from Colby College. BU Alums; Sabrina Matthews '85, Ashley Crary '95, and Ted Burnes '00 were also brought back to speak or perform.
- The return of the AIDS Quilt to Bucknell (Fall 2003) that included a memorial panel of a Bucknell alumni and included increased involvement for the community through the reading of the names, adding a personal, human scale to the pandemic;
- Over 1,000 "gay? fine by me!" T-shirts that have been distributed to students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni, and trustees.
- Revival of GALABI through outreach to the Bucknell LGBT alumni and allies is a major goal.
- Assisting students in implementing "The Closet" during National Coming Out Day, as a way for the community to experience first-hand what it is like being a member of the LGBT community who have not come out;
- Increasing retention rates of our LGBT students by creating opportunities for connectivity and support in academics and social aspects of life;

Fran is working with the Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences on increasing the offerings of courses on campus that address LGBT issues or that are taught from a "queer" perspective. She is also initiating some conversations that the Associate Dean will be involved with on improving the climate in the College of Engineering for both women and LGBT students.

The biggest impact Fran has had at Bucknell has been to create allies among

members in other offices, especially in the often homophobic worlds of Greek, Athletics, ROTC, and Public Safety circles. She has worked with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs to incorporate training sessions for members and to co-sponsor various events. Within Athletics, Fran has increased awareness of LGBT issues and has continually received support for programming on campus that is targeted for our athletes.

Fran worked with our Department of Public Safety to create the "Gay Bashing is a Crime" campaign that has, in turn, affected how hate crimes are reported and handled. She has provided outreach and programming to ROTC's at local universities. Through her support of other initiatives on campus, such as the Women's Resource Center Advisory Board, FLAG-BT student group, and annual Diversity Dinner, Fran is able to demonstrate her continued support of LGBT issues on the Bucknell campus. We now have a student-driven SAFE House, Safe Zone posters, and other related paraphernalia to distribute to current allies. Her future planning includes the implementation of Ally Training, the culmination of her quest to increase support and awareness of LGBT issues at Bucknell.

Her efforts no longer go unnoticed and she provides proactive outreach in ways that have never been done before. If you were to ask her why she took the position and what she has gained from it, her response would be rather simple: "I do it for the students."

## happenings...

*Weddings, births, adoptions, memorials, promotions, and special events that you would like to share...*

**Fran McDaniel** (office of LGBT Awareness, BU) has been named to the Board of Directors of the newly formed nonprofit "Fine By Me". It's mission is to give a voice to the friends and supporters of LGBT Americans. You can check out the website at [www.finebyme.org](http://www.finebyme.org).

Last November, **David Carpenter '00** took a new position at The League of American Theatres and Producers as the Manager of the Broadway Ticket Center and the Broadway Open House.