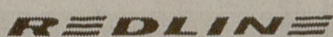


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ALLIES supports homosexual community

By JOHN LEBAS
 THE BATTALION

Gay, lesbian and bisexual Aggies have an ally at Texas A&M.

Actually, they have more than one ally. These students can turn to ALLIES, a support group of over 100 staff, students and faculty, when they need a confidential place to talk and confide.

Becky Elkins Nesheim, coordinator of women's programs in the Department of Student Life, has been active as an ALLY since last spring.

She said ALLIES is an organization of A&M students, faculty and staff members willing to provide a safe place to listen and provide support to gay, lesbian and bisexual students.

"Think of what the word 'ally' means," Elkins Nesheim said. "It's a person to provide support."

Christi Moore, Department of Student Life adviser and ALLIES coordinator, said the main purpose of the group is "to show support for the gay, lesbian and bisexual community at A&M."

These students can feel secure in talking to an ALLY about any issue or concern, she said.

"We want them to know there's someone receptive to them," Moore said.

ALLIES also aims to educate heterosexuals on myths surrounding homosexuality and to

let them know how they may support gay, lesbian, and bisexual students, Moore said.

Elkins Nesheim said members of ALLIES may be identified by placards, usually mounted on their office or dorm room doors. The placards are black with "ALLY" written in blue and have a pink triangle in the "Y."

ALLIES will hold several educational sessions, or advances, this semester to educate people on what it means to be gay, lesbian

need," she said.

All interested students, staff and faculty are encouraged to attend these advances, Moore said. There is no commitment implied in simply attending an advance.

"We're asking people to go, and then they will have the opportunity to become an ALLY," Elkins Nesheim said.

Those who decide to become a member of ALLIES, Moore said, help show the gay, lesbian and bisexual community at A&M that

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and bisexual.

Moore said individual advances will be geared towards people with different needs and interests. One or two advances, she said, will be designed to educate those interested in providing support to gay, lesbian and bisexual students on what it means to be an ALLY. These advances will also focus more on initial training in gay issues, rather than focusing on training development-oriented sessions directed towards people with previous gay support experience, Moore said.

"We're hoping to get people more of the introduction that they

biggest benefit of ALLIES is to show students that there is support of gays, lesbians and bisexuals on campus," she said.

Moore said she encourages anyone with questions about ALLIES to attend an advance and speak to an ALLY. Several people have asked her about her involvement with the organization, she said, after noticing her placard.

Moore has explained to them the importance of making every student feel like an important part of A&M.

"I don't want any student at Texas A&M to feel like they are not supported or not valued," she said.



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