Assisting the “U” Celebrate Desegregation and LGBTQ History

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Research on UM’s Desegregation History

1. Collaborated with Black Alumni Society, United Black Students, and Professor Donald Spivey
2. Exhibits displayed in 9 flat cases and on the surrounding walls (February 2017)
3. Reception and event on February 24, 2017, hosted by Otto G. Richter Library and attended by over 150 guests
Reception and lecture was offered by Otto G. Richter Library
Photo courtesy of University Communications, University of Miami
Negroes Call Integration Liberal But Painful

By ELEANOR SNELGIESKI

Negroes listened to the debates on the nature of integration and to the attacks on the Negroes. They were worried about the future of their children. They were concerned about the way in which the Negroes were being treated. They were tired of hearing about the "Negro problem." They were tired of being "Negroes." They were tired of being "liberals." They were tired of being "integrated." They were tired of being "liberalized." They were tired of being "pained."

William Generete

Two Incidents

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FRESHMEN BETTY DAVIS WANTS TO PRACTICE LAW IN THE SOUTH

"She doesn't want to stay in the South. She wants to go to the North," said Betty Davis. "She plans to practice law in the South."
The footage “Integration Leader Martin Luther King Speaks at University of Miami,” filmed on May 19, 1966, was discovered in 2016 by Lou Kramer, Archives Manager of the Wolfson Florida Moving Image Archives.

Courtesy of the Lynn and Louis Wolfson II Florida Moving Image Archives, Miami-Dade College
A PROPOSAL
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
AN AFRO-AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER
PRESENTED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
NOVEMBER 16, 1971
Research on UM’s LGBTQ history

1. Compiled a timeline of the UM’s LGBTQ history by researching digitized UM publications
2. Collaborated with LGBTQ Student Center and SpectrUM to archive their organizational records and emails.
3. Contacted LGBTQ ‘Canes and several professors for input.

What’s Next?
UM Gay Alliance formed; hopes to get official status

By RICK STEFF

The University of Miami's Gay Alliance was formed last week, with the goal of getting official status on campus. The group has already begun meeting and planning events.

The formation of the Gay Alliance comes after a growing number of students expressed interest in having an official gay rights organization on campus. The group hopes to provide a safe and supportive environment for the LGBTQ+ community.

The Gay Alliance is open to all students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. The group plans to hold regular meetings and events, as well as provide a space for students to connect and support each other.

The Gay Alliance's ultimate goal is to gain official recognition from the university. This would allow the group to access additional resources and funding, as well as provide more visibility and support for the LGBTQ+ community.

The formation of the Gay Alliance is a significant step forward for the LGBTQ+ community at the University of Miami. It is a testament to the growing visibility and acceptance of LGBTQ+ individuals on campus.

Check out the Gay Alliance's Facebook page for more information and upcoming events.
LGBTQ Student Life

YOU'RE INVITED:

OPEN FORUM FOR UM STUDENTS

WHEN: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH
8 PM - 10 PM

WHERE: SC ACTIVITIES NORTH AND SOUTH

The Department of Student Life invites all currently enrolled University of Miami students to an open forum led by Dr. Ronni Sanlo as we strategically plan for the future of LGBTQ Student Life.
October 2, 1975

Mr. William B. Sheeder
Assistant Vice President
Student Affairs
University of Miami
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Dear Bill:

You asked that we consider whether there are any legal obstacles to registering the Gay Alliance group as a student organization.

We are not aware of any legal obstacle to either granting registration or denying registration to the Gay Alliance group as a University of Miami recognized student organization. We believe that it is basically a University policy decision whether to recognize the Gay Alliance group.

Very truly yours,

Chuck Robbins
Charles D. Robbins, Jr.
For the Firm

Henry: F.Y.I. I have no reason why they should not be registered as any other student group was registered as the Omicron Chapter will be serving as the organization. Don & Tom Crandell will be serving as the advisor. They plan to have male & female activities, etc. I understand there are about 30 active people now in the group.

Paul Butler