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UMaine to Host Regional Student Conference on GLBT Activism

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ORONO -- The University of Maine will host hundreds of students from around the area this spring as it welcomes the 6th Annual Northeast Regional Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Student Activist Conference.

"Rainbow Millennium, Activism for a New Era" will be held from April 7 to April 9 at the UMaine Wells Conference Center. The regional meeting will include students from northeast New England and Atlantic Canada.

" This conference is very important for all of us," says Sarah E. Smith, chair of the Wilde-Stein Alliance for Sexual Diversity and conference organizer. "Education of our differences creates a space were we all can grow together and learn. Having this conference in Maine shows how committed the university is to diversity in the state."

Workshop topics include networking, community building, GLBT's in the military and multicultural issues, among others.

Presenters already lined up for the conference are Candace Gingrich, chair of the Human Rights Campaign, Robyn Ochs, an activist from Boston and Rob Herson of the Maine SpeakOut project.

Registration for the conference is \$35 for students and \$50 for non-students and non-university members. The registration deadline is March 31. Call Sarah Smith at 581-1596 or 581-1259 for more information.