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**University mourns loss of popular leader and ally to the Gay community.**

The GLBT Alumni Society joins the entire University community in mourning the loss of William H. "Bill" Hall, vice president for student affairs at The Ohio State University. Mr. Hall died Sunday (11/27) at the age of 61 after an 11-month battle with cancer.

Since joining the university student affairs staff in 1977, Hall played a leadership role in enhancing the campus experience for students. He served as Ohio State's director of residence and dining halls until his appointment as assistant vice president in 1994. In 2001, he was named vice president for student affairs.

As far back as the late 1980's, Bill Hall established himself as an ally to the GLBT community by creating support systems for GLBT students in the residence halls. In 1993, as director of residence and dining halls he was among the first university administrators in the nation to advocate for allowing domestic partners to live in dorms that were considered married student housing. This stance was one of the first major advances for GLBT rights at Ohio State and was among the first public confrontations on GLBT issues between the University and the state legislature.

In recent years as Vice President of Student Affairs, Mr. Hall advocated for the rights of all GLBT students at Ohio State and was instrumental in the board of trustees' decision to begin offering domestic partner benefits to students, faculty, and staff.

Jack Miner, President of the GLBT Alumni Society, shared that "Bill was one of the single most supportive administrators for our organization. He was always willing to help with ideas and support. He is responsible for almost all of the advances that the GLBT community has made at Ohio State over the past few years."

Bill Hall often informally advised the GLBT Alumni Society and other GLBT groups on campus. He and his staff also attended society meetings and events to talk about issues and offer their support. Miner added, "He was supportive in his administrative and public role but he was also supportive behind the scenes where it really counts. I can remember one year where he personally paid to send our scholarship recipients to the HRC dinner because he realized how important it was to make that connection between the leaders of today and tomorrow."

"I knew Bill as both an ally for our community and a dear friend. Bill was a mentor to me for more than 15 years. His greatest legacy is all of the lives that he touched in his time at Ohio State and all of the students who will look to his accomplishments for inspiration in their lives. He will be greatly missed by the entire University community"

Chad McCoury, OSU GLBT Alumni Society Board Member and former OSU staff member under Bill Hall said "Although Bill's known motto was 'students first', he really lived by 'people first'". "Bill was genuinely passionate about advocating and supporting everyone, including GLBT students, staff and faculty - he worked tirelessly to make a change for GLBT individuals at OSU".

Hall is survived by his wife, Kathleen, and two sons, Andrew and Jeffrey.

The mission of the OSU Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Alumni Society is to promote the best interest of the University's GLBT alumni, as well as assist with the educational needs of current students. The society does this by providing fellowship and professional relationships among alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends of the society and by advocating for equality for GLBT alumni, students, faculty and staff.

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