

# THE WEEKLY UPDATE

THE NEWSLETTER OF OHIO UNIVERSITY  
DEPT. OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

October 22, 2007

## THE HOMECOMING EVENT



*Cheering Social Work students upholding the banner for supporting the 317 Board on Issue 21*

The 317 Board is the local Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board which serves Athens, Hocking, and Vinton Counties. The board provides a network of care for people who need prevention and treatment of mental illness and/or alcohol and drug addiction. The 317 Board's role is to design policies, evaluate programs, access funds and monitor services for those seeking help. In order to do this the Board receives state and federal funding from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, as well as funding from local tax levies passed by the citizens of Athens, Hocking and Vinton Counties.

Currently the SSWA provides support to Tri-County Mental Health and Counseling Services, Inc., Health Recovery Services, Inc., My Sister's Place, The Gathering Place, The Friendship House, Home Away From Home, Vinton county Senior Center, Athens Photographic Project, NAMI-Athens, Scenic Hills Senior Center, and the John Clem Recovery House. In addition, the levy money is responsible for providing 100% of the funding for what the state deems to be discretionary services (this means non-Medicaid services). On November 6, 2007 the 317 Board has a levy that will be voted on. If we do not pass this levy there will be a 1.1 million dollar cut in discretionary funding (funding for non-Medicaid services such as crisis services, My Sister's Place shelter services, The Gathering Place, The John Clem Recovery House, and numerous other essential services). Passing this levy would ensure that those essential services will be funded! Vote YES on ISSUE 21!!!!



**Campus Life-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,  
Transgender Programs Center  
Announcements**

**OHIO SafeZone Project**

This project identifies a growing network of students, faculty, staff and community members who are willing and prepared to provide support and information to LGBT and questioning people. SafeZone members will participate in a two hour training and will receive a SafeZone card and button to display. Register today to attend workshop: [www.ohio.edu/lgbt](http://www.ohio.edu/lgbt)

**OHIO SafeZone Fall Workshop Dates**

**Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**7:30-9:30pm**

**Sargent Hall Lobby, West Green**

**Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>  
3-5pm, Baker University  
Center, Room 226**

**The Lesbian Lectures**  
Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

7:30pm

Baker Center's  
1804 Lounge, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

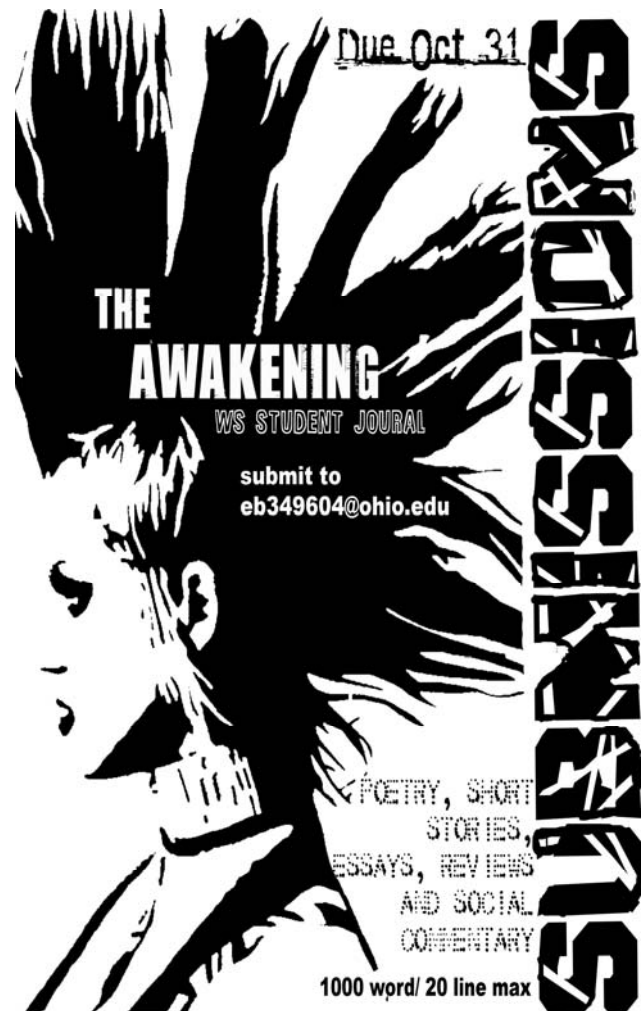
**Book Club & Discussion**

Pick up the book from the LGBT Center during weeks 2 & 3 of the quarter.

Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

7-9pm

UCM Lounge  
18 N. College St.



Eric A Boehnlein, the Editor in Chief of The Awakening: The Women's Studies Student Journal is looking for submissions for this quarter's issue. Submissions may be in the form of short stories, poetry, essays, reviews and social commentary. Submissions are due on OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup> by email, [eb349604@ohio.edu](mailto:eb349604@ohio.edu) or by hardcopy to the Women's Studies department in Lindley Hall.