

BALZER

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instead of teaching them to say the right thing, we teach them not to say anything.

"There are some folks who are uncomfortable working with or supervising gay and lesbian students," she said. "I would hope to decrease that discomfort by educating them."

Balzer's position is a half-time appointment with funding only for this year.

The Task Force for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Concerns, now a standing committee, wrote a report in 1990 that identified the needs of gay students on campus, said Dominick Vetri, a law professor and task force member last year. One of the task force's suggestions was the creation of a position like Balzer's and the ad-

ministration responded.

Task force members believed there should be an administrative office on campus that dealt directly with the concerns of gay, lesbian and bisexual students and faculty, Vetri said.

"I'm very excited and pleased that the University has set out to fill that position," he said.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Alliance co-director Sarah Ross said she's met a couple of times with Balzer. Balzer's position clears up time for LGBA to work on things other than referrals, Ross said.

"I think (the position) is great," she said. "I think the strength of her position is she's a liaison between students and LGBA, and administration and administrative groups also looking into gay, lesbian and bisexual concerns."

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