

**A Little Less Terrified:
A Journal of Queer Writing**

United Student Pride, California State University at Fresno
in association with Associated Students Inc.

Issue 1 Volume 1 Fall 2002-Spring 2003

Editor
Michael Don Anderson

Reviewing Committee
Michael Don Anderson
Leslie Heiden
Mariah Hartberg
J. L. Owens

Fall 2002- Spring 2003 Officers:

President, USP: Michael Don Anderson
Vice President, USP: Leslie Heiden
Secretary, USP: Mariah Hartberg
Treasurer (In Absentia), USP: MiLinda "May" Charles

Foreward

United Student Pride (formerly LGBTA) welcomes you to its second journal publication, the first under a title series: A Little Less Terrified. The title is meant to reflect both an optimistic but realistic sense of the place our members of the California State University at Fresno LGBTIQ Community find themselves. There is both tolerance, and of course, acceptance within our own membership, but the fear and re-enforced negative experiences in our daily lives as students make us, perhaps not Unafraid, but, as our title suggests, a Little Less Terrified.

We hope that you will find in our writings a sense of individual experience and a look into the private worlds of a unique set of perspectives, as all humans possess, that might not ordinarily come to light were it not for such a journal. We are all part of the Queer community, but we are definitely not alike in many ways, and it is these special differences which we wish to embrace. As President of United Student Pride, I have met some very wonderful and talented people with whom I share the

experience of this journal as well as membership in our club. While at times we may misunderstand each other, it is not the way of individuals to reach perfect harmony, we still manage to find ourselves a family of supportive and hopeful individuals who have finally reached a place where the acceptance of others is becoming acceptance of self.

I'd like to thank J. L. Owens for her initial steps in arranging the birthing of this journal, and Mariah Hartberg for her dilligence in the paperwork for the funding. It is with great appreciation that we acknowledge the Associated Students Inc at CSUF for allowing us to help foster tolerance, understanding, and making Fresno State a better University for everyone.

(As always, all rights to the stories contained herein belong to and remain with their respective authors.)

With Pride and Affection,
Michael Don Anderson
Editor and President of United Student Pride