They happen at Ohio University.

On Saturday, January 13, 2002, a lesbian was attacked behind Lincoln Hall on the East Green of Ohio University.

This was a hate crime.

Hate crimes are criminal acts -- such as vandalism, arson, assault, or murder -- committed against someone because of his/her race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, disability, age, or gender. In a hate crime, the person is targeted because of a characteristic that he or she cannot change. The impact hate crimes have on victims as well as on our community are irreversible because of their blatant disregard of human worth and dignity.

This is not an issue that applies only to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, & transgender community. It concerns us all.

Do your part to stop hate.

Become an Ally.

Join one in its fight for human respect & equality.