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NEWS RELEASE

**'GAY AND STRAIGHT: OUR COMMON GROUND'
SPEAKER SLATED FOR UD PRESENTATION**

DAYTON, Ohio — Brian McNaught, a best-selling author and noted corporate diversity consultant on gay issues in the workplace, will present "Gay and Straight: Our Common Ground" at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, in the Kennedy Union Ballroom at the University of Dayton.

Admission is free and open to the public, and a reception will follow the presentation. The event is part of the University's "Diversity and Community" program, a series of events sponsored by UD's sesquicentennial celebration program.

With his presentations, McNaught says he hopes to "create a safe, productive and mutually respectful environment for everyone." He draws on his personal experiences — including a failed suicide attempt, coming out to his parents and co-workers, and being fired for being gay — in order to help audiences understand what it's like to grow up gay in America.

McNaught is the author of *Now That I'm Out, What Do I Do* (1997), *Gay Issues in the Workplace* (1993) and *On Being Gay — Thoughts on Family, Faith and Love* (1988), which is used as college text on campuses throughout North America. He has also produced and/or is featured in five critically acclaimed educational videos, *On Being Gay*, *Gay Issues in the Workplace*, *Growing Up Gay and Lesbian*, *Homophobia in the Workplace* and *Gay/Straight: Can We Talk?*

For more information on McNaught's presentation, call the University's counseling center at (937) 229-3141.