



## **MATTHEW SHEPARD VIGIL AT THE U OF G**

**JOIN US ON OCTOBER 12, 1999 AT 7 PM.  
MACDONALD HALL (CLASSROOM 149)  
FOR A PUBLIC CEREMONY & CANDLE LIGHT WALK**

On Tuesday, October 12, 1999, an event will be held at the University of Guelph in memory of Matthew Shepard, a student at the University of Wyoming who was beaten and murdered a year ago because he was gay. Matt's death was a hate crime that impacted people across North America, particularly students on university and college campuses and those who live proud lives as lesbians, gay men, bisexual and transgendered people.

This year a public ceremony and candlelight walk through campus will be held at the University of Guelph to celebrate Matthew's life and to raise awareness of the impact of homophobia on all our lives.

The ceremony will begin at 7 p.m., and is being held in MacDonald Hall, Classroom 149. There will be a media presentation, speakers, music and reflection. This presentation will be followed by a candle light walk across campus in memory of Matthew Shepard.

All members of the University community and general public who support human rights and equality are warmly welcomed to attend.

This event is organized by the Matthew Shepard Memorial Committee, comprised of concerned services and groups at the University.

For more information, contact the Human Rights and Equity Office at 824-4120, extension 3000, or the event organizers by email at [rem-matt@uoguelph.ca](mailto:rem-matt@uoguelph.ca). A web-site about this public education initiative has also been established at [www.uoguelph.ca/~rem-matt](http://www.uoguelph.ca/~rem-matt).

**We welcome members of the University community  
and Guelph area to join us to pay tribute to Matthew Shepard  
and to solidify our commitment to ending hate crimes.**