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Comments from the Editor

Welcome to this special edition as our first edition of the 2018 volume. Recently I was looking at our archived articles from 1984-1994 when the journal was published on paper and called the *CSPA Journal*. With the lens of a “mature student affairs professional” as I looked at those Tables of Contents and skimmed some of articles I was struck at how far student affairs has come -- and yet how some things have stayed the same.

We thought it might be fun to select some of those earlier articles and republish them. For our Boomer student affairs readers you may recognize the way things were back when we started our careers and reflect on how we have lived the changes. For our Millennial readers you may get a sense of history and some perspective on how we have evolved over time. In the end we selected three articles about the future of **computer technology** in student affairs (from 1984), student views of **sexual orientation** on campus (from 1994), and a reflection on the **Kent State student shootings** 25 years later (from 1994) from a student affairs professional who was there on what was 48 years later the week this journal edition is published.

You may want to read the first article on your “cable teletext” viewer for best results (read the article to find out about this future technology!). This **1984** piece was by Richard H. Wedemeyer, entitled “**Computers and Student Services: A Futuristic Perspective.**” Many of us know how risky it is today to predict where technology is heading, when and how fast, and what the impact will be on our practice. In his piece he hits the mark, could not anticipate some changes, and presented some issues that we still face three decades later. Dr. Wedemeyer worked at General Electric, Rockland Community College, Elmhurst College, the Illinois State Scholarship Program, and Rutgers University. He published in the areas financial aid and technology in those early days (of both!).

Today higher education is very aware and works to be supportive of students of GLBTQ students and student affairs professionals especially strive to offer the best services and community educational programming. But two decades ago LGB student awareness by higher education was barely emerging (and while trans students were present, their recognition was far on the distant horizon). In **“Entering the Closet: An Examination About Sexual Orientation on Campus”** Heath Boice-Pardee (Heath Kenkare-Boice) presented a very informative literature review as of 1994 about the state of the research in higher education, importantly noting that the research lacked the voice of LGB students. The article details a New York-based qualitative project talking to LGB students about their experiences. Dr. Boice-Pardee is currently Associate Vice President of Student Affairs at Rochester Institute of Technology, has worked at several other institutions in the Northeast including Rutgers University, and teaches at RIT and for the University of Phoenix.

Many in student affairs feel that student activism is on the rise in increasingly turbulent times today. Forty-eight years ago this week as we publish, on May 4, 1970 student activism against the Vietnam War was rising. When four students were killed, and others wounded that day by the Ohio National Guard at Kent State University, higher education and the country changed. Richard Herdlein was a Resident Director at Kent State that day. **“Kent State Revisited – Twenty-five Years Later”** was his 1994 reflections on those days and some important lessons for student affairs leaders decades later – and today. Dr. Herdlein was a long-time student affairs professional, leader, and faculty member. He is now Professor Emeritus at Buffalo State.

We hope that you enjoy this look back into our history and appreciate that you are visiting this edition of the *New York Journal of Student Affairs*. We invite you to check out our next edition in November 2018. As always, we encourage you to consider doing research on student affairs topics important to you, and of course submitting them to NYJSA!

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