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# Gay hotline revived by GLSO

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After discontinuing a campus-based listening service for homosexuals last spring because of "organizational problems," the Gay/Lesbian Student Outreach announced Tuesday it has revived the hotline.

The Gay/Lesbian Listeners started Feb. 9 and will enlist the help of 10 people — seven ISU students and three other Ames residents, according to GSLO President Laura Runyan.

"The service was important in the first place, and it wasn't discontinued because of lack of need or lack of response. It was discontinued simply because of poor organization," she said.

The service's listeners are sympathetic to callers because they already believe homosexuals, lesbians and bisexuals lead acceptable lifestyles, Runyan said.

"We're not trying to recruit anybody. We're there for those who already are what they are and are trying to get information about it.

"WE ARE A listening, information and referral service for

gays, lesbians and bisexuals who need someone to just listen about any concerns they may have about their lifestyle, or just want more information, such as about AIDS," Runyan said.

Also, the phone line is willing to receive calls from people who are not homosexual to answer questions about friends or family members who are, she added.

All phone listeners have been trained by Open Line, an ISU crisis intervention, listening, information, and referral service, or by others who have received that training, she said.

The listening service plans to log all calls received to keep records of what kinds of questions and concerns callers have, she said.

"That information is confidential and not available to anyone who's not a listener. We're extremely confidential with the service," Runyan said.

However, so far the phone answer line has received few calls because of a lack of publicity about the service, she said. Last year, when the service was in full swing it logged "numerous phone calls each week," Runyan said.

The GLL phone lines will be open

every Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.