



This has been an eventful semester for the LAMBDA staff. One of our editors, Brett Kessler (you lucky guy!) is getting married this December to his fiancé Thomas Landreth. To top things off, the two won the Scandinavian Airlines' "Love is in the Air" competition, prizing the couple with a wedding in the sky, a trip to the ICEHOTEL in Sweden, and a honeymoon under the northern lights. The LAMBDA family sends them *mycket kärlek* ("much love") and best wishes on their new chapter in life together.

As many of you know, Brett and Thomas' marriage is of particular importance to the LGBTQ community because it symbolizes progress. It was not so long ago that we were afraid to express ourselves in public, much less print. On page 16, you will find a retrospective of LAMBDA's history, which in many ways reflects on the struggles faced by our community through the years. That said, it also shows how far we've come; this is something we cannot forget as we fight for equal rights because it is a testament to what can be accomplished when we don't back down.

This will be my last issue as Editor-in-Chief of LAMBDA. I hand the flame (insert pun here) to Swati Rayasam, who I am confident will love and care about this magazine as much as I have.

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