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BGSU's LGBTQA-Q Newsletter

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Special Events

February 8

Vision General Meeting,
Domestic Violence in gay and Lesbian
Relationships,
9pm, 107 Hanna Hall

February 10

Gay and Lesbian Film
4pm 208 BTSU

February 14

Queer Valentine Party
6pm 404 Saddle mire

February 15

Vision General Meeting,
Brothers of the Down Low,
9pm, 107 Hanna Hall

February 24

Domestic Violence
With Deputy Mary Ann
7pm BTSU

February 25

Big Play Ground
10pm to 1pm
Student Rec. Center

March 25- April 1
Rainbow Dayz

April 1
Queer Prom

Every Month

Every Tuesday

Vision General Meeting, 9pm,
107 Hanna Hall, Women's Center

Every Thursday

Vision Thursday night support group,
9pm, 107 Hanna Hal

Queer/Ally Grads

Every Thursday during the Black Swamp
Pub's Happy Hour
5pm BTSU

1st Saturday

Bowling Green Lavender Women,
planning meeting 11am,
Grounds for Thought

3rd Sunday

Transgender Support Group, 3-5,
Toledo Area Pride Center

OUT @ BGSU

Confidential Coming
Out/Questioning
Support Group

Every Wednesday
Call 2.2081

For more information

Letter from the Resource Center

February 3, 2004

The LGBTQ-A Resource Center is up and running. Every day, the office, in 404 Saddle mire gets more visitors, each looking to have a comforting environment, or to learn a little more about Queer Issues. The Center opened this January 2005. As Mr. Nicky Damania, Graduate Assistant in the Center of Multicultural and Academic Initiatives for LGBTQA-Q Programs and Services, walked into what he thought was a resource center; he saw nothing but blank walls. Mr. Damania wanted the Resource Center to be great; he wanted warm colors on the walls, resources for students, staff, and faculty, and student involved in the development of the space. Because the Resource Center was in such high demand, The Office for Student Affairs supported the students by proving a space and a budget. Throughout the first semester of the Resource Center being open, Mr. Damania had a hard task at hand. He needed couches, bookshelves, decorations, supplies, books, magazine subscriptions, a desk, and computers. Somehow, Mr. Damania got Offices to donate furniture and brought community's attention the Resource Center. Little by little, Mr. Damania with the help of many other individuals made the Resource Center what it is today. As you walk in, you would have no idea that four months ago the space was bare.

Now that the Resource Center has all of the furniture and supplies it needs, there was one thing missing...the people. Mr. Damania knew that there was no point in a Resource Center that didn't have anyone to visit, he knew that he could not do it all himself. Mr. Damania decided to recruit students as volunteers, and as interns to help him make the Resource Center run smoothly. By the first day of spring 2005, the Resource Center was ready to operate with the help of seven interns.

Today, the Resource Center provides the services that most Resource Center should. It has a collection of books, magazines, pamphlets, films, and other resources. It has programs like Safe Space Workshops that are to be presented. As this semester is off to a great start, the Resource Center would like to invite everyone to take advantage of marvelous space.

HRC Responds To State of the Union

Statement of Steven Fisher, Communications Director
Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005

"Once again, President Bush contradicts himself. President Bush said that government should never undermine family values and family responsibilities but, in the very next breath, called for passage of a constitutional amendment that undermines GLBT families and denies them the same responsibilities of all others.

President Bush, in his first State of the Union of his second term, chose the divisive path of supporting the narrow interests of extremist elements of his party over uniting the American people.

Sadly, once again he valued the extremism of a few over the greater good of protecting all Americans, including GLBT families whose well-being are jeopardized by this proposal.

President Bush spoke about reforming our retirement, tax and immigration systems. True reform means finally bringing equity to all Americans affected by those important rights and protections.

President Bush called for reauthorization of the Ryan White CARE Act and called for better prevention for everyone affected by HIV. We are pleased President Bush recognized the urgent need to fight this epidemic as strongly as possible.

We hope he's mindful that better prevention means giving everyone at risk the unvarnished truth about protecting themselves from HIV. Just as important, we must ensure that everyone living with HIV has the care they need to stay healthy.

If a sliver of hope could be gleaned from his words tonight, they were in his stated commitment to helping those with HIV/AIDS and we will work with him to make the fight against this disease as strong as possible. We hope his actions match his words."

Taken from www.hrc.org

Domestic Partner Benefits

Congratulations! After a heated debate, Faculty Senate passed the resolution in support of the domestic partner benefits proposals that was put forth in last December. Executive Vice President Linda Dobb is now requested to present this issue as an "action" item to the Board of Trustees. A big thank you, to all the individuals who were involved in this project.

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Rainbow Daze Events

- Thursday, February 10th** - Gay and Lesbian Film Discussion 4pm 208 BTSU
- Monday, March 21st** - with Events Planning's 6 o'clock Series
Transgender Panel - All you what to know!!
6pm, 315 BTSU
- March 25 - April 1:**
Friday, March 25th - Safe Space 10am-3pm (1 hour lunch break) 314 BTSU
Monday, March 28th - Presentation/ Workshop 3pm-&pm 314 BTSU
Rainbow Dayz Rally
Tuesday, March 29th - Looksism Workshop 2pm 208 BTSU
Vision's Campus Panel 6pm in Edu. Bldg 115
- Wednesday, March 30th** - **Gays and Reality MTV (Fighting Homophobia)**
Celebrities from MTV's Road Rules Campus Crawl
7pm BTSU Ballroom
- Thursday, March 31st - Queer Presentation/ Workshop 5pm 314 BTSU
Vision's Movie Night:
Laramie Project & American History X
- Friday, April 1st - LGBT Legal Issues Workshop, 1pm, 314 BTSU
Vision's Queer Prom 9pm HCD Community Room

LGBTQA-Q Resource
Center Events for
Spring 2005

Resource Center Information

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Ask Flamey and Flambo

Dear Flamey and Flambo

I have this friend who just recently broke up with their partner. I don't know how to tell her that I care about them. It's hard because I don't want to make my friend feel bad, especially with the fact that I know, and I really want to tell my friend that it's ok. I'm not sure how to go about it. Please help.

Confused

Dear Confused,

It might be a good idea to write a letter, and tell your friend that you do care, even if you are afraid of hurting their feelings. It helps to know that someone cares regardless, and completely. Just be there for your friend and everything should be ok.

Flambo (with consultation of Flamey)

Lost Gravy Ladle

John invited his mother over for dinner. During the meal, his mother couldn't help noticing how handsome John's roommate was. She had long been suspicious of John's sexual orientation and this only made her more curious.

Over the course of the evening, while watching the two interact, she started to wonder if there was more between John and the roommate than met the eye.

Reading his mom's thoughts, John volunteered, "I know what you must be thinking, but I assure you, Mark and I are just roommates."

About a week later, Mark came to John and said, "Ever since your mother came to dinner, I've been unable to find the beautiful silver gravy ladle. You don't suppose she took it, do you?"

John said, "Well, I doubt it, but I'll write her a letter just to be sure." So he sat down and wrote: "Dear Mother, I'm not saying you 'did' take a gravy ladle from my house, and I'm not saying you 'did not' take a gravy ladle. But the fact remains that one has been missing ever since you were here for dinner."

Several days later, John received a letter from his mother which read: "Dear Son, I'm not saying that you 'do' sleep with Mark, and I'm not saying that you 'do not' sleep with Mark. But the fact remains that if he was sleeping in his own bed, he would have found the gravy ladle by now. Love, Mom"

Taken from:

http://www.thejokeyard.com/gay_jokes/lost_gravy_ladle.html

Safe Space Workshops

This workshop will help you to increase awareness of heterosexism, queer history, gender identity, trans-identity, sexual orientation, the coming out process, politics, strategies to counter oppression, and become part of a network of supportive allies. Become part of the BGSU community committed to providing a safe space for all members of the community, regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity. The BGSU's Safe Space Workshop encompasses a group of students, faculty, staff, and administrators committed to addressing gender, sexuality, and orientation issues. BGSU's diversity includes multiple personal identities including age, race, class, gender, sexual orientation, and several other identities. On both individual and institutional levels, these identities can be celebrated, affirmed, and provide a source of strength and pride.

Workshops will be held on:

Saturday, February 26th at 3pm-8pm in 208 BTSU (1 hour dinner break)

Friday, March 25th at 10am-3pm in 314 BTSU (1 hour lunch break)

Sunday, April 17th at 1-4pm in 306 BTSU

RSVP for your spot Today!! Limited Seating per sessions.

Workshops can be split into two sessions, for individuals who cannot stay throughout one full session.

Please contact the LGBTQA-Q Resource Center or Nicky Damania, if you have any questions.

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