Upcoming Events

March 25 - April 1
Rainbow Dayz Every Tuesday
Vision BGSU's LGBTA-Q Resource Center
9pm, Women's Center
107 Hanna Hall

Every Thursday
Peer Support Group
Confidential Student Support Group
sponsored by Vision
9pm, Women's Center
107 Hanna Hall

Out@BGSU?
Confidential Coming Out Support Group
Professionally Run)
Call 419.372.3244 for inc.
About the LGBTQA Resource Center

The LGBTQA Resource Center is up and running. Every day, the office, in 404 Saddlemire 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 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 students 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 to 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 by 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 marvellous space.

Discussion of Queer cont.

Attendees found the discussion to be productive. Wharton sophomore and co-Chairman of the Queer Student Alliance Brett Thalhmann felt that the event had “great turnout and good discussion of different connotations of ‘queer.’

College sophomore Emily Buzell, who is interested in “becoming more active in the queer community,” felt it was a “balanced discussion, with a lot of interesting perspectives,” as she “came in thinking ‘queer’ was an accepted term, but apparently it does still have a bad connotation.”

According to Love, events like this are needed, as “there could really be more activism in the LGTBCenter.”

http://www.dailynews.usanien.com/views/AdamandEavesdropper

A Couple of Guys

By Dave Brouseau

You’ve been dating this girl for a while, and suddenly she begins to talk about gay and straight people and what is or isn’t acceptable. She starts mentioning how there is a wrong way and a right way to talk about gay and straight people, and she begins to question how you feel about them. You’re confused. What do you do?

Here’s a couple of tips that might help you:

1. Don’t feel like you have to say anything. If she asks you how you feel about them, just answer, “I don’t know.”
2. Don’t feel like you have to justify your feelings. If she asks you why you feel the way you do, just answer, “I don’t know.”
3. Don’t feel like you have to agree with her. If she tells you that she thinks gay and straight people are the same, just answer, “I don’t know.”

By Amanda M. Monyak

David Sedaris

March 20, 2005
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David Sedaris is an award-winning gay playwright, commentator (National Public Radio), and author of eight different works, four of which are bestsellers (Me Talk Pretty One Day, Holidays on Ice, Barrel Fever, and Naked).

Sedaris was born in 1956 in Raleigh, North Carolina. The writer initially got recognized by reading Santaland Diaries, one of six essays that complete Holidays on Ice. Santaland Diaries is about Sedaris’ experience working as an elf at Macy’s during the holiday season.

Most of Sedaris’ work is autobiographical, material coming from diaries that Sedaris has kept for twenty-seven years. Sedaris never fails to amaze his audiences with witty and sarcastic narrations of his whacky life experiences. The author was named Time magazine’s “Humorist of the Year” in 2001.

Although Sedaris is one of the most well-known authors in America, he surprisingly did not start reading until he was out of school.

“I didn’t read when I was a kid; I started reading when I was about twenty. I just tuned into a reader one day after I dropped out of college. I started reading everything I could get my hands on, those books that people were supposed to read,” said Sedaris, in an interview done in April of 1998 an issue of the Berkshire Eagle, a newspaper printed in Massachusetts.

Sedaris has had numerous jobs aside from being an author, occupations being an area of his life that continually delivers extremely amusing stories for his audience.

“I had a job in Chicago—you know when squirrels crawl under the eaves of people’s homes and get trapped in the attic and die? I had to crawl on my belly over fiberglass and dead squirrels to staple up screens so that no more squirrels could get in. You realize you’re on top of a squirrel that’s crawling with maggots. It’s kind of job where you just couldn’t take enough baths,” said Sedaris (Time magazine, June 21, 2004) of another job that he had the pleasure of partaking in.

Sedaris currently resides in France and sporadically reads his essays for NPR’s This American Life.