January-February 2012

**Campus LGBT Organizations**

**Hue**
- 1002 Business Administration, Sundays at 5:00 PM

**Vision**
- 107 Hanna Hall, Tuesdays at 9:00 PM

**TAG**
- 107 Hanna Hall, Tuesdays at 7:30 PM

**Focus**
- Bowen-Thompson Student Union, Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

**I.N.T.E.R.S.E.C.T.I.O.N.S.**
- LGBT Resource Center, Thursdays at 5:00 PM

**Women Who Love Women**
- 363 Education Building, Thursdays at 8:30 PM

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**Did You Know About These 10 LGBT Pioneers and Leaders?**

1. **Carolyn Mobley**—First woman to co-chair the African-American Lesbian/Gay Alliance, an organization that connected the civil rights movement and the LGBT movement.

2. **Lorraine Hansberry**—Civil rights playwright and best-selling author of "Raisin in the Sun", inspired by her family’s legal battle against Chicago housing.

3. **Josephine Baker**—one of the first African-Americans to be a worldwide famous singer and actor, one of the first black women to integrate a concert hall and was the first American to win the Croix de guerre, a high ranking French military honor of prestige.

4. **Sheryl Swoopes**—First to sign with the WNBA, called the female Michael Jordan.


6. **Wanda Sykes**—Stand-up comedian who revealed her sexual orientation and publicly spoke out against Proposition 8.

7. **Alvin Ailey**—"duke of dance", founded a dance school in New York City in his name.

8. **Langston Hughes**—Famous black poet who challenged segregation in his writing.

9. **James Baldwin**—Writer of “Go Tell It On The Mountain”, and important leader in the Civil Rights Movement.

10. **André Leon Talley**—Former editor-at-large for American Vogue, largely influential in the world of fashion.


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**The Plight of African American LGBT Youth in America’s Schools**

The school climate is a top predictor for academic performance and the health and wellness of students. But black LGBT students, particularly those in schools where the student population is predominantly black, are less likely to attend schools that have affirming policies and programs such as Gay-Straight Alliances, or GSAs, which provide safe havens and buffers to antigay and anti-transgender bias and bullying. Findings from a growing body of research demonstrate the positive impact that school-based resources, such as GSAs and similar resources, may have on school climate. LGBT students who report having supportive faculty and other school staff also report higher grade point averages and are more likely to say they plan to pursue postsecondary education, compared to LGBT students who do not have supportive school staff.

Queer Facts

Street lamps in front of University Hall were placed to ensure the safety of BGSU coeds traveling across campus late at night. They were later nicknamed “purity poles” since they put a halt on the love lives of students.

Bookends

Told from the point-of-view of sixteen-year-old Regan, the novel “Luna” by Julie Anne Peters tells the story of her transgender brother, Liam. Regan is the only person to know her brother’s secret desire to transition into a girl named “Luna.” Helping her brother avoid exposure to their friends and family, Regan is shocked when Liam tells her he plans to become Luna fully. Worried about how society will accept him, Regan begins to re-evaluate her relationship with her brother and herself. Told through flashbacks interspersed with the present, “Luna” is a powerful story of acceptance, family, and identity.

Black History Month Events

February 4
Visions of Legacy Dinner
McFall Gallery, Dinner at 6:00 PM
Sponsored by Honoring, Urging and Empowering: Queer People of Color (HUE)
(For additional information, email: tifsmitt@falcon.bgsu.edu)

February 11
13th Annual Black Issue; Conference
IT’S NOT JUST A BLACK ISSUE: Politics, Leadership and Civil Rights
Attorney Walter T. Madison
10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
$5 for BGSU students; $15 for all other guests
Sponsored by the Black Student Union (BSU) and the Office of Multicultural Affairs

February 16
Taste of February: A Cultural Journey
6 – 8:30 p.m.
Bowen-Thompson Student Union, Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Room 202
Sponsored by the Office of Residence Life and the SMART Program
Ana Brown, acbrown@bgsu.edu

February 21
3rd Annual Bowling Green High School and Middle School Black History Month Program
Two performances: 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Performing Arts Center: City of Bowling Green Middle School
Sponsored by Bowling Green City Schools High School, Middle School and the Office of Multicultural Affairs

Resource Center Welcomes Two New Interns

Hey everyone, my name is Dan Murphy and I am a graduate assistant completing a practicum in the LGBT Resource Center. I am currently a first year in the College Student Personnel masters program. I hail from Owego, NY and graduated with a BS in Education from Bucknell University in May 2011. In the LGBT Resource Center I am evaluating, assessing, and updating Safe Zone training, as well as helping Tobias with INTERSECTIONS and any other projects that come up. I am excited to be working with the LGBT Resource Center and am looking forward most to working with the students. I enjoy running, watching movies, and socializing with friends.

Hello everyone, I am Collin Sims and I am the undergraduate intern in the LGBT Resource Center. I am a Senior in the College of Arts & Sciences majoring in English with a Journalism minor. I’m from a suburb of Columbus, OH called Pickerington and before that, I lived in Washington, DC. In the LGBT Resource Center, I am in charge of maintaining and creating the newsletter, “Queer Query.” I am really excited and looking forward to working with all the great and enthusiastic people at the Center. Though I do not have much free time, I enjoy writing poetry and short stories, spending time with my family and friends, playing video games, and I am also behind a blog about technology news called “The Diagnostic Report.”