Welcome Back!

Hello again to all UNL students, staff, faculty, and community! The year has barely begun, but the Resource Center has already been buzzing around campus for Big Red Welcome.

The three-day event took place Friday, August 17th to Sunday August 19th. Saturday the 18th, for the Party at the Union event, the Resource Center set up its first-ever spin-art station, where students created their own colorful works using newly acquired spin-art machines. In addition were free temporary tattoos bearing the Center’s brand, and an ally photo-shoot, where LGBTQA students penned signs of support and posed for pictures which can be found on the Center’s Facebook page. Sunday the 19th, the Center set up a booth at the street fair, where student organizations advertise themselves to new and returning students. More than one-hundred twenty-three students, faculty and staff-members stopped by the booth.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR:

- **7th**: LGBTQA Grad and Non-trad Gathering at the LGBTQA Resource Center, 7 pm
- **10th**: Brown Bag Lunch, ‘Adjusting to College Life and Being Out on Campus’, LGBTQA Resource Center, 12pm - 1pm
- **14th**: Brown Bag Lunch, Academic Integrity & LGBTQA: The Personal & Professional Brown Bag, LGBTQA Resource Center, 12 pm - 1 pm
- **17th**: Creating Inclusive Environments Info & Resources, LGBTQA Resource Center, 9:30a - 6pm, Drop in to pick up information on being an Ally and creating inclusive environments.
- **21st**: OutSpeaking (Re)Orientation, LGBTQA Resource Center, 2pm - 4pm
The LGBTQA Resource Center’s Open House was a great success! More than 150 faculty, staff, students, and community members stopped by to enjoy our...

...Refreshments...

...company...

...and our wonderful new space! Thanks to those who dropped by!
Star City Pride, PFLAG Cornhusker, UNL’s LGBTQA Resource Center, and Outlinc released the following joint statement in response to Lincoln Police Department’s announcement of the conclusion of the recent assault investigation:

Over the past few weeks, law enforcement has been very forthcoming in providing information to leaders of Lincoln's gay and transgender community. They recently discussed with our organizations the evidence and corresponding analysis in this case. We appreciate their openness during this process.

Law enforcement has reiterated that serious hate crimes do happen in Lincoln. These crimes devastate the very fabric of every community in Lincoln. They cause people to turn their heads over their shoulder in fear. Any allegation of crime or violence motivated by hate deserves the most serious investigation by law enforcement. By working with the FBI and multiple independent analysts, we are confident that this crime has received a balanced and thorough investigation.

We encourage anyone who has been a victim of a hate crime to contact law enforcement. Our recent experience gives us confidence that any crime in Lincoln will be thoroughly and fairly investigated.

In this instance, the complaint was determined to be a false report. The false reports received by law enforcement every year do not invalidate the actual crimes that are committed and investigated by law enforcement in Lincoln.

It is important not to focus on the actions of any single individual. As residents of Lincoln we must continue to bring our community together to declare that violence and hate are not the values of our city. We have come together to say that we will care for those in need. We must not forget what our city is capable of when we join together in one voice.

Many people in Lincoln, not just those who are gay or transgender, will continue to have many questions, mixed emotions and confusion. If you need support, the websites below will be updating with information about support opportunities in the near future:

http://www.outlinc.org
http://www.starcitypride.org
http://involved.unl.edu/lgbtqa
PFLAG Cornhusker Hotline: 402-434-9880

See page 3 for a list of campus resources for psychological and emotional health. You may also call the LGBTQA Resource Center at 402.472.1652.
# UNL Campus Resources for Psychological and Emotional Health

## For UNL Students:

**University Health Center Psychological and Counseling Services (CAPS):** [402.472.7450](tel:402-472-7450)

Located in the University Health Center, CAPS provides counseling and psychological services for students at UNL.

**1500 U Street, 2nd floor of the UHC.**

[http://health.unl.edu/caps](http://health.unl.edu/caps)

**Information for faculty following a crisis:**

[http://health.unl.edu/caps/facultycrisis](http://health.unl.edu/caps/facultycrisis)

## Services for students and the UNL Community:

The Family Resource Center at UNL offers services for students with any variety of difficulties that they may be experiencing. Cost is based on a sliding fee scale and for most students is $5 - $10 / session.

**35th & North Campus Loop (near 35th & Holdrege)**

[402.475.5035](tel:402-475-5035)

[http://cehs.unl.edu/cyaf/outreach/frc.shtml](http://cehs.unl.edu/cyaf/outreach/frc.shtml)

## Gender Programs: Victim Advocate

The Victim Advocate provides free, confidential services for victims of sexual assault, stalking and relationship violence and their families. The Victim Advocate supports you in making your own decisions. Services include assistance with protection orders, safety planning, confidential counseling, and connection to services offered by Voices of Hope. The Victim Advocate and Voices of Hope staff is also able to speak with those who know individuals impacted by sexual assault, stalking and relationship violence.

[402.472.0203](tel:402-472-0203)

[http://involved.unl.edu/gender/advocate.php](http://involved.unl.edu/gender/advocate.php)

## Contact the Voices of Hope 24-Hour Crisis line at (402) 475-7273 for 24-hour/7 day a week confidential support and assistance for victims of sexual assault, relationship violence and stalking.

Voices of Hope’s primary focus are on the provision of 24-hour-a-day crisis intervention, advocacy and prevention services for domestic violence, sexual assault and incest. Services are provided to victims and their families. While the majority of the adult victims are women, all of our services except groups are provided to male victims.

**Office/non-emergency:** [402.476.2110](tel:402-476-2110)


## For Faculty and Staff at UNL: Employee Assistance Services

UNL’s EAP is a confidential service offered to UNL employees and their immediate family members at no charge. Consultation and counseling are available to help faculty and staff with personal or work related problems that can affect their general wellbeing, work performance, or academic performance.

**501 Building, Room 128**

**Main Line/TDD:** [402.472.3107](tel:402-472-3107)

**Toll free:** [800.755.2655](tel:800-755-2655)

[http://hr.unl.edu/eap/](http://hr.unl.edu/eap/)

## UNL Rainbow Clinic

The Rainbow Clinic, directed by Dr. Debra Hope, is an outreach to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer community that provides individual, couples, and family therapy and contributes to knowledge about diversity issues in clinical psychology, with a particular focus on psychological needs of the LGBTQ community. The Rainbow Clinic has also partnered with OutLine, Lincoln’s GLBT Community Center, to help bring awareness of mental health services within the area and extend the outreach of the clinic’s services. The Rainbow Clinic was developed in 2009-2010 and is beginning full operation in Fall 2010.

The Rainbow Clinic is part of Psychological Consultation Center (PCC): [402.472.2351](tel:402-472-2351)

**325 Burnett Hall**

UNL City Campus

## Off Campus LGBT Friendly Counselors:

[Carrie Wellman: (402) 560-4683](tel:402-560-4683)

[Maria Fritz: (402) 421-8511](tel:402-421-8511)

[Additional referrals are available upon request]
Recent LGBTQA National News

**Debate: Brian Brown vs. Dan Savage**

After his controversial remarks regarding the Bible at a high-school journalism convention in May, columnist Dan Savage agreed to host a debate with National Organization for Marriage president Brian Brown in his own home, with Matthew Oppenheimer of *The New York Times* moderating. The two discuss topics regarding the Bible and LGBTQ rights. The debate aired online on August 21st. Watch at this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=oG80t0WG-c>. Copy and paste into browser.

*(EDITOR’S RECOMMENDATION: I highly recommend watching this video; both parties, known for a certain vitriol, remain civil and allow for healthy discussion.)*

**Shooting at Family Research Council**

28 year-old Floyd Corkins is being charged with assault with a deadly weapon after a shooting at the Family Research Council headquarters in Washington D.C. the Wednesday morning of Aug. 15. The sole victim, a security guard, is in stable condition. The act of violence has been condemned by President Barack Obama, republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, and more than 25 LGBTQ groups. FRC president Tony Perkins has intimated that the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) contributed to the violent atmosphere by labeling the FRC as a hate group.

"Corkins was given a license to shoot an unarmed man by organizations like the Southern Poverty Law Center that have been reckless in labeling organization hate groups because they disagree with them on public policy," Perkins said. (from Huffington Post)

Hate groups are, as defined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, groups whose "primary purpose is to promote animosity, hostility, and malice against persons belonging to a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or ethnicity/national origin which differs from that of the members of the organization."

*Read more here: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/08/16/floyd-lee-corkins-charged_n_1791007.html*

**Book Review:**

*Queer Girls in Class: Lesbian Teachers and Students Tell Their Stories*

By Amanda Wilson

“It’s clear that when we can interact and connect with someone we fear, when we listen to their stories, we can find compassion for them.” -Lori Horvitz (editor) *Queer Girls in Class: lesbian teachers and students tell their classroom stories*

*Queer Girls* is a text I picked up to do some research on LGBT issues in the classroom but soon fell completely in love with and purchased my own copy. (It is available in Love Library.) Lori Horvitz is an associate professor and the co-chair of the Women, Gender and Sexuality Program at the University of North Carolina at Asheville. Horvitz collected and published these stories which chronicle the experiences of students and teachers who identify in some way as queer. These narratives provide insight into how it can feel to be queer inside the four walls of a classroom. They are so emotionally engaging. I came away from each chapter with the feeling that I could connect with these strangers in such a fundamental way that it was almost as if I had made a new friend. I encourage all students, but most especially teachers and future teachers or anyone who will one day work with students, to give this book a read.