Welcome Back!

Welcome back from your friends at the LGBTQA Resource Center! We hope you had a relaxing summer and are energized for the 2011-2012 school year.

During the Spring 2011 semester, the InQueery was started back up with the goal of providing a monthly update on the exciting events being offered by LGBTQA Programs, Services and Resource Center at UNL. We are pleased to announce that we will continue with a monthly issue of InQueery!

Inside each issue you will find our calendar of events, information about the Queerteers (staff, volunteers, and supporters of the Resource Center), ways to get involved and more! In this issue, check out the Queerteer Corner, Queerteer Spotlight, Letters From Pat, and Save the Date.

If you would like to submit an article to be included in our monthly newsletter, email your submission to Stacey.cleveland@gmail.com by the 20th of each month.

We hope that the InQueery is a useful way for you to stay connected to the Resource Center. Thanks for taking the time to check out the InQueery, the newsletter about what is going on inside the Queer community at UNL.

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Our Website Had a Makeover

If you haven’t visited our website in a while, open up your browser and check out the new sleek design. To view the LGBTQA webpage, type the following URL into your browser.

http://involved.unl.edu/lgbtqa/

The homepage has our fall 2011 hours, mission statement and anti-discrimination policy, as well as contact information for VIPs. Notice on the right-hand side, there is a link to “History Month Dinner” that has information about the 9th annual History Month dinner, including how to purchase tickets. Looking at the top of the webpage, hold your mouse over the red menu option that says LGBTQA. A drop-down menu should appear with our other pages listed.

- Calendar
- Programs and Services
- Get Involved
- Navigating Campus Culture
- LGBTQA Resources
- LGBTQA 101
- LGBTQA Scholarships and Awards

Several pages are still under construction, but we will have them all updated by the end of September.
Ok, here’s the deal: next Thursday, the 8th of September, the LGBTQA Resource Center is having an Open House from 3:00–5:00 P.M. We are located on the third floor of NE Union, Room 345. The Resource Center is now four years old and for our birthday, we would like you to come to this event. Yes, you!

Come check out our space and meet some people from UNL’s LGBTQA community.

If you have never had cake from Chez Hay Catering, now is your time, because we will have it. You will love it. And if you have food allergies, we will have other delicious options that you will love, as well.

We hope to see you there! Er, here!

A Traveling Exhibit, Fearless, in the Rotunda Gallery

In 2003, Jeff Sheng began photographing “Fearless,” a project on “out” lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender athletes on high school and college sports teams. And on October 3rd—7th, Sheng’s display will be coming to UNL in the Rotunda Gallery!

“While these individuals are only a small segment of the LGBT community, I wanted to photograph them and give them visibility because they exemplify a particular courage and self-confidence in being “out” at a very young age while also competitively participating in the often-times homophobic world of sports. More importantly, these individuals do not let fear stand in the way of being true to themselves and enjoying what life has to offer. This is a lesson that is universal […] The scope of the project happens to be just of a very small segment of a very diverse and wonderful LGBT community, and part of my hope is that other artists and photographers will undertake future projects that will do justice to other underrepresented groups” (fearlesscampustour.org).

Sheng will also be giving a presentation about Fearless on October 6th at 7:00 P.M. in Nebraska Union.

GAY/BI/QUESTIONING GRADUATE/NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT MEN’S GROUP

Counseling and Psychological Services sponsors a discussion group for graduate and adult/nontraditional undergraduate men who identify as gay, bisexual, or questioning. This group meets weekly during the academic year and typically consists of 6 to 8 members. The group meets in the early evening on Thursdays to accommodate class and graduate teaching schedules. New members are invited to join each semester. This group is starting its 5th year with the 2011-2012 academic year, and many past and current members have stayed involved for multiple semesters. Group members have also typically scheduled outside social activities based on current member interest. Past activities have included potlucks, cookouts, dinner at restaurants, movie nights, shopping trips, and campus recreation trips/activities.

Contact Scott Winrow at 472-7450 or swinrow2@unl.edu for further information.
Queerteer Corner

You may be asking yourself, what in the world is a Queerteer?! Queerteer sounds like a person with super powers that fights crime.

Picture this: A Superhero in rainbow spandex that can shoot Laser Beams of Inclusion from rainbow-rimmed glasses and fights for truth and justice...

Well, not quite. Queerteers do not wear rainbow spandex (at least to the meetings) and do not have Laser Beams of Inclusion. They do, however, work toward justice and creating a safe and an inclusive campus community.

A Queerteer is what we call our volunteers at the LGBTQA Resource Center. These individuals are critical to the success of our Resource Center since they help staff the center, plan and implement programming, provide resource and referral information to fellow students and work to educate the UNL community about LGBTQA issues.

We are always looking for people who are passionate about social justice and would like to help us meet our goal of helping to build and sustain a socially just campus community that is welcoming and inclusive of all people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expression.

For more information, visit our website or email drag king group, CRUSH, is also another huge part of her time and is a house show at the Q bar in Lincoln. During the throughout the year she is head of the Entertainment Committee for Lincoln’s own, Star City Pride. Catherine has been an out and active volunteer/participant in the LGBTQA community since the early 2000’s. She is looking very forward to joining everyone at UNL this fall!

LGBTQA Resource Center Library Update

Article by Jihan Najjar

We have many new resources including all 3 volumes of Foucault’s History of Sexuality, which I am super excited about!

I’m currently working on getting the library re-organized to accommodate these new resources.

I’m also working on the new scrapbook for the 2011-2012 school year.

“**We have many new resources including all 3 volumes of Foucault’s History of Sexuality**”

Come check it out and let me know if you have anything to add to it that is relevant to the Resource Center or LGBTQA issues.

Any questions from new staff/volunteers about how to use the library’s computer program, Resource Mate? Let me know and I can help. (Jahan.najjar@gmail.com).

Queerette Spotlight: Catherine Balta

Article by Catherine Balta

Catherine is a returning student to UNL and is working on her degree in Advertising. Catherine will be working in the LGBTQA Resource Center for the 2011-2012 academic year. In her time outside of school and work, Catherine is involved in her band, Once A Pawn and her drag king persona, C Styles. Her drag king group, CRUSH, is also another huge part of her time and is a house show at the Q bar in Lincoln. During the throughout the year she is head of the Entertainment Committee for Lincoln’s own, Star City Pride. Catherine has been an out and active volunteer/participant in the LGBTQA community since the early 2000’s. She is looking very forward to joining everyone at UNL this fall!
9th Annual LGBTQ+ History Month Banquet

Mark your calendars! This year’s LGBTQ+ History Month banquet will take place on Thursday, October 27th, 2011 at Embassy Suites and you will not want to miss it. Our keynote speaker will be author, journalist, playwright, speaker and activist Sarah Schulman. There will be a pre-dinner social sponsored by OUTLinc from 5:30 - 6:30 P.M. before the event. Dinner seating, book sales and signing by Sarah Schulman will take place at 6:30 P.M. with the program starting at 7:00 P.M.

The form for purchasing tables, program ads, and donating raffle items are available here: http://involved.unl.edu/lgbtqa-history-month-2011. Please send in your forms and payment by October 1st, 2011. Cost of the tickets will help pay for the dinner.

Last year we had 225 guests, and we at the Resource Center are striving to break that number this year. Will you come? Please?

LGBTQ+ History Month Banquet Keynote Speaker: Sarah Schulman!

Meet this year’s 9th annual LGBTQ+ History Month Banquet Keynote Speaker, Sarah Schulman. As appreciated by many in the LGBTQ+ community, her novels, nonfiction books, journalism, films and plays reflect people whose points of view and experiences are rarely represented in the mainstream arts.

Her awards include a Guggenheim (Playwrighting), Fulbright (Judaic Studies), Kessler Prize for Sustained Contribution to LGBT Studies, Revson Fellow for the Future of New York City, three New York Foundation for the Arts Fellowships (Playwrighting and Fiction), two American Library Association Book Awards (Fiction and Nonfiction), a Stonewall Award for Contributions Improving the Lives of Lesbians and Gays in the United States and a finalist for the Prix de Rome.

Schulman is a Distinguished Professor of the Humanities at The City University of New York, College of Staten Island and we are very excited to have her come to our campus!

“Will you come? Please?”

Photos from Last Year’s Dinner

Sarah Schulman

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In January 1994, Rodney Wilson, a social studies teacher in Missouri who was appalled at the failure of textbooks to address LGBT issues, organized a grass-roots network of teachers and community leaders toward creating a month of celebration that focused on the contributions of LGBT people. October was chosen because it built on already existing traditions such as National Coming Out Day (October 11) and the anniversaries of the first two LGBT marches on Washington in 1979 and 1987 (GLSEN, 2001).

Each year in October, growing numbers of people celebrate the lives and achievements of the LGBT community past and present.

It is so important that we do not forget our past and use LGBTQA History Month as a tool to educate, inform and work together to create a safe, inclusive and accepting society which celebrates the richness of diversity within it.

Please see our calendar of events above and join us for October Festivities. More details to follow in the October issue.