



RAINBOW

LGBT RESOURCE CENTER NEWSLETTER

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Thursday, December 13th, 2007

TOP STORY

Winter is on its way!

As the first quarter of the 2007-2008 academic year is nearing its end, we'd like to wish you all the best as you wrap up your work these last few days of the season. Hopefully you all can look forward to some days of rest before January comes around and a new quarter begins.

We will be closed for most of the break, including all weekends. Here are our hours for the days we are open:

- Dec. 17: 8am - 4:30pm
- Dec. 18 to Jan 2: Closed
- Jan. 3 and 4: 8am-4:30pm
- Jan. 7: 8am to 9pm (Welcome back!)



Join CUDLI Today! <http://community.ucsd.edu/cudli.asp>

LGBTRC Announcements

Winter Q Camp

Wednesday, January 9
5:00pm-7:00pm

LGBT Resource Center

Please join us for the first Winter version of Q Camp! Q Camp is our orientation to the UCSD Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender community for students who want to find out how to be involved and to get connected. If you are new to UCSD and/or new to the LGBT community, Winter Q Camp 2008 is for you! Refreshments will be provided. Please contact Jan Estrellado (jeestrellado@ucsd.edu) for more information.



The Road to Resiliency

This Winter quarter, Rina Schul (a psychologist at Psychological and Counseling Services) will offer an experiential workshop where participants will learn how to tap into their natural resiliency, cope with the stresses of life and emerge from them stronger than before. To sign up and for more information, contact Rina directly at rschul@ucsd.edu



Did you study abroad?

Let us know! Are you part of the LGBT community? Let us know, we

Our Newsletter

I hope you have found the Rainbow Newsletter as useful and informative as I have enjoyed learning to piece it together each week. The UCSD LGBT Resource Center Rainbow newsletter is made possible by the efforts of community members and Resource Center staff over a period of time. I'd like to invite you to take part in this ongoing effort, and please send any feedback you may have on how we can improve our newsletter. We are working on resolving the issue with Outlook 2007, and hopefully we'll have a format readable by all e-mail programs soon. Beyond that: Do you feel something is "missing" from the newsletter? Is there something that you think should be different? How have you found it useful?

Please let us know what you think!

E-mail rainbow@ucsd.edu

Thank you,

-Juan, Rainbow Newsletter Intern

In Our Library

want to hear about your experiences! E-mail Jan at jeestrellado@ucsd.edu

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For any other questions, please email Teresa, at ttrout@ucsd.edu ! Thank you for your time and we look forward to working with some of you as volunteers!

Senior seminar on sexual citizenship

Does citizenship have a sexual dimension? Do individuals have a right to sexual self-determination?

In this senior seminar, our own Professor Steve Epstein uses the concept of "sexual citizenship" to think concretely about the relation between sexuality, rights, laws, and national belonging. The course will examine a range of topics, including sodomy laws, age of consent laws, the debate over military service by gays and lesbians, the same-sex marriage debate, and restrictions on transgender citizenship. The syllabus is available at <http://sociology.ucsd.edu/~sepstein/courses.htm>. Join today!

Organizations

SPACES Internships

The Student Promoted Access Center for Education and Service is now accepting applications for the 20 available positions for the new center in the Price Center Expansion. Applicants should submit a printed copy of their resume and a cover letter indicating which position they are interested in applying for and why they are interested in working with SPACES. Applications will be due Friday, January 11th (Week 1 of Winter Quarter). For a listing of each of the internship, right click [here](#) to download the PDF document.

For more information, e-mail spaces@ucsd.edu

Campus Community Centers

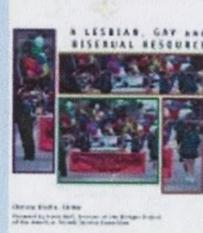
The Campus Community Centers?

The LGBT Resource Center is one of the campus community centers. If you haven't gotten the chance to visit the Women's Center or the Cross-Cultural Center this quarter, be sure to stop by next quarter! Visit <http://ccc.ucsd.edu> and <http://women.ucsd.edu> to learn more about what each center has to offer!

Opportunities

Research Study

STRENGTH in NUMBERS



STRENGTH IN NUMBERS: A Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Resource Christina Brelin

Strength in
Numbers is a
complete

guide to issues, action and resources. Whether you're looking for help, wanting to volunteer or trying to locate a community center near you, this is the place to look. Find both descriptive and contact information - including e-mail and Internet addresses for more than a thousand organizations, groups, publications and other resources in a variety of subject areas.

Q-Quote of the Week

"Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort."

-Franklin D. Roosevelt

Weekly Statistics

Spring 2006 Week #10

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|-----------------------|------------|
| Students | 210 |
| Staff | 15 |
| Faculty | 0 |
| Alumni | 5 |
| Guest | 7 |
| Total visitors | 237 |

One of our own UCSD Alumni, Josh K., is working with Dr. Joanne Cacciatore of Arizona State University in conducting a research study on the experiences of gay or lesbian parents whom have lost a child through death. The purpose of this study is to develop compassionate care intervention models.

If you would like to share your experience, or know someone who may be able to share their, please contact Joanne Cacciatore, PhD at 602-543-6659 or email Joanne.Cacciatore@asu.edu.

LGBTIQQ Youth Survey Entries Needed

Are you between the ages of 13 and 21 and identify with the queer community? Do you use LGBTIQQ-oriented forums, chatrooms, mailing lists, blog rings, networking / dating sites, or other LGBTIQQ-oriented online communities for youth, including Facebook and MySpace?

Help to provide information about the needs of LGBTIQQ youth of the technological generation by taking the following quick, anonymous and secure survey:

Click here, and forward to all your LGBTIQQ-identified friends!

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=cqB_2bsqIvVpwBnIQf_2bUzT4A_3d_3d

San Diego Foundation Scholarships

The San Diego Foundation is the largest non university grantor of scholarships for local students in San Diego and presently has over \$2,000,000 in scholarship funds available.

Applications for the funds are being accepted now! Visit www.sdfoundation.org and click on scholarships.

Project L.Y.F.E. is seeking Queer Asian American voices

Project L.Y.F.E. (Leadership and Youth Fighting for Education) is documenting the ways in which Queer Asian American college students navigate the socio-educational landscape of higher education. It is an interview-based, qualitative, ethnographic project that is looking for student organizers, activists and leaders to share their experiences of success, struggle and compromise. If you are a self-identified Queer Asian American college student, Project L.Y.F.E. needs you!

For more information on how you can let your VOICE be heard, email ProjectLYFE@gmail.com or visit www.myspace.com/pr0jectLYFE

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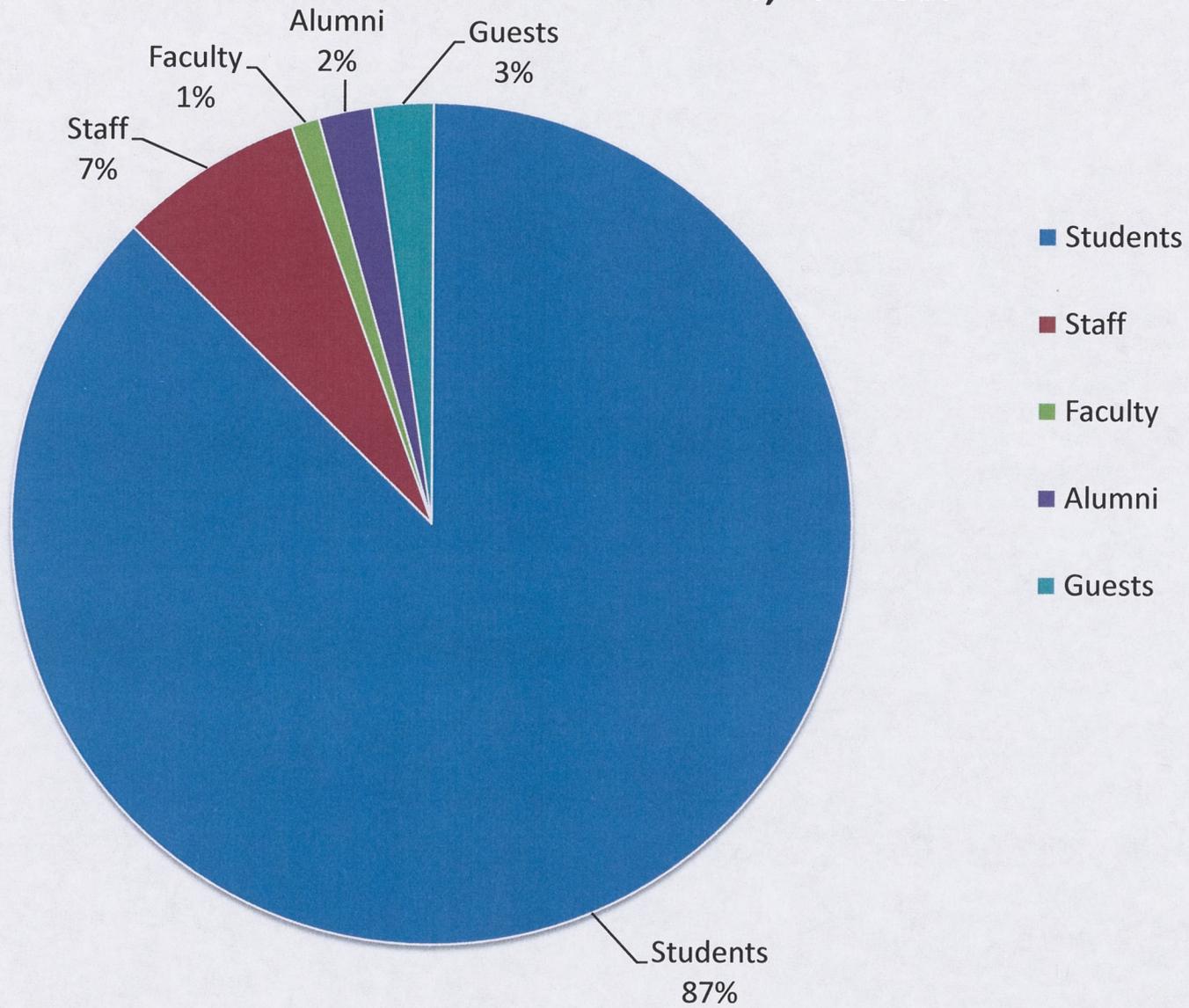
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LGBT Resource Center Statistics Fall Quarter 2007

| Week # | Students | Staff | Faculty | Alumni | Guests | TOTAL |
|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Week 0 9/23-9/28 | 153 | 16 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 183 |
| Week 1 9/30-10/5 | 293 | 26 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 336 |
| Week 2 10/7-10/12 | 278 | 26 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 311 |
| Week 3 10/14-10/19 | 232 | 28 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 272 |
| Week 4 10/21-10/26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Week 5 10/28-11/02 | 215 | 18 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 251 |
| Week 6 11/4-11/9 | 201 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 226 |
| Week 7 11/11-11/16 | 181 | 13 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 205 |
| Week 8 11/18-11/23 | 148 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 166 |
| Week 9 11/26-11/30 | 176 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 198 |
| Week 10 12/2-12/7 | 210 | 15 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 237 |
| Finals Week 12/9-12/14 | 126 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 138 |
| TOTAL | 2213 | 181 | 27 | 52 | 60 | 2523 |

Statistics of Visitors to the LGBT RC, Fall 2007



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A new year and a new academic quarter are before us, and we'd like to invite you to continue to take part in the various exciting events surrounding the UCSD LGBT community in the near future. We at the LGBT RC kicked off the quarter with Winter Q-Camp, which offered an opportunity for members of our community to attend if they missed last quarter's Q-Camp. The Chancellor's Undergraduate Diversity Learning Initiative, or CUDLI, held their first meeting with the newest CUDLI participants who are being introduced to a brand new format for the program!

This week's newsletter:

1. [Volunteer Opportunities at the LGBTRC](#)
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3. [Day of Silence Planning Meetings](#)
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5. [Rape Aggression Defense \(R.A.D.\): Basic Self-defense for Women](#)
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8. ["Theories and Queries" - Why are people gay?](#)
9. [Point Foundation Scholarships](#)

—LGBT Resource Center—

Volunteer Opportunities at the LGBTRC

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—Organizations—

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LGBT RC Conference Room

What Are You Going To Do To End The Silence? Join our committee meetings to discuss this year's Day of Silence event, which will be on Friday, April 25. This is Alliance's largest event of the year, so your help and input is needed! All allies and LGBT-identified folks are welcome to join. You can email alliance.ucsd@gmail.com for more information.

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—————Opportunities—————

Audition Call for "Corpus Christi"

Director Nic Arnzen will be directing the play Corpus Christi at the Diversionsary Theatre in San Diego. According to the director, the play resonates with issues of gay marriage and discrimination; and central to the story are the themes of universal inclusion and interconnectedness.

Rehearsals begin week of March 31.

Run dates: May 1-June 1

\$600 stipend

Scripts are available for reading at the theatre. Diversionsary Theatre supports non-traditional casting.

Auditions will be held Monday, January 28 starting at 5:30pm. Bring picture and resume. Call or email Travis Guss for an appointment at 619-220-0097 or e-mail at tguss@diversionary.org

Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.): Basic Self-defense for Women

The UCSD Police Department and the Sexual Assault & Violence Prevention Resource Center are pleased to offer R.A.D. The R.A.D. teaches realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. It begins by teaching awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, and progresses to cover the basics of hands-on defense training.

Classes are January 22, 23, and 24, 2008 - 5:00 - 9:00pm in the Police Training Room, UCSD Police Dept Campus Services Complex - bldg b. The cost is \$10 for new participants and free to returning participants.

To enroll, call the Sexual Assault & Violence Prevention Resource Center (SARC) at 534-5793 to register. Submit \$10 payment (check or cash) at the SARC office to confirm your enrollment. For more information, call 534-5793.

SPACES Internships, apply now!

SPACES is hiring its very first set of interns and we need YOU to apply. There are (20) internships total - (8) working with SPACES directly and (12) working with the SPACES Orgs Access and Retention Projects. Each internship will require 10 hrs a week and will be paid at \$9.50 per hour.

Applications are due FRIDAY, JANUARY 11th @ 4pm to the SIAPS Office in the SAAC Lounge (next to imprints).

APPLICATION:

<http://ccc.ucsd.edu/pdf/SPACESAPP.pdf>

INTERN DESCRIPTIONS:

<http://ccc.ucsd.edu/pdf/SPACES.pdf>

Don't delay - be a part of the revolution!

"Theories and Queries" - Why are people gay?

Thursday 1/24 - 5:30pm - 7:00pm at the LGBT Resource Center

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Point Foundation Scholarships

Point is the nation's largest scholarship-granting organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) students of merit. Point provides financial support, leadership training, mentoring and hope to LGBT students who are marginalized because of their sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. The organization provides its scholars with the financial ability to attend the nation's foremost higher educational institutions and its donors and mentors with the rare satisfaction of directly investing their resources and time in future generations of leaders.

Applications for scholarships beginning in the fall semester 2008, are available on-line after 1/2/08 at www.pointfoundation.org.

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**January 7-January 11
Week 1**

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The

LGBT Resource Center



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| MON | 7PM-9PM | LGBTQIA Meeting | Common Room |
| TUE | 8AM-9AM | LGBT RC Staff Meeting | Conference Room |
| | 11AM-12:30 | Seminar | Conference Room |
| | 6:30PM-7:30PM | Queer By Nature (QxN) | Common Room |
| | 7PM-8PM | Women's Group | Conference Room |
| WED | 5PM-7PM | Winter Q Camp | Conference Room |
| | 7PM - 8PM | Men's Group | Conference Room |
| | 8PM-9PM | Women's Group | Conference Room |
| THU | 9:30AM-10:30AM | LGBT Professional Staff Meeting | Conference Room |
| | 12:30PM-1:30PM | Transgender, Intersex Alliance | Heritage Room |
| | 5PM-7PM | Queer Womyn's Collective | Conference Room |
| | 7PM-9PM | Queer People Of Color | Common Room |
| FRI | 1PM-2PM | Staff at Work Survey Analysis | Conference Room |

January 14-January 18
Week 2



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| FRI | 4:30-6:30 | Friday Night Movie | Conference Room |

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**Join UCSD at the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade this
 Saturday January 19th, 2008!**

All faculty, staff and students are invited to join the UCSD delegation in honoring one of the country's most prominent civil rights leaders. Participate on January 19, 2008 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in San Diego's 27th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade.

Transportation to and from the parade will be provided for all UCSD student participants and will include free t-shirts and breakfast.

Visit <http://getinvolved.ucsd.edu> and scroll down to "Community Service" for more information!

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5. Divas in Denial Drag Show - Call for Submissions!
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8. "Activist Academia! Minors & Special Programs Fair for Students Interested in Social Change
9. Last Chance to Register to Vote!
10. There is No Vote Without the "T"
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2. Sex Education: What they didn't teach you in middle school

Friday, February 1st

5pm-7pm

Did you get taught abstinence education? Were you taught the watered down version of what really goes on "down there"? Did your parents leave out all the juicy details when they gave the birds and the bees talk? Join interns Brianna Marquez and Maureen Garcia for a REAL sex education presentation. A discussion and collaborative zine making will follow.

3. Guess Who's Gay" Returns as "Queer Inquiry: An Identity Game Show.

Speaker's Bureau welcomes the return of one of its most popular panel formats in its new and improved form. The name and a few format changes have been changed to be more inclusive of all members of our community. We feel that the changes that have been made better reflect our continuously changing community and the values we hold. If you have any questions, concerns, would like to request a panel or join Speaker's Bureau, contact our Speaker's Bureau Intern Ariel Smith at lgbtspeakers@ucsd.edu

4. Volunteer Opportunities at the LGBTRC

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5. Divas in Denial Drag Show - Call for Submissions!

Historically, the UCSD Drag Show is one of the most attended and popular of campus events, drawing an audience from all walks of campus life and the greater San Diego community. For the thirteenth year in a row, we will be celebrating this tradition of combining gender-bending with spectacle and music. Everyone is welcome to be a part of this beloved UCSD tradition.

This year's show will be Saturday, February 2nd, 8:00pm in the Price Center Theatre.

If you have a group who wants to do a segment in the show, please submit the following to lgbtqia@gmail.com

- Group Name and/or Names of individuals in your group
- Song/Performance-piece title
- Approximate length of act
- Approximate time needed to set up and take-down act (costume change, props, etc.)

Submissions are due by Sunday January 27th.

Please keep in mind when choreographing your act that there's very limited stage space (the shallow stage and all). Also remember that this is a family-friendly show and the contents of your act should be PG-13. Other than that, you can do a solo or an group act, serious or light-hearted, whatever you want. Above all have fun!

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—————Campus Community Centers—————

8. 1st Annual "Activist Academia! Minors & Special Programs Fair for Students Interested in Social Change"

Tuesday, January 24th, 2008 - 2:00-5:00pm
at the Cross-Cultural Center

Come check out Academic Minors and Special Programs that can enhance your career options in fields such as education, community organizing, social work, public policy, environmental justice, human rights, health care, civil rights, public service and economic justice. Fair is FREE and open to ALL UCSD students!!! Free Raffle Prizes & FOOD!

—————Opportunities—————

9. Last Chance to Register to Vote!

The last day to register to vote for the Feb. 5 election is Jan. 22. Register to vote now and make your voice heard! It's easy, just fill out a physical form from any post office, sign it and mail it in today. If you're on campus, walk by Library Walk and you'll see people helping students register to vote!

The 2008 presidential election year brings three opportunities to ensure that your voice is heard. No matter whom you are voting for or what position you are taking, voting is one of the easiest and most powerful ways to make a difference and take action to advance basic human and civil rights for all Americans. Make your voice heard on local issues and universal concerns.

The last day to register to vote for the Feb. 5 election Jan. 22, so register to vote now and make a difference. Don't forget to vote on Feb. 5!

For additional assistance with voter registration contact the San Diego County Registrar of Voters at (858) 565-5800.

10. There is No Vote Without the "T"

Overcoming Obstacles for Transgender Voters

On Saturday January 19, The Center of SD county will host a reception in the auditorium from 7pm to 9pm to discuss obstacles Transgender community members can encounter when voting and how they can be overcome by either using The Center as a Trans-friendly voting place or

registering to vote by mail.

Refreshments and voter registration materials will be provided. Join The Center on January 19 and make your voice heard. For more information about this event, please contact Caroline at (619) 692-2077 x111 or e-mail cdessert@thecentersd.org.

For additional voting resources, visit our website at <http://www.thecentersd.org/policy5.php>.

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12. UCSD Cares

Be a part of the UCSD response to the October '07 wildfires....give a gift card.

Recovery and rebuilding from the devastating San Diego wildfires will take several months and plenty of ongoing support from the community. In response to this need, UCSD Cares is leading a Gift Card Drive that will help the UCSD family and greater community most affected by the fires. Join your fellow UCSD students, staff, faculty and Alumni and show San Diego how much UCSD Cares!

Suggested Donations: gift card and/or cash for the purchase of gift cards (preferably in \$10 increments) Gift cards are from various stores.

When: January 22nd – 25th

Time: 10a - 3p

Where: Library Walk. All donors will receive a UCSD Cares button for their support.

For more information about UCSD cares, check out the website at <http://ucsdcares.ucsd.edu/archives.php>.

13. Become a Sixth College Resident Advisor

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Rainbow Newsletter

Thursday January 24th, 2008 — Volume 27, Issue 3

On Being Trans: Shared Stories and Lived Experiences

Thursday, January 31 6:00pm-8:00pm in the LGBT Resource Center Conference Room

The Transgender Intersex Alliance (TIA) and the LGBT Resource Center invite you to an evening of discussion with transgender members of our community. Speakers will be sharing their stories and their lived experiences in an informal setting. All members of the LGBT community and our allies are welcome to attend. Please come with open ears and an open mind. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Jan (jeestrellado@ucsd.edu) or Ariel (aikidoariel@yahoo.com).

[LGBT Resource Center]

"Theories and Queries" - Why are people gay?

TONIGHT! Thursday 1/24 - 5:30pm - 7:00pm at the LGBT Resource Center

It's often one of the first questions which arises whenever the topic of homosexuality comes up. For the introduction to the lecture series, major contemporary theories will be presented including biological, mental, and social hypotheses about why some individuals are same-sex oriented. Discussion is encouraged to really think about these theories and decide for yourself what you believe to be the reality behind the debate.

"Inquiries" is a short lecture series presented by Sean Boileau, a 5th year Ph.D. student from Arizona State University. The series is designed to provide a time and space to discuss selected issues around sexual orientation and identity which may or may not be getting addressed elsewhere, in an interactive, informative, and casual environment.

If you happen to miss tonight's event, be sure to check the Rainbow Newsletter each week as we announce each upcoming lecture of this exciting and insightful series!

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Coming Out Group

Meeting time determined by participants

The Coming Out Group is a place to meet and gain support while discussing your sexual and/or gender identities in a confidential setting. This group is for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, straight or questioning folks who are coming out and who may already be out. Topics are determined by group participants, and can include coming out to yourself, coming out to family, coming out to friends, coming out and the work place, and coming out at school. If you are interested in joining this group, please e-mail Jan (jeestrellado@ucsd.edu).

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LGBTRC Volunteer Program

Wednesday February 6th at the Resource Center

The LGBT Resource Center is in the process of starting an exciting volunteer program! Volunteer training and orientation will be Wednesday February 6th, 2008 from 5-8 PM.

For any other questions, please email our Teresa, at ttrout@ucsd.edu ! Thank you for your time and we look forward to working with some of you as volunteers!

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Sex Education: What they didn't teach you in middle school

Friday, February 1st 5pm-7pm

Did you get taught abstinence education? Were you taught the watered down version of the realities of human sexuality? Did your parents leave out all the juicy details when they gave the birds and the bees talk? Join interns Brianna Marquez and Maureen Garcia for a REAL sex education presentation. The Rubber Rose will present a realistic and pleasure-based anatomy class. This program is intended to promote sex-positivity and will include a discussion which will display the unique experiences of several generations and the LGBT community. After, a collaborative zine will be put together with everyone's help and be distributed.

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The Ins And Outs: LGBT Students Studying Abroad

Tuesday, January 29 5pm-6:30pm LGBT Resource Center Conference Room

Are you an LGBT student who is thinking about studying abroad? This Tuesday, talk to students who have already gone abroad! All of our panelists identify as part of the LGBT community and have either spent time studying/working outside of the United States and/or identify as international students in the United States. This is your opportunity to ask questions about students' experiences abroad in general, what they may have faced being part of the LGBT community, and whether they chose to come out. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Jan (jeestrellado@ucsd.edu) or Jenny (jgarza@ucsd.edu).

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Guess Who's Gay" Returns as "Queer Inquiry: An Identity Game Show.

Speaker's Bureau welcomes the return of one of its most popular panel formats in its new and improved form. The name and a few format changes have been changed to be more inclusive of all members of our community. We feel that the changes that have been made better reflect our continuously changing community and the values we hold. If you have any questions, concerns, would like to request a panel or join Speaker's Bureau, contact our Speaker's Bureau Intern Ariel Smith at lgbtspeakers@ucsd.edu

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A note on the Rainbow Newsletter...

The Newsletter is going through some exciting changes! Due to some issues with the software we used to create the newsletter, we are no longer able to effectively use the version of the newsletter that we had previously. A new layout and design is in the works (What you see here is not what the new newsletter will look like). Still, we'd like to tell you about what is going on in and around the UCSD LGBT community this new quarter. Look out for the new newsletter layout in your mailbox soon!

[Organizations]

Divas in Denial Drag Show – (Call for Submissions!)

The UCSD Drag Show is one of the most attended and popular of campus events, drawing an audience from all walks of campus life and the greater San Diego community. For the thirteenth year in a row, we will be celebrating this tradition of combining gender-bending with spectacle and music. Everyone is welcome to be a part of this beloved UCSD tradition.

This year's show will be Saturday, February 2nd, 8:00pm in the Price Center Theatre.

If you have a group who wants to do a segment in the show, please submit the following to lgbtqia@gmail.com by Sunday January 27th.

- Group Name and/or Names of individuals in your group
- Song/Performance-piece title
- Approximate length of act
- Approximate time needed to set up and take-down act (costume change, props, etc.)

Keep in mind the small space of the stage for your performance. You can do a solo or an group act, serious or light-hearted, whatever you want as long as it's appropriate for a PG-13 audience. Above all have fun!

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Day of Silence Planning Meetings

Thursdays, 5:00pm-6:00pm

LGBT RC Conference Room

What Are You Going To Do To End The Silence? Join our committee meetings to discuss this year's Day of Silence event, which will be on Friday, April 25. This is Alliance's largest event of the year, so your help and input is needed! All allies and LGBT-identified folks are welcome to join. You can email alliance.ucsd@gmail.com for more information.

Day of Silence is the largest, national student-led action towards creating safer schools for all, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. It brings attention to and protests the discrimination, harassment, and abuse (in effect, the silencing) faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex (LGBTQI) people and their allies. Find out more about Day of Silence at <http://www.dayofsilence.org>.

[Campus Community Centers]

Graduate Student Reading Group on Gender and Sexuality

Thursday 1/31, 5:45-7:45PM, Women's Center

Join Ethnic Studies graduate students and other grads as we read selections from Jasbir Puar's new text, *Terrorist Assemblages*. This is the first meeting of a potential monthly reading group for grad students interested in talking about issues related to gender, race, sexuality and space. Please RSVP to Stevie Ruiz at srruiz@ucsd.edu Hope to see you there!

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Q-Grad Lunch

Wednesday January 30, 12-1:30PM

Please join the Graduate Community Coordinator and the organizers of the Q-Grad Professionalization Series for a lunch time meeting! Let's reconnect, talk about upcoming events at UCSD, and talk about more aspects of being out in grad school!

Free food and drinks, bring your friends!

RSVP not necessary, but suggested: grad-community@ucsd.edu

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Gender Buffet

Every Friday from 12p -1:30pm at the Women's Center

Join in on discussions regarding issues of gender and sexuality every Friday afternoon at the Women's Center, located right down the walkway outside the LGBT Resource Center. Enjoy free food and don't forget to bring a friend!

[Opportunities]

LGBTQIA Conference at University of the Pacific

Early bird registration ends Thursday January 31st!

"It Takes A Rainbow: Bridging the Mountains to the Bay", Pacific's first Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, and Ally (LGBTQIA) conference will be on February 9, 2008. We are excited to welcome college and university students from and around Northern California to what we hope will be an annual event.

For registration and more information about the conference visit <http://go.pacific.edu/LGBTQIA> !

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National Union of Jewish LGBTIQQ Students Conference in New York

NUJLS 2008: A Time of Change, seeks to put forth a relevant, vibrant, and contemporary conference in which participants will embrace and explore, personally and communally, the changes our world has presented us and the changes we choose to present to our world. This year, more than any in recent memory, serves as an opportunity to confront what these changes mean to each one of us no matter how we identify in either the LGBTQQI or the Jewish community.

NUJLS is the National Union of Jewish LGBTIQQ Students, a group of college students and NUJLS alumni from across North America and around the world who hold an annual conference on issues relating to Jewish LGBTIQQ communities around the globe.

Register online at <http://www.nujlsonline.org/conference.php> Subsidies for travel and other fees are available on the registration website.

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