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UCSD LGBT Resource Center Rainbow Newsletter

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March 6, 2008 @ 5 pm

LGBT Resource Center Conference Room

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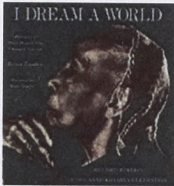


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4. Dialogues in Sexuality Studies - NEW DATE!

Featuring: Mattheus E. Stephens, Esq., Partner, Stock Stephens, LLP and Lecturer of Critical Gender Studies, UC San Diego

"Law and Sex: Strange Bedfellows"

and Elizabeth Steeby, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Literature, UC San Diego

"The Old Ball and Chain: Redefining the Carceral and the Conjugal in Chain Gang Buddy Flicks and Southern Prison Presses"

Tuesday, April 1, 4:30-6:30
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-----Campus Community-----

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8. International Women's Day Events

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-----Announcements-----

9. Volunteers Needed for Visual Arts Open Studios Event

>From UCSD Visual Arts... The UCSD Visual Arts MFA program is holding an exciting event called OPEN STUDIOS during the first week of April. The public from UCSD and beyond is invited to come see what they have been working on as artists in the UCSD community. Any undergrads (or grads of course) who would want to volunteer to help things go smoothly on the day of, please get in touch with grad student, Kate Hoffman at:

wearsk8@hotmail.com This is a great way to get involved with the UCSD grad

student art community and it will be a VERY fun day the first week of April. We in the Visual Arts facility have a good number of LGBT grad students and would love to get more connected with other LGBT artists in our community.

10. Staff@Work Survey

Chancellor Fox has announced that the Staff@Work survey will be sent out soon. Please remember that the LGBT community is now included as a demographic for the Staff@Work 2008 Survey. We encourage everyone to complete the demographics, as the data really helps us to get a snapshot of our communities' perspective.

11. Development in Gardening Fundraiser

Development in Gardening (DIG) is an organization currently working in Africa that strives to improve the physical and emotional health of HIV-affected individuals by teaching them how to take an active role in their treatment and care. DIG's community gardens, located in crowded and impoverished urban areas, give people living with HIV/AIDS an opportunity to grow nutritious and affordable food, despite their extremely limited resources. Attend DIG's fundraiser to learn about urban gardens and how you can help them continue to grow in Africa.

WHERE: Hawthornes Restaurant, 2895 University Avenue, San Diego, CA 92104

www.hawthornssd.com

WHEN: Saturday, March 15th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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13. Rosalio Munoz to appear at UCSD

Rosalio Munoz was a draft resister during the U.S. war in Viet Nam and key organizer of the National Chicano Moratorium Committee that turned out 25,000 people on August 29, 1970 to protest the war. She will be speaking at the Committee for World Democracy (CWD) Film Series for a showing of "Chicano!"

Details:

Friday, March 14 @ 7:00pm in Student Services Center--Multi-Purpose Room
UCSD Student Services Center is located at the corner of Rupertus Way and Myers Drive, just south of the Price Center expansion, across from the Chancellor's Complex (map).

Sponsored by Third World Studies and ASUCSD For more information call (858) 534-4873, or write to [cwg@ucsd.edu](mailto:cwd@ucsd.edu)

14. Out UCSD Professor to be Honored

Our own out theatre professor, Marianne McDonald, will be honored at the National Women's History Month festivities. She, along with architect Judith Munk, will be inducted into the San Diego Women's Hall of Fame at 5 PM in UCSD's Price Center Ballroom on March 29th. Professor McDonald is the author of 24 books and has had a tremendous influence in San Diego theatres. Be sure to attend this event on campus!

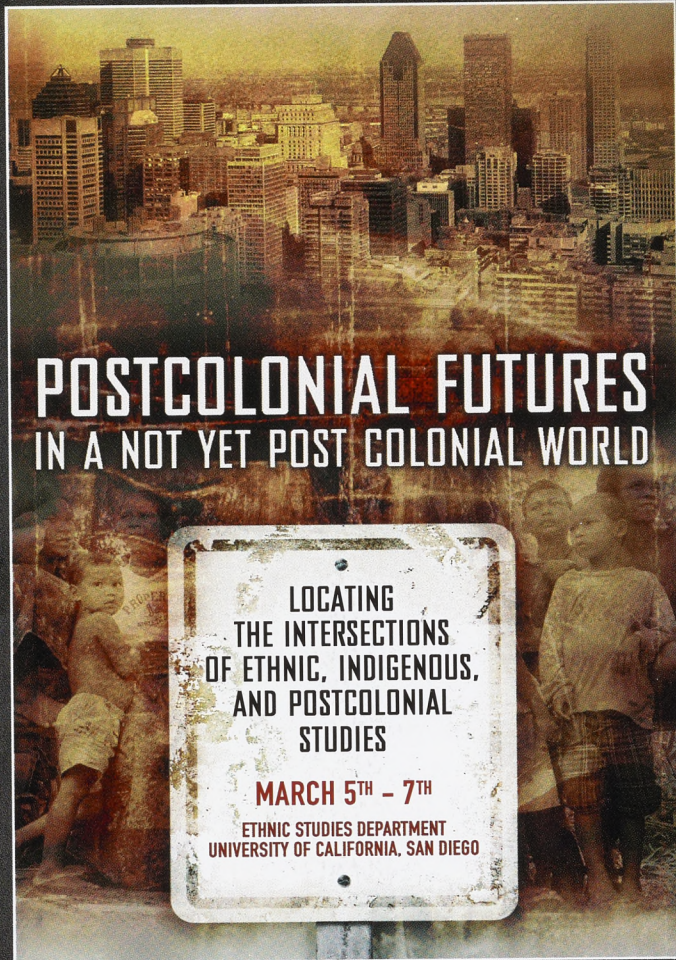
15. Southern California LGBT UC Alumni Reception

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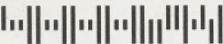
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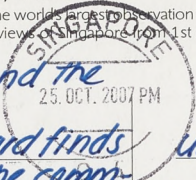
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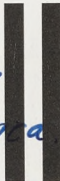
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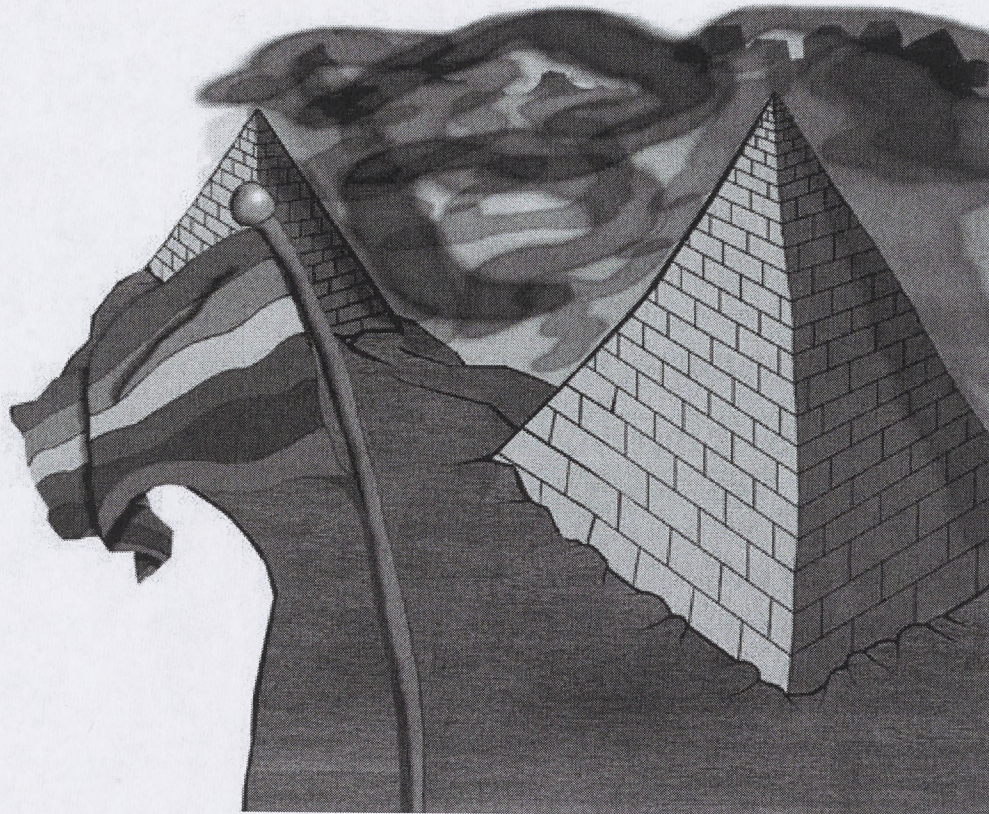
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A Country in the Closet

By David Harvey

Staff Writer

Monday, Feb. 25, 2008



(Jason Chiem/Guardian)

Abdul, a University of California student studying abroad at the American University in Cairo, met Amir at a local club. The relationship was friendly and nothing more, until Amir called late one night asking if he could come over. The two have now been dating for three weeks, and in that short time Abdul has discovered Amir's curiosity about gay life outside of Egypt.

Currently, Amir plays bass for a small local band. His shows often run into the early hours of the morning. Lately, after his shows, he makes a phone call and visits his new love interest. Amir is not his real name because as an Egyptian, his lifestyle was, and continues to be, prosecutable.

"He's really shy and curious," said Abdul, describing how Amir looked through his belongings, books and pornography. "I don't think he's looked at porn before," Abdul said with a smile and a laugh. "He was mesmerized by the videos."

Amir also questioned Abdul about his straight roommate.

"He thought it was so strange to have straight friends who didn't judge," Abdul

said.

Abdul believes that none of Amir's family or friends suspect Amir is gay. The risk of being thrown in jail, and of being ostracized from everything he knows, is a risk Amir will probably never take.

"I haven't asked if anyone knows," Abdul said. "I don't think anyone knows. I don't think anyone will ever know."

During one of their first dates, while watching a televised soccer match, they managed to sneak a hug after a goal was scored. Abdul explained that culturally, since men are so close, it is easy to hide such interactions.

"When we walk across the street and he grabs my hand, I don't know if it's a boyfriend thing, or just natural," he said. People in the streets wouldn't judge such an action as inappropriate. Nevertheless, Abdul said Amir is "very aware of how people notice him."

On Feb.14, Amnesty International released a statement that four men were arrested in Cairo for being suspected of having HIV. This recent arrest, according to the statement, brings the total of suspected HIV-positive gay men currently in custody to 12. Of the men previously detained, four have received one-year prison sentences under a vague and broadly interpreted Egyptian law on morality and sexual conduct.

Cairo has a history of persecuting homosexuality. In a 2004 report, Amnesty International claimed to have the names of 179 suspected gay men who were arrested, beaten and tortured under the reach of debauchery laws since 2001. The report speculated that Amnesty International's figures paled in comparison to the actual numbers of harassed individuals; many harassed, suspected gay men are never brought to trial or even charged.

The most public and internationally recognized crackdown in Cairo was in 2001, with the arrest and trial of several men, known now as the Cairo 52. The police raided a Nile River disco, the Queen Boat, and the local papers subsequently listed the names and personal information of all the men alongside labels such as "Satan-worshippers" and "sexual perverts."

Despite the growing fear among Egyptian gays of the continued threat of violence, Abdul was not worried about coming to study in Egypt. A gay friend of his had studied in Cairo before, and assured Abdul that there was a large community there. Abdul encounters far more unwanted sexual passes than prejudiced harassment.

"I was surprised how many people grab their crotch and smile at me," Abdul said. "They have little signals: whistles and kissy lips. One time I did it back and had to run away."

It was a come-on he wasn't in the mood for deflecting, he said.

In addition to the presence of gay culture on Cairo's streets, the online community continues to flourish. Many Web sites, such as Gayegypt.com, are hosted abroad in places like the UK, but nevertheless serve a vital role in sustaining the underground network of gay life in Egypt.

"It's all online now, and the sites are all in Arabic," said Abdul.

Even online, Abdul notices differences from American gay culture.

"[Gay men in Egypt] always say they're tops because the punishment for the top is less than the bottom; they're less of a man in that sense," he said.

Abdul said that, because of the aggressive nature of men in Egypt, most gay men in Cairo find it hard to accept the idea of a loving, mutual relationship between two male adults.

Still, Abdul wants to try. Since he finds most men here are interested in only sexual relationships, he is reluctant to enter a sexual relationship with Amir in the hope that they will form a more tangible connection. Up to this point, they have been keeping things as casual as they can under the necessary veil of secrecy.

During a brief phone call with Amir, as he prepared for work, Abdul whispered softly in Arabic. He missed Amir, he said, and wanted to see him later. Certain that Amir looks toward a future where he lives a life of secrecy, married to a woman, raising children and likely expressing his hidden desires in online chat rooms, Abdul is eager to show him a life where people can be open, even if it's only with each other — away from oppression, stereotypes and judgment for one's sexuality.

"Sexuality," said Abdul, "is just who you have sex with. It doesn't define who you are."

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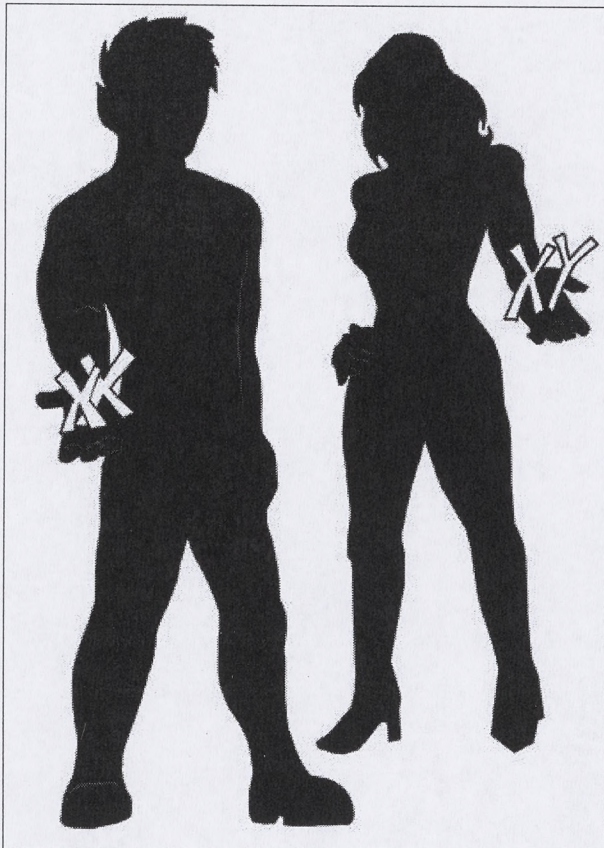
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Applications Due: April 7th, 2008

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Specific internship areas are:

- Graphics and Web Design intern
- Anti-Racism Intern
- Resource and Events Planning Intern
- Youth and Senior Intern
- Library and Special Collections Intern
- Speakers Bureau Intern
- Arts and Culture Intern
- Rainbow Newsletter Intern

An info session will take place Thursday, April 3, 4pm-5pm, (LGBTRC)

For more information, please contact Jan Estrellado (jeestrellado@ucsd.edu).

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2. Coming Out Group

Meeting time to be 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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3. Dialogues in Sexuality Studies - NEW DATE!

Tuesday, April 1, 4:30-6:30

LGBT Resource Center

"Law and Sex: Strange Bedfellows"

Featuring: Mattheus E. Stephens, Esq., Partner, Stock Stephens, LLP and Lecturer of Critical Gender Studies and Elizabeth Steeby, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Literature, UC San Diego

"The Old Ball and Chain: Redefining the Carceral and the Conjugal in Chain Gang Buddy Flicks and Southern Prison Presses": Dialogues in Sexuality Studies brings together UCSD faculty members and graduate students from across campus interested in the growing interdisciplinary field of Sexuality Studies. The two presentations will be followed by open discussion over an informal buffet dinner.