

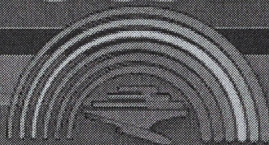
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1) Amazing Race: The Grad Student Quest - Thu, Oct 6, 5:00pm-10:00pm

Navigate the UCSD campus with a team of other grad students to find what every grad student needs. Your team must race against other teams and gather clues that will lead you to a party to kick off the school year. Free food and lots of fun!

Meet in the Circle Drive by Mandeville at 5:00pm. Contact Erin Malone at grad-com@ucsd.edu to RSVP or for more info.

UCSD LGBT SPECIFIC EVENTS**2) Movie Night at the LGBT Resource Center - Fri, Oct 7, 5:00pm**

From our own Peper...

"When the FBI concludes two hotel heiresses to be the next victim of a kidnapping plot, two FBI agents (Marlon and Shawn Wayans) are assigned to baby-sit them. But when the heiresses refuse to show their less-than-perfect faces at the important society weekend, it looks as if the FBI's sting operation to catch the kidnappers is foiled. The agents go way undercover as the demanding divas in an effort to redeem their reputations and catch the criminals."

This is our second movie of the quarter for our new movie series, and will include a very provocative discussion on the performativity of gender with Peper. She is very well informed on this issue, and the discussion should be quite interesting. We will also have soda and popcorn. So, if you are free this Friday evening, come and enjoy an interesting movie and enlightening discussion with our community.

3) Queer by Nature Beach BBQ - Sat, Oct 8th, 11:00am

From our own Will...

"Howdy all! Our Beach BBQ is October 8th. This is our first event of the year and we'd love to make it amazing (like all of our events). It's happening at La Jolla Shores and begins at 11:00am, ending whenever ya wanna leave. Bring whatever games and such you want to play, and we're going to rent a volleyball net and ball so we can continue this tradition. Food wise, those of you who attended this week's meeting have been asked to bring something to share, and we would appreciate others to do the same. We are also leaving it up to individuals to bring whatever meat or meat substitutes they would like (this makes it easy for everyone). For those of you without cars, or who would rather commute, send a message to Will at wgorham@ucsd.edu and we can coordinate this. Hope to see ya'll there!!

If you would like to see something specific at this event, or any QxN event, then please attend our weekly meetings from 6:00pm-7:00pm at the LGBT Resource Center on Mondays. For more information contact QueerByNatureUCSD@yahoo.com."

4) LGBT Faculty Reception - Wed, Oct 12th, 4:00pm

All faculty are cordially invited to join us for an LGBT/Queer Faculty Reception on Wednesday, October 12th at 4pm at the Faculty Club. We are using the snowball method to invite all LGBT/queer identified faculty (in fact, this e-mail is a broad, public snowflake), so please invite the faculty at UCSD you know. RSVP stravers@ucsd.edu.

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- receive one-on-one mentoring
- meet once every two weeks with a queer Peer Supporter
- attend quarterly social events
- get to know student who are out on-campus!

For more information, please contact ucsdqpsp@yahoo.com

9) Scouting For All Rally - Sun, Oct 9th, 11:00am-12:30pm

From our own UCSD Alumni, Mick Rubin...

"Hello Friends,

It's that time of year again. Scouting For All is running its 6th annual rally protesting the sweetheart lease provided for the Boy Scouts by the City of San Diego AND to promote inclusion in an organization that needs to reevaluate the kind of damage its doing to ALL youth, be they gay, atheist, or straight.

We were met by a sizable contingent of counter protesters (bibles in hand) last year. We do have a police presence just to make sure that things remained peaceful, but we still need YOU there. I know, you think that other people will show up and we won't need just one extra body there. If you made it to a rally in the past, I thank you for your support. Please be there AGAIN if only to support a friend. We need you there more than ever because the other side is 'marshalling their forces.' We need to let the media know that people from EVERY walk of life think that the exclusionary policies of the BSA are totally UNACCEPTABLE.

PLEASE show up in numbers. Bring your friends. Bring your family. Bring your colleagues. Bring your students.

I genuinely hope you will make it. I will be speaking. Come and find out why somebody would resign their Eagle Scout badge. There will be a number of other fine speakers there. We will have a sign for you to hold. We will have petitions for you to sign.

We need you there.

Mick Rabin
Eagle Scout 1987
Resigned Badge in Protest 2000

Where: Boy Scouts Headquarters Desert Pacific Council, 1207 Upas Street, San Diego, CA 92103. Need directions? Go to Mapquest. If you're on Park Blvd., head to the North end of the zoo and head West on Upas Street. BSA Headquarters is on the far WEST end of the street."

10) National Coming Out Day - October 11th

Every October 11th, LGBTQIA holds a rally in UCSD's Price Center for anyone to share their Coming Out Stories and this annual event continues this year from 11:00am-2:00pm. You will be able to tell coming out stories, relate experiences, read poetry, or just express yourself. National Coming Out Day is an important day for the Queer Community to show its size and diversity, as well as the many experiences (both good and bad) that all of us have. Support our UCSD Queer Community and express yourself!! See you all there...

11) National Veterans Coming Out Day - October 11th

From our very own Debbi Blake as a member of the UCSD Veterans Committee...

"Please Come Out in support of those who can't.' Many LGBT veterans do not know that their VA benefits cannot be taken away just for Coming Out. Many others who may have had bad experiences in the military often find it is easier to Come Out by embracing the LGBT community and closing the door on the veteran's community, essentially going into the "Veterans Closet", so you never know when you might be talking to a closet veteran. There could be several already in our campus Pride group, as well as in our campus community at large. LGBT Veterans have already made numerous sacrifices, not only have countless bled and died alongside their straight brothers and sisters in arms, but they have also sacrificed the right to a personal life while serving the country. There will be strength in numbers on 11 Oct 2005, and most folks feel safer Coming Out on college campuses than in the corporate or blue collar worlds. Let our LGBT Veterans know that we value their sacrifices and support them in Coming Out."

For more information you can contact comeout@aver.us

CAMPUS COMMUNITY CENTERS' EVENTS

12) Gender Buffet - Every Friday, 12:00pm-1:30pm, Women's Center

Everyone is welcome! We'll provide the space, the host, & the FREE FOOD. You just have to be interested in discussing gender and sexuality as it relates to everyday activities on and off campus (or you can come for the FREE FOOD.)

13) "Da Kink in my Hair" - Wed, Oct 12, 8:00pm

The Cross Cultural Center is offering tickets to da Kink in my Hair for \$13 for the October 12 showing at 8pm. "Set in a Caribbean hair salon in Toronto, this amazing new piece gives voice to eight black women who tell their unforgettable stories in a kaleidoscope of drumming, singing and dancing." If you're interested please forward your name and the names of your guests to Annie Nguyen at a17nguye@ucsd.edu to get a tentative count. Payments must be made by Thursday, October 6.

For those of you who can not attend this event, the San Diego Repertory Theatre at the Lyceum in Horton Plaza is showing the musical play through Oct. 16, 2005.

THE QUEER BOOKWORM

14) Now available in our library...

Interested in learning the history of the LGBT movement? Come by the Resource Center and check out these suggested books in the History section of the Rainbow Lending Library:

"Homosexuality in Renaissance England" by Alan Bray

"The Pink Triangle: The Nazi War Against Homosexuals" by Richard Plant

"The Mayor of Castro Street: The Life and Times of Harvey Milk" by Randy Shilts

"Homophobia: A History" by Byrne Fonne

"To Believe in Women: What Lesbians Have Done for America - A History" by Lillian Faderman

Students, staff, and faculty may check out books from the Lending Library for two weeks free of charge with a Lending Library account.

Q-QUOTE OF THE WEEK

15) By Tammy Baldwin

"Never doubt that we will create this world, because, my friends, we are fortunate to live in a democracy, and in a democracy, we decide what's possible." By Tammy Baldwin

WEEKLY VISITOR STATISTICS

From Welcome Week 1

Students = 168
 Staff = 7
 Faculty = 0
 Alumni = 1
 Guest = 0
 Total number of visitors for the week = 176

For more information on any of the above, please contact the LGBT Resource Center at 858 822-3493, rainbow@ucsd.edu, <http://lgbt.ucsd.edu> This is a regular compilation of news, tidbits, and information from the UCSD LGBT Resource Center to keep everyone in the know. It will be published weekly, usually on Tuesday afternoons. If you have things to submit, please forward them by Friday at 5pm to rainbow@ucsd.edu and type "Rainbow Newsletter" in the subject line. They should be UCSD & LGBT focused! Newsletters are archived at <http://lgbt.ucsd.edu/newsletter/>

Problems with the listserv? Did you get this multiple times? Please let us know.

Still Reading...

We are in the midst of making the final selection for the Assistant Director for Education of the UCSD LGBT Resource Center. It is very exciting, and I can not wait to have another member of our team!

On Friday Debbi and I (along with Cross-Cultural Center Director Edwina) took a hard-hat tour of the new space. SO COOL! We'll put some new pictures up on the web page tonight for those of you who aren't in town. If you are local, go check it out! It is awesome.

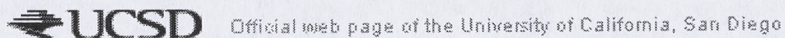
And last but not least, I did AIDS Walk with a number of students and staff on Sunday. Our own intern Ryan won the 10k run in his age group, and Chancellor Fox was with us in the 5k walk. All around, it was a great event.

Contact us:
rainbow@ucsd.edu
 (858) 822-3493



Looking for something?

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Speaking on the status of

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Monday

April 11, 2005

6:00 p.m.

RIMAC Arena

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Michael Parrish, Moderator
Department of History, UCSD

Barbara J. Cox
California Western School of Law

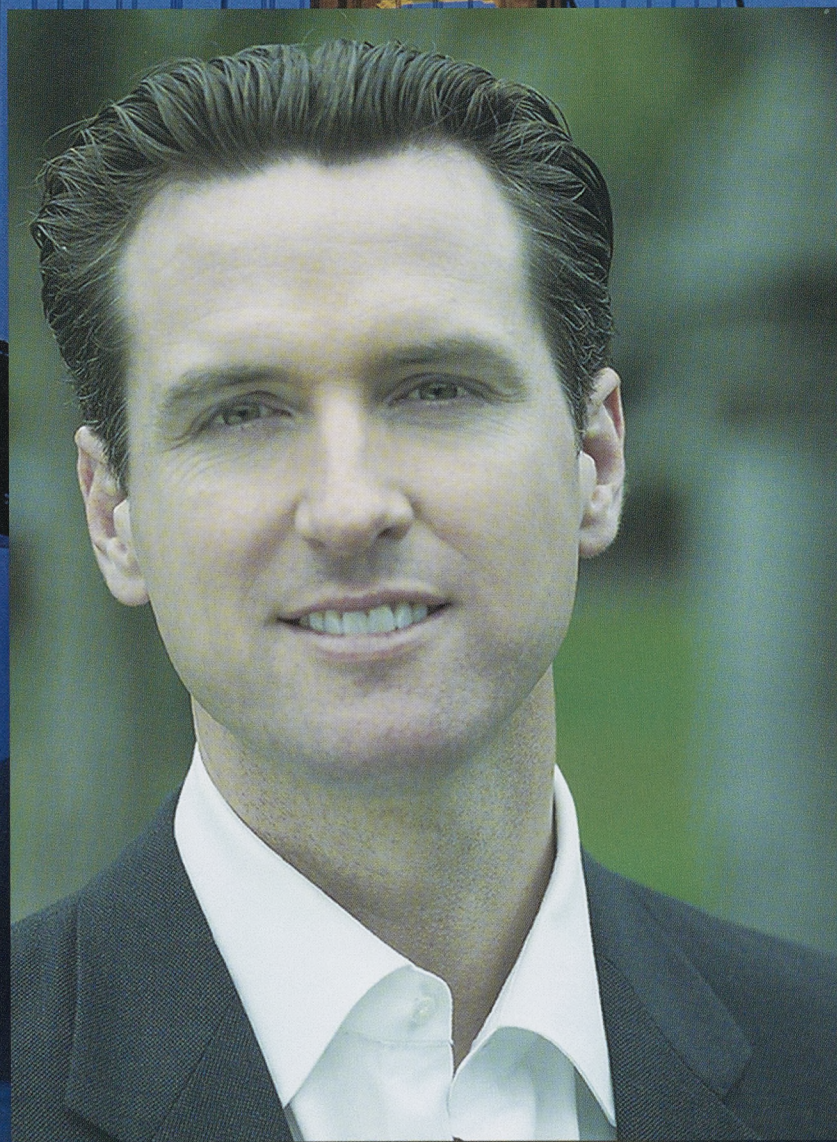
John Evans
Department of Sociology, UCSD


Steven D. Smith
University of San Diego School of Law

Free and open to the public

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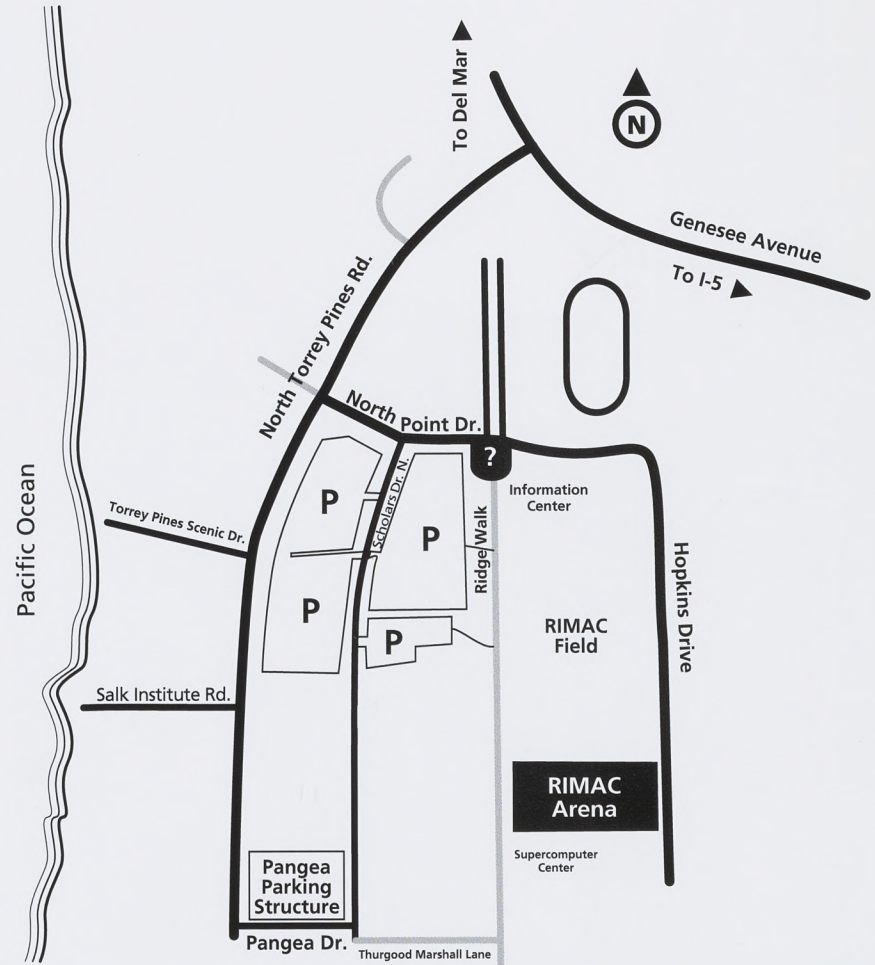
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5 pm – VIP Reception (by invitation only)

Green Room --RIMAC

Please RSVP by April 8

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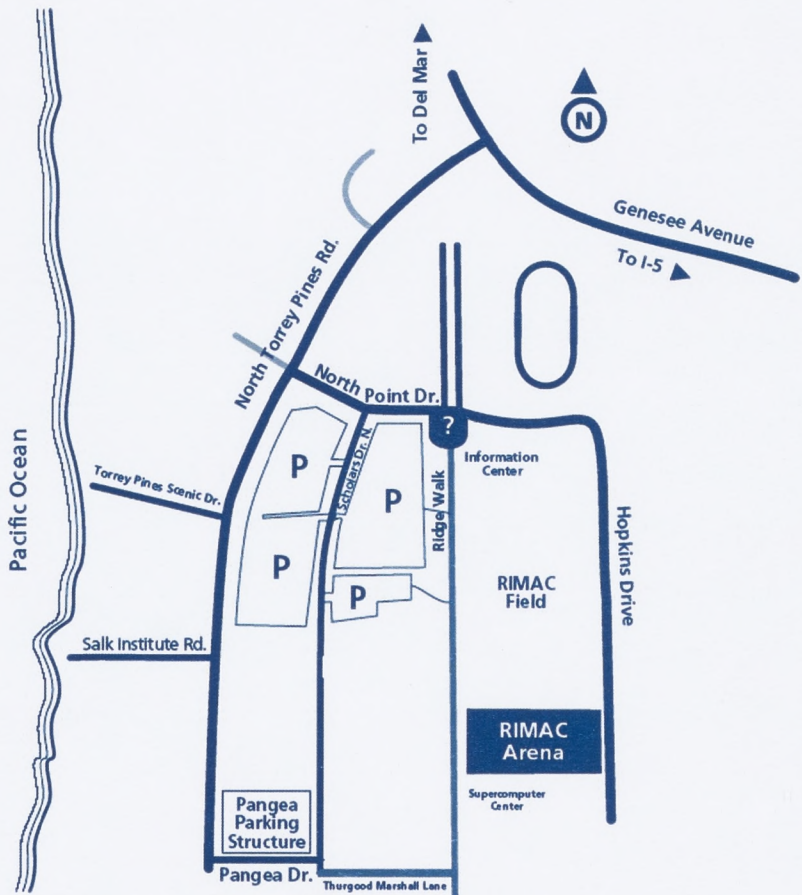


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From our own Clement...

"This week's movie is called 'Beautiful Thing'. This absolute winner, based on a stage play by Jonathan Harvey and adapted by him, is a kind of enchanted, urban slice-of-life tale about a gay teen, Jamie (Glen Berry), who is in love with the boy next door, Ste (Scott Neal). Hampering Jamie's progress on the romantic front is his fear that his mother (Linda Henry) will find out, as well as concern over complicating Ste's existing problems. Beautiful Thing is a relationship movie, to be sure, but that description doesn't really describe the buoyant tone of this British television production. Democratic in its inclusive regard for each character (whether camera-pretty or not), the film--well-directed by Hettie Macdonald--is full of surprises. Chief among them is the terrific personality of Jamie's mum, a strong and independent woman who truly worries over and adores her son. But this is a movie involved in a kind of happy dialogue with itself: the tunes of Mama Cass, for instance, play a part in both the story and overall ambience, while a strategic placement of the Rodgers and Hammerstein chestnut "Sixteen Going on Seventeen" during an act of love is fun and exciting."

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5) Fluid Sexuality - First meeting Tue, Oct 18th, 5:00pm - 6:30pm

The group is an open discussion regarding bisexual identities/labels, attraction to multiple genders, and the fluid nature of sexual attraction, sexual orientation and sexual identity that many experience in our community. People of all sexual and gender identities are encouraged to attend, listen, and actively participate in this unique forum. Come together and share your experiences or learn from the experiences of others about what fluid identities mean in peoples' lives. We meet on the 2nd floor of the Cross-Cultural Center from 5:00pm-6:30pm every Tuesday, beginning October 18th.

For more information about "Fluid Sexuality" e-mail Shaun Travers at: stravers@ucsd.edu with "Fluid" in the subject line.

6) Queer by Nature Snorkeling Event - Sat, Oct 22nd

From our own Will...

"After such a successful BBQ, we are hoping our next event is just as great, and judging by the initial response, it just might be. Queer by Nature is planning a Snorkeling event down at La Jolla Cove, one of the best snorkeling spots in California. We are going to be meeting at the Resource Center at 8:45am on Saturday, October 22nd, and then car pooling down to the Cove. I know it seems early, but really, it's more fun (and much less hot in the wetsuits) in the morning. I've talked with Outback Adventures and they have said that they offer a 10% discount on group rentals, so the sooner we have an idea of who all is interested, the sooner we can schedule this. Their rental includes everything necessary--mask and snorkel, fins, and wetsuit--for only \$19 (and that's without the group discount). Following the event, we will continue our tradition of going out for food at some absolutely fabulous place. If you would like more info or are interested in going, please send an email to wgorham@ucsd.edu. Hope to hear from all of you soon!

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From our very own Raf and S.A.G.E. leader Tom Kirkman...

"As part of the 'Aging as Ourselves' project, S.A.G.E. (Seniors Active in a Gay Environment) is accepting names of those who are interested in becoming a volunteer in the LGBT Senior Friendly Visitor Program. 'Aging as Ourselves' is a project which will address issues raised in the San Diego County LGBT Senior Healthcare Needs Assessment. The project will soon be underway, and we are currently recruiting volunteers who will be trained to provide culturally appropriate, non-medical, in-home supportive services to LGBT seniors. The training program will be developed and implemented by ElderHelp of San Diego and by S.A.G.E. Volunteer needs include friendly visitors, transportation, grocery shopping, home repair or gardening, bill paying and pet care.

The first training program is scheduled for early November. For further information, please call Tom at 619 298-9900 or visit the S.A.G.E. Center, 3138 Fifth Avenue (between Spruce & Redwood).

UCSD's involvement with this project dates back a year ago when I began my year as the Youth and Seniors intern at the LGBTRC. The goal I placed on myself and our community that year was to help bridge the intergenerational gap that exists between our youth and seniors. I hope to compile a team of people from the UCSD community who have a desire to help our seniors and get in touch with the people who gave us our history to take part in this program.

You can either contact me (e-mail rainbow@ucsd.edu) or you can contact Tom who has given his information above if you are interested. I will also try to arrange a carpool to the training so please do not let transportation discourage you from taking part in this.

9) Queer Pin@y Conference 2005 - Sat, Oct 29th, 9:00am-6:00pm, UC Berkeley

The Fourth Queer Pin@y Conference (QPC) will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2005 on the University of California, Berkeley campus as part of Pilipino-American History Month. QPC welcomes people of any ethnic, gender, and/or sexual backgrounds. The conference is a venue for attendees and their supportive guardians, relatives, and friends to learn more about the queer-minded Pin@y perspectives. This year's theme is, "Bakla, Tomboy, and Beyond: Breaking it Down{e}."

The initial two QPCs took place in 1999 and 2000 at the University of California, Los Angeles campus gathering 200-300 people each year. After a hiatus, the conference re-emerged in 2004 at UCLA. For the first time, this conference finds a new home in the San Francisco Bay Area on the University of California, Berkeley campus. Bringing the mission to northern California signifies the need to find community and coalitions across California college campuses and beyond.

"A conference like this allows us to connect our 'queerstories' as people of Pilipino heritage," says conference co-coordinator Joel de Vera Moncada. "As a part of our mission, it was necessary for us to incorporate the experiences of immigrants and second-generation LGBT pilipina/os, as well as, the queer experiences of the Philippines." Workshops include: Parloric Beauties, Serenas, Silahis, etc: Being Gay in the Philippines, Queer Pilipino Migrant Experience, and Trib@ Dynamic Decolonization. Other workshops include: Everything You Wanted to Write About Sex But Was Too Afraid to Ask, Safe Erotic Sex, and Gender I'm a Girl but I'm Not? Tomboy's Unite!

For more information email info@baklatomboyandbeyond.org or visit their website at <http://www.baklatomboyandbeyond.org>

What: Fourth Queer Pin@y Conference, "Bakla, Tomboy, and Beyond: Breaking it Down{e}"

When: Saturday, October 29, 2005 9:00-6:00pm

Where: UC Berkeley Campus, Berkeley, CA 94720

Tickets: FREE!!! Please register at <http://register.baklatomboyandbeyond.org>

CAMPUS COMMUNITY CENTERS' EVENTS

10) Love Your Body Day - Wed, Oct 19th, 1:00pm-4:00pm, Women's Center

From the Women's Center...

"What is Love Your Body Day?

Hollywood and the fashion, cosmetics and diet industries work hard to make each of us believe that our bodies are unacceptable and need constant improvement. Print ads and television commercials reduce us to body parts - lips, legs, breasts - airbrushed and touched up to meet impossible standards. TV shows tell women and teenage girls that cosmetic surgery is good for self-esteem. Is it any wonder that more than 80% of fourth-grade girls have been on some form of fad diet?

Women and girls spend billions of dollars every year on cosmetics, fashion, magazines and diet aids. These industries can't use negative images to sell their products without our assistance.

Together, we can fight back.

Events will include body casting, Love Your Body Day poster making, a cake walk, give aways and much more!

As part of Love Your Body Day the Women's Center is compiling a list of reasons why we should all love our bodies. We want to hear the reasons why you love your body.

Thanks to those of you who have responded, and if you haven't, send your responses to mtumolo@ucsd.edu.

Love Your Body Day is a project of the National Organization for Women Foundation. UCSD's Love Your body Day is co-sponsored by the Women's Center and the Office for Sexual Harassment Prevention and Policy."

11) Gender Buffet - Every Friday, 11:00am-12:30pm, Women's Center

Everyone is welcome! We'll provide the space, the host, and the FREE FOOD. You just have to be interested in discussing gender and sexuality as it relates to everyday life on and off campus.

This week come meet Women's Center Programming Intern, and Gender Buffet coordinator, Adelina Tancioco.

THE QUEER BOOKWORM

12) Now available in our library...

In celebration of National Coming Out Day:

"Beyond Acceptance" by Carolyn Welch Griffin, Marian J. Wirth & Arthur G. Wirth

"This wonderful book...belongs in the hands of every parent, family member, and friend who knows or suspects someone they love is gay and in the hands of every gay person who is about to share his or her beautiful though unsettling secret. Beyond Acceptance, now updated to reflect important break-throughs in science and in public perceptions, provides a clear and reliable road map for those who seek mutual understanding and respect between straight parents and gay children."

Students, staff, and faculty may check out books from the Lending Library for two weeks free of charge with a Lending Library account.

Q-QUOTE OF THE WEEK

13) By Guinevere Turner

"Why is it that when we meet someone the first thing we assess in order to relate to them is whether they are male or female? We cling to gender almost desperately, panicking when it is ambiguous or complicated, simply because we are somehow implicated in the confusion." ~ Guinevere Turner

WEEKLY VISITOR STATISTICS

Fall 2005 Week 2 Stats

Students = 147
 Staff = 7
 Faculty = 1
 Alumni = 3
 Guest = 7
 Total number of visitors for the week = 165

For more information on any of the above, please contact the LGBT Resource Center at 858 822-3493, rainbow@ucsd.edu, <http://lgbt.ucsd.edu> This is a regular compilation of news, tidbits, and information from the UCSD LGBT Resource Center to keep everyone in the know. It will be published weekly, usually on Tuesday afternoons. If you have things to submit, please forward them by Friday at 5pm to rainbow@ucsd.edu and type "Rainbow Newsletter" in the subject line. They should be UCSD & LGBT focused! Newsletters are archived at <http://lgbt.ucsd.edu/newsletter/>

Problems with the listserv? Did you get this multiple times? Please let us know.

Still Reading...

I loved National Coming Out Day. Getting up and speaking at the mic in the middle of Price Center is very powerful and exciting. And I shared a story that happened to me some weeks ago at the beginning of September. Someone asked me to share it in writing, so here it is...

"So James and I walk almost every night through Hillcrest before bed. Tonight that included having eggs thrown at us and anti-gay slurs hurled over the squeal of speeding tires. Sure makes buying that "great new condo" in that "wonderful location" feel like a decision that may have warranted further consideration, but I am leaping ahead of a realistic reaction, and am still just really upset...

At about 11:20pm we were walking on the east on east-bound side of University between 8th and 9th Avenue, almost home from our trek through the neighborhood and Balboa Park. I feel it and hear it almost simultaneously. First an egg hits my arm, brushes it, really, and then hits the wall of the building which has the House of Heirlooms annex. At the same moment another one sails right past James head and hits the wall, too. He is ducking as it happens. And we hear, sarcastically, filled with anger, "Yea, Queer Rights." The car is passed us as we are looking up. I know it is white, big. Logically, I figure their must be a driver and at least one passenger. They are through the green light at 9th, crossing the 163, and with a right onto Tenth, down the freeway on-ramp in a blink of an eye.

James looks at me and asks if I am all right. I was snaking, but physically fine, and I just nodded my head. James was looking for the car, but it was already gone. The gay guy behind us, we had just walked passed him moments before, walks by with his head down. He is moving quickly, his body language saying "go, fear, get away from this." Across the street we see another same sex couple, who obviously had at least heard what happened, maybe even seen it, but they were scurrying, walking, moving away, too. I remember seeing the eggs smashed in the wall and on the ground. There seem to be other people around, there is traffic on the street. No one is stopping, though. We are standing there for a moment, just standing, then moving, going, getting away from it, too. We crossed University at 9th and went to the condo. I couldn't really talk. I got a glass of water, and then I called the police. My voice was still shaking. They took the verbal report over the phone, and were very respectful. A police car is on the way now, because it is a hate crime. That's what the officer on the phone said. It was a hate crime. I had gotten hit. Someone had to come out.

And I knew it was hate crime. I just hadn't named that it yet. It was still just this thing. This awful thing. This awful that had happened to me and my partner. Because we were two men walking down the street in Hillcrest. We weren't holding hands, we weren't locked in an embrace, truth be told James was a couple steps in front of me the moment it happened. I don't even think we were talking to each other at that moment. Just walking near to each other.

And I guess what is all the more anger-causing, what is making my blood boil, is that I didn't expect it. I just bought a place here. I live in the heart of the "gay-borhood." This is where the Pride Parade rolls down the street every year. There are rainbow flags on most every business. I walk by friendly, beautiful, loving people all of the time. This is my refuge from the reality of so many communities where I could not be out. This isn't supposed to happen here. My guard is down.

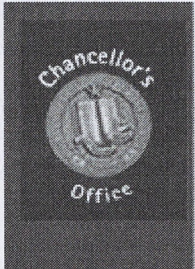
And suddenly I feel the need to hide again. To stay inside. To go invisible so I won't have to have that happen again. It is embarrassing, and scary, and awful to have eggs thrown at you, in your own street, within sight of your own home. It is frustrating to be working so hard to stop this kind of violence, and then have it happen to you practically on your doorstep. It is so upsetting to have a really good evening ruined by a really hate-filled blast of arrogance and privilege and false superiority.

And, I have to say, one of the first things that went through my mind, as I realized what happened, was "What if it would have been a bullet?" What small steps of anger does it take the hate-filled person to go from picking up an egg, to a rock, to a knife, to a gun? What degree of intolerance and fear have we taught, bred, ingrained in our culture, that cause some to so fear and so hate that they take it out with truly random violence?

And so I'll talk with the police later tonight when they come by. And when I read the annual report that the city will publish regarding hate crimes is 2005, I will know one of them regarding sexual orientation is me and James. And I will know that I have more work to do. Because I will not live in fear. I will live in love. With my love as an open defiance to those who believe that their love is better, more important, more privileged than mine.

So next time I hope we are holding hands when they hit us."

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