Announcements from the RRC/Upcoming Events

→ **We have new books and media!** They are ready for your perusal! Please be on the lookout for them! Feel free to stop by and use the RRC resources that are here for you and help support the center. Thanks to ASPIRE (regional TRiO association) for helping us get these new books and media. SEE: http://www.uwyo.edu/uw/news/2010/12/university-of-wyoming-rainbow-resource-center-receives-donation.html. We sought student input and the media is in now.

→ **Friday, April 15, RRC, Breaking the Silence Rally.** On the National Day of Silence hundreds of thousands of students nationwide take a vow of silence to bring attention to anti-LGBT name-calling, bullying and harassment in their schools. The RRC will be hosting a “Breaking the Silence Reception” at 5:00 pm in Union 106 for all those who participated in Day of Silence. Refreshments will be provided so please come share your experiences.

→ **Sunday, April 17, Casper PFLAG Potluck.** 5:00 pm at the United Church of Christ, 15th & Melrose in Casper, WY. Potluck & Discussion with Natrona County legislators. For more information on PFLAG in Casper, contact Ruth Leonard 307-265-5449.

→ **Wednesday, April 20 Safe Zone Brownbag Lunch:** Bring your own lunch and join us in the RRC for a Safe Zone training from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

→ **Donuts for Diversity!** Room 106 Wyoming Union every Friday 8:00 am– 11:00 am. Come by and check out the RRC! Everyone is welcome.

→ **Multicultural Graduation:** LGBTQ Students who are graduating are invited to participate in the Multicultural Graduation Celebration on Friday May 6, 2011 from 3:30-5:30 pm. Invite your families and friends to see you be individually recognized. Please see Chicory Betchel in the MRC to get a form and let Dr. Cardona know. If you are graduating, make sure you file an Anticipated Graduation Date form at http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/registrar/forms.asp. Commencement information can be found at: http://www.uwyo.edu/AS/commencement/index.html

→ **National LGB&T health survey:** A research study funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) at the West Virginia University (WVU) Department of Community Medicine seeks participants to complete an online survey about sexual orientation, health behaviors and life experiences. We are looking for people who: 1) Are between 18-24 years of age, 2) Identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, or questioning (i.e., sexual
minority), and 3) Have 15-20 minutes to complete an anonymous, online survey. The survey website is: www.lgbhealthsurvey.com. For more information, contact John Blosnich at 304/293.1702 or email jblsnich@hsc.wvu.edu

Saturday, April 30th: You are invited to participate in the first-ever SUMMIT FOR EQUALITY in Wyoming! 10am-3pm. North Casper Clubhouse. $10 registration fee (covers rent, lunch & snacks). On the heels of this past legislative session, it's clear there is a lot of work to do toward achieving Equality for Wyoming's GLBT community. It's also clear from our success in defeating some ugly legislation that those of us who are committed to Equality -- when we work together -- can overcome formidable odds. That's why a group of us from around the state want to gather to meet each other and brainstorm our political & community strategies in advance of the next elections and legislative sessions. Already committed to participating in this historic event are members of the loose-knit coalition who lobbied in Cheyenne during the session and provided us with insight and legislative intelligence to help us defeat bills that attacked the GLBT community. We have a lot of issues and ideas to discuss and your input is important. Please RSVP right away to let us know you are coming. Here's the info we need (NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE, EMAIL). Once you are registered, we'll send you a draft agenda for your perusal and comments, along with directions to the meeting site. If you need a recommendation for lodging, let us know. Call or email if you have any questions. We're looking forward to seeing you on the 30th! More Info? Contact: PAMELA RW KANDT, Wyoming GLBT News, WyomingGLBTnews@gmail.com.

Opportunities, Internships, Scholarships & Training

- Summer Session 2011 registration is open now. Preview of Courses being offered is online - http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/registrar/Summer2011/index.html for summer session which runs from May 16-August 5th with a variety of courses lasting 1-4 weeks up to 12 weeks.

Upcoming Conferences

- July 28-31, 2011. Regional Old Lesbians Organizing for Change Gathering in Tacoma, WA. Workshops, speakers, banquet, dance, concert, etc. See www.psoloc.org for more information or email pnwgathering@psoloc.org.

Queer Resource Council at UW

The Rainbow Resource Center has set a collaborating meeting for entities on campus working on LGBTQ issues called the Queer Resource Council. Here are the meetings and opportunities to be involved on campus and our collaborating partners:
Spectrum: Meets Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Union room 202 (The Bighorn Room). Check out http://uwacweb.uwyo.edu/SPECTRUM/advice.htm for an advice column, and hear from others’ experiences by SPECTRUM.

QAN: New student activist group is forming on campus called QAN (Queer Advocacy Network) dedicating efforts to LGBT social justice in three key areas; politics, education and advocacy. For more information contact jadkins2@uwyo.edu. Congratulations to QAN for being tapped as the top team at the AIDS WALK on 4-9-11 in Laramie.

Safe Zone: UW’s educational program for training students, faculty, and staff, and others in the state on LGBTQ issues. SEE: http://www.uwyo.edu/union/cac/safezone/

GLBTQ Support Group: UW’s counselor education department graduate students assist with this support group on campus.

LGBTQ Studies: The UW Gender & Women’s Studies department is beginning work on developing a Queer Studies minor at UW.

GLSEN: coming soon to Laramie. Contact keithcr@uwyo.edu for more info.

Rainbow Resource Center: Located in 104 Wyoming Union, the center houses an extensive library of GLBTQ publications, magazines, and newsletters; a variety of GLBTQ movies; multiple computers; sponsorship of activities, events, presentations, displays, educational programs; proximity to Multicultural Resource Center, Women’s Center, and Non-Traditional Student Center; OUTspoken Panels; mentoring program; and will serve as the coordinating entity for the Queer Resource Council. SEE: http://www.uwyo.edu/rrc/

Other Resources available to you!


2. Wyoming GLBT News. Subscribe by emailing wyomingglbtnews@gmail.com. This group has sent info on Wyoming legislative issues out to the community as well as information from the Casper area.

3. Human Rights Campaign-Represents LGBT issues at a national level.


5. Casper Social Change Committee: Meets at the United Church of Christ, 1511 South Melrose in Casper and they are working on a “Pride in the Park” in June.
6. **University Of Wyoming Counseling Center** - It’s free, and walk ins are accepted. Go to 341 Knight Hall during WALK-IN HOURS for a brief initial interview session with a counselor. Daily walk-in times are 9:00am to Noon and 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

7. **Students’ Attorney Program** - 119 Knight Hall. Program offering free legal advisement and services to all fee paying students. Does not include student v. student or student v. university issues, but can help students with any other situation that involves the law. Please call ahead 766-6347 or visit Knight Hall 128 to schedule an appointment with an attorney.

*Please let us know of others who are in the LGBTQIA community who wish to be added to this newsletter email list. We’d be happy to subscribe them. Just email rrc-staff@uwyo.edu with their email address.*