Announcements from the RRC/Upcoming Events

→ “We’re never so vulnerable than when we trust someone - but paradoxically, if we cannot trust, neither can we find love or joy”... Walter Anderson. The RRC works hard to provide a safe and supportive environment for the LGBTQIA community and its allies. A recent breach of confidentiality and subsequent rumors resulted in the RRC taking stronger measures to ensure confidentiality. I am appreciative of the students who worked with me on this issue and together, we are all responsible for having a safe, supportive environment for our community.

→ RRC Study Hours During Finals Week: The Rainbow Resource Center will offer study hours from 8:00-10:00 am and 1:00-4:00 pm Monday-Wednesday of finals week. Please bring your homework and join us in a relaxed and quiet atmosphere.

→ Donuts for Diversity! The last two Donuts for Diversity in the RRC for the year will be on 4/29 and 5/6/11 in Room 106 Wyoming Union from 8:00 am–11:00 am. Come by and check out the RRC and socialize! Everyone is welcome.

→ 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 is 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. There are folks coming from around the state of Wyoming so let them know if you need to carpool and if lodging is an issue since the group hopes that finances are not a barrier to participation, so contact them. 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
Do you have a federal workstudy aid award for next year? Within the next two weeks, the RRC will have posted a job opening for 2011-2012 on the Human Resources Website under federal workstudy student employment. Please check out the job description and apply if you are interested and have a workstudy award in hand from UW’s Financial Aid Office.

Student Organization Elections: QAN and Spectrum are holding elections for next year so join and be active with others here at UW. We encourage students to vote for their leadership.

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](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](http://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://uwacadweb.uwyo.edu/SPECTRUM/advice.htm](http://uwacadweb.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. Meetings are on Wednesday nights in the Union. 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 LBGTQ 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 wyominggltbnews@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.