Announcements from the RRC

→ We are in the process of having new books and media soon! Please be on the lookout for them! Details soon! Stop by and use the RRC resources which are here for you and help support the center.

→ March 21-25: Advising Week - Remember to contact your academic advisor to make an appointment. Many advisors are already taking advising appointments before spring break. Start planning now.

→ Tuesday, March 22 and Wednesday, March 23: Leslea Newman at UW:
  o Tuesday, March 22nd (COE 506): 6pm Matthew Sheppard talk hosted by Queer Advocacy Network, Rainbow Resource Center, SPECTRUM, and Gender & Women’s Studies
  o Tuesday, March 22nd: 7:30pm Being Lesbian and Jewish hosted by HILLEL and Religious Studies
  o Wednesday, March 23rd (Business Building AUD), 8pm Heather Has Two Mommies and Matthew Sheppard talk

→ March 21-April 1: RRC Evaluations. Stop by the RRC to complete an evaluation of the center. We value your input.

→ Tuesday, March 29: Jason Thompson Commitment to Diversity Celebration. Jason Thompson was the first African American president of ASUW. During his campaign and time of office he received harsh criticism and even threats based on his race. Despite the bitterness towards him, he proved that race should not be an issue when it comes to roles in student leadership. On March 29, he will come back to the University of Wyoming and give a speech about diversity from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Yellowstone Ballroom of the Student Union.

→ Wednesday, April 13: RRC Town Hall. Please come and share your opinion about the RRC and what we can work on for next year. Held in the RRC from 12:00 pm – 1:00pm with a small lunch provided.

→ Volunteers are needed for educational panels at UW in classes, etc. Contact rrc-staff@uwyo.edu with name, email, phone number, & topics you can cover. We are building our OUTspoken Panels/Speakers database of volunteers who can address LGBTQIA issues. Special thanks to those of you who have responded. We’ve added you
to the database.

→ **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.

→ **B.E.A.U.T.Y**: Check out a new student organization, B.E.A.U.T.Y, on Mondays at 5:00 here at the RRC.

→ **File the FAFSA for 2011-2012 now.** To meet financial aid deadlines for next year, the FAFSA should have already been filed to determine eligibility for federal student aid. Go to [http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/) to file. You can use estimates for tax information if you haven’t filed taxes yet.

→ **Multicultural Graduation**: LGBTQ Students who are graduating are invited to participate in the Multicultural Graduation Celebration on Friday May 6, 2011. 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://uwadmwnweb.uwyo.edu/registrar/forms.asp](http://uwadmwnweb.uwyo.edu/registrar/forms.asp). **Commencement information** can be found at: [http://www.uwyo.edu/AS/commencement/index.html](http://www.uwyo.edu/AS/commencement/index.html)

→ **National LGBT 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 first 500 participants will have the option to claim a $10 gift code to use on Amazon.com. The survey website is: [www.lgbhealthsurvey.com](http://www.lgbhealthsurvey.com). For more information, contact John Blosnich at 304/293.1702 or email jblosnich@hsc.wvu.edu

⇒ **“Family for Fairness” Equality Gathering.** Stay tuned for announcements about a state-wide gathering in Casper in April to brainstorm and plan for equality for all of Wyoming.

⇒ **Take Back the Night**: TBTN sponsored by WAN, Womens Center, RRC, ASUW, Gender and Women’s Studies Department and Albany County SAFE
Opportunities, Internships, Scholarships & Training

- **April 30 is Wyoming Undergraduate Research Day.** Students can access instructions and forms for participation on the Wyoming EPSCoR web site: http://www.uwyo.edu/epscor/Fellowships-and-Student-Programs/Undergraduate-Research-Day/index.html. Students must submit their Information Forms and their abstracts by **March 23, 2011**, in order to participate in Research Day.

- **Summer Session 2011 registration is open now.** Preview of Courses being offered is online - http://uwadmweb.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**

- April 6-9, 2011. Shepard Symposium on Social Justice. **SEE:** http://outreach.uwyo.edu/conferences/justice/
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 on March 25, from 3:30-4:30 pm, in the Union 202. 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 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. Focusing mostly on the politics piece, in light of current legislation. For more information contact jadkins2@uwyo.edu.
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 legislative issues and 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
Please let us know of others who are in the LGBTQIA community who wish to be added to this newsletter. We’d be happy to subscribe them. Just email rrc-staff@uwyo.edu with their email address.