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Brown University Queer Alliance Newsletter

This Week's QA Events

Monday, November 5

7:00 pm – Queer Political Action Committee (QPAC)

LGBTQ Resource Center (321 Faunce)

A group dedicated to organizing political advocacy around queer issues including marriage, blood donor equality and right to serve.

Contact(s): Megan_C_Smith@brown.edu & Lara_Wilson@brown.edu

Girl's Night Out Not Meeting This Week - 8:00pm – Girl's Night Out

Sarah Doyle Women's Center (Corner of Brown St. and Benevolent St.)

A safe social space for women who kiss women, or want to...

Contact(s): Jennifer_Nykiel@brown.edu

Tuesday, November 6

6:00pm – Dance Committee

LGBTQ Resource Center (321 Faunce)

The Dance Committee plans our twice-yearly dances, SexPowerGod and StarF*ck. Come get involved in planning and meet some cool people.

If you want to model for the posters in the future, e-mail queer@brown.edu to be added to the new model listserv.

Contact(s): Kathryn_Lamb@brown.edu & Robin_Peckham@brown.edu

7:00pm – Students for Sexuality Studies

LGBTQ Resource Center (321 Faunce)

Come learn how you can help increase the number of gender and sexuality courses at Brown. You don't need to be a concentrator to expand your academic options.

Contact(s): Patrick_Nagle@brown.edu & Ryan_Grubbs@brown.edu

8:00pm – STRIPPING DOWN: A Debate on SexPowerGod

Metcalf Chem Auditorium (First Floor of the building across Thayer from the SciLi).

Event Planners KATIE LAMB and ROBIN PECKHAM and Editorial Critic SEAN QUIGLEY (and another forthcoming speaker).

They will be speaking about their positions on SexPowerGod and in a follow-up will be able to directly rebut issues brought up by the opposing viewpoint. At the end of the debate we will open the discussion to questions from the audience.

All are encouraged to dress accordingly!!

Want more info?? See below in “Other Events”

9:00pm – Queer Community Committee (QCC)

Third World Center (Corner of Waterman St. and Brown St. across from Faunce)

The Queer Community committee plans services and events for the benefit of the Brown queer community. Past events have included free, anonymous, oral swab HIV testing and a lecture and screening from a prominent LGBTQ filmmaker; future projects include a survey of queer history at Brown.

Contacts: Robert_Malayev@brown.edu & Samantha_Scudder@brown.edu & Jonah_Fabricant@brown.edu

Wednesday, November 7

BiTE Not Meeting This Week 8:00pm - Bisexuals Talk and Eat (BiTE)

LGBTQ Resource Center (321 Faunce)

BiTE is a biweekly safe and confidential discussion group and social space where bisexuals, pansexuals, their allies/friends/partners, or those who choose not to self-identify under any of these categories can chat and eat. We welcome persons of all genders and sexualities, so bring a friend!

Contact(s): Kimberly_Casten@brown.edu & Michael_Wert@brown.edu & Jessica_Fredston-Hermann@brown.edu

10:00pm – Hi-T

LGBTQ Resource Center (321 Faunce)

A biweekly study break for LGBTQ and Allied students, where we don't actually serve tea, but something much hotter... See old friends and make new ones! Feel free to drop by any time between 10 and midnight. All are welcome!

Contact(s): Zachary_Marcus@brown.edu & Robert_Malayev@brown.edu

Thursday, November 8

6:00pm - The Agenda (NOW ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS - SEE BELOW)

LGBTQ Resource Center (321 Faunce)

Brown's only queer publication. We welcome any publishable contributions/submissions including, but not limited to, written material, photographs, and art. Stop by the LBGT Resource Center (Faunce 321) for free previous editions!!

Contact(s): Megan_C_Smith@brown.edu & Christopher_Mendez@brown.edu

7:00pm – GenderAction

LGBTQ Resource Center (321 Faunce)

An education, advocacy, and discussion group concerning transgender, transsexual, gender queer, polygender, two spirit, and gender variant issues. All are welcome!

Contact(s): Robin_Peckham@brown.edu

8:00pm– RUQUS

E-mail Joshua_Teitelbaum@brown.edu for location

A discussion/action group of radical queers dedicated to anti-racist, anti-classist, anti-war, pro-feminist, pro-labor, pro-trans, pro-queer organizing and politics. All are welcome. Potluck encouraged.

Contact(s): Joshua_Teitelbaum@brown.edu

Friday, November 9

Pride Month Not Meeting This Week - Noon – Pride Month Organizing Committee

LGBTQ Resource Center (321 Faunce)

Anyone interested in getting involved with organizing Pride Month is welcome.

Contact(s): Robin_Peckham@brown.edu

Saturday, November 10

Sunday, November 11

6:00pm – Queer Alliance Coordinating Committee (CC)

LGBTQ Resource Center (321 Faunce)

This is the administrative body of the Queer Alliance that deals primarily with scheduling, funding, and programming outside of the subgroups. Everyone welcome. E-mail cc@queer.brown.edu if you would like to add an item to the CC agenda by noon on the Saturday preceding the meeting.

8:00pm – QUEST

Sarah Doyle Women's Center (Corner of Brown St. and Benevolent St.)

A confidential weekly support group for queer, questioning, and coming-out students coming to understand sexual and gender identity.

Contact(s): Alia_Lahlou@brown.edu & Timothy_Gregor@brown.edu

Other Events

LGBTQ Athlete Group

Now Active - For Time and Location e-mail lgbtq@brown.edu

A confidential support/discussion group for LGBTQ and questioning athletes. For more information contact the LGBTQ Resource Center (e-mail below).

Contact(s): lgbtq@brown.edu

STRIPPING DOWN: SexPowerGod

"Any and all behavior that stops short of violence is permissible on many college campuses... You would have been safer in Baghdad than on the campus of Brown University."
-Bill O'Reilly

Two years ago Bill O'Reilly briefly put Brown University, the Queer Alliance, and their annual dance, SexPowerGod, in the national spotlight. Aside from O'Reilly's crosshairs, SexPowerGod has been an issue of continuing controversy on our campus. Usually, SPG discussions are mostly relegated to individual conversations or intermittent op-eds, but the Brown Debating Union would like to invite everyone interested to a formal discussion and debate about SexPowerGod.

We are pleased to present our speakers:

Event Planners KATIE LAMB and ROBIN PECKHAM and Editorial Critic SEAN QUIGLEY (and another forthcoming speaker).

They will be speaking about their positions on SexPowerGod and in a follow-up will be able to directly rebut issues brought up by the opposing viewpoint. At the end of the debate we will open the discussion to questions from the audience.

We would also like to thank the Queer Alliance for allowing us to RAFFLE A PAIR OF TICKETS TO THIS YEAR'S SEXPOWERGOD to a lucky attendee. All attendees will be entered into the raffle and if you want to increase your chances of winning even more, we will enter extra tickets for people who donate clothes at the event (appropriate since much of the SPG controversy revolves around a lack of clothing).

WHEN: 8 PM-9:30 PM, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH (this upcoming Tuesday).

WHERE: Metcalf Chem Auditorium (First Floor of the building across Thayer from the SciLi).

OPEN CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

THE AGENDA

Brown's only queer publication is looking for submissions!

We welcome any publishable contributions, including, but not limited to, written material (articles on any topic, poetry, essays, etc.), art, and photographs.

Past topics for articles have included:

The meaning of "queer"

Same-sex marriage and/or marriage equality

Queerness in literature

Queer capitalism and culture

We are looking for articles of any type, including experiential narratives, editorials, stories relating to current events, or scholarly articles of any topic relating to queerness and sexuality.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Christopher_Mendez@brown.edu and Megan_C_Smith@brown.edu

GenderAction is hosting a fundraiser for Pride Month

Tuesday, November 27th from 8pm-10pm in the Hourglass Cafe (aka The Underground).

This will be a drag burlesque/stripesque show.

We need lots of performers -- this can be a song, a dance, a poem or something else... Whatever the description above inspires you to do.

Also, we will need six volunteers: Two shifts of two people at the doors and one person watching the food and non-als. There will be no alcohol at the event. It's open to the general public.

It will cost \$3 at the door. Also, guests will be encouraged to tip performers. Tell them to bring singles! And all proceeds will go to benefit Pride Month.

Please e-mail Kathryn_Lamb@brown.edu and Robin_Peckham@brown.edu if you want to perform or volunteer or both.

Queer Book Club

It's the one year anniversary of Queer Book Club!
Our next meeting is on Wednesday, November 14th at 7:00 PM.
We meet at Books on the Square in Providence.
The reading selection is Drag King Dreams by Leslie Feinberg.
Please email queerbookclub@gmail.com for more information

MTV's "A SHOT AT LOVE" - OPEN CASTING CALL

***TUES. 11/6/07 12-5pm**

Rumor

100 Warrenton St.

Boston, MA 02116

***WED. 11/7/07 12-6pm**

District

180 Lincoln Street

Boston, MA 02111

MTV is gearing up for another round of drama for SEASON 2 of the scandalous groundbreaking smash hit series "A Shot At Love." If you are at least 21 years old and have the sex appeal, heart and spirit to win the love of our NEW Bi-Bachelorette, then we want to hear from you!

- Myspace.com/AShotAtLove
- Hotline 310.467.3007
- ShotAtLoveCasting@gmail.com

Understanding Sexual Assault: Offender Tactics, Victim Responses to Trauma and How You Can Help

Saturday, November 10th, 2-5pm, Carmichael Auditorium

The presentation will cover the dynamics of sexual assault, victim response including the neurobiology of trauma and the best ways to help someone who's been sexually assaulted. Presented by Claire Harwell, JD.

About the speaker

Claire Harwell is a national trainer on sexual assault for police, prosecutors, medical providers, civil attorneys, judges and counselors. She developed a training curriculum to address sexual assault in the US Air Force worldwide. She has served as a consultant to the National Judicial Education Program for sexual assault policy and response issues. She has been a prosecutor, director of a rape crisis center and a police officer. As a prosecutor in New Mexico, she prosecuted a variety of high-profile violent offenses. Her cases have been featured on "20/20" and other international news media.

This workshop is open to all students. Sponsored by Health Education.

Southeast Asian Heritage Week Opening!

Monday, 4 November 2007

Defiance: The Struggle for Self-Definition

Convocation Speaker: Lam Ho '01

Salomon 101, 7:00-9:00 PM

submit to queer. the temporality. Issue: (re)actions – poetry – fiction – visual arts

queer., the only intercollegiate undergraduate journal for critical discussion around what it means to be *queer.*, is accepting submissions for a winter 2008 release. *queer.* is published by Campus Pride (www.campuspride.net), the only national non-profit serving LGBT and ally student leaders at colleges and universities across the country. *queer.* is an international publication with editors at nearly 20 undergraduate institutions across the US and Canada. It is distributed to over 100 schools and its entire content is posted online at www.queer-journal.com.

The theme for our winter 2008 issue is the TEMPORALITY. We are particularly looking for pieces that engage with notions of queer temporal imagination and construction. For example, how does a queer relationship (or understanding) of time create new relations to history? To the present? The future? Given that many demarcations of time are defined through implicitly heteronormative events (marriage, childbirth), what does queer time look like? *queer.* encourages its contributors to be in conversation with the recent special issue of GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies (Volume

13, Number 2-3, 2007, Guest Edited by Elizabeth Freeman).

We primarily accept pieces in the following formats, but others are welcomed as well:

- (re)actions – concise and powerful statements of about 800 words reacting to the current issue's theme by, for example, complicating related questions, deconstructing them, or clarifying them
- reflections – expressions in the form of poetry, fiction, and visual arts and resonating with the current issue's theme
- essays – academic pieces previously submitted for course credit reflecting the issue's theme

queer. is also continually accepting submissions for future issues.

Submit your work for the INTERNET issue by November 15, 2007, by e-mailing it to patricktmckelvey@yahoo.com. Only submissions from undergraduates will be accepted. All submissions must be in English or accompanied by an English translation.

If you are interested in being involved with *queer.* in an editorial capacity, please e-mail Michael Amico, editor-in-chief, at patricktmckelvey@yahoo.com. For more information and the content of past issues, please visit our website at www.campuspride.org/queerjournal.asp

Be a part of an internationally informed dialogue of young people on queer issues.

K'VETCH 11-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, November 4, 9pm

Sadie's Flying Elephant, on the corner of Potrero and Mariposa
San Francisco

ALL-FEATURE EXTRAVAGANZA with Charlie Anders, Christopher Boyd, Cindy Emch, Logan Knight, Ace Morgan, Alvin Orloff, Heather Renee Russ, horehound stillpoint, Mattilda Bernstein Sycamore, Max Wolf Valerio, Shawna Virago and Lauren Wheeler. Cohosted by Kirk Read and special guest Samara Halperin (Tara Jepsen is touring)
FREE

INSTANT CITY ISSUE #5 LAUNCH PARTY ("CRIME")

Thursday, November 8th, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Readings began at 8 p.m. SHARP!

Adobe Bookshop

3166 16th Street, between Valencia and Guerrero

San Francisco

Readings by Stephen Elliott, Sarah Fran Wisby, Mattilda Bernstein Sycamore and Richard J. Martin Jr.

Followed by live music by CONES (Formerly Fierce Antler)

(415)-864-3936

FREE

WHY ARE FAGGOTS SO AFRAID OF FAGGOTS?:

flaming challenges to masculinity, objectification and the desire to conform

. CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS .

As back rooms are shut down to make way for wedding vows, and gay sexual culture becomes little more than straight-acting dudes hangin' out, where are the possibilities for a defiant faggotry that

challenges the assimilationist norms of a world that wants us dead?

Masculine ideals have long reigned supreme in male sexual spaces, from the locker room to the tea room, the bars to the back alleys to the beaches. But is there something more brutal and dehumanizing about the calculated hyperobjectification of the internet? How do we confront the limits of transaction sexuality, where scorn becomes "just a preference," lack of respect is assumed, and lying is a given? How can we create something splendid and intimate from that universe of shaking and moaning and nervous glances turned inward now groaning?

I'm especially interested in essays about community-building experiments, public sexual cultures, faggots not socialized or presenting as male, cruising, HIV, consumerism, transfaggotry, polyamory, feminism, sexual safety and risk-taking, norms for faggots outside of the US, and gender transgression (of course). I'm looking for essays that expose hierarchies of gender, age, race, nationality, class, body type, ability, sexuality and other identity categories instead of imposing fascistic definitions based on beauty myth consumer norms. That's right, honey -- I'm talking about interventions that are dangerous and lovely, just like you.

Mattilda a.k.a. Matt Bernstein Sycamore is the editor, most recently, of *Nobody Passes: Rejecting the Rules of Gender and Conformity* (Seal/Avalon, 2007) and an expanded second edition of *That's Revolting! Queer Strategies for Resisting Assimilation* (Soft Skull, forthcoming). Her second novel, *So Many Ways to Sleep Badly*, will be published by City Lights in 2008. For more on Mattilda, visit www.mattbernsteinsycamore.com.

The basics:

*Submit non-fiction essays of up to 6,000 words. All submissions must be typed and double-spaced, and sent by post (no email submissions, but feel free to contact me with queries, mattilda@sbcglobal.net). Please include a short bio.

*Deadline is November 31, 2007 -- but the sooner, the better.

*Send submissions to:
Mattilda a.k.a. Matt Bernstein Sycamore
537 Jones Street, #3152
San Francisco, CA 94102

PrYSM Community Awards Ceremony: For Justice & Love

AWARDS, DINNER, DANCE

Sayles Hall

Friday, Nov. 16, 6pm

PrYSM (Providence Youth-Student Movement) is a grassroots Southeast Asian youth organization committed to anti-racist organizing, youth empowerment, and community development. They run a group called seaQuel for Southeast Asian queers and do HIV/AIDS outreach in the local Southeast Asian community.

For Justice & Love: PrYSM Community Awards Ceremony will be a space to honor the community heroes who have given their all for justice, and for love.

Free admission...donations accepted

For more information or to reserve tickets, call Kohei Ishihara at 401-419-5713 or email Kohei@prysm.us.

Announcements:

We are currently receiving submissions for amending the Queer Alliance Constitution. Please review the constitution at http://queer.brown.edu/qa_constitution.pdf and e-mail queer@brown.edu with any questions, comments and/or suggestions.

There will be openings for the following CC positions this Spring Semester (REVISED):

-Head Chair

-Finance Chair

-Outreach Chair

E-mail queer@brown.edu for more info.

QA Coordinating Committee Minutes for Sunday, November 4

Subgroup check in

SPG budget discussed

E-mails to queer@brown.edu

SPG debate

-Tuesday Nov. 6, Metcalf Auditorium (across Thayer from the SciLi)

SPG Ticket Sales

QA Information Tableslipping

Elections for open positions

This is the official weekly newsletter of the Queer Alliance Coordinating Committee for the greater queer community of Brown University.

Any anonymous comments or suggestions regarding the Queer Alliance or our programs are welcomed and can be dropped off in the Queer Alliance mailbox in the Student Activities Office (SAO) on the first floor of Faunce.

If you would like something to be added to our newsletter, please contact Zachary_Marcus@brown.edu

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