



UFMC Newsletter

April is LGBT Awareness Month!

LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) History Month originated in the United States and was first celebrated in 1994. It was founded by Missouri high-school history teacher Rodney Wilson. The Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) became an early and important supporter.

In 1995, the NEA (National Education Association) indicated support of LGBT History Month as well as other history months by resolution at its

General Assembly. LGBT History Month takes place in October, because National Coming Out Week traditionally takes place in October. October also commemorated the first march on Washington by LGBT people in 1979.

LGBT History Month is intended to encourage openness and acceptance about lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender issues.

On June 2, 2000, President Bill Clinton declared June "Gay & Lesbian Pride Month". This year, the UF is combining these two

important months into one event-filled month: LGBT Awareness Month. April was chosen because of the annual National Day of Silence, which occurs during April. This month will include programming from the UF, such as a documentary screening and candle light vigil, as well as the Day of Silence keynote speaker, sponsored by Pride.



Diversity Through Dance: A Celebration of Culture

Diversity Through Dance is a new program at USD that will encourage the appreciation of culture and heritage through the story of dance. This program is led by Sarah Miralles of the UFMC, who explains, "Dance is the way the body moves freely to music, a beat, or even just to words. Each movement tells a story. The

purpose of this program is not only to see the different cultures through movement, but also to appreciate the beauty of their stories, whether they be about struggles, love, or just life in general". Each Sunday, the International Houses at Balboa Park host the public at FREE events that feature dance,

music, and food. The UF will be hosting a group trip to the House of India on April 13th at 2pm in Balboa Park. For more information, please check out the Balboa Park website at: www.balboapark.org/ or email Sarah Miralles at sarahmi-10@sandiego.edu, or stop by the UFMC!

- Tuesday, 1st: International Women in Politics Discussion 1-2pm, UFMC
- Wednesday, 9th: "For the Bible Tells Me So" Screening 8pm, SOLES Executive Classroom
- Sunday, 13th: Diversity Through Dance, House of India, 2-4pm, Balboa Park
- Tuesday, 15th: UFMC Community Game Day 11am-3pm, UFMC
- Wednesday, 16th: National Day of Silence Keynote Speaker 7pm, UC Forums
- College Cuisine
- Friday 18th- Sunday 20th: RAD Self-Defense Workshop
- Saturday 19th: Aikane O Hawaii Luau 4:30pm, UC Forums
- Wednesday 23rd: Keynote Speaker Jackson Katz (MEN ONLY) 7pm, SOLES Auditorium

- Thursday 24th: Take Back the Night March, Mission Beach
- Friday, 25th: ISO International Expo 7pm, UC Forums
- Sunday, 17th: Diversity Through Dance, House of England, 2-4pm, Balboa Park
- Wednesday 30th: Candlelight Vigil for Hate Crimes Victims 8pm, USD Campus

LGBT stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender. Sometimes it is expanded to include Queer, Questioning, and Allies: LGBTQQA.

Pride: Organization of the Month



Pride is an organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, queer, and questioning students, and their allies. Pride was originally called SAESO (the Student Alliance Embracing Sexual Orientation, and was founded on the USD campus in 1993. The name was changed to Pride in 1998.

Each year, Pride hosts several im-

portant events at USD. In Oc-

tober, Pride celebrates Coming Out Week with speakers and other programming. In February, Pride hosts an event for Pride and PrideLaw alumni that allows past and current Pride members to mingle and learn from one another. This even is also important because it enables Pride to give small scholarships through donations. This year, the alumni event coincided with The Open Show, an art show featuring work about diversity and inclusion. April

includes the National Day of Silence, a day in which the entire nation is encouraged to stand in solidarity with members of the LGBT community that are silenced by intolerance. This year, the National Day of Silence keynote speaker at USD will be Maya Keyes, and will take place on April 16th at 7pm. Earlier that day, t-shirts for the event will be given out, and a Silent Lunch will take place around the Maher Fountain from 12-1pm.



Spotlight on: Rainbow Educators

The Rainbow Educators are a group of students, staff, alumni/ae, and faculty who give workshops at USD on sexual orientation and other diversity issues. They speak to classes, residence halls, athletic teams, staff and faculty groups, Greek organizations, and student clubs. Their workshops are interactive, dynamic, and fun; they include films, role plays, visualizations, Q&A, and personal stories. The Rainbow Educators (RE's) aim to help the University of San Diego move toward greater awareness,

knowledge, and inclusion of its lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered (LGBT) community. The Rainbow Educators Program of the University of San Diego began in September 1999 as part of the Rainbow Visibility grant. Funded by the Irvine Foundation through USD's Cultural Competencies Project Team, Rainbow Visibility was a comprehensive plan to raise the collective awareness of the university community to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender culture and history.

The Rainbow Educators can be con-

tacted at any time during the academic year to give a presentation to a class, group, or team. Be sure to request one for your organization or class this semester! Stop by the UFMC or fill out the Web Request Form at:
www.sandiego.edu/unitedfront/re/

An **Ally** is a supporter of the LGBTQQ community that does not personally identify as LGBTQQ. Allies have played an important role in the progress of LGBTQQ issues, and are an important part of the USD Pride and Rainbow Educators programs.

Sexual Assault Awareness Week

Sexual Assault Awareness Week, takes place at USD from Monday, April 21st to Friday, April 25th. Sexual Assault Awareness Week aims to raise awareness about sexual violence and its prevention.

The week includes Jackson Katz, a keynote speaker just for men, who hopes to charge men with the responsibility to prevent and react to sexual violence.

The week culminates with the Take Back the Night March, which takes place at Mission Beach. The Take Back the Night March recognizes the need for women to feel safe at night, and charges women to take control of their surroundings. The event also allows marchers to stand in solidarity with those who have been affected by sexual violence.

Sexual Assault Awareness Week is preceded by the RAD (Rape Aggres-

sion Defense) self defense workshops. These workshops teach individuals how to defend themselves against attackers and how to become less vulnerable. These workshops and Sexual Assault Awareness week provide important tools for both women and men in the prevention of sexual violence.

For more information, stop by the UF, or visit the Women's Center (UC 116).



April 2008



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

United Front Organizations: General Body Meetings

Fuso: Tuesdays, 12:15pm, Serra 211
MEChA: Every Other Wednesday, 10pm, UFMC
'Aikane: Thursdays, 12:15pm, Serra 212
BSU: Tuesdays, 9pm, UFMC
Pride: Wednesdays, 7pm, UFMC

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International Women in Politics Discussion 1-2pm, UFMC		Registration for Fall 2008 Begins!		

6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	←— Life Week		"For the Bible Tells Me So" Screening 8pm SOLES Executive Classroom (room 102)	Life Week—→		

13	14	15	16	17	18	19
UFLC Meeting 4-6pm Diversity Through Dance House of India 5:30pm, Balboa park		UFMC Community Game Day 11am-3pm	Silent Lunch 12-1pm, Maher Fountain National Day of Silence Keynote Speaker 7pm, UC Forums		RAD Self Defense Workshop	RAD Self Defense Workshop Aikane O Hawaii Luau 4:30pm, UC Forums
	←— Aloha Week			Aloha Week—→		

20	21	22	23	24	25	26
RAD Self Defense Workshop			Keynote Speaker Jackson Katz (Men Only) 7pm, SOLES Auditorium	Take Back the Night March, Mission Beach	ISO International Expo 7pm, UC Forums	
	←— Sexual Assault Awareness Week—→					

27	28	29	30			
Diversity Through Dance House of England 5:30pm, Balboa park			Candlelight Vigil 8pm, USD Campus (meet in front of Maher)			



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