

Hello all,

I hope your mid-term week is going well. It was great to see the huge turn out for Queer Prom. Thanks again to ALLY for all their efforts! Since you may have mid-terms this week, I have an excellent study break for you...see item #1 below. There are 9 items this week.

-Mickey

1-10TH ANNIVERSARY COFFEE HOUSE & CONCERT!

The pleasantly aggressive folk duo 'Nervous but Excited' will be performing 2 concerts in Athens on Wednesday! From Noon-1pm join them at Baker Center's free weekly concert series, Acoustic Café (2nd Floor Baker). Later that night they will play as part of the LGBT Center's 10th Anniversary Coffeehouse & Concert in the Downstairs Café at UCM. This event is FREE and will feature tasty Donkey Coffee and lovely refreshments. (The coffeehouse will take the place of the weekly Open Doors meeting).

DATE/TIME: Wednesday February 4, 8pm-11pm

LOCATION: UCM -18 N. College St

2-THE POST IS SEEKING INTERVIEWEES

Mallory Long, the gender issues staff writer for The Post is working on a story about LGBT rights and the laws that affect the LGBT community. She would like to speak with couples about how these laws affect their relationships and their lives. She is also willing to talk with singles about past experiences. If you'd like to be featured in the story, please contact Mallory at ml743806@ohio.edu or (440)308-6118. The story will be running as the Post Modern centerpiece next Thursday (2/12) so contact her by Friday (2/6) so she can make arrangements to meet with you.

3-THIS WEEK IS HIV/AIDS AWARENESS WEEK!

Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Programs, the Epsilon Iota Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., POWER and SHADES this week is filled with informative events including film screenings, Free HIV/AIDS testing, and Marvelyn Brown as the keynote speaker. The full schedule of events can be found at the end of this digest.

4-RUPAUL'S DRAG RACE ON LOGO!

Join RuPaul, the world's most famous drag queen, as the host, mentor and judge for "RuPaul's Drag Race," Logo's new reality series which will be the ultimate in drag queen competitions. The top 9 drag queens in the U.S. will vie for drag stardom as RuPaul, in full glamazon drag, will reign supreme in all judging and eliminations, while the debonair Mr. RuPaul will help guide the contestants as they prepare for each challenge. Contestants include the nation's hottest most glamorous drag queens, including one voted in by you online! The show airs Mondays from 10-11pm. You can watch online or on TV. LOGO is Channel 3 on CatVision.

5-GLBT WRITING CONTEST!

Spiral River Productions is seeking stories for a book and is conducting a

writing contest. The purpose of the book is to reflect the authentic lives of GLBT all over the world. Prizes \$25-\$1000! To enter use the form at

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=VajoLXgo39q9RldDk6ia0w_3d_3d

6-SUMMER FELLOWSHIP WITH NATIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN TASK FORCE!

The organization and training fellowship is a paid social justice fellowship that's fast and furiously intense, providing the training, mentoring and support for people who are serious about being professional political organizers for the LGBT movement. You'll get real campaign experience, learning to recruit hundreds of volunteers that build large-scale grassroots campaigns to change voters' minds and hearts about the lives of LGBT people. For more info or to apply check out http://www.theTaskForce.org/about_us/interns_and_fellows

7-INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY FESTIVAL!

The search is on for participants for the International Women's Day Festival on March 8, 2009. You can contribute in the following ways: poetry, performance, dance, readings, presentations, poster displays, speeches, tabling for organizations, vending, food tastings, artwork, or any other unique contribution you would like to make! Individual presentations should be 5 to 10 minutes long, and group presentations can be up to 15 minutes long. The deadline for submissions is February 13th. Please submit a proposal by stopping by the Women's Center, or emailing for a form at womenscenter@ohio.edu.

8 -TRANS-HEALTH CONFERENCE SEEKS SUBMISSIONS!

The Philadelphia Trans-Health Conference committee is currently seeking workshop, panel, and symposium proposals for its 2009 conference. The theme is "Different Paths...One Journey." For more information on topics and submission guidelines please check out www.trans-health.org Deadline for submissions is February 15.

9 -RELATIONSHIP SATISFACTION SURVEY!

A researcher from Wayne State University in Detroit is looking for Gay or Lesbian couples who have been living together for at least six months to complete an online survey and provide a photocopy of their right hand. Those who complete the photo copy and survey will receive a Michigan scratch off lottery ticket and be reimbursed for postage. At the end of the study a raffle will be conducted and 3 \$100 restaurant gift cards will be awarded. For more information or to participate please send your email address and your partner's email address to Lmdillon@gmail.com. All information received will be kept confidential.

HIV/AIDS AWARENESS WEEK SCHEDULE!

Tuesday: POWER Presentation - yOU, Me and HIV; 5:30 pm in the Multicultural Center

Wednesday: SHADES Presentation - Movie Screening and Discussion; 5:15 pm in Bentley 132. FREE PIZZA AND DRINKS provided.

Thursday: Candlelight Vigil sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; 6:30 pm; Meet at College Gate

Thursday: Keynote Speaker - Marvelyn Brown; Young, Beautiful and (HIV) Positive; 7:30 pm in the Baker Theater Marvelyn Brown, a 24-year-old native Tennessean, was diagnosed with HIV at age 19. Since then she has moved both live and television audiences around the United States with her compelling personal story. Brown has spoken at over 50 colleges and universities nationwide and currently has an HIV-focused blog on poz.com and a lifestyle blog on staying-alive.org. She is currently the CEO and an Independent HIV Consultant for, Marvelous Connections. Her humanitarian work earned her a 2007 Emmy Award for Outstanding National Public Service Announcement. Brown's autobiography, *The Naked Truth: Young, Beautiful and (HIV) Positive*, was published by Amistad/HarperCollins in 2008. (<http://www.marvelynbrown.com/>)

Saturday: National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
2009 theme: Black Life is Worth Saving. <http://www.blackaidsday.org/>