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Open Forum with President Baker

On Wednesday, November 12th, Cal Poly students hosted an open forum with the Deans of all colleges, many knowledgeable faculty and administrative staff, ASI President Angela Kramer, and President Baker. Kramer and Baker led introductions. Baker's introduction shared an emotional story about living in Detroit in a mixed race community in 1967-8. Race riots were happening, and as a white man driving through his community, he once had a gun stuck in his face. During this time he fought for diversity and equality. He moved on to describe the incident in the crops house as one that "struck fear and hurt in our African American and GLBT community. . . This is more than an isolated incident. . . it shows a wider problem." He also talked highly of individual responsibility and said that we frequently "fall short on individual responsibility to challenge boundaries" because we already have offices for diversity, gen-

eral education, and speakers. Students were able to ask a variety of questions with a popular one being "Why aren't the students in the crops house being punished for their actions?". Sandra Ogren, former Minnesota Supreme Court Justice/current Vice President for Advancement at Cal Poly stated that "we've put this question to the police and FBI under state and federal law and there is not a hate crime here because there is no crime. Instead it's hate speech where punitive actions can't be taken." Baker then added that "we tend to punish rather than rehabilitate... [the students] have left the house and the house has been boarded up."

The Deans of each college seemed to be very supportive of increasing support for diversity on campus. Dean Bailey of the College of Math and Science stated that "there will be gender neutral bathrooms in the new Center for Math and Science." After great ap-

plause, Dean Wehner of the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences stated he will work on implementing diversity training for faculty and staff. Other ideas thrown out included asking students to sign a respect pledge when accepting their admission to Cal Poly, and asking faculty to get students in class to work together to build connections between diverse populations of students.

Although it seems as if the administration at Cal Poly are working hard to ensure that incidents like this do not happen in the future, and working to increase diversity and tolerance/acceptance of diverse populations, students still seem hurt. One student who wishes to remain anonymous stated that she is upset that these crop science students get to walk around campus like nothing happened and they can basically hide themselves, where as she as an African American student has no way of hiding her identity.

PRISM

Prism is Cal Poly's LGBTQIA Peer Counseling & Mentoring Program. An online confidential program, PRISM allows students to choose their peer counselor based on similar issues and through reading their online bios. Recently 4 new students were accepted into the program and will train for the next 2 quarters before starting to counsel students. Check out www.pride.calpoly.edu for more information.

New PRISM Counselors



Allison Marin
Aerospace
Engineering
2nd Year



Emily Chang
Graphic
Communications
2nd Year



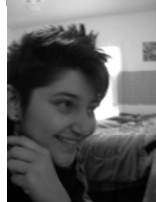
Brett Labastida
Ag Systems
Management/
International
Relations
3rd Year



Cameron Beck
Civil Engineering
3rd Year



Jessica Cresci
Rec, Parks &
Tourism Admin.
3rd Year



Jay Ledbetter
Psychology
5th Year



Joey Long
Civil Engineering
5th Year



Daniel Pfau
Animal Science
4th Year



Jen Ton
Architectural
Engineering
3rd year



Tyler Whipple
Mechanical
Engineering
2nd Year



Seth Winkenwerder
Biology
3rd Year



A.J. Rust
Biology
2nd Year

Recap of Transgender Awareness Days Events



Transgender Awareness Days started off with a Transgender 101 Workshop on Wednesday, November 19th. 13 students were in attendance and learned about transgender terminology, current events, and current trans issues on campus. Although quiet, the students seemed receptive to the ideas and asked some poignant questions. The second event was held Wednesday night. A vigil for

those who have been killed for being trans was held and after the film "Transparent" was shown. Over 50 students were in attendance and good points were brought up in the discussion after the film.

The last event held was on Thursday and was a showing of episodes 1 and 5 of the Sundance Channel's documentary "Transgeneration." The show profiled 4 trans

students in different colleges and all of the struggles they faced. Approximately 25 students were in attendance. Great comments and questions were asked after and were answered by the moderator and 2 transgender guests.

Overall the events went well and the attendance numbers were well above expected.

Keep your eye out for another transgender event mid winter quarter!

Upcoming Pride Center Events for Winter Quarter

Winter LGBTQA Organizations Social

Wednesday, January 14 from 6-8:30pm in San Luis Lounge, University Union

After a long winter break, take this as an opportunity to catch up with friends and hear what the LGBTQA groups on campus are doing for winter quarter.

Winter Job Fair

Wednesday & Thursday, January 28-29 in the University Union

The Pride Center will be hosting an informational table outside of the Winter Job Fair. Visitors can pick up information about LGBT-friendly companies and learn what to ask potential employers.

Ally Training

Monday, February 2, Times TBD in room 219, University Union



Scholars Day

Thursday, February 5 from 11am-4pm in room 218, University Union

Search through some LGBT-related scholarships.

Same Gender Handholding Day

Tuesday, February 10 from 11am-12pm begins at Dexters Lawn and moves to UU Plaza

Come show your support for same gender equality. After a march around campus, join up with local and on-campus LGBTQA organizations to fight for marriage equality.

Sexual Health Workshop

Wednesday, February 18 at 7pm in Bishops Lounge, University Union

The Pride Center will be hosting a safer sex workshop that is going to cover all the "bases" for everyone, no matter your sexual orientation.

“This Film is Not Yet Rated” Movie Showing

Monday, February 23 from 7-9pm in San Luis Lounge, University Union

This independent film documents the Motion Picture Association of America's rating system of films. Showing the flaws of the biased rating system, TFISNY shows the gender inequality and homophobia used to rate films.



Ally Training

Wednesday, February 25, Time and Location TBD

Change the Status Quo

Saturday, February 28

Workshop Submissions: Homophobia and Dorm Life; Marriage Rights of Same Sex Couples; Heteronormativity.

Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	1	2	3
		Fusion Core Group 6-8pm, Cal Poly Campus PFLAG of Santa Maria, 6-8pm, Pacific Pride Foundation, Santa Maria GALA Board Meeting, 6:30-8:30pm, GALA Center	Men's Dinner Group 7-9pm, Carrows Restaurant in Santa Maria GLBT AA Meeting, St. Stephens Episcopal Church, 7-8pm Spectrum, Cal Poly Gay Straight Alliance, 8-9pm, Cal Poly 52-C36
7	8	9	10
Fusion Movie Night 7pm, GALA Center GLBT AA Meeting St. Stephens Episcopal Church, 7-8pm	The Walt Whitman Gay Men's Book Club, 7-9pm, GALA Center	Fusion Core Group 6-8pm, Cal Poly Campus	Men's Dinner Group 7-9pm, Carrows Restau- rant in Santa Maria GLBT AA Meeting, St. Stephens Episcopal Church, 7-8pm
14	15	16	17
GALA Holiday Dinner 4-9pm, Embassy Suites Fusion Movie Night 7pm, GALA Center GLBT AA Meeting St. Stephens Episcopal Church, 7-8pm		Fusion Core Group 6-8pm, Cal Poly Campus National Organiza- tion for Women, GALA Center	Men's Dinner Group 7-9pm, Carrows Restau- rant in Santa Maria GLBT AA Meeting, St. Stephens Episcopal Church, 7-8pm
21	22	23	24
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28	29	30	31
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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6
GALA at Farmers Market , 6-9pm, Farmers Market Q Youth Group (SLO) 7-8pm, Ludwick Center Fusion Coffee Night 8-9pm, Linnea's The Closet Coffee Night , 8:30pm, Blackhorse	Lesbian Chips'n'Chat 7-9pm, GALA Center GLBT AA Meeting , 134 Nelson St, Arroyo Grande, 7-8pm	LGBT Friendly Night Cornerview, 7pm
11	12	13
GALA at Farmers Market , 6-9pm, Farmers Market Fusion Coffee Night 8-9pm, Linnea's The Closet Coffee Night , 8:30pm, Blackhorse	GLBT AA Meeting , 134 Nelson St, Arroyo Grande, 7-8pm	Ladies' 2nd Saturday Club , 5pm, La Mexicana Restaurant, Atascadero LGBT Friendly Night Cornerview, 7pm
18	19	20
GALA at Farmers Market , 6-9pm, Farmers Market Q Youth Group (SLO) 7-8pm, Ludwick Center Fusion Coffee Night 8-9pm, Linnea's The Closet Coffee Night , 8:30pm, Blackhorse	GALA at Farmers Market Farmers Market 6-9pm GLBT AA Meeting 134 Nelson St, Arroyo Grande, 7-8pm	TranzCentralCoast 6-9pm, GALA Center LGBT Friendly Night , Cornerview, 7pm
25	26	27
Christmas	GLBT AA Meeting 134 Nelson St, Arroyo Grande, 7-8pm	LGBT Friendly Night Cornerview, 7pm

For Pride Center Events for January through March, see page 4

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