

OUTlines

What's IN for those who are OUT (or not) at Penn

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THE QUEER SELLOUT

The big gay marriage movement is at a point when the queer rights fight is over the definition of respectability.

Same-sex marriage has become the focal point for all gay struggles,

and is now the barometer of whether a straight politician is an ally or a foe. Queers have become so fixated on marriage that the more fundamental queer rights issues have been pushed to the side. Worse, for the sake of respectability and normalcy, part of the community is disavowing the sexual liberation struggle that gave birth to the movement.

We are perfectly justified in pushing for same-sex marriage. Whether queer or straight, many of us grew up wanting the classic middle-class lives, with a spouse, children, puppies, and white picket fences.

Our culture is dominated by images of the nuclear family, and queers should rightfully seek equal



public affirmation for their love and devotion. That is, if they so choose. Without marriage, queer couples are getting the short end of the stick. We get less employment benefits, pay more taxes and insurance premiums, and face greater hurdles when it comes to child custody and survivor benefits.

But the same can be said about unmarried heterosexuals. Like our straight peers, we are succumbing to the altar's lure to get our dental plans. What is lost in this fixation is the critical discussion of whether marriage as an institution is legitimate.

Our allies in the feminist movement pointed out long ago that marriage locks women in exploitative and, at times, abusive relationships. It is a state sanctioned tool oppressing those not conforming to the sexual norm. As the hetero population abandons traditional family definitions, the same-sex marriage crusade puts queers in the ironic position of defending the patriarchal, property-based, family value system founded on economic coercion. God forbid there are

common grounds between Bible thumpers and queers!

It is critical to the same-sex marriage movement to fight for marriage in ways that do not compromise an individual's right to choose her/his/hir way of life. Legal recognition of same-sex marriage must not be used to reinforce the idea that if a couple is married, they are more respectable and thus more worthy of rights and recognition. The same-sex mar-

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Captivity & Liberty

Captivity

There are young men and women at the University of Pennsylvania who are not able to be themselves. This is a great institution, but it is lacking in certain respects. Not necessarily in terms of resources due to our wonderful LGBT Center, but more so in terms of attitude. As liberal and open as Penn is, there are still students who hide their sexuality. And I for one have been guilty of not offering support to my questioning or closeted brothers and sisters.

Why don't you come out? From high school into college it actually made me angry that people stayed in the closet; especially when I realized all the resources Penn had. I specifically felt anger toward queer people of color who decided to stay in the closet. I could not under-

stand why they were not more courageous. If I could do it, why couldn't they? The answer is simple: I don't know their situation. Who am I to judge? What if they are financially dependent on their parents? What if they are afraid what their friends would think?



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It is so easy to forget I am living inside Penn's bubble. The real world is not like Penn. Being a member of the LGBT community is still a feared and hated identity. And people are not as accepting or open to change.

Liberty

When many Americans read "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," a sense of awe radiates from them. This is a phrase

from the Declaration of Independence which we hold in high regard. Yet, when the founding fathers wrote the constitution that phrase was meant for only one group, White land-owning males. Many people seem to forget that women, African-Americans, Latinos, and Asians had no rights. This changed with the addition of constitutional amendments abolishing slavery, and giving rights to all regardless of race, color, and sex.

America has come quite a long way in regard to making all citizens equal, but there is more needing to be done. Discrimination still occurs. Although it is less visible than a few decades ago, racism still exists. As a young African-American man, no one can tell me it does not.

So, I ask you: what is the difference between hating someone because of their color, and hating someone because of their sexual orientation? There is no difference. Although many have argued

LGBT people have the ability to pass as straight and race is a constant marker, I disagree. Such a generalization does not apply to butch lesbians, for example. How about transgender people? Can they pass?

I am now finishing my sophomore year and I realize I have so many things I want to do; not only in regard to academics but just in terms of people. There are so many people I want to meet. But sadly, my sentiment is not felt by all. Whether it is my Black friends telling me how they lack White friends, or my LGBT friends telling me about their lack of straight friends.

Do not be afraid to befriend someone because of their color, age, sexuality, or anything else. Although we are all different, one thing unifies us: we are all human beings. From this bond we can grow strong, and fight longer and harder for change. After all, don't we all deserve to live a happy life in liberty?

~Malek Lewis

Next on the Agenda:

Same-Sex Marriage

Since Hawaii began the debate on same-sex marriage now more than a decade ago, we have seen a steady shift of the LGBT Movement's agenda toward same-sex marriage. Currently, there is one state recognizing same-sex marriage and two allowing same-sex civil unions, three states providing some spousal-like benefits to unmarried couples, and one state giving almost all state-level spousal rights to unmarried couples. With all of the discussion and politicking over same-sex marriage, it seems like the issue has earned itself a perpetual place on the LGBT agenda, despite catering to only one segment of the population.

All it takes is a look at the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) website's tabs where it shows items HRC is addressing and you see "Marriage" at the top of the list. This also happens to be the website from where I was able to get the information on which states had laws recognizing same-sex couples.

HRC is one of the biggest and most active organizations fighting for LGBT rights in the United States and helps set the agenda for our movement.

Many queer people look to marriage to legitimize their sexual orientation. Meanwhile, the debate over same-sex marriage excludes an entire populous of queer people. Unfortunately, we have not begun to consider the overlay of many issues and have limited ourselves to dealing with heterosexism. Certainly there are many queer people who experience more than just heterosexism, and the effects of racism, sexism, classism, transphobia, etc. are salient. Yet we are limiting ourselves to the discussion of same-sex marriage, and, from my position, we are losing the battle.

Even before this recent wave of conservative ideology, many states were already passing laws or amending their constitutions to define marriage as a union between a man and

a woman. This medley of blue and red states has divided our country and the Queer Movement has not found a more unifying agenda recognizing the diversity of genders, races, sexes, socioeconomic levels, classes, etc. If same-sex couples were given the right to marry in the United States would it mark the end of discrimination? Considering the issues of classism and racism, does same-sex marriage really provide the answer to all people, or to just White middle class Americans who are leading a generally 'normal' lifestyle with the exception of being able to marry? Are there other covert ways through which LGBT people of varying backgrounds are oppressed and discriminated against? Would they benefit from same-sex marriage, or is this just another way for White people to regain White privilege?

So with all of this focus on marriage and with the Movement being controlled by the "haves" (as op-

posed to the have-nots) will we be able to shift the focus to something more inclusive of all our people? I foresee this move of agenda priority splitting in the Movement. Those of us concerned for our communities will have to decide on whether we will support the LGBT Movement or the Progressive Movement, because can we really actively participate in both if our issues are not represented in either?

The issue of same-sex marriage certainly has a direct connection to other rights for LGBT people – same-sex adoptions, medical benefits, domestic violence situations, power of attorney, and estate planning are just a few examples of this. The institution is a purveyor of many benefits, but these benefits should be given to ALL people despite their marriage status. Why must we buy into this institution to receive benefits that should be given to all people?

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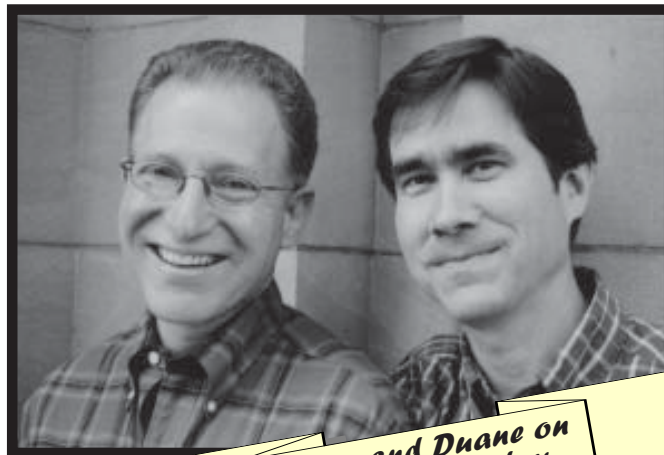
OUT & IN-FOCUS:

Arthur Kaplan '67

Arthur Kaplan is a man of compassion, commitment and integrity. I was fortunate enough to speak with Arthur about his life stretching back to his time at Penn. What he revealed to me was an inspiring look at a role model for the LGBT community.

Arthur's life is one of compassionate activism. While at Penn, he was highly engaged in an effort to end classified military research at the university. The Vietnam War was raging on, and he was in the middle of some of the most contentious times to be a student. On campus, Arthur helped organize marches and protests to end Penn's chemical and germ warfare research. Arthur's activism also came in the form of student magazines, marches, and media campaigns. Marchers would don gas masks as a visual representation of their opposition to the research. Even-

tually, through a media campaign involving the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, pressure mounted for Penn to end all classified military research. In



Arthur and Duane on their wedding day.
(Photo by Katie Jarvis)

time, the faculty senate voted to end this practice, making certain future research would advance individual and social well being in an open and accessible manner.

During his Penn tenure, Arthur was not out. "Penn was a very different place in the 1960s," says Arthur as it was not easy to be an out gay man even at a progressive university. The summer after his graduation in 1967, however, he came

out just prior to going to Harvard Law School. Even then, he says, many people including himself "led two lives" — one as a law student and an-

other as a gay person.

After law school, Arthur made a career as an anti-trust lawyer and is now of counsel at Fine, Kaplan and Black. While a partner of the firm, he won over one billion dollars in settlements for plaintiffs in a class action suit brought against securities firms. He served as the plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel in a very complex, multi-district case. This case ended price fixing by securities firms for years prior. Arthur's commitment

to justice and fairness was yet again apparent.

Arthur has come a long way since his days at Penn; he now lives as an multifaceted gay man. He resides with his partner, R. Duane Perry, whom he met at a 1987 March on Washington fundraiser. On May 21, 2005, Justice D.W. Shaw officiated at Arthur and Duane's marriage in Vancouver, British Columbia.

The *New York Times* acknowledged their marriage by featuring their nuptials, but unfortunately the U.S. government has yet to acknowledge any gay marriage.

Although American society has far to go before acknowledging LGBT persons as equals under the law, Arthur and Duane help assure a safe future for LGBT people. Arthur and his spouse are the donors of the Kaplan-Perry Library at the LGBT Center as well as a scholarship for LGBT Penn undergraduates. "It feels

great to help students be themselves," says Arthur. Through these gifts, Arthur and Duane bring visibility to LGBT students and help reward future LGBT leaders, making it easier for these students to live boldly and courageously. Furthermore, Arthur lends his time to ACLU's Philadelphia chapter as its Vice President. Through this work, he helps secure the legal rights of LGBT persons as well as all people who have had their civil rights challenged.

Arthur's compassion for equality and justice, his commitment to the causes and to his cause and the integrity with which he engages in the world, all evident throughout his life. He also embodies a kindness and openness evident when you meet him, and most importantly, he listens. These may be qualities that make a good lawyer, but they are also the qualities that make a good person and role model. I am glad to know there are people like Arthur who promote justice and equality while inspiring others to do the same.

~Jason Lally

Learning to Lead

...from *Today's Leaders*

The LGBTQ Leadership Retreat, which took place on Saturday, March 18, 2006 brought together student leaders from LGBTQA-related organizations. Representatives included board members from the Queer Student Alliance (QSA), Lambda Alliance, Penn's Athletes and Allies Tackling Homophobia (PATH), Allies, and LGBTQ self-identified students who are leaders of non-LGBTQA organizations.

The retreat included a panel of community members, including Joan Lau, Antonio Muniz, Michael Palmer, and 'Dolph Ward Goldenberg. Goldenberg served as the moderator and brought forth interesting questions about the panelists' experiences as members of the LGBT community, as professionals in the workforce, and their involvement in LGBT-related activities. The questions were framed around the concept of being a 'queer professional' or a 'professional queer,' borrowing

from Yale law professor and author Kenji Yoshino.

After enjoying a delicious brunch and meeting student leaders from several organizations, all participants, LGBT Center staff, and the panelists reconvened to discuss a wide variety of issues and experiences that have shaped their lives.

First, the student representatives had the opportunity to hear from Palmer, a marketing businessman, who shed light on his experience as a college student, professional, and volunteer with political organizations like the Human Rights Campaign. He also focused on his perspective as a gay man in the business world and his contributions to the LGBT community. Similarly, Muniz touched upon his role as a business professional, as a gay man, and as an active participant in the LGBT Center and community. As an engineer, Lau highlighted her experiences as a gay

professional and her dedication to Penn's Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Alumni Association (PennGALA). Ward Goldenberg focused on his work with The William Way LGBT Community Center and his commitment to the LGBT community.

The LGBT Leadership Retreat concluded with a set of questions and comments from the student leaders. The student leaders and panelists brought forth the importance of allied members in the LGBT community, possibilities for involvement with organizations like PennGALA and HRC, and the future of the LGBT community. Their input and shared experiences as members of the LGBT community truly inspired the student leaders to think beyond college and look toward their future contributions to the LGBT community.

~Sheyla Medina

QPOC Love

I discovered Queer People of Color (QPOC) love at "Building Bridges as We Walk: LGBT Students of Color Northeast Regional Conference" at Cornell University

101: What's Trans got to do with me?, and *There's no one on TV like me: (mis)representations of the queer community*, just to name a few. Facilitators ranged

from a QPOC group, I had trouble differentiating and understanding what common QPOC issues were apart from my own issues. My conference experience helped clarify our commonalities and provided a good time.

ability and race co-existed in the eyes of my peers, just as their identities did in my eyes. In that shared sense of embracing our identities as queer people of color, we bonded. It was relaxing, empowering, inspiring, and surreal. It was like love, QPOC love.

QPOC love is the feeling I have around queer people of color who understand my experience, the questions I face from the groups I consider the most dominate in my identity, our sharing of culture and stories, learning from each other, passing knowledge, and enjoying one another's presence.

What I loved the most was discussing topics such as sexuality and race and feeling comfortable expressing my opinions. We did not limit our conversation to the various people of color voices either, for we also explored white voices. It was an effort to embrace, empower, and enlighten. It was a positive and encouraging experience.

~KeAndra Dodds



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in November 2005. There, over 70 East Coast students and professionals, joined together for various workshops, a panel, a talent show, a party, and fabulous conversation and networking. The goal was to develop QPOC leadership by focusing on self-affirmation, capacity building, and education/advocacy issues most relevant to queer students of color.

The panel and workshops encompassed an array of topics. There were workshops entitled *Safer Spaces*, *Class and Queerness: Who sets the Agenda?*, *Trans*

from doctoral students to Cornell staff members, and from poets to playwrights. The workshop structures varied. While some seminars were simply informative lessons with Q&A, others involved debates and discussions. The panel entitled, *The Real World*, was the only one which explored life after college for professional queers.

Overall, I found the conference to be beneficial. Before, I had never been around so many queer people of color. And although I have acknowledged the need for a Penn

The events allowing us to talk about our views, experiences, and goals were what I enjoyed the most. It is always inspiring to be in the presence of

such great achievers, hard-workers, and outstanding leaders, but I found more than that in the attendees of the QPOC leadership conference. I have never felt such a sincere welcome from an initial meeting of a group of people. It was different from when I was welcomed to the Penn community, to the Penn LGBT community, or the Black Penn community. At the QPOC conference, I felt genuinely welcome as a queer person of color for once. I didn't feel either of the two identities had priority over the other. I felt my sexu-

Make It Memorable

Graduation is in a little over a month, who knew. It seems like yesterday I was on a scavenger hunt with my freshman hall trying to figure out where Stitler-Dietrich Hall was because I was too confused to know they are different buildings. It's scary to think back on the last four years and everything that has happened and realize it's almost over.

I did college well, though. I don't have regrets. Sure, there are classes I should have taken and others I shouldn't have. There is plenty more I could have learned, events I could have attended, and people I could have met. None of that matters, however, because I have fond friends and memories. I would like to share some of them with you now.

Freshman year, I was a militant homo-warrior fighting injustice at every turn. My mission was to inform everyone what LGBTQ folks had to deal with by whatever means necessary. Unfortunately, my RA was caught in the crossfire. A building blood drive was

coming up and e-mails and posters abounded with messages like "save a life," which read "screw you queer" to me. I was coping well, however, and kept to a quiet roar.

Of course, you knew this story had a point; I had a bad day which coincided with a blood drive flyer in my mailbox. Furious, I stormed down our hall and noticed some markers on the desk. I ranted to my friend Adam while drawing a big red circle with a cross over the flyer and wrote across the top "NO FAGS ALLOWED." On the bottom, I wrote "T.Y. FDA & [red cross picture]." I told him I was going to put it on my door in protest. Adam advised against it, but I couldn't be told; out came the tape and I traipsed off to class.

Upon his arrival home, my RA found the note and was incredulous. He pulled it down and immediately looked up "hate crime" in his RA manual. The procedure was to call the police. Instead, he called the House Dean and the LGBT Center who luckily knew me

and advised he asked about it first. Adam was still sitting in the hall and when asked if he saw anyone around my door, he told the RA I had posted the note. When I arrived home, I found the note under my door with "Please come see me" written on the back from my RA. I couldn't do anything but laugh when he recounted how I had committed a hate crime against myself.

The second memory I'll recall is Halloween 2005. Having told my friend Eryc I wanted to be Jackie O. for six months, I decided about a week out that this might be the year of Divine. We spent a day driving throughout the city - Ross, Payless Shoes (freaking out folks as I tried various shoes to find the most fabulous pair), wig shops, costume, jewelry, and dollar stores. We found the only way to style the hair was on my head. Eryc spent three hours ratting and coiffing while I hot glued my way to fashion.

When I walked up the steps of College Hall,

I held my head high. As I asked to see President Gutmann, even my makeup couldn't hide my glow. I was a 6'5" drag queen getting the President out of a meeting to have an audience. Nothing can wipe her reaction from my memory, and even now nothing can make me smile wider or cry faster than thinking about that day. I knew I was home and I would miss Penn for the rest of my life.

What I'm trying to say is make it memorable. You've only got four years. You are here to learn and to live. I don't know what grades I got last semester let alone last year; and frankly, it doesn't matter. I look fondly on what I contributed to Penn and what Penn gave to me. I can't explain this feeling and don't know that I ever will be able to do so. All I know is I look more fondly on a cold January 4am wiping snow off the Button than the countless papers, presentations, and trivialities. The memories and experiences are what it is about.

~Phil Cochetti

It's a Wrap!

This year's QPenn was phenomenal. If you missed it, I feel for you. This year's theme "Diversify the Q," reached beyond Penn's LGBTQ limits. With events cosponsored by PAACH, GIC, and La Casa Latina, among others, I think we hit the spot.

To start QPenn, Inter-generational Links – which brings LGBTQ women of all ages together – hosted a Mocktails event, which served as a mentoring mixer between students and LGBTQ professionals. Bartenders concocted fake, yet delightful cocktails and all who attended had fun and made good connections.

To kick the celebration off, an afternoon rally was held on College Green at which Amy Gutmann and others spoke. Later that night, Irvine Auditorium hosted comedian Margaret Cho. The house was packed and the crowd was electric. The content ranged from her lesbian cruise trip to her Korean mother's gay porn descriptions. Cho

also lashed out at Bush and those who discriminate on the basis of race, gender, and sexual orientation. In doing so, her message came through the powerful use of humor.

On Wed, Queer People of Color hosted a dinner discussion at which the race and sexual orientation issues were tackled. Later in Huntsman Hall, queer members of Penn's Greek community had a panel discussion on being "Gay & Greek." The panel included members from OFSA, Delta Lambda Phi, the Big C, Pan-Hel, etc. For two hours at night's end, ALLIES hosted an anonymous chat room. This was an opportunity for closeted and questioning students to ask questions comfortably about their sexuality and life in general.

Thurs, in collaboration with Asian Pacific American Heritage Week, Helie Lee, the creator of the upcoming documentary "Macho like Me" spoke at Huntsman Hall. She chronicled her journey of living

as a man for six and a half months and showed clips of her work-in-progress documentary. Across campus at the LGBT Center, the Kinky Karnival was taking place. Although this event sparked a bit of controversy caused by an ill chosen picture in the *Daily Pennsylvanian*, I enjoyed the bondage, spanking, and fire play. Students explored within their comfort zones in a controlled environment with experts, such a Dawn Marie (Ms. Philadelphia Leather 05-06), around to give advice.

Fri, former Penn State, NCAA Division I Women's Softball Coach and current Senior Diversity Planning Analyst, Sue Rankin, facilitated a discussion about the interaction between sexuality and athletics. Rankin herself was a victim of homophobia at Penn State and was able to share her experiences and brainstorm about how to make changes at Penn. QBall began rocking at World Café Live at 11p and went until the wee hours of the morning with attend-



ees dancing until they dropped. On Sun, Queer Quizzo and a screening of "Fish Can't Fly" carried a successful QPenn down to its final legs.

On Mon, the QPenn art show opened with a bang and Jade Esteban Estrada performed his act "Icons: History of the Lesbian and Gay World" for students. This was an artistic presentation of LGBTQ icons throughout history.

Penn's Eagerly Awaited Radical LesBiTrans (PEARL) and the Queer Women's Discussion Group sponsored a dinner on Tues. I wish I could have heard more of the lecture on pioneering lesbians and bisexuals.

All in all, the theme of QPenn was successfully carried out. I feel now with faces such as Cho, Dawn Marie, Estrada, and more, when I think of queer, I no longer think of a white male.

~Marianne Mondt

THE QUEER SELLOUT

...from p. 1

riage battle should be about equal enfranchisement to an institution that is, rightfully or not, a key societal structure, and the various entitlements queers have been long denied.

It is alarming for some queers to think marriage is the last great divide preventing queers from being equals. As we take our marriage fight to the street, we forget we have not achieved what queer pioneers fought for in the Stonewall era. Police continue to enforce moral values rather than laws by raiding bathhouses and censoring queer expression. These actions are not accounted for because they are merely anomalies today. The fight for sexual liberation, which was the guiding light of the queer rights struggle not too long ago, has been sidelined and replaced by the conformity fight.

This phenomenon highlights the tension between liberationists and assimilationists. Same-sex marriage is only a small part of the greater fight for

citizen enfranchisement. Through protests against police interference and brutality, the queer movement transformed mainstream culture with our pursuit for sexual liberation. Through militant political struggles, the queer movement put AIDS research on agendas in the halls of power. If the queer movement is only about assimilation and conformity, queers would not have achieved those accomplishments and our loving relationships would still be hiding in little closets.

The queer movement should be about liberation, sexual or social, as it should be about breaking down the status quo continuing to oppress us. Whether you are a queer who wants to get married, or a queer who wants to sleep around, there continues to be societal barriers preventing us from being fully equal. Queers should indeed advocate acceptance and celebrate victories, but we must not stop raising our voice for liberation at the altar.

Complacency is the poison that will kill the queer movement.

~Anonymous

Horizontal Pride

QPenn has ended but pride season has yet to begin. In the approaching weeks of late April through June, cities around the country will engage in celebrations of the LGBT community. "Diversity," this year's QPenn theme, is an accurate reflection of pride celebrations' spirit, as they bring out multitudes from all areas of our community. People who would never find kinship outside of the words "lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer," come together under a rainbow colored banner to embrace their collective identity. But for many, the reasons for coming out (no pun intended) are different and often these celebrations generate hostility within the community which we expect to get only from outside the community.

This 'horizontal hostility' among us is not new. Think back to the earliest pride marches and remember how abhorred the leather and transgender communities were for their open expression and participation by gays and lesbians who just wanted the world to know they were "normal." They were relegated to a fringe existence and expected to march silently and reverently under the rainbow flag.

As a bisexual woman, I still struggle for a place within the community. It is not so much a blatant antagonism or dismissal, but a general silence. I am often seen as half straight and half gay, teetering between the two worlds, and never 100% bi. Most times, however, to gain full entrance into queer spaces, I subvert my "straight half" and blend into the lesbian crowd. To some, my feelings are oversensitive, but I am not alone. My openness about my struggle has drawn many people to share their story and find solidarity in our experiences.

Just because one is oppressed does not free her/him/hir from being another's oppressor. Our shared identity does not give us an automatic pass and understanding of the nuances comprising our individual characters. When you celebrate this spring, celebrate one another and use it as chance to build awareness within the community, not just for those outside of it. Look around you and within, to see what is really represented in that rainbow flag and know that you are committed to those six colors and the shades that lie between.

~Ninah Harris

QUEER ALUMNI GATHER

This year's Alumni Weekend – Fri, May 12 through Sat, May 13 – will again provide LGBT alumni several opportunities to reminisce, exchange ideas, and have fun. The weekend, which includes observances of Benjamin Franklin's 300th birthday, will culminate in Penn's 250th Commencement on May 15. The weekend also marks the 125th anniversary of the graduation of the first person of color from Penn, James Brister.

PennGALA's (LGBT alumni organization) Steering Committee will meet at the Carriage House Saturday afternoon, followed by an alumni meet-and-greet at 3:30p. PennGALA is also co-sponsoring a program about the growth and development of Penn's communities of color and LGBT community.

Entitled "Broadening Penn's Family Tree – An Historical Perspective," the event will be moderated by Wayne Glasker, author of *Black Students in the Ivory Tower* and Penn's former graduate student government chair in the early 1980s. The program takes place from 4-6p in Houston Hall, Bodek Lounge; all are invited.

The huge social gathering called The Taste of Penn: A Celebration of Diversity – a hit among alumni for the last several weekends – takes place Saturday evening from 7-9:30p on College Green.

Taste of Penn will be followed by a first for PennGALA, a cabaret. This event, featuring student, alumni, and local talent will benefit the Lynda Hart Fund and is cosponsored by the Penn Women's Center.

Lynda Hart was an esteemed English Department faculty member, who wrote and taught about queer issues, with a special interest in women's performance, and who produced women's theatre.

The Fund, established after Dr. Hart's untimely death, recognizes a woman student each year for contributions to art and activism. The cabaret is being produced by Ninah Harris, LGBT Center Program/Building Coordinator, who was the first recipient of the Lynda Hart Award in 2001. There is a \$10 admission charge in advance, \$15 at the door. It begins at 9p at the Carriage House.

Welcome alumni. Here's to an enlightening and enjoyable weekend!

~Bob Schoenberg

Same-Sex Marriage

...from p. 3

We should all have health care, be able to adopt, and engage in estate planning with our partners. This should not be reserved for those who choose to marry.

With all this talk about "special rights" for gay and lesbian people, have we ever stopped to think about marriage as a special right? A right which only some people are given? An institution which polarizes loving partnerships in our country and deems some worthy of recognition while demonizing others? Instead of a dividing conversation about marriage which does not address all of the needs within the LGBT community, we should be dealing with human rights for all lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. Next on the Agenda... Human Rights for All People.

~ Félix Pérez

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