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monthly queer happenings at the University of Washington

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trans activism

This year the Q Center will be doing a lot of Transgender (folks that identify as MTF, FTM, Gender Queer, Gender Fuck, Gender-variant, two spirit, or anywhere outside the gender binary) activism and programming. Currently the Q Center along with QTIIG (Queer Women and Transgender Individuals Interest Group), and Safe2PeeUW, are working on the following activism/Programming projects.

* **Obtaining more gender neutral bathrooms!** We are working with UW's upper administration to work on getting more gender neutral, accessible, and parent-friendly restrooms.

* **Equal access to health insurance!** We are working towards removing transgender exclusions in our student health insurance. Also, we are going to hopefully be working with Hall Health, and the UW Medical Center on training health care providers to be a safe space for all trans folks.

* **Creating a campus info booklet!** We are going to be working towards creating a campus guide for trans issues. Looking to change your sex on your registration? Change your name? Find gender-neutral bathrooms? Hopefully it will all be in the booklet soon!

* **Transgender Awareness Week!** Spring Quarter 2008 will be our 3rd annual awareness week. Hopefully it will be bigger and better than ever!

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Or QTIIG at qtiig@u.washington.edu
Or the Q Center at qcenter@u.washington.edu

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In the US Congress, there is currently legislation called the Employee Nondiscrimination Act that would ban all discrimination against people identify as gay, lesbian, and bisexual. Currently, however, the bill does not cover individuals identifying or

perceived as transgender because congressional Democrats doubt it would be able to pass with fully inclusive language.

The bill has been stalled in committee after numerous advocacy groups including the ACLU, National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce, and most recently the HRC have protested the exclusion of trans people.

If you're concerned about the outcome of this legislation, contact your legislators today!

happy national coming out day!

Thursday, October 11th is National Coming Out Day. Join the Q Center at the HUB lawn with our "Coming-out Door". Come out as whatever you like whether it be "queer" "ally" or "Star Wars Enthusiast". Also, look for our list of allies in the Daily.

Public display of affection

Come and express your affection for fellow human beings at the first Public Display of Affection at UW. At 11am on National Coming Out Day, gather on the HUB lawn and start hugging!

groups to check out

queer people of color alliance (q-poca)

We aim to provide a safe space for queer people of color and allies to discuss GLBT issues as they intersect with culture, sex/gender, ethnicity, race, religion, or ability. We hope to share our experiences and to further inform and educate the greater community to respect and understand diversity.
Contact qpoca@u.washington.edu

queer straight alliance (qsa)

A group for all identities to come together socially and ally themselves in the fight for social justice on and off campus, focusing on queer issues.
Contact qsauw@u.washington.edu

queer book club

Meets every other week alternating between discussing a book and watching a film.

queer women and transgender individuals interest group

(qtiig)

An organization building a strong support network for lesbians, bisexual and queer women, and transgender individuals through education, support, and access to community.
Contact qtiig@u.washington.edu

YOU might have missed...

QUEER NIGHT at the movies Q center & GBLTC luncheon

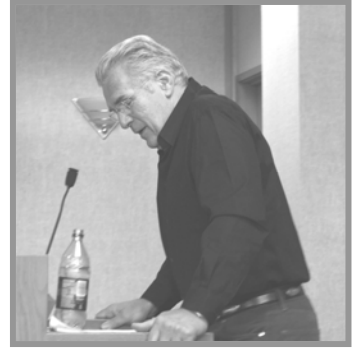
In keeping with tradition, the Q Center and ASUW GBLTC celebrated the return of students, faculty and staff back to campus for another great year.

Special guests included Dr. Sheila Edwards Lange, Vice President for Minority Affairs and Vice Provost for Diversity, Ed Taylor, Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Academic Affairs, and David Kopay, UW Alumnus, former Husky

football player, NFL player, and the first American team athlete to come out as gay.

Recently, Kopay pledged \$1 million to the UW Q Center, and at the luncheon, he also announced that he was pledging an additional \$10 thousand to establish a scholarship for queer students at UW.

Because of the alignment of administration and anti-oppression work on campus, according to Q Center director, Jennifer Self, "We're gonna kick some ass!"



Dave Kopay speaking at this year's luncheon

mark your calendar! *** October ***

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Queer Book Club @ 4pm	5	6
7	8	9 QSA @ 3:30pm Bi Discussion Group @ 4:30pm	10 QPOCA @ 3:30pm QTIIG @ 5:00pm	11 National Coming Out Day! PDA HUB Lawn @ 11am	12	13
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questions? comments?

The Q Center facilitates and enhances an open, safe, inclusive, and celebratory environment for bisexual, lesbian, gay, queer, Two-spirit, transgender, intersex, questioning, same-gender-loving, differently oriented, and allied students, faculty, and staff.

Is there an event that **you** would really like to see **happen** on campus? Want to give us feedback about events already going on? Contact the Q Center and let us know!

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