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monthly queer happenings at the University of Washington

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Trans-inclusive enda

Some of the nation's largest civil rights groups, including the Human Rights Campaign, said Tuesday that Congress should pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act even if it does not include protections for trans-workers.

The decision has divided the LGBT community and angered a large number of rights groups.

The vote now is expected either Wednesday or Thursday.

ENDA originally included all members of the LGBT community, but its sponsor, Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) one of only two openly gay members of Congress, removed gender identity fearing the legislation might not get out of committee.

ENDA, as currently worded, would make it illegal for employers to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in hiring, firing, promoting or paying an employee.

Tuesday (Nov. 6), however, it appeared there are not the votes to pass an all inclusive version of ENDA and in an open letter to members of Congress, HRC, the NAACP, the National Education Association, the National Employment Lawyers Association, the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, the American Federation of State, County, Municipal Employees and a number of other groups said they would support ENDA without gender identity.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is said to be under intense pressure to cancel a vote on adding sexual identity. Some Democrats in conservative districts fear the issue could harm them next November in the polls.

[Excerpts of article taken from 365gay.com]

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Trans Rememberance Day

This event will be happening on November 20th starting at 5 pm. The keynote event will be a performance by Homotopia, a queer performance troop that focuses on violence in the queer community. The Queer/Violence tour is a mixed media extravaganza. The presentation will open with a short arts talk about both the state of current

queer cinema and the larger state of LGBT politics. The connection between HIV/AIDS, queer violence and the politics of assimilation in the dominant GLBT movement serve as the provocative place of departure the film makers stage for the audience.

Following the performance will be a candlelight vigil to remember trans people who are victims of violence and a reception at the Q Center.

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QPOCA stands for Queer People of Color Alliance. The group's aim is 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. The group hopes to share their experiences and to further inform and educate the greater community to respect and understand diversity.

QPOCA meets every week from 3:30 to 4:30 PM alternating between meeting in the Q Center and the Ethnic Cultural Center.

Contact: qpoca@u.washington.edu

groups to check out

Delta Lambda Phi (DLP)

A social fraternity for gay, bisexual, and progressive men providing dignified and purposeful social, service, and recreational activities, leading in determining the rights and privileges of individuals in society, and promoting a strong and positive image, irrespective of sexual orientation.

Contact dlppsi@u.washington.edu

sexuality and the spirituality discussion group

Join this group for weekly discussions about the intersections of sexuality and spirituality and activism. Enjoy great conversations during happy hour!

Contact revmokat@yahoo.com

q-men's social group

Interested in getting involved with a social group for Q men that will meet regularly a month for socials? Email travg@u.washington.edu

Transformers

Transformers is a social and support group for individuals who identify as transgender, two-spirit, inter-sex, gender-queer, and trans questioning.

Contact: redcedartree@gmail.com

Bagel

Bagel is a faith-based group discussing issues of sexuality and the Jewish faith. Meets every other Wed. @ 5pm in the Q Center

Contact: butrii@u.washington.edu

World AIDS Day

On Thursday, November 29th, the Q Center will be sponsoring activities on campus in observation of World AIDS Day. There will be a spoken word and poetry performance at the Ethnic Cultural Theater, and other happenings on campus to raise awareness.

Q Center Library

Emma, our librarian has been working incredibly hard to get the Q Center Library organized and up to date. New and fantastic improvements include BOOKENDS!

The Q Center has also been getting many donations from private individuals as well as business such as Half-Priced Books. As a result, the library is constantly getting new additions. Make sure to stop by and check out what's new in the library.

YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED...

men's social

October 29th was the first Queer Men's social for this academic year. The event featured costumes, treats, and conversations. Keep an eye out for the Q Women's social happening Nov. 15th and sponsored by QTIIG.



NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY!

National coming out day has come and gone. Thanks to everyone who showed their support by "coming out" and celebrating this important day.

Some highlights of the event include the public display of affection which featured members from all over the community expressing affection through one of the best possible ways: hugs. ☺

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! NOVEMBER

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events are hosted at the Q Center unless otherwise noted				1	2	3
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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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