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This year marks the 40th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination, however despite his life being cut short, his work for civil rights in the US serves as a reminder of how far our society has come, and more importantly, the continuing need for our country to reconcile with its past.

Though decades separate us from Dr. King, our times have a lot in common with his. Our country is engaged overseas in war, racism pervades our culture, and marginalized sectors of society are struggling for the full enjoyment of their rights.

Featured in this month's newsletter is an excerpt from a speech Dr. King delivered in 1957 about failures in implementing *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954) as well as pressing Congress to ensure voting rights for Blacks.

Especially relevant as our country prepares to select its next president, his words remind us of the importance and power of voting.

A Speech Delivered on the Steps of the Lincoln Memorial in May 1957

"Three years ago the Supreme Court of this nation rendered in simple, eloquent, and unequivocal language a decision which will long be stenciled on the mental sheets of succeeding generations. For all men of goodwill, this May seventeenth decision came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of human captivity. It came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of disinherited people throughout the world who had dared only to dream of freedom.

"Unfortunately, this noble and sublime decision has not gone without opposition. This opposition has often risen to ominous proportions. Many states have risen up in open defiance. The legislative halls of the South ring loud with such words as "interposition" and "nullification."

"But even more, all types of conniving methods are still being used to prevent Negroes from becoming registered voters. The denial of this sacred right is a tragic betrayal of the highest mandates of our democratic tradition. And so our most urgent request to the president of the United States and every member of Congress is to give us the right to vote. (Yes)

"Give us the ballot, and we will no longer have to worry the federal government about our basic rights.

"Give us the ballot (Yes), and we will no longer plead to the federal government for passage of an anti-lynching law; we will by the power of our vote write the law on the statute books of the South (*All right*) and bring an end to the dastardly acts of the hooded perpetrators of violence.

"Give us the ballot (*Give us the ballot*), and we will transform the salient misdeeds of bloodthirsty mobs (*Yeah*) into the calculated good deeds of orderly citizens.

"Give us the ballot (*Give us the ballot*), and we will fill our legislative halls with men of goodwill (*All right now*) and send to the sacred halls of Congress men who will not sign a "Southern Manifesto" because of their devotion to the manifesto of justice. (*Tell 'em about it*)

"Give us the ballot (*Yeah*), and we will place judges on the benches of the South who will do justly and love mercy (*Yeah*), and we will place at the head of the southern states governors who will, who have felt not only the tang of the human, but the glow of the Divine.

"Give us the ballot (Yes), and we will quietly and nonviolently, without rancor or bitterness, implement the Supreme Court's decision of May seventeenth, 1954."

Pride Foundation and GSBA Scholarships

Applications are now open for Pride Foundation and GSBA Scholarships. Award Recipients can receive anywhere from \$500 to \$10,000 for undergraduate or graduate study. Applications are due Jan. 25th and can be found online at www.pridefoundation.org.

Any additional questions about finding application workshops can be answered by Kelsey at the Q Center in 450 Schmitz.

HUB Bowling Social

Join the Q Center for a free bowling social in the Hub. The fun starts at 5pm and goes until 8pm.

Survivors of Violence

A new social group is starting for survivors of any type of violence or abuse. For queer folks and allies. Come bring ideas and build community!

Queer People with Invisible Disabilities [Q-PIDs]

A new social group is starting for queer people with invisible disabilities. Come build community with other Q-PIDs!

Qolors Reception

Join Qolors for their 3rd annual reception in the Q Center from 3 to 5pm on Wednesday, January 30th.

Qolors began as a partnership between the Ethnic Cultural Center, Q Center, and students, faculty & staff. In the past, Qolors has been an advisory board intended to discuss the intersections of race and queerness in both queer communities and communities of color. Additionally, the Queer People of Color Alliance, a student-led organization, was a result of previous Qolors receptions.

The reception is intended to provide a safe environment for queer people of color to discuss issues affecting the community. All are welcome.

Gay Bingo

Life Long Aids Alliance's Gay Bingo is back! Tickets are on sale right now, and you can find out how to buy them at www.llaa.org

This year's Bingo Themes:

Saturday, January 12 - *Viva Las Vegas Bingo*: What happens at Bingo, stays at Bingo.

Saturday, February 9 - *Rock Star Bingo*: Gay Bingo will rock you.

Saturday, March 8 - *Revenge of the Nerds Bingo*: Get your geek on.

Saturday, April 12 - *Pillow Talk Bingo*: Come to bed with Gay Bingo.

Saturday, May 10 - *Broadway Bingo*: Give my regards to Gay Bingo.

Saturday, June 14 - *Big Gay Prom Bingo*: Where everyone's a king or queen.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8 Bi Discussion @ 4:30pm	9 GSBA Scholarship Workshop @ 4pm	10 Transformers @ 4:30pm	11	12
13	14	15 Bi Discussion @ 4:30pm	16 QPOCA @ 3:30pm QTIIG @ 4:30	17 HUB Bowling @ 5pm	18	19
20	21 MLK Jr. Day	22 Bi Discussion @ 4:30pm	23 Qolors Reception @ 3pm	24 Survivors Group @ 4pm	25	26 AISC Winter Powwow
27	28 Queer People with Invisible Disabilities @ 4pm	29 Bi Discussion @ 4:30pm	30 QPOCA @ 3:30pm QTIIG @ 4:30	31		

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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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