



GAY WAYNE NEWS

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Wayne State University GLBTA Student Union
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- -On our agenda for this week- -

THIRDPPOINT:

Thirdpoint is going to be the new weekly article for The South End about issues concerning us at the University and throughout Michigan. Members of the GLBTA are free to write articles and submit them to the group for review. I have yet to hear back from Kyle, the Editor-in-Chief of The South End, regarding details. However, we are going to go ahead and start stockpiling articles to submit to the newspaper. If you have an idea, please contact Mandy DeBono or Steve Schonfeld over facebook. Each article is going to be posted on facebook or as a dead link that only members can access. Each article is going to be reviewed by the group as a whole, voted whether or not it should be presented to be published, and finally will be sent to The South End editor for publication.

(HETEROSEXUAL) OUTREACH PROJECTS:

As part of our mission to create understanding and acceptance of GLBTA students on campus, we are creating two outreach events for our straight friends and family. The first is "Queers on Ice," which is going to be held at Campus Martius Park's (CMP) ice rink on Monday, December 3rd from 8:00pm – 10:00pm. There will be a facebook event created, and all of you should invite your straight & gay friends. Ticket prices are available at the CMP's website, http://www.campusmartiuspark.org/amen_icerink.htm.

The second program is called "Eating OUT." It is going to be a semi-luncheon to be held in the Student Center's first floor on Wednesday, December 5 from 11:00am until 2:00pm. We will reserve some tables by McDonald's and have lunch with the public at large who will be free to ask us questions about coming out, family life while being gay, discrimination and other relevant issues. The objective of this event is to put a human face on the types of unique problems that GLBT youth go through and why it is important for everyone to be supportive and stand up against discrimination and ignorance. This event is modeled around simple small-talk conversations, much like all

of us have with people every day. We need a lot of participation for both events, so please come!

*note. Eating OUT might have to be rescheduled for January if the space can't be reserved in time. There will be an announcement on the facebook site if the space can not be reserved in time.

RUTH ELLIS FINALIZATION:

Important: Kezia Curtis needs the background check form as soon as possible. Please email her on facebook or email kezia_c82@hotmail.com to schedule a time and place to drop off your form.

The Ruth Ellis Center (REC) is a drop-in house for GLBT youth that have been kicked out or ran away from home, skip school, etc. because of the negative and unbearable way that they are treated. There is also a live-in center, which houses between 25 and 30 teens. The GLBTA is planning a series of monthly get-togethers with these teens in order to give a helping hand to those less fortunate than us.

Ruth Ellis Center is located at [77 Victor St.](#) Highland Park, MI 48203.

Everyone is going to be providing their own transportation. However, if you are unavailable to drive yourself to REC, there are other options. Elizabeth Murray, Phil McDonald, Sara Pfaff, Danielle McCall, Kim Edwards, Steve Nosakowski, Cara Beichler, Kaitlin Utley & Clare Wilson have offered to pick up & drop off individuals from campus. Each can carry between two and four people in their respective vehicles. Please email one of the above individuals over facebook in order to make arrangements.

Our first event at REC is going to be on November 16, 2007 at 7:00pm. It is going to be a meet & greet. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to pass or something for everyone to drink (except alcohol, of course). Everything and anything should be OK- entrees, food, pizza, dessert. Assuming that all 30 teens are present, plus 30 GLBTA people, plus another 30 drop-in kids, it is recommended that portions be appropriate for 90-100 people. We will also be sponsoring a series of games for this meet in order to try and get to know the residents better and to get them to know us better. Please bring a board game of some kind as well. REC has also recently acquired a new sound system, so everyone who is participating is strongly encouraged to bring a CD / burned CD of music that you think the kids would like. Finally, two things for which the REC is asking are frozen meats and donated clothes. If anyone would care to be so generous as to donate some of the above products, it would be greatly appreciated.

To reiterate, if you wish to participate:

1. Fill out background check form & give to Kezia Curtis ASAP.
2. November 16, 2007 @ 7:00pm.
3. Need your own transit.

4. 77 Victor St., Highland Park.
5. Make / buy food for 100 people.
6. Bring a board game.
7. Bring a CD / burned CD. (or better yet, bring two)
8. Possibly bring frozen meats and / or clothes.

GENDER AND SEXUALITY CENTER UPDATE:

The deadline to apply for a grant in order to start-up the Gender and Sexuality Center (GSC) is quickly approaching. We will be sharing the space with the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance and Students for Choice. Having several student organizations on the project will increase the likelihood that the proposal will be accepted, as well as having a few more names on it. Katrina is looking for at least one more individual who would like to help finalize the grant. If you have experience in writing a grant, or if you would like to participate, please see her as soon as possible.