September 2, 2008

**Icebreakers**
- Everyone in attendance gave their name and favorite song from this summer

**T-shirt Designs**
- If you have a design in mind, bring a sketch to next week’s meeting
  - An acceptable design would be a flattering photo of yours truly

**Involvement Fair**
- Wednesday September 10th from 11-2 on the Skinner Mall
  - We will be “fishing for friends” by bribing them with candy

**Homecoming Week**
- September 22 – 26 → get excited, kiddos!!!
  - Festivities include:
    - Mr. & Ms. Bluejay Pageant
      - Hidden talents? Secret desire to be onstage? Think about representing the GSA!
    - Patio Decorating
      - Marie Young & Mary Ensz will head this up
      - Submit your ideas to Marie or Mary
    - Golf Cart Parade
      - It’s a parade… of decorated golf carts… on the mall…
      - Beth, Jo Ann, Sarah Jane, & Rich will be our golf cart cadets
      - Submit your ideas to any of the four fantastic execs listed above

**Social Events**
- The General Assembly voted that the GSA should be a hybrid (excellent word choice, Jo Ann & Marie) of social events and involvement… fun and philanthropy whilst being fabulous!
- Our first social event will be a movie night
  - Saturday, September 20th at 7 p.m.
  - Location TBA
  - We will be kicking it off with a documentary – For The Bible Tells Me So

**Ally Lists**
- The exec team is looking to compile a resource list of teachers, faculty, and staff who are allies
- Please email Beth (elizabethstrailey@creighton.edu) with the name of the person and his or her department

**RR & SOS**
- RR = Rainbow Roundtable
  - 2nd Tuesday of each month
  - A chance for the group to dialogue about a designated topic
- SOS = Sharing Our Stories
  - 4th Tuesday of each month
  - Sharing Our Stories is an excellent way to learn of others’ experiences, both straight allies and GLBT individuals, and to ask those burning questions you may have
  - S.O.S. is also an excellent song by ABBA

**Kudos!**
- Our newest addition – the weekly Kudos – is a way for the Alliance to recognize someone who has excelled in being an ally
- Rich Cockerill will serve as our Kudosmaster – congrats to him!
- Last week (first week of school) Kudos goes to Ricardo Ariza, who has been such an amazing ally and a wonderful resource for the GSA and all of the multicultural organizations. Thanks, Ricardo!
- This week’s Kudos goes to four Welcome Week leaders who are bona fide allies: David Dann, Amanda Lindsay, Andrew Bakke, and Elise Bertucci. Thanks for being a welcoming face to the new students!

**Name Change**
- Marinate on a name that would encompass all persons we support (i.e. not simply gay or straight)
- We welcome and encourage your input!
Announcements

• Contact Janel Brown if you are interested in being a part of FaceAIDS
• Don’t forget to sign up to go on a Fall Break Service Trip!
• If you are interested in bringing Live Feed to Creighton’s campus, please contact Ken Homan
• C-Unity – nee CampusTown – is a new organization here on campus. If interested, please contact Kali Mann
• If you have any inquiries about the service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega, please contact Rachel Bloom
• We want YOU for Instant Theater Project! Come see their booth at the Involvement Fair for more details!

September 9, 2008

Mantra

• We as allies understand that this organization addresses diversity of sex, gender, and sexual orientation. We respect that this is a safe space where all members are welcome without judgment or labels, and we respect the confidentiality and comfort levels of all members.

Icebreakers

• We stated our name & named our favorite Disney movie (except Brian)
• If you haven’t done so already, go see Wall-E!

Involvement Fair

• Due to a documenting error, the GSA will not have a table on the mall
• Thank you to all those who volunteered their time 😊

Here’s A Biggie

• As of right now, the GSA is not a registered organization. This is due to an oversight by the executive team and we apologize profusely. We will be contacting the powers that be in order to resolve the issue and will keep you posted.

Name Change

• The GSA is considering changing the name of our organization to something more inclusive (i.e. not simply “gay” and “straight”) and represents all of the allies (all of us!)
• Possible names include Alliance, Spectrum Alliance, and Rainbow Allies
• The general assembly will be voting on the issue in two weeks

Kudos

• Our Kudosmaster Rich announced that this week’s Kudos goes to Jenn Biggs!
• Jen volunteered her time early Sunday morning to help deliver newspapers (a GSA fundraiser) – THANK YOU, JEN!

Homecoming

• Steven Kowalski will represent the GSA in the Mr. & Ms. Bluejay Pageant and we look forward to seeing him obliterate the competition

“Straight To Jesus” Book Series

• Each semester, the Center for Student Integrity (CSI… no, not the television show – although I do adore Gil Grisham!) selects a book series to discuss
• “Straight To Jesus” looks into the trend of ex-gay ministry and if it works (which it doesn’t)
• Visit the CSI office in the Harper Center to get your FREE book and learn the times in which you can participate in a book discussion!

Mosaic Conference

• The Mosaic Conference is a conference centered on the topic of diversity
• It is a one-day conference which will be held Monday, October 23rd (the Monday of Fall Break) in Ames, IA
• The cost is $35 for students
• Contact Sarah Jane if you are interested in attending

Movie Night

• Don’t forget about our Movie Night!
• Saturday, September 20th at 7 p.m. in the Opus Community Room
• We will be showing “For The Bible Tells Me So”

Announcements
• Chadi announced a wonderful volunteer opportunity with the CCSJ: each Wednesday from 3:30 – 5:30, volunteers tutor Sudanese refugee children. Meet in Deglman Circle if you wish to be involved.
• If you’re jonesing for some free candy, make sure to stop by the Involvement Fair: Today from 12noon - 2

September 16, 2008

Icebreaker
• Your name + what you ate for breakfast this morning (the most important meal of the day!)

Constitutional Vote
• The exec team made a few adjustments to the organization’s constitution
• According to our constitution, changes must be presented to and voted on by the general assembly
• We will be voting on the constitutional changes in two weeks

Movie Night
• This Saturday night (Sep 20th) at 7 p.m. in the Opus Community Room
• We will be showing the documentary “For The Bible Tells Me So”
• Get excited for popcorn!

Mosaic Conference
• The Mosaic Conference is a diversity conference that will be held on Monday, October 20th (the Monday of Fall Break) in Ames, IA
• The Keynote Speaker will be B.D. Wong from Law & Order: SVU *cue theme song*
• Contact Sarah Jane if you are interested in attending

Night Of A Thousand Stars
• Annual fundraiser for the Nebraska AIDS Project
• Volunteers are needed
  o Volunteers receive a FREE ticket (worth $40)
• The event will be held Saturday night, December 6th

Multicultural Advisory Committee
• The MAC representative from CUASA spoke with us tonight, letting us know MAC is a resource for us
• MAC meetings are held every other Thursday night
• Contact the MAC President, Laura Dang, if you wish to attend a meeting

Ally Week
• October 6th – 10th
• We want your suggestions!
  o Brian wants balloons
  o Ideas include an open CAP training session, a movie pertaining to the importance of allies to the GLBT community, and discussion panel
  o Perhaps a talent show? Hmmm David Dann?!
• Ideas? Email Marie Young

Name Change Reminder
• We will be voting on a possible name change next Tuesday during the meeting
• If you have any suggestions, please contact yours truly at elizabethanderson@creighton.edu

Possible Speaker
• The Office of Multicultural Affairs wishes to bring a speaker to campus to address the issues surrounding being a gay person of color
• The general assembly gave it the thumbs up!

Homecoming
• Next week, dear friends!
• Homecoming Week kicks off this week with JayWalk
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- We receive points for JayWalk participants 😊
- Mr. & Ms. Bluejay Pageant
  - Monday night, 7 p.m., Student Center Ballroom
  - Go Steven Go!
- Patio Painting
  - Tuesday from 10 – 3
  - We voted on the sketch tonight
  - Thanks to Mary Ensz for her awesome design!
- WAC (Wednesday After Class)
  - Service project and Rice Krispies bars! Both are delicious!
  - Again, we receive points for participants
- Thursday is the day to decorate the golf cart
- Friday is the golf cart parade (aka the BEST part of Homecoming!)

Newspaper Delivery Rotation
- Contact Sarah Jane if you wish to be put on the rotation
- Remember, the more volunteers we have, the fewer times you’d have to do it!

Kudos!
- This week’s Kudos goes to Katie Wadas of the Student Activities Office! Thanks SO MUCH to her for her understanding of our boo-boo 😊
- We are very lucky to have such wonderful allies in Student Activities!

Bracelets
- Rainbow bracelets are for sale
- Two dollar holla holla

Announcements
- Congrats to Cathy on her new grandson, Henry!
- Brian Clifton wants to play volleyball through the Omaha GLBT Sports League
- Contact him if you wish to join
- Join Up ‘til Dawn! Help St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital! Contact me 😊

September 23, 2008

Icebreaker
- Shawty shawty shawty what your name is

Kudos!
- Our Kudosmaster Richard awarded our very own Steven Kowalski the Kudos for this week!
- Thank you, Steven, for representing us – loud & proud – at the Mr. & Ms. Bluejay Pageant
- Finalist in the pageant and champion in our hearts!

Homecoming Week
- This week is Homecoming Week, homeslices!
- Wednesday
  - Rescheduled Patio Painting will be from 11-3 on the Business Administration Patio
  - WAC Service Project (yay Homecoming points!) from 1:30-4:30 on the Skinner Mall
  - Hypnotist Dr. Jim Wand performs at 7 p.m. in the Skutt Student Center Ballroom – I give it the two thumbs up!
- Thursday
  - Golf Cart Decorating from 12-10 in the KFC (Kiewit Fitness Center… not Kentucky Fried Chicken…mmm)
- Friday
  - Golf Cart Parade!
    - Come check out our sweet golf cart at 3:30 on the Skinner Mall
    - Homecoming Semi-Formal Dance will be at 9 at Mancuso Hall [shuttles run from Deglman Circle ever 20 minutes]

Speaking of Queens…
- Congratulations to Marie Young for being selected as a 2008 Homecoming Queen Candidate!
Name Change
- “Our name is our virtue…” – Jason Mraz (I am currently obsessed with that song)
- All persons wishing to voice their opinion were allowed to speak for a minute (at least that was the plan)
- And the 2/3 majority voted…. SPECTRUM ALLIANCE!
- Thanks to everyone for your patience during the voting process J

Announcements
- Clay Aiken has officially emerged from the proverbial closet. If it’s in People Magazine, you know it’s true.
- Kervin is working with Ricardo on getting a speaker to come to campus to address the issues surrounding being a gay person of color
- Sarah Jane reminded us of our new paper responsibility
- Marinate on ideas for Ally Week programming
  - October 6th-10th
  - Some ideas tossed around are a table on the mall, a movie showing, streaking… okay maybe not that last one…

September 30, 2008

Icebreakers
- Name + one word that describes your day (or three or four if you’re me)
- Some people made up words…
Kudos!
- This week’s Kudos goes to Chapman, JohnMurf, and Minh for all their help with the Homecoming festivities! A big thank you for representing us so well!

Constitutional Changes
- Voting on the changes to the constitution is postponed until October 14th

Ally Week
- Next week, dear friends! October 6th – 10th
- Monday à Table on the Mall
  - 10-2
  - GFBM (Gay? Fine By Me) t-shirts and rainbow bracelets will be sold at the table
  - Wear your Gay? Fine By Me t-shirt if you’ve got one!
- Tuesday à Open CAP Training
  - 9 p.m. during the General Assembly Meeting in BA 314
- Wednesday à Movie!
  - We will be showing The Laramie Project
  - 7 p.m. – the movie runs about 1 ½ hours so plenty o’ time to get to your Greek meetings!
  - Harper Center Theatre – oooo!
- Thursday à Another movie!
  - We are co-sponsoring Iron Clad Angels with WEB (Women’s Empowerment Base)
  - 7 p.m. in Rigge 120
  - Feel free to IMDB it
- Friday à Be your fabulous self J

Mosaic Conference
- Monday, October 20th in Ames, IA
- Sarah Jane, Marie, and JoAnn will be in attendance
- Sarah Jane will actually send out an email about it…

“Out of the Past”
- In celebration of GLBT History Month, we will be showing a movie each Thursday, celebrating GLBT history!
- This Thursday (October 2nd) we will be showing “Out of the Past” at 7 p.m. in the Opus Community Room (again, hit up IMDB)

Vala’s Pumpkin Patch
• Bonfire and pumpkins and rainbows, oh my!
• Wednesday, October 15th or Friday, October 17th… TBD

“For The Bible Tells Me So”
• A showing may be coming to a Jesuit Catholic campus near you…
• We are looking for co-sponsors “wink wink”

What’s In A Name?
• After much dialogue throughout the past week, two votes were conducted tonight
  o Do we wish to revisit the name change already voted upon? (Vote was Yes)
  o Do we want to make a name change? (Vote was Yes – meaning the name Gay-Straight Alliance will be changed)
• Proposed names
  o Genders & Sexualities Alliance (note: our name will still be GSA)
  o Gender & Sexuality Alliance (singular, not plural – proper grammar matters!)
  o Spectrum Alliance
  o Spectrum: A GLBTQIA Alliance

October 14, 2008

Icebreaker
• Name + favorite animal
• What zoos are you visiting?!

Special Guest
• Our special guest tonight was Ryan Hinsley (So handsome! So poised!)
• Mr. Hinsley is running for OPS School Board
• He is an Omaha native
• Wants to give teachers more salary and make the schools safer (fear is not the answer!)
• OPS Subdistrict 12 (108th-168th streets, approximately)
• Officer with the Omaha Police Department J
• November 4th – Election Day! I feel like there’s another election going on that day, too...

World AIDS Day
• December 1st
• We are looking for a committee who wishes to help brainstorm ideas for fundraising projects for Nebraska Aids Project (NAP), speakers, and educational programming to address HIV/AIDS issues
• Email Marie if you’d like to join

“Out of the Past”
• Thursday, October 16th at 7 p.m. in the Opus Community Room
• The film chronicles the struggle to get the first high school GSA in America
• Uplifting à perfect for Midterms Week! Yay!

“For The Bible Tells Me So”
• November 12th – showing of film
• November 13th – Dr. Todd Salzman
• Campus-wide event so LET’S MAKE IT BIG!

Kudos!
• This week’s Kudos goes to Katie Watkins!
• Thank you for delivering newspapers last Sunday – you’re awesome! Kudos to you!

GLSEN Conference
• Gay, Lesbian, Straight, Education Network
• Conference here in Omaha
• November 15th from 8:30-12:30
• Email Marie if you wish to attend

Constitutional Vote
• Proposed constitutional changes were approved by 2/3 majority vote

Name Change… The Final Episode
November 4, 2008
Happy Day After Election Day! No matter the result, it is great to be an American!

Our meeting was essentially CNN-watching and cupcake-eating BUT here are the biggies you need to know!

For The Bible Tells Me So
- Showing of the documentary Wednesday, November 12th at 7 p.m. in the Harper Center Theatre
- Presentation by Dr. Todd Salzman will be Thursday, November 13th at 7 p.m. in Rigge 120
- And just what is For The Bible Tells Me So?
  - Synopsis according to IMDB.com (so you know it’s true):
    - “We meet five Christian families, each with a gay or lesbian child. Parents talk about their marriages and church-going, their children's childhood and coming out, their reactions, and changes over time. The stories told by these nine parents and four adult children alternate with talking heads - Protestant and Jewish theologians - and with film clips of fundamentalist preachers and pundits and news clips of people in the street. They discuss scripture and biblical scholarship. A thesis of the film is that much of Christianity's homophobia represents a misreading of scripture, a denial of science, and an embrace of quack psychology. The families call for love.”

Have a great week, everyone! Kudos to all who went out and VOTED

November 11, 2008
For The Bible Tells Me So
- Tomorrow night!
  - 7:00 p.m. in the Harper Center Theatre
  - A film of scripture and biblical scholarship discussing how the religious right has used interpretation of the Bible to stigmatize the gay community

Dr. Salzman Presentation
- Thursday, November 13th
  - 7:00 p.m.
  - Rigge 120
  - Discussion to follow the presentation
  - Dr. Todd Salzman of the Theology Department will be presenting “Scripture and Catholic Teaching on Homosexual Acts: A Critical Analysis”

GLSEN Conference
- This Saturday (November 15th) from 8:30-12:30
  - 30th & Cuming St: Teacher Administration Center (TAC)
  - Meet in Deglman Circle if you are attending

Night Of A Thousand Stars
- Annual fundraiser for the Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP) here in Omaha
  - Saturday, December 6th
  - FREE admission for volunteering your time

MAC
- Multicultural Advisory Council
- We need a new member representative for MAC

Family To Family
- We’re sponsoring a family again this year
• “God bless us, everyone!” – Tiny Tim

And The Band Played On
• Movie presentation in honor of World AIDS Day
• Monday, December 1st at 7 p.m.
• Harper Center Theatre

MBLGTACC
• Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgendered Allied College Conference
• Submit your application to JoAnn Carlson by 11:59 p.m. this Monday (November 17th AKA Celine Dion Concert Day For Elizabeth)

Sharing Our Stories & Rainbow Roundtable
• Rainbow Roundtable = November 18th (AKA Day After Celine Dion Concert)
• SOS = December 2nd

November 18, 2008

Icebreaker
• Name + favorite Thanksgiving food (if you choose to celebrate this holiday)

Family to Family
• We are once again sponsoring a family – yay!
• Shopping for F2F will be at noon on Saturday, December 6th
• Meet at the Target on 72nd & Dodge – the more, the merrier!

Newspapers
• Let's step it up and honor our commitments
• If you sign up, show up

Multicultural Advisory Council (MAC)
• Thank you, Carlos, for volunteering to be our new member delegate!

GLBTQIA Retreat
• Kali Mann very eloquently gave us the low-down
• Overnight February 27th – 28th
• Kali and Chadi are co-planning this awesome retreat with Campus Ministry
• Goal: explore spirituality within GLBTQIA
• Questions? Suggestions? Contact kalimann@creighton.edu

Night Of A Thousand Stars
• Saturday night, December 6th
• Volunteers are no longer needed but we encourage your attendance – it promises to be a great evening and all proceeds benefit the Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP)

MBLGTACC
• Application has been extended to this Thursday (Nov 20th) evening at 11:59 p.m.

World AIDS Day
• And The Band Played On will be showing at 7 p.m. on Monday December 1st in the Harper Center Theatre
• We will have a table on the mall on Monday December 1st, Tuesday December 2nd, and Wednesday December 3rd
  o Sign-up sheet went around
  o Sarah Jane will email the volunteer list
  o Co-sponsors are NAACP, WEB, CUnity, and Amnesty International
  o Ideas for raffle? Contact Kelly Maddock

This Semester's Meetings
• Tuesday, November 25th will have a gayme night (game night – GLBT style) instead of a regular meeting
• Tuesday, December 2nd – Sharing Our Stories
  o Also the day that Britney's new album drops (do people still say that?)