

GAY PRIDE WEEK CALENDAR

MONDAY MAY 6

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.: LGBA Table EMU.

5 p.m.: "Being Out and Being Academic" by Prof. Henry Alley, Cedar A, EMU.

7 p.m.: "Homosexuality & the Law: What you should Know" by Prof. Dominick Vetri, Cedar A, EMU.

TUESDAY MAY 7

5 p.m.: "Claiming A Bisexual Identity" panel presentation, Cedar A, EMU.

7 p.m.: Open Forum: Multiculturalism in the Gay Community, Cedar A, EMU.

WEDNESDAY MAY 8

12 - 3 p.m.: Queerfest, EMU Courtyard.

6 p.m.: "New & Used: What Queer Men Should Know about HIV Prevention", Ben Linder Room, EMU.

7 p.m.: Sexuality/Safer Sex Workshop for Lesbian/Bisexual Women, Cedar D, EMU.

THURSDAY MAY 9

5 p.m.: "How to be your own lover: Enhancing your self-esteem" by Mark Evans and Robin Holmes(UO Counseling Center), Cedar D, EMU.

7 p.m.: Visibility, Safety and Self Defence workshop by Nadia Telsey, Fir Room, EMU.

FRIDAY MAY 10

8 p.m.: Pride Week Prom (\$5 students/\$6 general), Agate Hall.

SATURDAY MAY 11

7 p.m.: Soromundi, Lesbian Chorus, Ben Linder Room, EMU.

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Celebration: Activities to include panel discussions

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ing Queerfest will be a total blast. I want to experience a greater level of community."

Aside from the fun and festivities, Pride Week also plays an important role in how lesbians, gays and bisexuals perceive themselves, Butler said.

"Given the political climate and all the tensions that surround us every day, it's very easy to forget to take pride in who we are, including our sexual orientation," she said. "Pride Week is a way to remember to take pride in that. Hopefully we can share that pride as a community."

This sense of community has begun to evolve before the events have even started, Butler said.

"This has been really incredible for me," she said. "There have been so many different people getting together and hanging out in the [LGBA] office. I think we've done an exceptional job in outreach to people who ordinarily wouldn't take part. As co-director, I'm very proud of that."

However, this community still faces bigotry and ignorance from some people. For Salewske, she sensed this discrimination both

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before and after coming out. Roommates and friends who didn't understand her sexuality made her stepping out all the more difficult, she said.

Salewske said she knew LGBA was on campus but didn't feel comfortable receiving mail or phone calls at home for fear of her roommate's reaction.

But Salewske said "out" members of the gay community inspired her.

"I couldn't even be myself in my own house," she said. "But seeing people wearing rainbow pins or gay couples walking around holding hands is so cool. Just knowing that other people are out there doing their own thing and being visible is really encouraging."

"And I would think 'One day I'm going to be like that.'"

OPENING CEREMONY

Sunday, May 12, 2:00 p.m.

VISITING HOURS

May 12, 2:00-8:00 p.m.; May 13, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; and May 14, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

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