

October events include disability awareness and LGBT Pride



Our Annual Disability Awareness event included participants from eight community organizations who aid people with disabilities. This event also gave students the opportunity to experience different types of disabilities through activities and games. Those who wanted to enjoy the free refreshments were also required to use goggles that simulated different types of seeing abilities, including blindness.



The Multicultural Center also celebrated its first ASU Pride event in recognition of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community. Held outside, students enjoyed refreshments while learning about the history of LGBT and the beginning of the LGBT Pride events. The focal point of the event included guest speaker Sam Guerrero of City Lumber and Wholesale and a San Angelo local, who spoke of personal experience with an encouraging message.



Upcoming Multicultural Events

NOVEMBER 11

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

NOVEMBER 20

NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY CELEBRATION

Both events are held in the UC Lobby, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
FMI: Multicultural Center, UC Room 114
325-942-2729 or multicultural@angelo.edu

DID YOU KNOW...



10 Facts About America's Gays

1. 9 million LGBT people live in the U.S., 3.8 percent of the adult population.
2. LGBT people are racially, ethnically and geographically diverse. One in 4 are people of color, and same-sex couples have identified themselves on the census in 99 percent of U.S. counties.
3. A substantial percentage of LGBT people are raising children: 1 in 5 same-sex couples and 6 percent of children in foster care are being raised by LGBT people.
4. LGBT people are serving in the armed forces: 71,000 are currently serving, and there are more than 1 million LGBT veterans in the U.S.
5. 70,000 same-sex couples have gotten married in the U.S.; another 90,000 have entered into civil unions and domestic partnerships.
6. The annual divorce rate for same-sex couples and different-sex married couples is similar—about 2 percent.
7. LGBT people are not more affluent. Gay men earn 10 to 23 percent less, on average, than heterosexual men. Children of same-sex couples are twice as likely to live in poverty.
8. Rates of hate crimes and employment discrimination against LGBT people are similar to or higher than for other protected groups. Until the Williams Institute, no one analyzed this data on a per capita basis, taking into account the smaller size of the LGBT population.
9. "Don't ask, don't tell" has cost taxpayers over \$500 million since it started being enforced in 1994.
10. If all 50 states and the federal government recognized marriage for same-sex couples, the federal budget would benefit by more than \$1 billion each year.

Source: Advocate.com (bit.ly/Hx76XF)

A note from
Dr. Linda Kornasky
Professor



The most important of ASU's diversity initiatives for my work in gender studies are those related to fighting sexism and heterosexism. I have based my approach to this work on the wisdom of the poet Maya Angelou, who has avowed that "when the rude or cruel thing is said—the lambasting, the gay bashing, the hate—(we must) say, 'Take it all out of my house!'" My commitment to this ethical duty to speak out against discrimination and hatred—and to overcome fear of retaliation for speaking truth to power—stems from a speech by Angelou I fortunately attended in 2000 at the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' annual meeting. As Angelou suggested, remaining quiet in the face of discriminatory attitudes circulated in our academic "home," where all members of the ASU community—students, staff, and faculty—should feel welcome, abets the spread of hatred and fosters inequality for women, LBGTQ people, and all those whose access to opportunities have historically been discouraged or blocked altogether. We should all value the efforts of the Multicultural Center for providing programs that combat discrimination by encouraging awareness of ASU's diversity and reminding us of our ethical duty to use our voices to foster and defend it.



MAKE IT AT HOME: Gay-Pride Oreo Cookie Recipe

The Gay-Proudest cookie photo ever to hit Facebook has sparked some controversy. This recipe was posted by Carley at www.instructables.com

MATERIALS

Double Stuf Oreos (at least six)
Food Coloring with rainbow colors
Paint Brush
Dental Floss

EXTRACT THE CREAM CENTERS

Twist the cookies very gently to remove the cream from the cookie layers. This should be fairly easy if you use a Double Stuf Oreo.

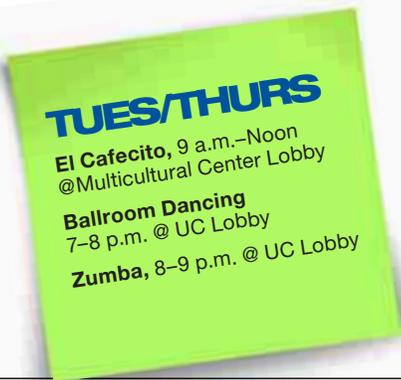
Using dental floss, scrape along the bottom of the cream as close to the cookie as possible. The cream should slip right off.

COLOR CREAM CENTERS

Put 3–4 drops of food coloring on a plate. Use a paint brush to brush the food coloring onto each cream center. This is much easier if you use liquid food coloring instead of gel food coloring.

STEP 4: PUT IT ALL TOGETHER!

Stack the cream centers like the photo above, and cap the ends with the cookies. Invite all your friends over for Pride weekend and eat some delicious rainbow pride-filled Oreos.



Student Highlight: **Samone Foster**

CLASS: SENIOR
MAJOR: PSYCHOLOGY
HOMETOWN: BIG SPRING

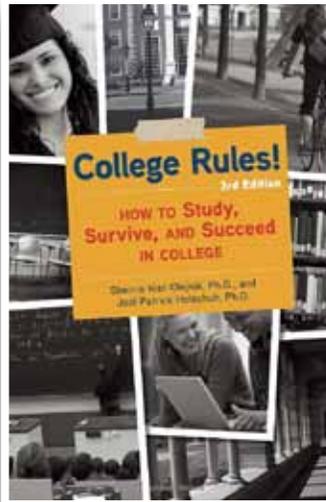
I am most proud of becoming the president of the African Student Association. Since 2007, I am the first black female to be president of ASA. I feel that I accomplished this because the members felt as though I would do the organization justice and continue the traditions in my own way, even though I am not African. The thing that makes me feel special is my ability to never give up. If I see it and I want it, I will find a way to get it. My current goal is to graduate in May of 2014 and continue at ASU for my master's in social work. When I leave ASU, I would like to be remembered as being respectful, an individual who loved to try things, and a lover of AMAS and ASA.



LENDING LIBRARY HIGHLIGHT

“College Rules! How to Study, Survive, and Succeed in College”

Nonfiction
by Sherrie Nist and Jodi Patrick
265 pages



This guide covers topics essential to succeeding in a college environment. The book contains anecdotes from professors and students, clues to help you in time management, and it also provides insightful advice for all students. Being admitted into a university can be the easiest part of the journey. Staying in school and taking advantage of all the opportunities is what matters. The content examines themes such as: how to concentrate when studying, understanding the demands of college, how to stay motivated and much more. This fun-to-read survival guide can help you develop the discipline to graduate successfully. This book is now available at the Multicultural Center's Lending Library. Come check it out!



Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are often stiffened.

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