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longtime okc activist dies

Lobbyist and longtime activist, Keith Smith died of pneumonia last month at age 51. Keith was one of the founding members of the Oklahoma Progressive Alliance and was indispensable to the many organizations he represented in Oklahoma City. He lobbied vigorously and passionately for the Progressive Alliance, the Sierra Club, ACLU, Planned Parenthood, Gay Rights organizations, and others.

Keith was born in Alva, Oklahoma and graduated from Oklahoma State University. He was a member of the National Board of Stonewall Democrats, co-chair of Central Oklahoma Stonewall Democrats, a founder of OGLPC, former ACLU Oklahoma and National board member, a Director of Progressive Alliance Political Action Committee and former Board member of Cimarron Alliance. Keith was the first openly GLBT delegate to the Democratic National Convention from Oklahoma.



The rewards he received for his hard work in the public arena include the Angie Debo Civil Libertarian Award from the ACLU of Oklahoma; the Margaret Sanger Legacy Award from Planned Parenthood of Oklahoma; the Ron Schaffer Memorial Award and Bill Rogers Award of Merit from the Gay and Lesbian political Caucus; the Democracy in Action Award from the League of Women Voters and the Swan Award from the Parents and Families of Lesbians and Gays.

sexual orientation added to okc public schools' non-discrimination policy

Fifteen months after Northwest Classen Asst. Principal Terri Miller sought the assistance of many organizations in a national letter writing campaign, Oklahoma City Public Schools has added sexual orientation to its non-discrimination policy (Sexual Harassment/Gender or Sexuality Discrimination Policy). In addition to the many letters that were written, local ministers, teachers, parents, and others repeatedly spoke to the Oklahoma City Board of Education also asking for sexual orientation to be included in district policies.

With the publication of this year's Student and Parent Handbook, sexual orientation now appears in the district's non-discrimination policy. This achievement is one more accomplishment of GLBT people who are making progress towards fairness and equality. The new policy is on the district's website, www.okcps.org. Look in Student category, then click on Handbook. It is located at the bottom of page 10 of the pdf file.

retreat

wrap-up

Pack another great retreat in your memories. Thanks to camp director Laura Choate for all the hard work she did again this year. She's done so many retreats she makes it look easy. And thanks to all the women of Herland's board for their planning and hard work.

The raffle and silent auction were a great fundraising success for Herland. Thanks to the wonderful women who contributed the great items.

We all look forward to the campfire at the retreat. After the commotion of the day, isn't it nice to look forward to sitting in our lawn chairs staring at the mesmerizing fire, relaxing and laughing, and sharing the comfort with our sisters.

There is a woman whom is often taken for granted. While the rest of us are unloading and making contact with old acquaintances, a woman quietly goes about unloading a trailer full of wood she loaded herself and hauled to the retreat for our enjoyment. Kudos to Denise Smith for all of the work she does to create this wonderful campfire. Thanks again to Denise.

events

dec 2006

PFLAG-OKC Tuesday Dec 5 Church of the Open Arms 7 pm

WOO Friday Dec 8 Partners 6pm-9 pm

Herland Hike Sat Dec 9 Martin Nature Park 10 am Panera Bread 9 am

Herland Supper Club Sat Dec 9 Khazana 5:30 pm followed by video at Herland 7 pm

OGLPC Meeting Mon Dec 11 Neighborhood Alliance 7 pm

PFLAG-Norman Thursday Dec 14 St Stephens Church 7 pm

Herland Game Day Sat. Dec 16 1 pm

Herland Holiday Party Sat. Dec 16 6 pm

Herland Board Meeting Sun. Dec 17 4 pm

jan 2007

Herland New Years Day Potluck and Games Mon Jan 1 1 pm

PFLAG-OKC Tuesday Jan 2 Church of the Open Arms 7 pm

OGLPC Meeting Mon Jan 8 Neighborhood Alliance 7 pm

PFLAG-Norman Thursday Jan 11 St Stephens Church 7 pm

Darcie Deville with Mary & Louise Thurs Jan 11 Blue Door

WOO Friday Jan 12 Partners 6-9 pm

Herland Hike Sat Jan 13 Martin Nature Park 10 am Panera Bread 9 am

Herland Supper Club Saturday Jan 13 Belle Isle Brewery 5:30 pm followed by video at Herland 7 pm

MLK Jr Day Parade Mon. Jan 15 meet at Herland at noon

Herland Game Day Saturday Jan 20 1 pm

Herland Voice Submission Deadline Sat. Jan 20

Herland Board Meeting Sun Jan 21 4 pm

Herland Voice Mailing Party Wed. Jan 24 6 pm

feb 2007

Herland Mardi Gras Party Sat Feb 17

supper club

Join Herland on *Saturday, December 9*, at 5:30 pm for some Indian cuisine at Khazana, 4900 N. May. After dinner, about 7 pm, come to Herland to watch episode I of the BBC drama "Tipping the Velvet". This passionate lesbian love story is set in 1890's England and follows the adventures of Nan Astley.

On *Saturday, January 13*, join Herland at 5:30 pm for supper club at Belle Isle Brewery, 50 Penn Place, 1900 NW Expressway. After dinner, about 7 pm, come to Herland to watch episode II of the BBC drama "Tipping the Velvet". Meet at Herland at 5 pm on either night to carpool.

herland hikes

The hike is back! Join us on *Saturday, December 9* and *Saturday, January 13*, at Martin Nature Park, 5000 W Memorial Road, at 10 am. Meet beforehand for breakfast or coffee at Panera Bread, 4401 W Memorial Road, at 9 am.

scrabble/game day

Join us at Herland on *Saturday, December 16* and *Saturday, January 20*, at 1 pm for Scrabble and more! Bring your own game or play one of ours.

holiday party

Let's have some holiday fun with a potluck dinner and dirty Santa party on *Saturday, December 16*, at 6 pm. Bring a food item and a white elephant gift from around the house or buy a gift for no more than \$5-\$10 tops. We'll draw numbers and each person in order will pick an unopened gift or steal an opened gift from a person with a lower number. If someone steals your gift, you can pick another unopened gift or steal an opened gift from another person, but not the person who stole the gift from you.

new year's day potluck

Start the new year off right with a potluck dinner and games at Herland on *Monday, January 1*, at 1 pm. Herland will provide a pot of chili and a couple of the traditional side dishes. Show your support for Herland with a \$5 suggested donation.

mlk jr day parade

Join the Herland folks on *Monday, January 15*, to show your support for Dr. King's dream of equality and justice for all. The theme for this year's parade is "Voting our Values and Valuing our Votes." Meet at noon at Herland to carpool and help carry our Herland banner in the parade. Call Ginger at 942-1535 for more info.

voice mailing party

Get the scoop on the latest news on *Wednesday, January 24*, at 6 pm. It will only take about an hour and your help will be greatly appreciated.

mardi gras party

Herland is planning a fund-raising Mardi Gras Party on *Saturday, February 17*. Mark your calendars and look for more information in the February issue of the Voice.

2006-2007 College Women's Basketball Home Games

Oklahoma State University



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

11/4/2006	Oklahoma Flyers (Exh)	7:00 PM
11/6/2006	East Central (Exh)	7:00 PM
11/10/2006	UC - Riverside	6:00 PM
11/18/2006	Northwestern State	7:00 PM
11/21/2006	Southern	6:00 PM
11/24/2006	Pacific	7:00 PM
11/26/2006	Fresno State	2:00 PM
11/30/2006	Missouri - Kansas City	7:00 PM
12/4/2006	Prairie View A&M	7:00 PM
12/18/2006	Southern Utah	7:00 PM
12/20/2006	Texas Southern	7:00 PM
1/10/2007	Kansas	6:00 PM
1/17/2007	Oklahoma	7:00 PM
1/20/2007	Texas Tech	11:00 AM
1/24/2007	Colorado	7:00 PM
1/27/2007	Baylor	1:30 PM
2/7/2007	Texas	6:00 PM
2/17/2007	Texas A&M	7:00 PM
2/24/2007	Nebraska	7:00 PM

University of Oklahoma



11/1/2006	Laketuck (Exh)	7:00 PM
11/7/2006	Missouri Western State (Exh)	7:00 PM
11/12/2006	DePaul	2:30 PM
12/10/2006	Arkansas Pine Bluff	2:00 PM
12/17/2006	Northern Colorado	2:00 PM
12/20/2006	Ohio State	6:00 PM
1/3/2007	Kansas State	7:00 PM
1/14/2007	Texas Tech	2:00 PM
1/24/2007	Iowa State	7:00 PM
1/27/2007	Texas A&M	11:00 AM
2/4/2007	Oklahoma State	2:00 PM
2/12/2007	Texas	6:00 PM
2/25/2007	Missouri	2:00 PM
2/28/2007	Baylor	8:00 PM

Southern Nazarene University



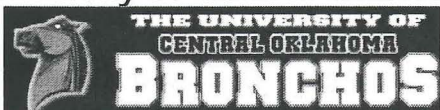
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11/4/2006	Mid-America Nazarene	6:00 PM
11/10/2006	Alumni	6:00 PM
11/21/2006	Bethany (Ks)	6:00 PM
11/27/2006	SW Christian	6:00 PM
12/7/2006	Mid-America Christian	6:00 PM
12/30/2006	Evangel (Mo)	4:00 PM
1/4/2007	Lubbock Christian University	6:00 PM
1/6/2007	Wayland Baptist University	1:00 PM
1/11/2007	University of S&A of Oklahoma	6:00 PM
1/25/2007	John Brown University	6:00 PM
1/29/2007	Oklahoma Christian University	6:00 PM
2/3/2007	Oklahoma Baptist University	6:00 PM
2/8/2007	Oklahoma City University	6:00 PM
2/10/2007	NW Oklahoma State University	6:00 PM
2/15/2007	St. Gregory's University	6:00 PM

Oklahoma City University



10/28/2006	Oklahoma Flyers (scrimmage)	12:00 PM
11/4/2006	Hillsdale Baptist	1:00 PM
11/8/2006	UCO (Exhibition)	6:00 PM
11/11/2006	Oklahoma Wesleyan	6:00 PM
12/2/2006	Huston-Tillotson (Tx)	3:00 PM
12/18/2006	St. Gregory's University	7:00 PM
1/4/2007	NW Oklahoma State University	6:00 PM
1/18/2007	Southern Nazarene University	6:00 PM
1/20/2007	University of S&A of Oklahoma	6:00 PM
1/27/2007	Oklahoma Baptist University	6:00 PM
2/1/2007	Wayland Baptist University	6:00 PM
2/3/2007	Lubbock Christian University	1:00 PM
2/17/2007	Oklahoma Christian University	6:00 PM
2/22/2007	John Brown University	6:00 PM

University of Central Oklahoma



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11/17/2006	Oklahoma Christian	8:00 PM
11/18/2006	Arkansas Tech	3:00 PM
11/25/2006	Oklahoma City University	7:00 PM
12/5/2006	Oklahoma Panhandle	6:00 PM
12/7/2006	Angelo State	6:00 PM
12/9/2006	Abilene Christian	2:00 PM
12/30/2006	St. Gregory's	7:00 PM
1/11/2007	Tarleton State	6:00 PM
1/13/2007	Midwestern State	2:00 PM
1/15/2007	Northeastern State	6:00 PM
1/24/2007	Southwestern Oklahoma	6:00 PM
1/31/2007	Southeastern Oklahoma	6:00 PM
2/7/2007	Texas A&M - Commerce	6:00 PM
2/17/2007	Cameron	6:00 PM
2/24/2007	East Central	2:00 PM

Oklahoma Christian University



11/4/2006	Texas Wesleyan (Homecoming)	1:00 PM
11/11/2006	SW Assemblies of God	6:00 PM
11/13/2006	Hillsdale Baptist	6:00 PM
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11/25/2006	Mobile	3:00 PM
12/16/2006	Central Oklahoma	2:00 PM
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2/12/2007	Southern Nazarene University	6:00 PM
2/15/2007	John Brown University	6:00 PM

Oklahoma Baptist University



Lady Bison Basketball

11/11/2006	Paul Quinn	1:00 PM
11/24/2006	Hannibal - LaGrange	4:00 PM
11/25/2006	Park (Mo)	4:00 PM
12/2/2006	John Brown University	1:00 PM
12/4/2006	Rhema Bible	7:00 PM
12/5/2006	Southwest Christian	7:00 PM
12/9/2006	Manhattan Christian	2:00 PM
12/16/2006	Columbia (Mo)	1:00 PM
1/13/2007	Southern Nazarene University	6:00 PM
1/18/2007	Lubbock Christian University	6:00 PM
1/20/2007	Wayland Baptist University	1:00 PM
2/1/2007	Oklahoma Christian University	6:00 PM
2/15/2007	Oklahoma City University	6:00 PM
2/17/2007	St. Gregory's University	6:00 PM
2/22/2007	NW Oklahoma State University	6:00 PM
2/24/2007	University of S&A of Oklahoma	6:00 PM

Langston University



LANGSTON UNIVERSITY

11/2/2006	John Brown University	6:00 PM
11/4/2006	Park University	2:00 PM
11/15/2006	Wayland Baptist University	6:00 PM
12/4/2006	Paul Quinn College	5:30 PM
12/6/2006	Northwestern OSU	5:30 PM
12/9/2006	Jarvis Christian College	5:30 PM
12/11/2006	Wiley College	5:30 PM
12/13/2006	SW Assemblies of God	5:30 PM
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2/12/2007	Houston Baptist	5:30 PM

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12/29/2006	Tabor (Kan)	3:00 PM
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2/10/2007	Oklahoma City University	6:00 PM
2/15/2007	Lubbock Christian University	6:00 PM
2/17/2007	Wayland Baptist University	1:00 PM

St. Gregory's University

12/8/2006	Ozark Christian College	6:00 PM
12/9/2006	Oklahoma Panhandle University	2:00 PM
1/4/2007	John Brown University	6:00 PM
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juárez femicides

adapted from article by Inter Press Service

Ciudad Juárez in Mexico has been dubbed "the femicide (gender-motivated murders of women) capital" of the world by human rights organisations because of the high murder rate of women there. But murders of women are also frequent elsewhere in Mexico, as well as in Guatemala and El Salvador, and so far there is little public discussion about them.

These crimes have achieved notoriety in Ciudad Juárez, on Mexico's border with the United States, where they have been the object of an outcry by human rights groups, investigations by United Nations rapporteurs, films, documentaries and books.

"Juárez has become a by-word as a result of all the denunciations and demonstrations that the femicides there have provoked, but in other Mexican cities, and particularly in Guatemala, the situation now is extremely serious," Teresa Rodríguez, head of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) for Mexico, Central America, Cuba and the Dominican Republic, told IPS.

"We are very concerned about these murders, which for the most part go unpunished," Rodríguez said ahead of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, which since 1999 is commemorated on Nov. 25.

"There is a culture that continues to turn a blind eye to this situation, and we cannot tolerate it. It must be combated and prevented by means of public policies, but also, as has happened in Ciudad Juárez, it must be exposed and denounced, and we have to make it clear that these killings are not normal, just as violence against women and girls in general is not normal," she said.

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