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UCO Women's and Gender Studies Conference Feb 27

The Association of Women's Studies at the University of Central Oklahoma will host a Women's and Gender Studies Conference on Saturday, February 27 from 8 am to 5 pm, at the College of Liberal Arts. There will be scholarly presentations from students and faculty from across the country, and a Charity Luncheon benefiting the Women in Military Service Memorial in Washington, DC. The Deadline for registration for presenters is February 6, and guest registration is due February 12.

The featured presenters include Betty Harris, Director of Women's Studies at the University of Oklahoma; Brittany Novotny, Attorney at Law and candidate for the Oklahoma State House of Representatives (currently occupied by Sally Kern); and Andrea Gibson, poet and performance artist. The featured speaker at the Charity Luncheon is Major General LaRita Aragon of the Air National Guard, the first woman to become a General in the ANG.

Registration fees are \$50 for student presenters, \$40 for guests, \$30 for UCO students, and \$30 for guests attending the Charity Luncheon. Presenters will receive a conference T-shirt and access to the conference and luncheon. Guests will receive a conference T-shirt and access to the conference.

The College of Liberal Arts is located at the intersection of N Baumann Ave and E Campbell St. 2 blocks north of Edmond Road, on the UCO campus. There is free parking in the Red Commuter lots on the east and north sides of the Liberal Arts building.

For more information, online registration and driving directions go to: www.ucoaws.com or email ucoaws@gmail.com.

Save the Dates!

May 21–23: Herland Spring Retreat, Roman Nose State Park
October 22–24: Herland Fall Retreat, Lake Eufaula State Park

Herland Events

**Herland Supper Club
visits Norman for the
Mardi Gras Parade!
Saturday February 13
5:00 p.m.
Coach's Restaurant
102 W. Main St.
Norman**

Join us for some good food and fun, at Coach's Restaurant, 102 W Main St, at 5 pm. Then we'll cross the railroad tracks to watch, laugh, and catch some beads or march in the parade. Herlanders and friends are invited to march with the Krewe of Patty & Pinky, who will appear in the parade as "Patty and Pinky's Pots & Pans Band and Flagsters." To participate, you will need a pot, a pan and something to bang it, or a flag to wave...you know what to do!

**Herland Jazz Party
Celebrating Interna-
tional Women's Day
Saturday, March 6th**

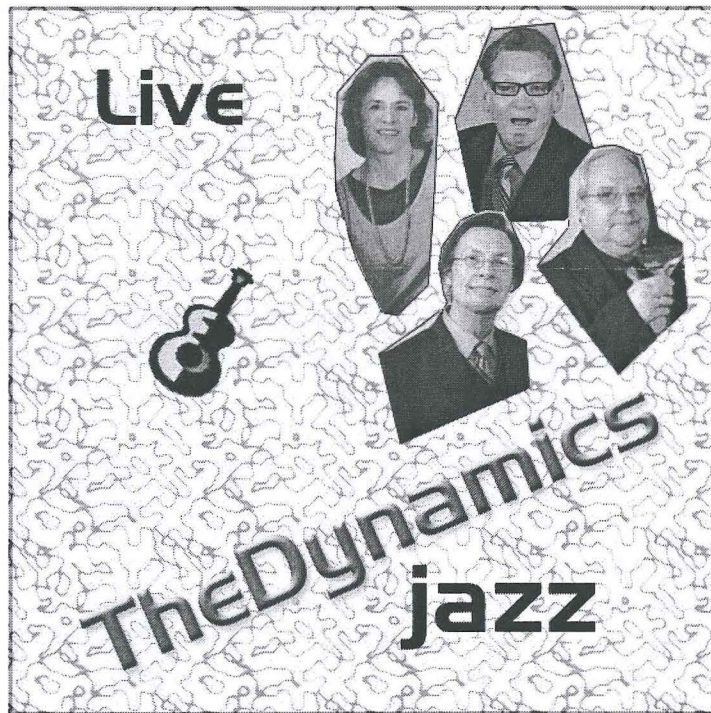
At the Boom Club
and Restaurant
(see article next page for de-
tails)

Herland Celebrates
International Women's Day
with an
All That Jazz Party

6-9 p.m., Saturday, March 6th
At the Boom Club and Restaurant
2218 NW 39

Music by the Dynamics
Drinks, dancing, hors d'oeuvres
Artwork silent auction

Gay attire encouraged!
More details next month.



International Women's Day (IWD) is a global day celebrating the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future.

For more information about International Women's Day check out
www.internationalwomensday.com

community
events

Saturday Feb 6 Louise & Mary
Full Circle Bookstore 50 Penn
Place 7-9 pm no cover

Sunday Feb 7 Beatrice Cole
at the Santa Fe Depot, 200 S
Jones, Norman. Louise and
Mary are backup! 7:30 pm,
no admission charge

Monday Feb 8 7 pm Okla-
homa Gay & Lesbian Political
Caucus Town Hall Meeting
"Leaders for the Future"
at the Neighborhood Alliance,
NW 36th and Classe. Call
Jeanne at 255-3658 or email
ok.glpc@yahoo.com for more
information

Thursday Feb 11 7 pm Nor-
man PFLAG St Stephens Meth-
odist Church, Norman

Friday Feb 12 Mary and
Louise play for the UCO Val-
entine's Weekend at UCO
Jazz Lab in Edmond

Saturday Feb 27 Women's
and Gender Studies
Conference at UCO

PFLAG OKC/Edmond meeting
TBA. Email
Louisebakerhiho@gmail.com

Wednesday nights 7-9 pm
"A Tribute to Mary Daly"
beloved prophet, theologian,
philosopher, and lover of
women. Church of the Open
Arms community hall, 3131 N
Penn, OKC, Women only



16th Annual

Norman Mardi Gras Parade

A Family Friendly Tradition

6:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13th

King & Queen of Mardi Gras

Senator John & Beth Sparks

Theme: "All You Need Is Love"

Norman's Historic Downtown Arts District

Celebrating the arts and community spirit with a nighttime moving carnival featuring revelers, bands, performers, dancers, animals, and some things we just can't describe. Entries Include: Artists, performers, families, friends, businesses, non-profits, faith groups, civic and youth orgs.

Prizes Awarded

Best Overall ~ The Fabulous Flanigan, "Best of" for In Theme, Music, Marchers, Lights
Funniest Entry & Unidentified Rolling Object, King & Queen's Choice, Norman's Wackiest Family
Plus, Doggiegras-you and your best friend leashed together and in costume

Route: We step off from the Santa Fe Depot on Jones St and go north, then east along the 100 & 200 blocks of Main to Crawford, south to Comanche, and back around the block for another loop.
\$10 Registration Fee for entries ~ Doggiegras is free~ contact NormanMardiGrasParade@gmail.com
for a registration form or call Ed Kearns at 360-3279. Deadline: Feb. 10 Mail to: Norman Mardi Gras Parade, 127 W. Acres-Box H Norman, OK 73069

Share Your Heart Food Drive

Krewes and spectators are asked to bring non perishable food donations to benefit Norman families through the Community Action Agency's Food Pantry. There will be drop off bins in the staging area and along the route. Donations can also be taken to the Norman Public Library.

The 2010 Norman Mardi Gras Parade is dedicated to Norman's non-profit and public agencies who better the lives of our children, families, elders, and animal friends

Film of Civil Rights Champion on February 24

Bayard Rustin, friend of Dr. Martin Luther King, is the subject of the documentary film "Brother Outsider" to be shown at the Holy Temple Baptist Church, 1540 NE 50th St., OKC, on Wednesday, February 24 at 6:30 pm. The showing is sponsored by the Peace House and Holy Temple Baptist Church.

Rustin was a gay man that Dr. King regarded as a friend and mentor. He organized the 1963 March on Washington where Dr. King gave his "I Have a Dream" speech, one of the largest nonviolent protests ever held in the United States. He was a tireless activist and a major strategist for many rallies, protests and other events. Despite these achievements, Rustin was silenced, threatened, arrested, beaten, imprisoned and fired from leadership positions, largely because he was an openly gay man in a fiercely homophobic era. Today, the US is still struggling with many of the issues Rustin sought to change during his long and illustrious career. His focus on civil and economic rights and his belief in peace, human rights and the dignity of all people, remain as relevant today as they were in the 1950's and 60's.

"Brother Outsider" is a winner of 8 Best Documentary awards, and Official Selection of the Sundance Film Festival, and winner of the GLAAD Media Award for Outstanding Documentary.

Surveys and Surveys and Surveys!

Several people and groups have contacted Herland lately, soliciting respondents for their surveys. They could impact you or someone you know, so take a few minutes and fill them out!

Ashley Mills is a genetic counseling student at Mount Sinai, NY, conducting a research study which aims to understand family history communication, and cancer beliefs and attitudes in the LGBTQ community. It is a one time, anonymous online survey that takes about 15 minutes, with no additional participation. Contact her at: Ashley.mills@mssm.edu

Memphis University GLBT Research Team is conducting a GLBT-affirmative study on same-sex parenting in relationship to legal parenting rights. Participants must be 18 or older, currently be in a relationship with the same-sex partner with whom they have planned and created a family, and have at least one child under the age of 18 living in their home. The research is important in advocating for parents to be fully recognized, and not be discriminated against. Contact glbtresearch.uofm@gmail.com The survey will take about 20 minutes.

Women, Action & the Media (WAM) is conducting a short survey on gender justice in the media. This is a way to find out what WAM is doing to improve gender perceptions in the media (film, TV, radio, and print). It is meant to find out what else can be done, and what is important to you. They want to hear from writers and readers, producers and viewers. Contact them at www.womenactionmedia.org. This survey takes about 5 minutes. Whew!

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- Reverend Dr. Kathy McCallie

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A New Group: the Norman Queer Alliance

The Norman Queer Alliance is a community group for LGBTQ and other queer identified folk as well as queer loving straight allies living in Norman, OK. We believe building community and looking out for each other is an effective tool against homophobia.

Some of the things we do include organizing weekly events, producing a quarterly zine showcasing the art and writing of queer Oklahoma, and hosting a list serve. Events we have organized include the queer art shows, concerts, film showings, dance parties and discussion groups. We can be contacted at: normanqueeralliance@gmail.com, www.normanqueeralliance.wordpress.com, and Facebook group Norman Queer Alliance.

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