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The Newsletter of the Women's Resource Center at New Mexico Tech

Welcome to 2011/2012

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The Women's Resource Center is delighted to welcome you to a new academic year at Tech!

Founded in 2001, the WRC has provided events and information for women students and faculty and their male supporters for many exciting years. We appreciate having so many of you join us for the annual "Meet the Women Faculty Luncheon," the monthly Brownbag series, and other events.

The WRC begins the new year with our new Program Assistant, Nick Chavez, better known on campus as Dallas. He has been very involved at

Tech for the past four years, working for *Paydirt*, the Tech Yearbook, and is a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. His office is in Fitch 15A - stop by and say Hi or e-mail him about the WRC at nchavez@nmt.edu!

You can also watch the website for news and announcements!

If you have any suggestions for programming, the newsletter or the website, wish to get involved, or just get some more information, please stop by my office (Fitch Hall), call me (x5181), or e-mail me (bonnek@nmt.edu).

Barbara Bonnekessen

The Tech Goddess!

All staff and faculty women at Tech excel in their work – which one stands out?

For the second time, on May 2, 2012, the WRC will award the "Tech Goddess Award," embodied in the necklace you see behind this text.

As you encounter the Tech women throughout the academic year, select the one who made the most lasting impression on you, and, by April 27, 2012, e-mail her name to Dr. Bonnekessen at bonnek@nmt.edu.

And then attend the May 4, 2012 "End of Year" celebration to see if your Goddess won!



The 2010-2012 Tech Goddess,

Dr. Maggie Griffin
CLASS Department

2011/2012 Brownbag Lunch Series

Bring your friends and join us at noon in Fitch 106/107:

- October 7:** **Where Do You Stand? Bullying & Bystanders**
- November 4:** **Balancing Classes and a Social Life at Tech**
- December 2:** **Holiday Celebration**
- February 24:** **Transgendered Life**
- March 23:** **Ada Lovelace Day – see who’s coming for afternoon tea!**
- April 20:** **Things you never hear in class about the real world**
- May 4:** **End of Year Celebrations and Goddess Award**



At the Meet the Women Faculty Lunch!

Collecting seasonal holidays at the WRC brown bag December 2010



NMT QuASAR

By Nick "Dallas" Chavez

The Queer Association of Socorro Area Residents or QuASAR is the local LGBT group in Socorro. It used to be known as Gays and Friends or GAF. This group has been absent from the Tech campus for the past four years. A few students on campus decided to restart it at the end of the spring semester and will be meeting this fall semester.

New Mexico Tech is not best known for a large LGBT community. That does not mean that there is not one. Tech has many groups and clubs on campus for different minorities. This is not the case for LGBT students.

College can be a difficult time for many people and students can often become depressed. Many studies have been done on depression and suicide rates among LGBT adolescents. For example, Stephen T. Russell and Kara Joyner, in *Adolescent Sexual Orientation and Suicide Risk: Evidence From a National Study*, found that LGBT youth are at a much higher risk (between 19% and 29% higher) of suicidal thoughts and are more likely to attempt suicide. This is mostly due to the fact that beginning in early adolescents sexuality becomes an important part of life. Many teenagers have problems coping with the stigma of their sexuality and the bullying by their peers and people in authority over them.

This often does not stop after high school. With all the other changes happening in college it makes for a confusing time. This is why it is very important to have campus groups that support students who are ordinarily forgotten or dismissed. QuASAR is not just for those who are openly LGBT, but also for students who just want to support their fellow students.

The WRC will be hosting monthly movie nights with a theme of LGBT youth this year, so come and join us in the TCC lab in Fitch Hall at 7pm starting on October 13 for the first movie night!

Movie Nights – 7pm – TCC Lab

October 13:
Fall from Grace

November 17:
The Brandon Teena Story

December 8:
Bring your favorite LGBT Movie!

February 9:
TransGeneration

March 8:
Coming out Under Fire

April 5:
Trembling Before G-d

May 10:
Bring your favorite LGBT Movie!

MARCH 24 is
Ada Lovelace Day!

Last year, Lady Lovelace
(aka Dr. Liebrock, chair of
Computer Science and Dean of
Graduate Studies)
received an adoring
public for afternoon tea
and a talk about the
Analytical Engine.

This year, albeit a day
early on March 23, she
will be joined by some of
her illustrious
colleagues.

Watch for the
announcement!

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We're on the Web!

<http://infohost.nmt.edu/~women/>

On 27. June 2001, a meeting was held in the Brown Hall conference room to discuss women's issues at New Mexico Tech. The goal was to identify ways to develop or create an environment here at New Mexico Tech that would be positive and supportive for the women of our community.

The mission of the WRC expresses our hopes and our dedication to:

- Provide a safe place (virtual for now!) for women and men of all sexes and genders, sexualities, races, ethnicities, religions, ages, dis/abilities, national origins, languages, and more. Consequently, the WCR does not discriminate by any characteristic and does not tolerate any discrimination.
- Provide education and information through on-campus events, such as brownbag lunch series, movies, public lectures, workshops, and invited speakers. All events are open to the public and require neither registration nor payment. We do count the number of attendees and request they fill out an evaluation form to help us improve our events.
- Provide an organizational framework for activist and student groups interested in achieving full human rights for people discriminated against by sex and gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, religion, age, dis/abilities, national origin, language, and more. We reserve the right to reject groups whose goals include the curtailment of the human and civil rights of women and minority groups.

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