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QASU Drag Show... Not a Drag at All!: Shanna Radloff

(photo provided by Aaron Wainman)

Singing their hearts out and dancing away on stage, Drag Kings and Queens shared their freedom of expression at the Queer and Allied Student Union's Drag Show on February 12th in the Yellowjacket Union Great Room. With over 150 students, faculty, and staff in attendance, the Drag Show allowed them to experience a different and perhaps new culture, while proving to be both a fun and educational success.

"The Drag Show was a fundraiser put on by the UWS QASU to help raise money to attend our annual conference MBLGTACC (Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender Ally Collegiate Conference)," Aaron Wainman said. "This is the first year that we have renewed the Drag Show at UWS. There had been drag shows in the past, but long before any of the current members of the QASU were aware of. And the first since our new constitutional set up."

Several months of planning went into the event, starting right after Thanksgiving. The planning included coordinating performers, campus contributions, and volunteers for the twelve hour event. Many organizations contributed to this event including: University Theatre, Campus Recreation, Yellowjacket Union, Yellowjacket Activities Crew, University of Minnesota-Duluth QASU, and Gender Equity Programs. The Drag Show was a way to involve everyone on campus. It let everyone, regardless of their sexuality, know they are not alone and that UWS is a safe environment for all people.

"There are a number of reasons that this event is good for campus," Wainman said. "It creates a more inclusive environment for anyone who identifies as GLBTQA, (Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Queer Allied) to help the feel like they aren't alone. It also challenges peoples' preconceived notions about gender, gender identity, and gender expression. Hopefully as this event becomes an annual tradition it will help to establish our campus community as one that is inclusive and accepting of people from all walks of life."



Leadership Academy Heads-Up: Meghan O'Toole-Gott

The Leadership Academy is an annual event for students to gain knowledge in the many areas of leadership. Based on feedback from last year, the student lead committee has decided to use a Pentathlon format again. This year, the theme of Communication was chosen. Mark your calendars for the Leadership Academy 2011: Communication Pentathlon on Sunday, April 17th. Students will compete in 5 leadership-based events all tied into the theme of Communication.

Student organizations should attend because it will be a day filled with teamwork, growth and most importantly, fun! You can sign up by emailing leadershipacademy@uwsuper.edu See you there!



The Power of the Tongue: Kym Young (photo provided by Ivy Vainio)

The Black Student Union & International Peace Students Association hosted the one woman performance "the Power of the Tongue" featuring Ge'ylah (pronounced G-ee-'lah) spoken word poet and griot-storyteller. Ge'ylah's performance centered on the African-American experience through recorded image, music, and spoken word poetry. She wove an oral tale of what African-American slaves, poets, leaders, and historians see as defining who and how we perceive our impact and ourselves in the America of the past and present.

Ge'ylah opened with a well-known poem by famed African American poetess Nikki Giovanni "I am BAD," which tells the journey of the African woman through time and space where she embodies many roles in her evolutionary journey from the birth of the world to the "now".

By collaborating on this event, BSU & IPSA brought an entertaining evening to the UWS community that also educated the public on the rich African American traditions and shares culture in celebration of Black History month. BSU hopes that in the future they are able to bring more programming to the campus.

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February/March 2011

2/26—BSU Soul Food Dinner, YU Great Room

3/4—YAC Open Mic Night, YU Shippar Atrium

3/7—Spring Leadership Workshop, YU 202

3/10—SHCS Game Show Pyramid, YU Shippar Atrium

3/11—YAC Musician: Augustine, YU Shippar Atrium

3/16—SHCS Fun in the Sun, YU Shippar Atrium

3/29—Grocery Bingo, YU Shippar Atrium

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