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3rd Annual LGBT Symposium Schedule

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Students, faculty, staff honored last night

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The Rainville Awards, held last night in the Memorial Union Ballroom, are in honor of the founder A. Robert Rainville, who served on University of Rhode Island committees, Student Affairs and Student Life.

The purpose of the Rainville Awards is to recognize, acknowledge, and take notice of those students who excel in the field of academics and show great leadership potential. Furthermore, students, faculty and staff are acknowledged for their team spirit and employee positions.

Last night, faculty and staff were honored for their accomplishments they have achieved since their stay at URI.

The ceremony got underway with President Robert L. Carothers praising the Student Leadership Program, and the work that the staff, faculty, and staff of the Student Life and Student Leadership Program has accomplished.

Next, following the opening ceremonies, the URI's Women's Choir entertained the crowd with a few songs. After that, dinner was served and the introductions of the finalists were given.

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an activists share 'the truth' about African conflicts
"Perspectives on Progress"

The 3rd Annual Symposium on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Issues

April 10 - 12, 1997

Galanti Lounge
URI Library

Special Events for Thursday, April 10

- 9:00 Opening Remarks
  President Robert Carothers, University of Rhode Island

- 9:30 - 10:45 Campus Climate
  Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Curricular Integration at a Women's College, or Discussions in (and of) the Dating Parlor. Discussion of the integration of lesbian and gay studies at a small southern U.S. college. Andrea Cumpston

- The Effectiveness of Lesbian & Gay Speaker Panel Presentations as an Intervention to Promote Attitudinal Change in Heterosexual Students. Examination of the effects of lesbian and gay speaker panel presentations. Jolee Webb

- Attitudes Toward Gay Men and Lesbians: Homophobia or Heterosexism. An analysis of the concept of homophobia from a social psychological perspective as well as a discussion of a scale measuring the attitudes toward gay men and lesbians. Albert Lott

- 11:00 - 12:15 Bisexuality
  Bisexuality in the Netherlands. Exploration of bisexual identity in Dutch culture. Rebecca McCrone

- The Science of Heterosexuality. A look at recent scientific attempts to discover, or rather invent, homosexual bodies, and to codify their pleasures through the Human Genome Project. Steven Angelides

- 12:15 - 1:30 Lunch

- 1:30 - 2:00 Music & Sexuality
  Narcissizing the Saxophone: Constructing Our Sexual Repression Through Linguistic and Musical Discourse. Connecting jazz to human sexuality, the pertinence of society's narcissism will be demonstrated. M. Amanda Materne

- 2:00 - 3:15 Health Care
  Lesbian Health Care: An Oxymoron? Exploration of obstacles to complete health for lesbians, including implicit gender bias that exists in medical culture, as well as unique aspects of lesbian sexual health and the efforts that are being made to provide better health care for lesbians. Francesca Mary Maresca

- Creating a Lesbian Family. Discussion of the obstacles faced by lesbian parents including access to alternative insemination, lack of images of lesbians in childbirth and parenting education, literature, and media, and legal considerations defining and protecting "family" relationships. Laurie Friedman

- Herbs, Holism & AIDS. Discussion of herbal therapies used to support the immune system and counteract negative effects of chemical therapy for people living with HIV/AIDS. Michael Ford

- 3:30 - 4:45 Creative Expressions
  Fiction Reading. Reading of "queer" texts including discussion of race, sexuality, nationhood, class and language. Thomas Glave

- Poetry Reading. A young artist, social worker and rising star on New York City's poetry scene will read from his powerfully moving and finely crafted work. Peter Covino

- 7:30 Keynote Speaker (in White Hall Auditorium). Karen Marshall, Director of the San Diego Lesbian & Gay Men's Community Center

How Do We Organize a Diverse Group of Communities to Move Our Movement Forward? Ms. Marshall will share with us her thoughts and experiences on what steps must be taken in order for the LGBT Community to attain equality in a way that is healthy for all of us, including our need to celebrate and utilize our diversity.

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