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Upcoming Meetings and Events

April and May CARE Meetings – Please Come

The April meeting will be held on our regularly scheduled second Sunday of the month, April 11, at 4 pm at the Heiter Center). Because Mother's Day is on May 9th, our May meeting will be held at Cindy Peltier's house on May 2nd at 11 am.

Volunteers Needed for the CARE Table at the Arts Festival

Sign up to sit at the CARE table in Hufnagle Park during the Lewisburg Arts Festival on April 24th between 9 am and 5 pm. We will need folks to sign up to sit at our table in Hufnagle Park from 9 to 5 pm. Contact Iris Gainer at irifkgai@bucknell.edu.

The Black Arts Festival at Bucknell University *Dreams of the Drum - Continuing the Legacy*

April 22

Walking Through the Renaissance

6:30 - 7:30 pm

Location: Center Room

Elaine Langone Center, 2nd floor

free and open to the public

Sarafina (A movie)

9 - 11 pm

Location: Gallery Theatre

Elaine Langone Center, 3rd floor

Bucknell University

free and open to the public

April 23

The Hues of Hughes (A Poetry Reading)

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Location: Bucknell Hall

free and open to the public

Keynote Address: Dr. Michael Eric Tyson

7:30 - 8:30 pm

Location: Vaughn Lit Trout Auditorium

free and open to the public

April 24



10 - 11 am
Location: Presidents Dining Room
Elaine Langone Center, 2nd floor
free and open to the public

Church Service (Gospel Infused)
11 am - 12 pm
Location: Rooke Chapel
free and open to the public

From the Desk of Doug Sturm...

State of Black America 2010 *Jobs: Responding to the Crisis*

The National Urban League (NUL, celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, has released its annual report on *The State of Black America*, focusing especially on the current economic crisis as it impacts millions of minority citizens.

The report's Executive Summary (available online at www.nul.com) opens by declaring "the devastation caused by near-record high unemployment for African-Americans...threatens to push an already struggling community deeper into poverty and despair." Black unemployment is nearly twice that of white Americans.

Employing NUL's intricately designed Equality Index to compare the relative status of White, Black, and (this year for the first time) Hispanic Americans through 2009, the report concludes that, using the status of White Americans as a norm, the status of Black Americans stands at 71.8 percent, and the status of Hispanic Americans stands at 75.5 percent.

These figures are derived from measurements taken along five categories: economics, health, education, social justice, and civic engagement.

In response to the present-day economic crisis as it affects minority groups, the report presents a "comprehensive and bold six-point" *NUL Plan for Putting America Back to Work* including:

- Direct job creation
- Expanding and expediting the Small Business Administration's Community Express Loan Program
- Creating green environment zones
- Expanding the hiring of housing counselors nationwide
- Expanding the Youth Summer Jobs program
- Creating urban jobs academies

Question: Should CARE adopt this plan or something similar to ask current candidates for public office if they would support proposals of this sort? Get the report, study the plan, tell us what you think.

Tune into Latin Rhythms on Sunday Afternoons

DJ Jose Rivera plays Latin music on WQSU FM 88.9 radio Sundays from 4-6 pm. Mother's Day week, the week of April 9, he will be on from 2-6 pm. Listen and enjoy various forms of Latin rhythms!"

"Jose Rivera es el DJ en la estacion WQSU 88.9 FM los domingos. La musica es de 4-6 pm. En la semana de abril 9 es de 2-6 pm. Que gozen los diferente ritmos latinos!"



Treasurer of CARE on the Issue of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell”

March 25, 2010

Dear Mr. Ambrose:

Thank you for taking the time to contact me about the military policy referred to as “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” and its effect on the armed services and our national security. I appreciate hearing from you about this issue.

In 1993, a compromise was reached regarding the controversial issue of gay and lesbian Americans serving in the United States military. Referred to as “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” the policy dictates that members of the Armed Forces are not to be asked about nor allowed to discuss their sexual orientation. In the years since “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” has been implemented, over 13,000 service members have been discharged under the policy. While there have been numerous challenges to the constitutionality of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” the policy has remained in effect.

On February 2, 2010, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and Admiral Mike Mullen, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, testified before the Senate Committee on Armed Services regarding “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.” For the first time, the Defense Secretary and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff unveiled a plan for the eventual repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.” Secretary Gates reported that the Pentagon has initiated a year-long study to review how best to implement a repeal of this policy. In the weeks following Secretary Gates’ and Admiral Mullen’s testimony, other respected military officials, both active and retired, have expressed their support for repeal, including General Colin Powell, the former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Upon carefully reviewing the impact of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” on our military, speaking with members of the Armed Forces and weighing the recommendations of Secretary Gates and Admiral Mullen, I believe the time has come to end this policy. With our Armed Forces engaged in two wars, our national security depends on a strong and talented military. Moreover, any qualified American willing to risk his or her life for their country should be permitted to serve free of discriminatory treatment. There is also evidence that lifting bans on openly gay service improved morale by putting the focus on mission rather than identity.

“Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” was created by an act of Congress, and it will require an act of Congress to repeal it. On March 3, 2010, S. 3065, the Military Readiness Enhancement Act of 2010, of which I am a cosponsor, was introduced in the Senate. S. 3065 repeals “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” and establishes a nondiscrimination policy that includes sexual orientation in the Armed Forces. It codifies the review process initiated by the Pentagon and ensures that “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” is repealed consistent with the recommendations of top military officials. S. 3065 is currently being considered by the Committee on Armed Services, of which I am not a member. Please be assured that should this legislation come before the full Senate for consideration, I will have your views in mind.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the future about this or any other matter of importance to you.

If you have access to the Internet, I encourage you to visit my web site, <http://casey.senate.gov>. I invite you to use this online office as a comprehensive resource to stay up-to-date on my work in Washington, request assistance from my office or share with me your thoughts on the issues that matter most to you and to Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,
Bob Casey