Welcome back to the What's New, ASOSU? Newsletter! Happy April, we hope everyone is having a great start to Spring term & have gotten into the swing of their new classes. Scroll to see all of our announcements for this month!!
Legislation has been introduced to the ASOSU Congress that supports The Menstrual Dignity Act (Oregon House Bill 3294). The ASOSU House Projects Committee has been working to combat the effects of period poverty here at Oregon State. A resolution stating that the Associated Students of Oregon State University will express support for the Menstrual Dignity Act, OR HB-3294, as it supports the overall well-being of Oregon State University students and promotes menstrual equity in the State of Oregon, is currently in the works by members of the House Projects Committee.

https://www.opb.org/article/2021/03/16/oregon-menstrual-dignity-act-would-require-schools-to-provide-hygiene-products/

ASOSU TOWN HALL

Keep an eye out for more information regarding the next ASOSU Town Hall, which will take place week 6 or 7!!
Q: I’m finally ready to come out to my parents, but I can’t see them in person due to COVID-19. What should I do?

A: First of all, congratulations! It can be a long and arduous journey getting to a place where you’re ready to come out to family and friends, and I couldn’t be happier for you. As for how to proceed during pandemic times, what was true before COVID-19 is still true now: you and you alone get to decide how, when, and where you’d like to come out. There tends to be a stigma about having big conversations digitally, but when it comes to coming out, there’s no right or wrong way to do it - whatever way feels right, safe, and comfortable to you. Maybe that’s a group chat text message or setting up a virtual family Zoom game night and bringing it up there. If you’re patient, a handwritten letter would do the trick. Whatever you choose, don’t hesitate to do it your way!

Poem of the month:
Some say an army of horsemen,
some of footsoldiers, some of ships,
is the fairest thing on the black earth,
but I say it is what one loves.
- Sappho, c. 600 BCE

Q&A questions, comments, or stories? Submit to asosu.queer@oregonstate.edu to be featured in our next issue!

Looking for community?
Tune into OSU’s Rainbow Continuum club! Meeting every other Friday starting 4/9 at 5pm!
Zoom ID: 934 0051 2171
Password: lgbt+
Oregon State Student Environmental Council is a forum for undergrad, grad, and online students representing different organizations and departments at OSU and within the community to collaborate on environmental issues and follow up on projects to make campus more sustainable. Anybody is welcome to join and participate in the environmental council community by joining the microsoft teams and/or contacting Grace Doleshel, the ASOSU Coordinator of Environmental Affairs, at asosu.environmental@oregonstate.edu

Click the link in the ASOSU Instagram bio to join the Microsoft Teams for Oregon State Student Environmental Council or find more info under "Environmental Justice Resources"!!
Many campus buildings and resources are open for students to use, just check the available times and make sure that you are still following COVID guidelines, wearing your mask, and staying physically distanced in buildings!

Need a place to study or a change of environment? See what campus buildings are open and when at the link below:

https://covid.oregonstate.edu/buildings

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

- A person is sexually assaulted every 98 seconds in the U.S.
- 1 in 2 women, 1 in 4 men, and 1 in 2 transgender or gender non-conforming individuals have experienced sexual assault in their lifetime.
- 2001 was the first year that SAA Month and individuals affected were honored.
- Healthy sexuality should include consent, intimacy, equality, respect, trust, and safety.

Learn more at ACESDV.org (source of quick facts)