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16th Annual BECAUSE Conference on Bisexuality

Media Notes: BECAUSE (Bisexual Empowerment Conference: A Uniting Supportive Experience) 2010 will be held April 16-April 18, 2010 at Hamline University. BECAUSE attracts GLBTA students, researchers, artists, and community organizers from throughout the Midwest and beyond.

SAINT PAUL, March 17, 2010– The Bisexual Organizing Project (BOP) is excited to announce that online registration for BECAUSE 2010 is now open. BECAUSE, in its 16th year, is the nation’s premier conference primarily dedicated to bisexuality.

BECAUSE is a weekend event for people who identify as bisexual, fluid, pansexual, omnisexual, same gender loving, queer, trans, genderqueer, and those who may be questioning their sexual and/or gender identities. This event also welcomes and provides programming for straight and queer allies to bisexual people.

BECAUSE 2010 will feature an energizing variety of educational programming and social events. The conference kicks off Friday, April 16th with registration opening at 5:30 pm. The evening begins with a welcome ceremony and the presentation of the Bisexual Organizing Project’s second annual Community Recognition Awards. The BECAUSE Conference is also excited to welcome Friday’s keynote speaker Amy Andre to St. Paul. Amy is a writer, activist and the current Executive Director of San Francisco Pride. Amy will be addressing health issues facing bisexual communities. The evening will conclude with networking opportunities.

On Saturday, April 17th, conference registration and breakfast will commence at 9 am. In addition to a variety of workshops on Saturday, there will be a panel titled “It’s Time: Perspectives on Bisexuality Past, Present and Future”. The panel will be comprised of current and past bisexual activists and allies from across the country, including nationally recognized activist Robyn Ochs. Panel members will discuss their perspectives on bisexuality, bisexual identities and the bisexual movement. Saturday’s events will conclude with the traditional BECAUSE annual cabaret show. Sunday’s events include a brunch with closing keynote Beth Zemsky. “The B in GLBT often gets overlooked, and BECAUSE puts the B in the foreground,”

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says past attendee Di Schempp, “It’s a great time to meet new people and be a part of the bisexual community.”

To learn more about hotel reservations or how to donate, register, volunteer, present, perform, or advertise at BECAUSE 2010, please visit www.becauseconference.org. All donations are tax-deductible. The registration fee is \$35 by April 15, or \$40 at the door during the conference.

BECAUSE 2010 would not be possible without the generous support from Hamline University, the Rainbow Health Initiative, the Queer Student Cultural Center at the University of Minnesota as well as many generous individuals. For information about becoming a BECAUSE 2010 sponsor, please contact Becky Saltzman at 608-345-2999 or at BECAUSEConference@gmail.com.

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