

# VonEhwegen enjoys providing support to 10% Society

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On any given day a visitor to the Muenster University Center will find a variety of student organizations signing up new members and offering information about who they are.

One of these groups is the 10% Society, which according to its Web site is stationed in the MUC from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Thursday.

"We're the gay/straight alliance on campus, so our main focus is support for the LGBT community, as well as providing an outlet for education and awareness," said Jennifer VonEhwegen, the group's secretary.

This outlet is promoted in a variety of ways. Along with the weekly time in the MUC, the group also holds meetings in Old Main at 8 p.m. each

Thursday, followed by an informal get-together in the MUC's U.Brew starting at 9 p.m.

They also host a variety of events, such as on Dec. 1 – AIDS Awareness Day – when they distributed educational information and offered STD testing for the entire campus.

The 10% Society's next big event is its annual drag show, which will be held in the MUC Ballroom at 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19.

There are approximately 30 to 40 regular members, VanEhwegen said.

"Not everybody can come to the meetings every week, because college is time-consuming and there are work schedules to deal with," she said. "We usually have 15 to 20 come to the meetings every week."

"We plan events, we do fun activities for the group – last week we

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decorated posters with glitter for the drag show – we do educational things about anti-bullying, STDs, we do movie nights, study groups," she said.

"There's a wide variety of activities."

This is VanEhwegen's second year with the group, but her first as an officer.

"I really enjoy the support," she said. "The people you meet in the club are really great. It's just a cool way to get involved on-campus."

She said she hopes

others get involved with the group, too.

"It's a lot of fun," VanEhwegen said. "It also is great for opening your mind, learning about new things you haven't encountered before – especially in the Midwest."

A first-year grad student, VanEhwegen has lived in the Midwest for more than a decade.

"My dad was in the Army, so I was born in Colorado," she said. "But I spent most of my life in Texas and South Carolina. I've been in



the Midwest, though, almost 12 years now."

When asked whether she would continue her involvement with the 10% Society, VanEhwegen answered with a firm "yes."

"As long as I'm (at

USD) I will be," she said.

For more information about the 10% Society, visit <http://orgs.usd.edu/glbta/>.

# Sousa Lollapalooza set at USD

The USD Symphony Orchestra will give a free concert on Friday, Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Aalfs Auditorium in Slagle Hall. The concert will feature the two winners of the annual Concerto Competition, organist Wyatt Smith and trombonist Mark Sweeney.

The program will also include the tone poem, Finlandia, by Jean Sibelius, which will be conducted by graduate student Victor Yip. Smith will play the organ part in the most substantial movement of Handel's Concerto No. 1, accompanied by the string sections and oboes. Sweeney will perform the last two movements of Swedish composer Lars-Erik Larsson's Concertino for Trombone, Op. 45, No. 7.

The concert will also include one of the great American composer Charles Ives' most noted works, The Unanswered Question, and conclude with A Sousa Lollapalooza. John Phillip Sousa is well known to music aficionados as "The March King." However, he was a much more complete musician and complex person than is generally realized. He played violin in Jacques Offenbach's orchestra which toured the U.S. in the 1870s, is in the hall of fame of the America Amateur Trapshooting Association, and wrote music much more diverse than marches.

The Sousa Lollapalooza will include "The Gliding Girl Tango," the aria, "Oh, Warrior Grim," from his most popular musical El Capitan, his funeral march "The Honored Dead," and will conclude with "The Washington Post March." This event is partially sponsored by a generous

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