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Mission Statement

The GSC offers resources and support on women's, men's, and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender issues.

We work with other campus organizations and offices to strengthen and sustain an inclusive campus community that promotes gender equality and awareness and welcomes people of all sexual orientations and gender identities by providing support, educational resources and advocacy.

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Election Reaction Issue

This election season was memorable; it included record voter turnout, international attention, and the passage of 11 ballot measures to amend state constitutions to outlaw same-sex marriage. Several articles in this newsletter focus on personal reactions to the election. Politics is often personal and these articles remind us of that.
-GSC Newsletter Editors

Where We Go From Here By Rachel Vallens

It's the day after the election and my head is still spinning from the whirlwind of the last 24 hours. I have to admit, the election has left me emotionally, physically, and mentally exhausted. So much of my life had been focused around this election, in one way or another, and now it's over. You all know the results of the election by now. Who won, who lost, how big the turnout was, and maybe even the exact number of ballots cast in Ohio. So I'm not going to get into that. Quite frankly, I don't think I can write impartially about the election results right now. Not without crying.



Instead, I turn to the thought that helped me make it through this election: Where do we go from here? It's not a happy thought or a quick salve to heal the wounded spirit. Things are going to be hard the next four years, maybe worse than they've been in a very long time. Abortion may be de-

clared unconstitutional by newly-appointed conservative Supreme Court Justices. Abstinence-only health education will fail to teach students how to be safe while having sex. Education will become increasingly standardized and sap students' ability to think for themselves. Vital governmental services will go under funded. And LGBT people will be forced into second-class citizen status as they are denied the right to marry someone of the same sex.

Eleven states had anti-marriage amendments on their ballots this election, and eleven more states have now written discrimination into their constitutions. My own home state of Oregon is unfortunately one of those states. Oregon was the only state where the issue was close, but in the end it fell too, making me wonder if I can ever again truly love the state that I have been fortunate to call home.

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Coming Out in Style By C.J. Griffiths

Come out, come out, whatever you are! Carleton celebrated the 16th annual National Coming Out Day in traditional Carleton fashion – by creating a week's worth of LGBT-related events and activities for the entire campus to enjoy.

The week kicked off with a panel discussion on the intersection of LGBT issues and race, as part of the Multicultural Alumni Network reunion. That very same Saturday evening, the Cave took on the look and feel of Club Babylon, from the Showtime series, "Queer as Folk." With graphics and design work done by several dedicated volunteers, the dance floor became a glittering, flashing tribute to the clubs normally found in big cities. Not just for queer students, the music spanned a variety of genres and turned some of the most hesitant people into fabulous dancers.

Monday brought a powerful figure in the world of

transgender issues to Carleton. Debra Davis is the only known employee of a secondary public school to successfully transition on the job – without being fired. Named Lavender Magazine's "Person of the Year," her presentation (and following reception) allowed students to address questions and hear from someone who knows firsthand the challenges and rewards of reexamining one's identity.

Movie night on Tuesday was a chance for queer and straight students alike to enjoy the beauty and acting talent of Audrey Hepburn, in the classic "Sabrina." Queers & Allies House normally shows LGBT-related movies every two weeks at 8pm – the whole campus is encouraged to come!

Stimson House was the location for Wednesday evening's event – watching the third and final debate between President George W. Bush and Senator John F. Kerry in their race for the White House. Queer moments onstage were rare, yet it made for an evening of entertainment and good company, in

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Election Results: A Summary of Bush's Policies

by Karen Gibbins

Apparently, we've got four more years of Bush ahead of us. Those of you who know me know how I feel about that. Still, let's take a professional look at what this means for a few issues. Sadly, *The Advocate* reports that one out of five LGBT identified people voted for Bush. I don't really understand why.

Same Sex Marriage:

Bush plans to continue pursuing a federal marriage amendment that would ban same sex marriage. He continues to be outspoken against same sex marriage and has not officially supported civil unions.

HIV/AIDS:

Bush says he supports making HIV testing a part of routine health care. He also wants to increase funding for research on

developing an HIV vaccine. However, he has historically blocked legislation increasing funding for HIV treatment and research.

Hate Crimes:

Bush opposes the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act that Kerry co-sponsored. Also, as governor of Texas, Bush blocked adding sexual orientation to the Texas hate crimes law.

Choice:

Bush has consistently spoken and acted against a woman's right to choose. He supported and has promised to defend the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban (which has been declared unconstitutional by three federal courts). He also will restrict federal funding for abortion, support parental notification, and support abstinence-only sex education. If he has the chance to appoint a Supreme Court judge, it is likely he will pick one who could overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

Karen Gibbins is a Center Associate

Subverting Gender, It's for Everyone!

By Emma Cohen and Em Harris

"I'm not the world's most masculine man, but I know what I am and I'm glad I'm a man and so is Lola." – The Kinks

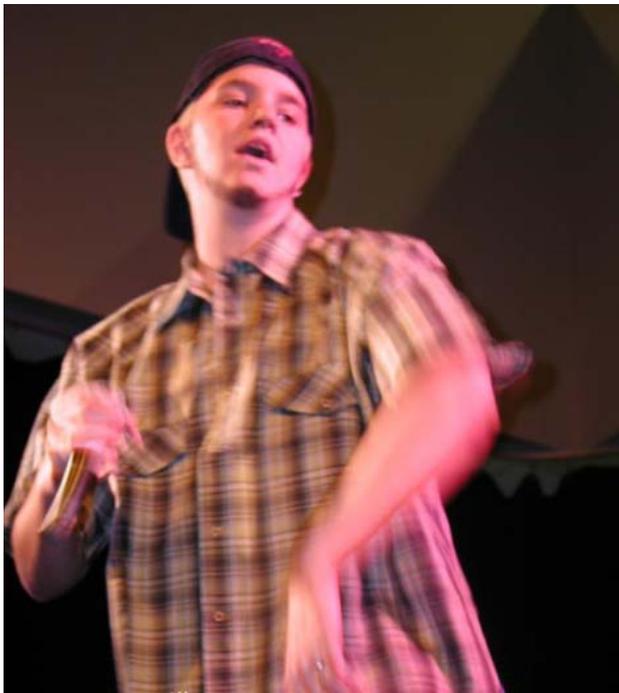
Carleton's first-ever day of gender subversion was held on October 26 and involved a host of exciting activities, culminating in an evening extravaganza of gender-related performances. Carleton's mini drag troupe made its debut, performing to The Kinks' "Lola," The Postal Service's "Clark Gable," and Harry McClintock's "Big Rock Candy Mountain." Admittedly, the tasteful publicity and fabulous performances were spur of the moment. Perhaps because of this, the very petite audience consisted mainly of members from Carleton's LGBTQA community.

But drag isn't just for LGBTQA people; gender-bending is relevant to the entire community; straight or queer, trans or traditionally gendered. The gender binary restricts all people by imposing societal norms. Drag encourages people to subvert these standards by providing a venue that is both entertaining and political. After seeing a drag show, you may find yourself questioning the constructs of masculinity and femininity, as well as your own sexual orientation. Lesbians may find themselves attracted to bois, and straight guys may surprise themselves by checking out a queen.

In addition to its inherent sexuality, drag is a forum for political commentary. The International Drag King Extravaganza, a conference attended by five Carleton students over mid-term break,

included many performances relating to the election and Iraq, as well as gender identity. A personal favorite, performed by the "Shamcocks" of Dublin, Ireland, was done to Bowie's "Afraid of Americans." "Somebody's watching me," by Rockwell, was used to illustrate the effects of the Patriot Act. While entertainment may draw the crowd, the underlying political statements allow the audience to leave with a heightened awareness of activism and gender flexibility. Plus, drag is fun.

In this light, we are baffled by the severe lack of enthusiasm for drag on Carleton's campus. Face it folks – St. Olaf's drag ball puts ours to shame. Why? Despite the liberal atmosphere of our campus, it seems that Carleton students aren't necessarily comfortable with or interested in drag. Is it portrayed as being too serious? First and foremost, drag is about rocking out, letting go, and having fun. Drag may have important ramifications, but this shouldn't stop students from seizing the opportunity to dress up and dance.



A drag king performing. Photo courtesy of www.artibus.ca.

Clearly, action must be taken. A winter term class on drag performance is in the works, and the mini drag troupe will hopefully gain numbers, dance moves, and queens. The drag ball will once again take place winter term, and this time, we're upping the fabulousness and will not be outdone by our neighbors across the river. Carleton's drag troupe, which has yet to be named, will hopefully re-debut in force. Karaoke will be also be included. As will you. Whether or not you are questioning your gender, you can help drag – in its fun and political incarnations – gain momentum on this campus.

Emma Cohen and Em Harris are first year students

Student Organizations Update

AIDS and HIV Awareness (AHA!)

AHA! will be continuing condom distribution through the end of the term. Meetings are not regular but are generally two or three times per term. Sign up for the AHA! mailing list if you'd like to hear more about it. You can sign up by emailing Alla (*goldbura*), Allison (*spiesa*), or Theo (*stroomet*).

Breaking Ground

Be sure to pick up a copy of last year's journal, our 25th volume, in the GSC. Breaking Ground is currently looking for editors - no experience required! - and will begin accepting submissions winter term. If you're interested in being on the editorial board, e-mail Rachel (*vallensr*) to get on our e-mail list. Our first editorial meeting will be early winter term.

Campus Advocates Against Sexual Harassment and Assault (CAASHA)

Advocates are an autonomous group whose purpose is to provide support to survivors and perpetrators (women and men) of sexual harassment and assault. All advocates have received training in counseling skills, issues of sexual harassment, sexual assault, and Carleton policy. We are available 24 hours a day. We offer non-judgmental listening, support, information on resources, and a survivor-centered approach. Contact David (*sterlida*) for more info.

Carleton In and Out (CIAO)

CIAO is a welcoming, queer-centered group open to Carleton's LGBT and questioning community. We meet every other week to hang out, eat, and discuss all kinds of queer-themed topics. CIAO works to make meetings open, safe, confidential, and welcoming to all. For more information about meetings, contact Dustin (*yagerd*) or Max (*noorm*).

Women's Awareness (WA) House

WA House has been busy this term with our usual activities--movie nights on Mondays of even weeks, Friday tie-day, and tea time Friday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30. We opened the new Women's Center on November 5 and hosted a contact improv. workshop 9th week. We also held an election party to watch the votes come in and ended up crying together. If you have questions about future WA House activities, or want to join our mailing list, contact

Collective for Women's Issues (CWI)

CWI is both a social activism and personal support group for people interested in women's issues. Meetings are at 9 p.m. in the GSC every Thursday. Recently, we've created "F-Word" buttons to distribute on campus, sponsored a yoga class for Love Your Body Day, and collaborated with the GSC for Women's Week, sponsoring tabling and the luncheon. Get ready for the Vagina Monologues next term! Email Karen (*gibbinsk*), Emily (*schultze*), or Katie (*oconneka*) with questions.

Men of Color at Carleton (MOCC)

Men of Color is trying to re-establish itself on campus and we are meeting once or twice a month just to get together with one another and have fun. All issues are concerning men, any issue, and we try to deal with them in a real manner, so come one and come all. Email Harrison (*greeneh*) or Love (*ananilo*) for more information.

Get Involved!
Join a Student Organization!

Sexuality and Gender Activism (SaGA)

Sexuality and Gender Activism (SaGA) seeks to promote awareness and motivate activism about issues concerning sexuality and gender. So far this year, SaGA has participated in such activities as co-sponsoring a talk by Deb Davis and the National Coming Out Week dance, organizing a genderfuck day complete with a drag show, petitioning against discrimina-

tory policies of the Red Cross, and on the whole generating lots of interesting and exciting discussions and ideas about gender and sexuality. Join us Wednesdays at 7:30 in the GSC! Email Courtney (*speignec*) or Roxanne (*morenov*) for more info.

Queers and Allies (Q&A) House

Queers & Allies is a place for LGBT students and their straight allies. It is a fun, safe and welcoming environment for all Carleton students. We'll be showing movies every other Tuesday night at 8 PM throughout fall term. Watch for announcements! If you have any questions, email Matt (*nasseffm*) or call x4565.

Coalition of Women of Color (COWOC)

COWOC creates an environment for women on the Carleton campus that is supportive, fun, and serves as a resource. COWOC extends opportunities to further educate women about multicultural and women's issues. Contact Lykouna at (*wongl*) for more info.

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So how is what comes next a happy thought? Well, it's not, really. What it is, is determination, commitment, and the power of action. We may have lost this one, but all that means is that we need to fight a little bit harder. We have the grassroots foundation laid; we need to continue to take advantage of that. It is in times of adversity that the most amazing things can happen, that the most effective organizing can occur. I realized, as I waited to hear the election results on Tuesday, November 2nd, that if Bush won, I knew what I would be doing for the next four years: I will be out there fighting for what I believe in. I will be organizing, I will be educating, I will be campaigning. I will be a clinic escort at abortion clinics under siege or I will join the legal team that challenges the anti-marriage amendment passed in Oregon. I will teach kids that there is more to learning than memorization and filling in bubbles on tests or I will protest our loss of civil liberties. I will make my voice heard. And I hope you will join me. Because we need all the help we can get. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." I, for one, cannot accept silence.



In The News

Supreme Court Rejects Catholic Charities' Appeal of District Court Ruling Upholding California Contraceptive Coverage Law

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday rejected without comment Catholic Charities' challenge of a California law that requires employers -- including religiously affiliated organizations -- to cover contraceptives if they provide coverage for other prescriptions. Catholic Charities -- which employs 1,600 people in California -- in 2000 filed a challenge to the 1999 California law that mandates contraception coverage, saying that the law should be "set aside as a violation of religious freedom." However, the 3rd District Court of Appeals in July 2001 ruled that the law was "enacted to eliminate discriminatory insurance practices that had undermined the health and economic well-being of women" and "does not advance or inhibit religion." Although the law has an exemption for religious employers whose primary goal is to promote religious beliefs and that primarily employ and serve people of a certain religion, Catholic Charities legally is a secular organization that receives government funding. The California Supreme Court in March upheld the state law, saying that Catholic Charities cannot be exempt from the law because the organization is not a religious employer, provides services to people of various religions and does not directly preach Roman Catholic doctrine. (KaiserNetwork.org)



Carleton named one of 50 top colleges for girls by CosmoGirl!

Carleton is identified as one of the 50 top colleges for girls in the October issue of CosmoGirl! magazine. Colleges on the list were selected on the basis of six key factors including small class size, prominent female faculty members, strong women's sports programs, a career center that facilitates internship opportunities, opportunities to hold leadership positions in clubs and activities and an active alumni network. (Carleton Media Services)

Oklahoma's antigay adoption law challenged

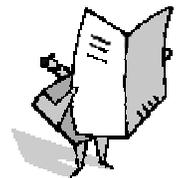
An antigay adoption law widely considered to be so extreme that it could leave children adopted by same-sex couples in other states orphans in the eyes of Oklahoma officials was challenged in federal court on Wednesday. The suit, filed by the gay rights group Lambda Legal, seeks to overturn the law, which was passed hastily at the end of the Oklahoma legislative session earlier this year. Lambda is representing same-sex couples who adopted children while living in other states and later moved to Oklahoma with their children or want to visit the state with their family. "This drastic law could be interpreted to nullify legal adoptions of children by same-sex couples in other states when they are in Oklahoma," said Brian Chase, staff attorney in Lambda Legal's South Central regional office in Dallas. "What we are talking about here are Oklahoma legislators who disapprove of gay people and lashed out by passing a law that punishes children for having gay or lesbian parents." (Advocate.com)

Ethics Committee Outlines Guidance on Withholding IVF From Prospective Patients Deemed Unfit Parents

The Ethics Committee of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine recommends that programs adopt clear policies and procedures -- including information and evaluations required of patients and conditions that would prohibit treatment -- to determine when to withhold services from patients believed to be incompetent to raise children. Conditions that could disallow treatment include untreated psychiatric illness, substance abuse, ongoing physical or emotional abuse and a history of committing physical or emotional abuse, according to the guidelines. The document also states that doctors have the right to deny treatment to individuals as long as they maintain compliance with anti-discrimination laws. (Kaisernetwork.org)

Same-sex partners married in Canada qualify for New York pension

Same-sex marriages performed in Canada are as valid to New York State's largest public employee pension fund as the U.S. weddings of heterosexuals, state comptroller Alan Hevesi said. In an advisory decision released Wednesday, Hevesi said New York State court rulings and a March opinion by state attorney general Eliot Spitzer dictate that full benefits be extended to the partner of a public employee if the couple has been married in Canada. (Advocate.com)



Wisconsin Pharmacist Faces Disciplinary Hearing for Refusing To Refill Oral Contraceptive Prescription

A Wisconsin pharmacist on Monday faced a disciplinary hearing after refusing to fill a woman's oral contraceptive prescription or transfer the prescription to another pharmacy in 2002. Neil Noesen said he refused to fill university student Amanda Phiede's oral contraceptive prescription while working as a substitute pharmacist at a Kmart pharmacy in Menomonie, Wis., in July 2002 because "he did not want to commit a sin." Noesen asked Phiede if she was using the drug for birth control. When the Phiede confirmed that she was, Noesen told her that he would not fill the prescription. Phiede then asked him where else she could get the prescription filled, but Noesen refused to provide her with that information because of his religious beliefs. Phiede later went to a Wal-Mart pharmacy, but when the Wal-Mart pharmacist called Noesen to have him transfer the prescription, Noesen refused, saying again that artificial contraception is against his personal beliefs. Noesen continued to refuse to fill the prescription even after two police officers and the Kmart assistant manager spoke with him. The police took no further action, and the managing pharmacist filled Phiede's prescription when he returned to work on Monday. (KaiserNetwork.org)

In the News cont.

GPAC Applauds Doctors Changing Attitudes on Intersex Surgery

A recent study by the Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics has found that treating intersex infants with cosmetic surgery often result in pain and lack of sensation, and that children raised as one gender may later in life identify as another. As more adult survivors of such surgery are stepping forward to denounce it as unnecessary, traumatic, and ineffective, medical professionals are increasingly opting to postpone surgery until the child is older and can contribute to the decision, providing families with psychological support instead. Said GenderPAC Executive Director Riki Wilchins, "Cosmetic genital surgery for intersex infants is another effort to make sure that even our bodies conform perfectly to gender stereotypes. We applaud this growing trend of doctors rethinking this surgery, and hope this will spare many children unhealthy and invasive procedures." Previously the standard treatment for intersex infants - those born with genitalia that don't appear perfectly or clearly male or female - has been early, cosmetic "normalizing" surgery in hopes of making the children's genitals resemble "normal" male or female. (GPAC.org)



85 Countries Sign International Population Agreement on Family Planning, Health Care, HIV/AIDS; U.S. Refuses To Sign

Eighty-five countries recently signed a statement reaffirming commitment to reproductive health and HIV/AIDS-related population and health goals agreed to 10 years ago in Cairo, Egypt. More than 250 world leaders endorsed the goals of ensuring a woman's right to education, health care and reproductive choices. During the Cairo conference, 179 countries approved a plan to enhance the reproductive health and rights of women throughout the world. Targets set at the conference aim to provide family planning options and education to prevent unwanted pregnancies as a way to reduce world poverty and hunger and improve women's rights in developing countries. The statement approved in October reaffirms the commitment "to an action plan to ensure universal access to reproductive health information and services; uphold fundamental human rights, including sexual and reproductive rights; alleviate poverty; secure gender equality; and protect the environment." The statement also says that despite progress, poor nations are facing an exponential increase in HIV/AIDS, "persistent high levels" of death from pregnancy and birth complications and inadequate access to family planning. (Kaisernet.org)

Georgia high court throws out hate-crimes law

The Georgia supreme court, in a 7-0 decision, threw out the state's hate-crimes law Monday, calling it overly broad and "unconstitutionally vague." The law, in place for just four years, had called for stiffer penalties for crimes in which a victim is chosen because of "bias or prejudice." But, unlike similar laws in other states, the law did not specify which groups might be victims. The ruling came in the case of a white man and woman convicted of an assault on two black men in Atlanta's Little Five Points neighborhood. Originally, the proposed legislation defined a hate crime as one motivated specifically by the victim's race, religion, gender, national origin, or sexual orientation. After fights over the inclusion of sexual orientation, the language was removed by the legislature and replaced with a section defining a hate crime as one in which the victim or his property was targeted because of bias or prejudice. The bill was passed in 2000. (Advocate.com)



The Vagina Monologues are Coming!
Auditions will be held at the beginning of winter term.
If you are interested in becoming involved in this year's production or have any questions, email vallengs.
No experience necessary.



Spanish government approves gay marriage bill

The Spanish government approved a bill to legalize homosexual marriages, which will make it only the third country in Europe to condone same sex marriages, cabinet spokeswoman Maria Teresa Fernandez de la Vega said. The reform notably also grants homosexual couples the right to adopt children. The other two countries where gay marriage is legal are Belgium and the Netherlands, though only the Netherlands allows such unions to adopt children. Calling it "an important day", she said the vote put Spain "in the forefront of Europe and the world in the fight" to end discrimination against same sex unions. (AFP)



More Important Things

By C.J. Griffiths

I was originally hoping to write about the new social queer men's group at Carleton. Formed during National Coming Out Week, it is designed to be an informal way for queer men of all identities to get to know each other and form the connections that seem to be missing within our community. If you're interested, by the way, you should contact me (griffitc) and I'll add you to the e-mail list.

And yet, with John Kerry's concession speech currently only a few hours old, it would be an atrocity to ignore the significance of what took place on November 2. Whether or not you're interested in politics, you can't help but notice the glum looks around campus, and the general sense of foreboding enveloping all those who care for progressive values.

Sticking only slightly to my original topic, the question poses itself: what then, do the massive conservative victories mean for queer men across America?

There are the obvious implications, clear to even the most unread eye – we won't be marrying each other anytime soon, especially if Massachusetts approves their own constitutional amendment (as eleven other states did the other night, including the socially liberal Oregon). Federal domestic partnerships remain an unlikely possibility, and HIV/AIDS research funding will probably remain stagnant for the most part.

Can we expect direct attacks to come within the next four years? Certainly. The Federal Marriage Amendment is far from dead, and

rumors are already flying that President Bush is discussing a trade of support from hardcore evangelicals – if they support the privatization of Social Security, he'll ensure that discrimination is written into the United States Constitution.

With the "endorsement of his mandate" and no longer facing reelection, President Bush has nothing standing in his way. There is nothing to prevent him from pursuing an extremist conservative agenda with a passion and vigor not yet seen from the White House. With massive majorities in both houses of Congress and gains in state legislatures, President Bush has nothing to fear. He no longer needs the support of moderates such as John McCain (R-AZ) – even without them, he has a majority.

Except one thing. Us. The queer men – students and professors alike, who were sitting around that table in Evans Dining Hall a few weeks ago – are exactly what President Bush and his allies should be afraid of. Along with the lesbians, the bisexuals, the transgendered, and perhaps most importantly, the straight allies. With "conservative values" flooding in to this country, there is no doubt that they will only make us stronger. This isn't a militant statement, this is fact. Look at the vast majority of civil rights movements in this country, from women to African Americans; history has shown that when the backlash arrives, it only strengthens the movement and gives it greater legitimacy.

In the next four years, while we might be attacked from all sides, there is no doubt that we will join together as a more powerful community to assert the rights that belong to us – and we will win.

C.J. Griffiths is a Center Associate

The Truth Will Set You Free, but First it Will Piss You Off: Reflections on Women's Week

By Karen Gibbins

I rode the roller coaster of emotions through Women's Week (November 1-5). Since the election was in the middle of the events, the week couldn't help but be swept up into it. The week started with the film *Standing on my Sisters' Shoulders* celebrating women in the civil rights movement working to increase voter registration and strike down Jim Crow laws. While watching strong women like Unita Blackwell, Flonzie (Goodloe) Brown-Right, and Mae Beth Carter fight to vote, gain access to colleges and graduate schools, and send their children to newly desegregated schools, I felt that the things we were fighting for today (same-sex marriage, the integrity of *Roe v. Wade*, decent health care) were within reach. It seemed possible to make a difference through small, personal actions.

The next day, about forty women and a couple of men filtered through Women's Awareness House to watch election results come in. At the start of the evening, we were optimistic. We'd seen the exit polls, Jon Stewart was cheering us on, and things looked good. Slowly, our excitement dissolved into tears as Florida, and then Ohio, slipped out of reach. Around 2:30 a.m. the few people remaining took their frustrations out on an elephant piñata expressly designed by Rachel Vallens for that purpose. We'd lost. It was over.

Wednesday, I visited the Women's Week table to send cards celebrating women to some of the important people in my life. Each card was backed by a quote. I chose Gloria Steinem's famous quote: "The truth will set you free, but first it will piss you off." When I wasn't crying that day, I was busy being pissed off that so many people thought that marriage was something that would be threatened if same-sex couples were allowed access to it. It reminded me of the days of anti-interracial marriage laws, so I did some research. It turns out that that piece of history is pretty recent. It was only in November of 2000 that Alabama voted to take its anti-interracial marriage law off the books; even then 40% of Alabamans voted to keep the law. Yes, I was pissed off.

After a day of mourning and being angry, I joined over one hundred active women at the Women's Week Luncheon where we watched a panel speak on "How Do I Make a Difference: Women's Stories of Civic Engagement." Panelists included Eunice Ajambo '06, activist Beverlee Bruce, Professor Martha Eason, Rachel Greenough '05, and activist Molly Woehrlin. Although the original topic of discussion was their past experiences in activism, the panelists' discussion turned quickly to the election. I began to feel comforted as I heard these fiery women talk about reclaiming the words "progressive," "liberal," and "moral." These women had made a difference. Maybe we didn't win this time, but that doesn't mean that it's impossible for the future.

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New in the Library
 By Carolyn Speidel



Boundaries of her body: The troubling history of women's rights in America

By Debran Rowland, Esq. ('85)

This book covers the legal and social boundaries surrounding reproductive rights, women and the workplace, adolescent women, and violence against women. Written from a legal perspective, *Boundaries* covers seminal legal cases in a way that is interesting, accessible, and never dry. Although this history of American women's rights begins in 1600, it provides a brief overview of 1600-1900, then settles into 20th and 21st century issues. Rowan also discusses lesbian and gay issues in the contexts of sexual privacy, marriage, and reproductive rights.

The F-word: Feminism in jeopardy

By Kristin Rowe-Finkbeiner

This book deals with contemporary feminist issues from a third wave perspective. While researching this book, Rowe-Finkbeiner interviewed and surveyed hundreds of women between the ages of 18 and 34 to determine what issues matter most to them. While most of these women took issue with the word "feminist," their concerns were often feminist in nature. Rowe-Finkbeiner explores the historical and current state of feminist issues like sexism and inequality, education, careers, marriage, and motherhood.

Living Out

"Living Out" is a new paper from the Cities. The front section focuses on LGBT relevant news and editorials, like current political bills and issues of being out in the workplace. The second section, Out in the Metro, features entertainment, theater reviews, best websites. Also of note is a queer bar and bookstore map.

You can check out these books (and many others!) from the GSC library. Just stop by and fill out a check out slip. Also, this is a reminder to **please return all overdue books**, as well as any that were not checked out, before the end of the term. This will help us accurately assess the state of the library when we do inventory over winter break.

Carolyn Speidel is a Center Associate

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Friday, Women's Week wrapped up with the opening of the Women's Center in the basement of Women's Awareness House. About 20 people turned out to celebrate this opening with tea, chocolate mint Kisses, and chocolate zucchini bread. The Women's Center acts as a safe space for Carleton Women as well as a meeting spot for people interested in celebrating women. Maybe the world isn't safe for women (or queer people) yet, but there is a cozy little haven in Berg House.

Karen Gibbins is a Center Associate

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in addition to the running commentary and short discussion afterwards.

Food filled out the remainder of the week, as queer women held their annual Les-Bi-an Luncheon in Sayles Great Space, and queer men joined together for a catered meal and discussion of pertinent issues later in the evening.

Q&A House then wrapped up another successful Coming Out Week with a potluck of food and friends on Friday.

As usual, the events drew large and remarkably diverse groups of people, reminding many Carleton students, staff, and faculty of the importance of being allies for the LGBT community.



National Coming Out Day is an annual celebration of the 1987 March on Washington, D.C. for LGBT rights. Carleton traditionally honors the event by sponsoring a week of activities and LGBTQA-related events.

C. J. Griffiths is a Center Associate

We Need You!

LGBTA Panel Training!

Do you want to tell your coming out story? Come be a part of one of the GSC's most popular programs. LGBTA panels are educational and fun. Be a part of the team!

Training will be held Friday January 7, 5-8 PM and Saturday January 8, 10-3 PM.

If you are interested and wish to RSVP or have any questions call the GSC, x5222 or contact Lauren (bendittl), Katie (oconneka), or Carolyn (speidelc).

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Mark your calendars now...

It's coming up faster than you think!

The one...

The only...

LGBT Retreat!

January 22-23

Get away for the weekend and connect with
other LGBTQA folk.

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