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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.

Marriage Protection Week Aims to Prevent Gay Marriage

by Leah Entenmann

also the day after National Coming Out Day, was marked by a collection of twenty-nine right-wing political and religious organizations as the beginning of Marriage Protection Week. This week is an attempt to rally support from conservative churches and other groups in opposition to gay marriage and other "attacks" on traditional marriage.

On October 3rd, President Bush validated this campaign by proclaiming October 12-18 Marriage Protection Week. George Bush's proclamation defines marriage as "a union between a man and a woman." He says that through education and counseling, he hopes to promote healthy marriages and create a better quality of life for children. According to Bush, "Marriage Protection Week provides an opportunity to focus our efforts on preserving the sanctity of marriage and on building strong and healthy marriages in America."

The events and activities organized around

The fifth anniversary of Matthew Shepard's death (October 12th, 2003),

the week, however, were far more focused on preventing gay marriage than improving traditional marriage, a National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute report shows. All official activities were focused on preventing the legalization of same-sex marriage and barring the legal recognition of civil unions and domestic partnerships. The Institute researched the week by looking at President Bush's proclamation and online information from the week's organizers. They found that on the nine sponsor websites that had search engines, there were more documents containing the word 'homosexual' (2,369) than documents containing terms pertinent to unhealthy marriage like 'divorce' (1,423) 'poverty' (823) or 'domestic violence' (190).

During the week, fundamentalist Christian radio shows, newspapers and churches focused on preserving the "sanctity of marriage," encouraging listeners, readers and members of their congregations to write to their senators and congresspeople, urging them to support the Federal Marriage Amendment. The proposed amendment would outlaw gay marriages and forbid recognition of any civil rights for unmarried, same-sex, or heterosexual couples, including civil unions or domestic partnerships.

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Carls for Choice: a New Voice in the Carleton Community

by Nira Ly

Carls for Choice is a newly formed Carleton organization whose purpose is to increase campus awareness and activism on the issue of reproductive rights, including the right to a safe and legal abortion. The organization is devoted to providing information about and protecting reproductive rights. It is important to understand that believing in the right to choose is not simply about abortion. Being pro-choice does not necessarily make one pro-abortion; rather, it means that one believes in the right to pro-

vide options (or choice) to women when it comes to reproductive rights. A legal abortion is a safe and healthy option currently available to women, and a goal of the organization is to protect this right by working to keep abortion legal.

Another goal of Carls for Choice is having safe, legal medical procedures and services available to all women. For example, almost half to the hospitals in Minnesota do not provide Emergency Contraceptives (EC), also known as "the morning after pill," to victims of rape. Carls for Choice supports EC and is fighting to make EC available to all survivors of rape in all hospitals in Minnesota.

The organization also supports protection of women's rights. The United States gov-

ernment is currently reviewing a bill called the "Unborn Victims of Violence Act." This bill is an attempt to give embryos, blastocysts, and fetuses the same rights as a human being under the guise of protecting women during pregnancy. The bill has no regard whatsoever for women's health or women's rights. If this bill passes, the rights of an embryo can be put above those of a living woman. The "Unborn Victims of Violence Act" is yet another bill that strives to chip away at Roe v. Wade to overturn the historical case that has protected women's rights for over three decades. Carls for Choice is about protecting women's rights, providing safe medical procedures, and preserving legal abortions.

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Marriage Protection Week cont.

Evan Wolfson, director of the organization Freedom to Marry, told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network that “the Constitution has never in the history of this country been amended to single out and discriminate against a group of Americans.”

Organizers of Marriage Protection Week view gay marriage as the greatest threat facing traditional marriage and an attack on the rights of other heterosexual couples. The American Family Council’s website www.marriageprotectionweek.com says that gay rights activists’ “efforts are intended to force, by law, 97% of Americans to bow down to the desires of the approximately 3% who are homosexuals.” Rev. Louis Sheldon, chairman of the Traditional Values Coalition and an organizer of Marriage Protection Week, said to CNN that by considering the rights of same-sex couples, “the courts are conspiring with anti-family extremists to undermine our nation’s most vital institution.”

Gay rights activists have issued statements stating concern about Marriage Protection Week and the president’s support of it. Matt Foreman, director of NGLTF, told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network that the NGLTF was “shocked, appalled and immensely saddened that the president officially sanctioned this vindictive campaign to vilify gay people and our families.”

In an attempt to counteract efforts to propel the Federal Marriage Amendment forward, gay rights organizations have come up with several strategies. The Human Rights Campaign has stepped up its publicity for its marriage website and petition, www.millionformarriage.org. Queer Eye for the Straight Couple, a program organized by Lambda Legal, offers relationship advice to married heterosexual couples from long-term gay couples that can’t legally marry. Using different approaches, groups are working to show Americans that granting civil rights to gay people does not deny straight people their rights.

Leah Entenmann '06 is a Center Associate.

Don't Feel Safe at Night?
Want to do something about it?

Come on the Campus Safety Walk!

The Campus Safety Walk is part of a broader college initiative to improve safety conditions for students at Carleton. On the walk, students and administrators survey the campus and off-campus college property by night, spotting places that don't seem to be adequately lit. This information will be used to make decisions about how better lighting in certain areas could improve night safety for everyone at Carleton. Come help make Carleton a safer place for you and the people you care about.

Tuesday, November 4th, 8:00 p.m.
Meet in front of Sayles.

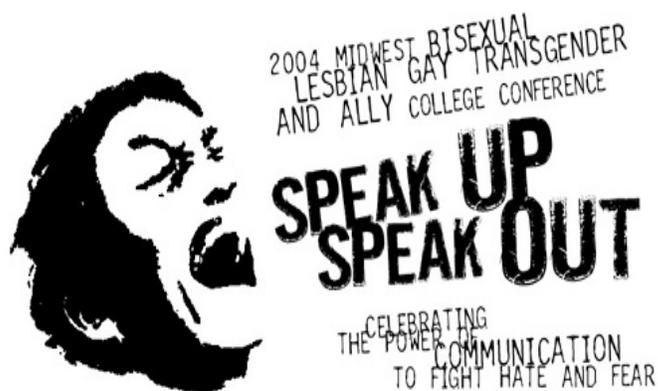
MBLGTACC 2004

The Midwest Bisexual, Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, and Ally College Conference is the largest annual event in which LGBTQA college students from the Midwest and across the nation and Canada convene for a weekend to celebrate and critically discuss queer issues and identities.

This year the conference will be hosted by Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, February 13-15.

Conference activities include several keynote speakers and a wide variety of workshops dealing with LGBTQA issues specific to students and the college experience. Topics in the past have included intersex issues, ally involvement, bisexuality, campus organizing, ageism, homophobia, and media representations of LGBT people.

Carleton will be sponsoring a trip to this year's conference, so save the date and stay posted winter term for more information on the conference schedule, sign up and registration!



Carls for Choice cont.

Carls for Choice welcomes all pro-choice supporters within the Carleton community to participate in our activities, and we are always open to new ideas! Our ultimate goal for this school year is to help as many Carls as possible to attend the March for Freedom of Choice in Washington D.C. during spring term 2004. The March will be a historic public demonstration in support of abortion rights and reproductive freedom for all women. If you would like more information about Carls for Choice, reproductive rights, or the March for Freedom of Choice, please contact us at carlsforchoice@yahoo.com.

Nira Ly '05 is a TRIO Peer Leader.

Exciting New Titles in the GSC

Come check out some of the more than one hundred new titles we added to our library recently! A special thanks to everyone who donated books! Here are just a few of our great new books:

That Takes Ovaries! Bold Females and Their Brazen Acts

by Rivka Solomon

Laws of the Bandit Queens: Words to Live by from 35 of Today's Most Revolutionary Women

by Ali Smith

Dykes and Sundry Other Carbon-Based Life-Forms to Watch Out For

by Alison Bechdel

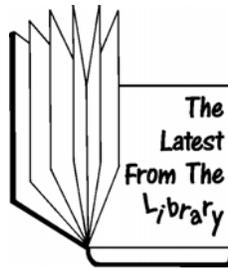
And from authors Riki Wilchins and Mel White, who recently came to speak at Carleton:

GenderQueer: Voices From Beyond the Sexual Binary

edited by Joan Nestle, Clare Howell, and Riki Wilchins

Stranger At the Gate

by Mel White



Book Reviews By Karen Gibbins

Body Outlaws: Young Women Write About Body Image and Identity edited by Ophira Edut

The phrase “body image” is oftentimes narrowly defined as having to do with perceptions of one’s body as too fat, too skinny, or just right. Edut expands that definition in her collection of essays. She includes women’s views on their body hair, the hair on their heads, their noses, the colors of their skin, their physical handicaps, and, in the case of a male-to-female transgendered woman, their penises. While many essays do focus on dealing with stomachs, hips and butts, this collection is far more varied than the typical “body image” anthology.

Even the more typical body image essays are surprisingly varied. Skinny women stand up next to larger women in addressing issues with their bodies, and all of the women consider their problems with body image within an intercultural, societal context. Although some essays detail numbers – weight lost or gained, calories consumed – in a depressing, obsessive way, others celebrate freedom from prescribed body shapes. In the final essay of the collection, model Kate Dillon writes about the eating disorder she developed under the pressure of the “normal” modeling industry and the new comfort she has with her body in plus-size modeling. This essay ends the book on a positive note, bringing the multiplicity of thoughts in the other essays to a powerful, hopeful point.

I would recommend this essay collection to anyone struggling with their own body image or anyone who wants to understand the variety of ways in which a woman can struggle with her appearance and presentation.

Wasted: a Memoir of Anorexia and Bulimia by Marya Hornbacher

Marya details her path into bulimia, anorexia and recovery with impressive self-understanding and maturity. She references numerous studies and professional psychological opinions and both supports them and subverts them with her personal experiences. These insights relate her eating disorder and body image to her love life, her sex life, her relations with her parents and friends, and her academic and career goals. She offers a complex, entire picture of a woman with an eating disorder.

However, Marya only offers one example which is fairly extreme. Her eating disorder symptoms are particularly severe and lead her to multiple hospitalizations, including a stay in a mental institution of sorts. Readers must be careful not to perceive less extreme behaviors as not “actually” symptomatic of an eating disorder after reading this account. Also, readers who have had body image or eating problems may not wish to read this book, because Marya’s graphic descriptions of her eating behaviors can be somewhat triggering of the reader’s own disordered behaviors. While this book is well written and helpful in understanding the experience of someone with an eating disorder, it should only be read or recommended with caution.

Karen Gibbins '05 is a Center Associate.

Get Involved! Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, November 4th -

Initial planning meeting for Women’s History Month at Carleton (February–March). Come to the meeting and share ideas, find out what’s been done in the past, and become part of this year’s Women’s History Month!

Common time in the GSC.

Thursday, November 6th -

Initial planning meeting for Pride Month. Though Carleton celebrates Pride Month in April, which seems a long way off, a lot of the important planning has to be done quite a bit in advance. Pride Committee offers an opportunity for students with a wide variety of interests and skills to contribute to the LGBT community’s most celebrated campus-wide series of events. Join in the fun!

Common time in the GSC.

In The News

FDA Panel Okays Unsafe Silicone Breast Implants

An advisory panel to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) voted 9 to 6 on October 15 to allow Inamed Corp. to proceed with sales of its silicone gel-filled breast implant, despite an abundance of data showing high rates of complications and potentially devastating long-term consequences. In the FDA review of the company's findings, agency scientists noted that muscle pain, joint pain, hair loss, rashes and fatigue all increased within two years of getting implants and every measure of emotional and physical health, including social interactions and self-esteem, declined within the same time period. The results of Inamed's core study of 221 breast cancer reconstruction patients and 494 augmentation patients showed alarmingly high complication rates. For example, 45% of reconstruction patients and 21% of augmentation patients required at least one re-operation within three years. The panel accepted Inamed's plan after they provided the FDA with less than three years of data, despite the fact that most serious problems with silicone breast implants develop, on average, about 7 to 10 years after implantation. Scientific evidence indicates that silicone is associated with strong immune reactions in the body, and Inamed itself has stated in a U.S. patent document that silicone is not biocompatible with human tissue.

Information from www.now.org



Pakistan: Majority of Jailed Women are Rape Victims

The National Commission on the Status of Women in Pakistan recently issued a report on the Hudood Ordinances, stating that as many as 88 percent of female prisoners are serving time for violating the 1977 Zina Ordinance, which makes fornication a crime and adultery a state offence. The Zina Ordinance— one of five covered under the Hudood— does not distinguish between rape and adultery, reported the *Pakistan Christian Post*. Consequently, "there have been hundreds of incidents where a woman subjected to rape or even gang rape was eventually accused of Zina and subjected to wrong and unjust persecution and great ordeal." In fact, one provision under the Hudood Ordinances requires a woman to have four male witnesses to prove rape; otherwise, her rape is considered an act of adultery. Women's rights groups, human rights groups, and national commissions are calling for repeal of the Hudood Ordinances.

Information from www.feministmajority.org



Scientific Study Indicates Genetic Basis for Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

A recent scientific study supports the theory that sexual orientation and gender identity are genetically based. The University of California School of Medicine study, published in the October edition of the *Journal of Molecular Brain Research*, identified 54 genes in mice that may explain why male and female brains look and function differently. Since the 1970s, scientists have believed that estrogen and testosterone were wholly responsible for the development of male and female genders. Recent evidence, however, indicates that hormones cannot explain everything about the sexual differences between male and female brains. "Our research implies that genes account for some of the differences between male and female brains," said Eric Vilain, a genetics professor at UCLA who was the principal investigator of the study. "We believe that one's genes, hormones and environment exert a combined influence on sexual brain development." In explaining sexual orientation, Vilain said, "It's quite possible that sexual identity and physical attraction is 'hard-wired' by the brain. If we accept this concept, we must dismiss the myth that homosexuality is a 'choice' and examine our civil legal system accordingly."

Information from www.hrc.org

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Upcoming Events

November 4th

Preview of *American Gun*

A preview screening of the film *American Gun*, about how guns affect culture and family. Benefits Citizens for a Safer Minnesota Education Fund. MegaStar Cinema, Southdale Center, 6601 France Ave., Edina. 6 p.m. reception, 7:30 p.m. film. \$35 for reception and film, \$15 for film only. Tickets: www.endgunviolence.com.



November 6th

Berglin and Human Rights

Senator Linda Berglin presents Women's Rights, Healthcare and Health Policy as part of the Women's Human Rights Speaker Series. Briggs and Morgan, PA, 2200 IDS Center, Mpls. Noon. Free. RSVP by 11/4: Mary Hunt, 612-341-3302 ext. 107, mhunt@mnadvocates.org.

November 8th

Man-to-Man Sexual Health Seminar

8:00 a.m. Program in Human Sexuality, 1300 South Second Street, Suite 180, Minneapolis. This two-day multi-media interactive seminar provides education on sexuality and intimacy between men. Learn about healthy sexuality; understanding effects of fear, violence and abuse; developing assertiveness and empowerment; breaking isolation and developing networks; being sexual in the age of HIV/STDs; sexuality across the life span; sexual identity formation; male intimacy and relationships; bisexuality and sexual diversity; and sexual functioning. Sponsored by the Program in Human Sexuality. For more information 612-626-7187.

November 9th

Gay & Lesbian Wedding Expo

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Wyndham Minneapolis Airport, 4460 W 78th St Circle, Bloomington. Fashion Show and GLBT Wedding Professionals. Admission is free. Sponsored by Wyndham Minneapolis Airport and Rainbow Wedding Network. For More Information visit <http://www.RainbowWeddingNetwork.com>.

November 12th

Queer Communities- Nationality/Ethnicity

Noon- 1 p.m. Location TBA. Third program in 2003-04 "Queer Communities" series focusing on diversity within the GLBT community. Roundtable discussion on differences in experiences of being GLBT based on one's national or ethnic heritage, as well as country of birth. Bring a bag lunch! Free. Sponsored by GLBTPO. For more information call 612-625-0537.

November 13th

"A Touch of Fever" Movie Presentation

7 p.m. Walter Library Room 402, University of Minnesota. Explores gay life and societal response in Japan. Directed by Ryosuke Hashiguchi. Sponsored by GLBT Programs Office and Tretter Collection in GLBT Studies. For more information 612-625-0537 or mailtoglbt@umn.edu.

November 14th

Women's Wellness Retreat

Discover seasonal wellness; self-massage, qigong, mindfulness, winter foods and herbs; enjoy lakeside resort, great food, jacuzzi, spa activities,

hiking. Journey within, invest in yourself! \$150-200, discount for early registration. MC/VISA accepted.

Deah Kinion, L.Ac. at 218-365-7055, dovetail@citlink.net, www.elyacupuncture.com.

November 15th

Drag Queen Bingo

7:00 p.m. Sponsored by Healing Spirit Metropolitan Community Church, held at the Rochester Senior Citizen Center, 121 N. Broadway. First game begins at 7:00 p.m. sharp. Bring the whole family! Alcohol free. Smoke free. Refreshments available. Cash prizes! "Come to the castle and see the royalty!"

November 19th

"Five Fingers" Self-Defense/Empowerment

6:30 P.M. 3010-A Minnehaha Ave S, Minneapolis (in back of Patrick's Cabaret) Part 1 of a two-part workshop. Classes are Wednesdays 630pm to 800pm. This workshop is for women 13 years and older and provides the skills and options for handling situations that range from "uncomfortable" to "life-threatening." This Five Fingers program is designed for any level of physical ability. You do not need to be "in shape" to attend. Diversity is welcomed! Cost is \$50 for both classes. Please arrive 15 minutes early to register. Wear loose, comfortable clothing. Sponsored by Feminist Eclectic Martial Arts (FEMA) For more information 612-729-7233 or <http://www.fema-wuchienpai.com>.



November 20th

Out in the Valley Meeting

Thanksgiving potluck dinner and panel discussion by a representative group of clergy people on how various churches are reaching out to the GLBT community. Hosted by Reconciling Ministries Small Group, United Methodist Church in Woodbury, MN. Sponsored by Out in the Valley. For More Information 612-822-0127 ext 502, 800-800-0350 ext 502, or <mailto:102225.1412@compuserve.com>.



November 21st

Loving the Round-Bellied Temple

Transform your body image! Turn negative perceptions into sacred strengths for more confidence, health and fun. Nature, adornment, movement, guided meditation and sensory delights. Beautiful food and retreat setting. Nancy Conger, author, life coach. 11/21-11/23. 651-462-7353, www.congercoach.com.

Through December 5th

Living Dreams in a Dying Village

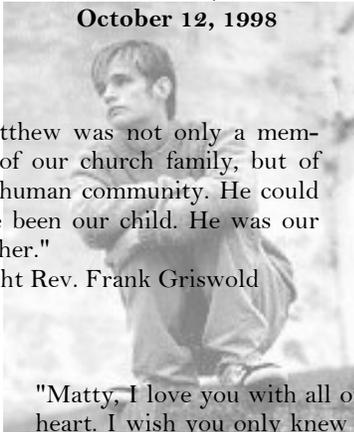
Perpich Center for Arts Education, 6125 Olson Memorial Highway, Golden Valley. A Documentary Exhibit about children affected by HIV/AIDS in central China. Exhibit open to the public during regular school hours through December 5. Sponsored By China AIDS Orphan Fund. For more information call 763-591-4700.

Upcoming Events compiled by Todd King '04, Center Associate.

In the News cont.

Matthew Shepard

December 1, 1976
October 12, 1998



"Matthew was not only a member of our church family, but of our human community. He could have been our child. He was our brother."

-Right Rev. Frank Griswold

"Matty, I love you with all of my heart. I wish you only knew how much. You'll be happier with this brand new start. The world's hearts you have now touched...."

- Megan Shepard

HRC and GLAAD Push Hate Crime Legislation in Response to Anti-Gay Efforts

At the five-year anniversary of the brutal beating and murder of Matthew Shepard, both gay and anti-gay activists are once again up in arms. To mark the occasion, the Rev. Fred Phelps and the Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, KS have announced plans to erect a monument in the town of Casper WY, Matthew Shepard's hometown and place where he was brutally murdered on Oct. 12, 1998. Due to an ordinance passed last year by the city council, the citizens may have no choice but to allow the monument bearing a bronze plaque which reads: "MATTHEW SHEPARD, Entered Hell October 12, 1998, at age 21 In Defiance of God's Warning ..." to be built. In response to this news, officials at the Human Rights Campaign and Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation are urging Congress to pass the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act (S. 966), which would add real or perceived sexual orientation, gender, or disability to federal hate crime laws. Passing this act would allow the federal government to more effectively investigate and prosecute violent crimes committed against these groups. This is not the first time this bill has been pushed; previous attempts have failed at the conference committee stage.

Information from www.hrc.org

Rwanda Tops Sweden With Highest Proportion of Female Members of Parliament

After elections held earlier this month, Rwanda achieved the highest proportion of female parliamentarians in the world. According to the *BBC*, 48.8 percent of Rwanda's members of parliament are women. The Inter-Parliamentary Union leader, Anders Johnson, stated, "the success of women in politics in the Nordic countries, for example, has long been attributed to a culture which fundamentally values the equality of women in all sectors of society. Time will tell if such a culture also takes root in Rwanda," reports the *BBC*. Sweden, the long-standing leader with the highest percentage of women in Parliament, now holds second place with 45 percent of the seats being occupied by women. The United States ties with Andorra at 60th place, with women comprising only 14.3 percent of the parliamentary seats. Women's rights advocates in the U.S. are calling for concrete measures to increase women's political participation in a U.S. draft resolution to be considered by the United Nations this month.

Information from www.feministmajority.org

Taiwan Drafts Law to Wed Same-Sex Couples

The government of Taiwan is preparing human rights legislation that will include legalizing same-sex marriages, Agence France Press (AFP) reported. If the proposal is approved by Parliament, the island of Taiwan would become the first Asian territory to recognize gay marriages. The draft, which one official said would be ready for parliamentary review by December, also addresses other human rights concerns, such as phasing out capital punishment. The AFP news report cited a statement from the office of President Chen Shui-bian, stating, "To protect their rights, people (of the same sex) should have the right to wed and have a family based on their free will." "It would be our pleasure to see the development," Chan Ming-chou, an official with the Taiwan Gay and Lesbian Association, told AFP. "Basically, we are positive towards the goodwill from the government." He added, however, that discrimination against homosexuals remains a problem in Taiwan.

Information from www.planetout.com

DNC Quick to Respond to Attacks on GLBT Rights

At a speech before the ultra-conservative Intercollegiate Studies Institute, Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia ridiculed the Court's recent ruling in *Lawrence v. Texas*, which struck down a Texas state law banning private, consensual sex between adults of the same sex. Justice Scalia read from the court's June ruling, using a mocking tone, and said that the decision ignores the Constitution in favor of a modern, liberal sensibility. DNC Chairman Terry McAuliffe was quick to respond, saying: "President Bush has made it clear that Justice Scalia will be the model for any future nominations to the Supreme Court that he will get to make. Justice Scalia is also the author of a dissenting opinion which not only vigorously disagreed with the notion that GLBT Americans should be free from police intrusion into their bedrooms, but also constituted a virulent anti-GLBT rant. "By mocking the court's ruling, Justice Scalia is showing that his intolerance also makes him unable to respectfully disagree with his colleagues. The president elected in 2004 is very likely to appoint as many as three or four Supreme Court Justices, and if that president is George W. Bush, the recent decision overturning sodomy laws, as well as *Roe v. Wade*, will likely be reversed."

Information from correspondence, Carrie Cox, Center Associate

Halloween Is Such a Drag...

by Erika Lewis

On a cloudy afternoon in the middle of October, I find myself perusing the racks of the local Ragstock, arduously searching for the perfect beauty queen costume. After a good hour of squeezing into an interesting assortment of wrinkled taffeta prom gowns complete with puffed sleeves, see-through bodices and interesting adornments, I find "the one." Upon checkout, I buy a sequined tiara and blond Farrah Fawcett wig to complete the ensemble. My goal this Halloween is to look in the mirror and see a stranger staring back at me: a rosy cheeked, red-lipped, bleached blond, bedroom-eyed wonder, parading around unceremoniously in my own version of drag. But that's what Halloween is, isn't it? It is the one night when it's perfectly normal for rough, "manly" men to be seen in public wearing lipstick, mascara and high heels and women to promenade in their freshly painted mustaches. Halloween has become its own mainstream drag ball and everyone seems to enjoy the identity vacation.

So why do I say that my own Halloween costume is drag when I am a woman dressing up only as a type of woman? The answer is that my costume represents a stereotypical performance of femininity: blond hair, makeup, dress, painted nails, etc. The term "drag" traditionally refers to wearing attire traditionally worn by

the opposite sex, but it has also become known as a sort of a masquerade of sexuality, a performance of gender, and/or a clever disguise. Drag has become a study in self-expression that is extremely important to some people. Through drag, we seem to define ourselves as much by who we resemble as who we actually are.

Whatever the motivation to wear drag, people secretly (and not so secretly) seem to revel in it, especially on occasions when they can feel secure parading their new identities. I've observed that there always seem to be an abundance of men dressing in drag for Halloween, regardless of their sexual orientation or their past history in cross-dressing. I often wonder why these men have chosen to spend a night all dolled up: is it the thrill of waking up the morning after with cakey makeup? The wonderful experience of itchy under wire? Pantyhose runs? The smell of nail polish? Their own set of breasts? The fact that they can appear a great deal more frightening imitating Cher than they can looking like Frankenstein? Whatever the reason, Halloween is a safe harbor for the more "closeted" cross-dressers. It is a night for exhibition and extravagance. It is the perfect night to display the parts of yourself that you keep hidden, including those black stilettos that you thought you'd never wear.



"I'm just a sweet transvestite..." *Rocky Horror* is the ultimate Halloween fashion show.

Erika Lewis '06 is a Center Associate.

Student Organizations Updates

Collective for Women's Issues: has recently been involved with Daisy Days, a tabling event aimed at raising money for the Fund For Choice. The Fund For Choice is sponsored by CWI and is available to Carleton women or partners of Carleton men that need money for prenatal care, infant care, or an abortion. CWI is in the process of putting on Women's Health Week, which runs from Monday, October 27 to Saturday, November 1. For more information about CWI, contact gibbinsk or oconneka.

Sexuality and Gender Activism: has been active in tabling and collecting petition signatures in order to combat Marriage Protection Week. The group has also been discussing the relationships between religion and homosexuality. SaGA meets every Wednesday night at 8:00 in the GSC. For more information, contact entenmal or pressone.

Women's Awareness House: continues to put on movie nights on Mondays every other week. Movies previously

shown include *Chicago*, *Mulan* and *A League of Their Own*. The show starts at 8:00 p.m. and snacks are provided! The door is open, so stop by and introduce yourself – you too, men!

Queers and Allies House: recently sponsored a reception during "Set-Up Your Roommate Night," open to all couples. Q&A's next movie night will be a screening of "Trick," at 8 p.m. November 4th.

Carleton In and Out: If you're looking for good discussion and a fun place to hang out, look no further. CIAO is held at 8:30 in the GSC every other Tuesday night. For more information, contact vignoss or henrys.

Other Student Orgs:

Breaking Ground:

For more information about this radical literary journal, contact vallensr, reinoosd or sanchezza.

CAASHA:

For more information about CAASHA, contact the Wellness Center.

COWOC:

For more information about COWOC, contact simmsk or loganm.



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**LGBT Retreat!
February 8th & 9th,
Mount Olivet Retreat Center
featuring facilitator**

Dr. Jamie Washington

**Save the date and watch for more
details winter term!**

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