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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.

## Martin Luther King's Legacy in Activism

by Julia Thiel

concerned with civil rights, but may sometimes forget the legacy left by a civil rights leader who is honored every year. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the third Monday in January every year, is a time set aside to remember the man who changed attitudes and laws about rights for African-Americans and whose words about equality are an inspiration to any equal-rights movement. One of his most famous quotes, "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere," is as true of current civil rights efforts as it was forty years ago.

King also believed that social justice is everyone's responsibility: "Without justice, there can be no peace," he said, "He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it." Apathy has been as much of a problem as opposition for activists, though as King so aptly pointed out, any inequality is a danger to everyone.

He also emphasized the need to recognize

LGBT and women's rights activists have long been

the basic humanity that exists in everyone, regardless of the assumptions one might draw from outward appearances. "The good neighbor looks beyond the external accidents and discerns those inner qualities that make all men human and, therefore, brothers," he once said. King also saw the need for people to do more than simply recognize others' humanity: "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."



In addition, anyone who has worked on social change recognizes the threat posed by ignorance. As with so many other concepts, King worded his views on this one well: "Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance

and conscientious stupidity." King's messages are universal and continue to inspire all who are working human and civil rights.

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## Roe v. Wade Anniversary

by Karen Gibbins

January 22, 2004 will mark the 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Roe v. Wade, a Supreme Court decision which declared most contemporary abortion laws unconstitutional. This verdict, delivered by Justice Blackman with Justice Rehnquist dissenting, disallowed any limitations on first term abortion and censured the state regulations that permitted later term abortions. Before this monumental decision, botched, "back-alley" abortions were the number-one killer of women of childbearing age. Roe v. Wade is one of the most significant advances made during the second wave of feminism, reaching women from a vast range of back-

grounds.

Today, many women, particularly those of our generation, take their right to choose for granted. However, most women's organizations believe that Roe v. Wade is in more danger today than ever before. The Supreme Court has a slim, one person pro-choice majority. If President Bush is given the chance to appoint a new justice, Roe v. Wade could easily be overturned. One pro-choice justice, John Paul Stevens, is 82 and could retire soon. Anti-choice groups have already presented as many as 30 cases to the Supreme Court attempting to overturn Roe v. Wade, and a new justice would likely give one of these suits victory.

As it stands, the decision has already been significantly weakened. In Planned Parenthood v. Casey in 1992, the

court amended Roe v. Wade to allow states to restrict abortion rights during the first trimester of pregnancy. In 2003, President Bush signed the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act into law. This act is more dangerous than it may initially appear. First of all, the title language is misleadingly biased. "Partial birth abortion" is not a medical term; it is a legal one created by anti-choice groups and defined as any procedure in which the fetus is delivered such that the head or half the torso is outside of the uterus before the abortion occurs. Anti-choice groups have conflated this term with abortions that occur after 21 weeks of pregnancy, when the fetus may in some cases be viable, or able to live outside the womb with strong medical intervention.

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## Roe v. Wade cont.

However, long-standing statutes in 40 states and the District of Columbia prohibit all elective abortions after fetal viability. However, this act is looking to do more than curtail late term abortions. The language of the law could allow the banning of procedures that take place as early as 12 weeks, undermining Roe v. Wade without using the courts. In addition, this law does not make an exception for medically necessary abortions. Roe v. Wade guarantees that women whose health would be compromised by carrying a pregnancy or giving birth must have access to safe abortion procedures at any point during pregnancy. Because of the unconstitutionality of the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act, it is currently under suspension by a number of judges nationally.

Overturing or continuing to undermine Roe v. Wade will affect countless numbers of women. The right to choose is not a fringe issue, important only to a few liberal feminists. Every year in the U.S., 49% of pregnancies are unintended and half of those pregnancies are aborted. This amounts to 1.4 million abortions per year, a number that has been falling since the 1980s, partially due to pro-choice efforts to educate women about contraception. Eighty-eight percent of these abortions occur before the twelfth week of gestation, so the anti-choice emphasis on gruesome images of late term abortions is unrealistic.

Chances are, you already know, or will know, multiple women who have accessed their right to a safe abortion. Women in the U.S are going to have to fight to keep that right. Here at Carleton, we are fighting. NARAL, Planned Parenthood, NOW, and the Feminist Majority are sponsoring the March for Women's Lives on April 25, a march for reproductive freedom, and Carleton's Collective for Women's Issues (CWI) and Carls for Choice are organizing a bus to get us there. To raise funds to alleviate transportation costs, CWI is hosting an art auction at Art House 5<sup>th</sup> week. Details will be available soon. So, protect reproductive rights: buy or contribute art, or join us on the march if you can. E-mail me at gibbinsk to help out.

Sources

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## Meet the New GSC Associates



**Emily Schultz** is a junior political science major with a concentration in educational studies. She is originally from Birmingham, Alabama and jokes that "there's not many of us up here [at Carleton]." Emily spent fall term studying abroad in southern Africa with Augsburg College's Center for Global Education. She is continuing her work in the GSC this year because her fellow associates "are a wonderful group of people that I genuinely enjoyed last year." She wants to provide an allied perspective to LGBT issues and become involved with violence prevention programming on campus. In her free time, Emily likes to work out, read, and hang out with friends. She doesn't have any definite plans after Carleton but is leaning towards graduate school.

**Carolyn Speidel** spent the past fall in Australia on an environmental studies program, spending plenty of time outside, often in extraordinary natural places. When thinking back on what she missed most about Carleton, she says "something unexpected that I missed about Carleton was the smell of fall and winter. There's a sharp, cold smell in the air when it gets colder here that did not exist in Australia." Carolyn is currently a junior psychology major and enjoys singing, yoga, being outside and playing broomball. Something she finds particularly rewarding is working with kids, which she has done as a tutor, counselor and teacher. This year will be her first working in the GSC and she is interested in working on Women's History Month, the LGBT Retreat and coming-out issues. After Carleton, Carolyn plans to attend graduate school in psychology.



**Elliot James** is a junior History major concentrating in African/African American Studies and Educational Studies. During his time away from Carleton, Elliot interned at the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York City, which was the first organized response to the AIDS epidemic. Although the group was originally started to meet the needs of white queer men, Elliot had the opportunity to work with the division that specifically catered to the lives of black queer men. He admits that he misses the diversity of queer people in New York City, yet from his experience he realizes "Carleton students have the opportunity to educate themselves about systematic forms of racism and homophobia but rarely get to experience them firsthand." While working at the GSC, Elliot wants to work on issues dealing with identity, especially as it develops at Carleton and how it prepares students for the "real world" after college. In his spare time, Elliot sings with Exit 69, the co-ed a cappella group on campus. He plans to become a high school history or social studies teacher after college.

*Written by Erika Lewis '06, Center Associate.*



## GSC NEW Library Update

It's a brand new term in a brand new year, and the GSC has a brand new library! Over break, GSC staff workers completely revamped the GSC library. All the library books have been moved into the little room adjacent to the GSC main meeting area. The new library also houses the tea table, a work desk, incandescent lights, and a comfy sofa. Books are laid out in a much more user-friendly manner.

**All videos are now housed in the CA office, but you can still browse the collection with the handy Video Catalogue, located on the Library work desk.**

A few of the subject sections have been consolidated or re-named. Because of the ambiguity of what should be deemed Feminist Theory versus Women's Issues – Science and Ecology and Women's Issues – General, so they were relabeled as Women's Issues – General books. Similarly, all Queer Issues – Queer Studies books were relabeled as Queer Issues – General. Women's Issues – Psychology and some books from Queer Issues – General were combined in a new section, Psychology/Counseling; books from Women's Issues – History and Queer Issues – General make up the new History section. We discovered that all but one of the Advice/Relationships books addressed long-term queer couples specifically, and decided to move the outlying book and rename the section Queer Issues – Queer Couples. Some of the Health/Body and Women's Issues – General were combined to form a new Reproductive Choice section. Fiction – LGBT, Fiction – Women, and Fiction – General were all fused into a six-shelf Fiction section.

*Written by Leah Entenmann '06, Center Associate*

## Rainbow Families Conference

### Volunteer with the GSC

The ninth annual Rainbow Families Conference is being held at Anwatin School Bryn Mawr, Minneapolis on February 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Volunteers with the GSC help to set-up, monitor rooms and help with registration. The day-long conference brings together lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender parents, prospective parents, and children, as well as extended family, friends, and those serving the LGBT community. Attendees will enjoy all-day quality programming for children, over 55 workshops for adults, a resource fair, and a family celebration at the end of the day. This is a great opportunity for members of Carleton's LGBTQA community to reach out to the greater Minneapolis community by volunteering for a good cause. If you are interested in going with the group sponsored by Carleton, stay posted for details and sign-up. For more information, visit the website at [www.rainbowfamilies.org](http://www.rainbowfamilies.org).

## Off-Campus Activism

### March for Women's Lives

To demonstrate support for a woman's right to choose safe, legal abortion and birth control, the largest pro-choice majority in history will march on Washington on Sunday April 25, 2004.

For the first time ever this pro-choice march is a collaborative effort - The Feminist Majority, NARAL Pro-Choice America, The National Organization for Women, and Planned Parenthood Federation of America have come together to organize this momentous event.

CWI and Carls for Choice will be organizing an art sale to raise transportation funds for Carleton Students to attend the march. For more information on the march, visit the website: [www.march4choice.org](http://www.march4choice.org) or Contact CWI (gibbinsk) or Carls For Choice (lyn).

### 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's 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! Space is limited; if you are interested, sign up in the GSC no later than Friday, January 23. Estimated cost per person is \$50, including transportation, room, entertainment, one lunch, and transportation for the weekend.**

## In The News

### Michigan Fights Against State Employment Discrimination

On December 23, Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed an executive order that bans state employment discrimination based on sexual orientation, making Michigan the eleventh state with such a policy. The ten other states with similar policies covering public employment are Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Montana, Pennsylvania and Washington. Two of those states – Kentucky and Pennsylvania – also explicitly cover gender identity in their executive orders. "This is a terrific first step in protecting from discrimination," said Sean Kosofsky, director of policy for the Triangle Foundation, Michigan's statewide gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender advocacy group.

[www.hrc.org](http://www.hrc.org)



### FDA Rejects Silicone Gel Breast Implants

On January 8, the Food and Drug Administration announced its decision not to approve silicone gel breast implants at this time. The FDA's decision rejected the decision of its expert advisory panel, which had recommended approving the implants despite questions about their safety and durability. The FDA will issue guidelines later for implant manufacturers such as Inamed outlining what scientific issues must be settled if the implants are to return to the market. NOW and other women's health groups have been pushing for the FDA to delay a decision on the implants until long-term studies are conducted on silicone's effects on women's bodies. The implants were pulled from the market in 1992 after many women reported illnesses and pain from the implants, which often broke open, causing repeat surgery, pain, and disfigurement.

[www.feministmajority.org](http://www.feministmajority.org)

### More Struggles in Episcopalian Church

A newly formed network of nearly 3,000 orthodox Episcopalians said on January 10 that they have no intention of breaking away from the 2.3 million-member church, although they continue to be outraged over the consecration of openly gay New Hampshire bishop V. Gene Robinson, *The Washington Post* reports. The group, meeting in Northern Virginia, said they intend to stay within the legal structure of the church while fighting for its direction and for international recognition as the legitimate North American branch of the 75 million-member Anglican Communion. "We're not going anywhere," the network's convener, Bishop Robert Duncan Jr. of Pittsburgh, told the *Post*. The network's rise has often been described as a schism, but its founders repeatedly stressed that they are not breaking away. To make this crystal clear, the association's proposed name is Network of Anglican Communion Dioceses and Parishes of the Episcopal Church, Duncan said. A meeting scheduled for January 19-20 in Plano, Tex., will formally establish a network of traditionalist Episcopal congregations across the United States.

[www.advocate.com](http://www.advocate.com)



### Presidential Candidate Making History

Carol Moseley Braun set a new record in her bid for the presidency by making it onto the primary ballot in 20 states. This is more than any other woman running for president, including Sen. Margaret Chase Smith in 1964 and Rep. Shirley Chisholm in 1972. "Carol Moseley Braun is not only making history, she is making headway in her quest to take the 'Men Only' sign off the White House door," said Moseley Braun's campaign manager, Patricia Ireland, in a press statement. "I use the slogan 'Take the

Men Only sign off the White House door," Moseley Braun told the *Arizona Republic*, "but really it's about giving America the chance to take advantage of the contributions that women and non-traditional candidates can give." *Editor's Note: On January 15, Moseley Braun dropped out of the running and is now endorsing Howard Dean.*

[www.feministmajority.org](http://www.feministmajority.org)

## Upcoming Off-Campus Events

### January 21 Men's Short-Term Sexual Abuse Group

Rape & Sexual Abuse Center (RSAC), 2431 Hennepin Avenue South, Minneapolis. Sponsored By: RSAC. For more information: John Bullough, 612-374-9077 ext. 214.

### January 24 Twin Cities Gay Hockey

7:45 p.m., Breck School Anderson Arena, 4210 Olson Memorial Highway, Golden Valley. Sponsored By: Twin Cities Gay Hockey Association. For more information: <http://www.tcgayhockey.org>



### *Lifting Spirits, Raising Voices.*

One Voice Mixed Chorus resurrects Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* (performed with the Minnesota Philharmonic Orchestra), along with pieces by Duke Ellington, James Taylor, and Gustav Mahler. 8 p.m. Church of St. Luke, 1079 Summit Ave., St. Paul. Sun., Jan. 25, 4 p.m. St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 900 Stillwater Rd., Mahtomedi. (612) 332-1302.

### *Lucrezia Borgia.*

Gaetano Donizetti's dark drama of the homicidal Borgia matriarch continues to raise rafters and eyebrows. Like all good opera, it offers a smorgasbord of deadly sins. 7:30 p.m. Runs through Feb. 1. Ordway Center for the Perform-

ing Arts, 345 Washington St., St. Paul. (651) 224-4222. [www.mnopera.org](http://www.mnopera.org).

### January 28 Bi's Eat Out

A social gathering to eat and dish. A great way to informally meet other bisexuals in a friendly way. Pay your own way at a different restaurant each month. RSVP at [www.tcbop.org](http://www.tcbop.org) or 612-825-4400.

### Through January 31 *Bring It On: Portraits of the Avengers.*

Painter and Twin Cities Avengers member Erika Finne offers up a series of portraits of her sisters-in-arms. The painted ladies will be on display beginning with the opening reception. 5-9 p.m. The Smitten Kitten, 2223 E. 35th St., Mpls. (612) 721-6088.

### Through January 31 *Come Back to the Five and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean.*

On the anniversary of James Dean's death, a group of friends reunite to recapture the faded glory of their mispent youth. Take a tissue. 7:30 p.m. Loading Dock Theater, 509 Sibley St., St. Paul. (651) 645-3503. [www.startingate.org](http://www.startingate.org).

### *Beautiful Mutants.*

Former DEVO front man and all-around Renaissance guy Mark Mothersbaugh displays his singular vision of that tenuous thing we like to call reality. Ox-Op Gallery, 1111 Washington Ave. S., Mpls. (612) 259-0085.

### Through February 1 *Pacific Overtures.*

East meets West meets Broadway in Stephen Sondheim's ambitious, seldom-produced musical, which explores Western influence on Japan from the mid-nineteenth century on. Park Square Theatre, Historic Hamm Building, 20 W. 7th Pl., St. Paul. (651) 291-7005.

### February 2 Dykes on Bikes

7:00 p.m., District 202, 1600 Nicollet Ave S, Minneapolis. Sponsored By: Dykes on Bikes. For More Information: [drojasusa@yahoo.com](mailto:drojasusa@yahoo.com).

### February 9 Bi Forum

A discussion group for bisexuals and their allies. 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Eat Street Café, 1410 Nicollet Av. Mpls. 612-870-2700 for directions. [www.tcbop.org](http://www.tcbop.org)

### February 13 Chick Chat

A discussion group for self-identified bisexual women. 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., Eat Street Café, 1410 Nicollet Av S., Mpls. 612-870-2700 for directions. [www.tcbop.org](http://www.tcbop.org)



*Upcoming Events Compiled by Todd King '04, Center Associate.*

## In the News cont.

### Government Money Used Differently in AIDS Prevention Efforts

A government-ordered shift in how money is spent to prevent the spread of HIV has begun, leading to cuts in programs that target gay men at risk of contracting HIV, and raising concern among AIDS activists. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) sets the guidelines for how money is spent on HIV-prevention efforts. Last April, CDC announced a shift to focus more resources on people who already are HIV-positive. CDC wants the money to be used to track past sexual partners of people who are HIV-positive, making sure they are warned and tested, as well as to educate HIV-positive people on safe sex to protect future partners. The HIV-positive population is pivotal to the transmission of the AIDS virus, CDC officials have said. The move is controversial, because many believe it could be dangerous to scale back efforts that target people who are not yet infected with the disease. In one recent example, the District of Columbia's HIV/AIDS Administration (part of the Department of Health) cut 55 percent out of the 2004 allocation for a program aimed at gay and bisexual white men, reducing the budget from \$440,000 to \$200,000. The program, known as "G-Net," is run by the Whitman-Walker Clinic, which serves the GLBT community in the Washington, D.C., area, and is especially committed to fighting HIV/AIDS.

www.lavendermagazine.com

*In the News compiled by Todd King '04, Center Associate.*

## Student Organization Updates

### **CIAO** (Carleton In and Out)

CIAO started off the term with a meeting that had near-record attendance. The discussion group will continue to meet on alternating Tuesdays (even days) at 8:30 p.m. in the GSC.

when alcohol is involved. As always, members of the group are available as resources to talk and provide support to survivors and perpetrators of sexual harassment and assault.

### **CWI** (Collective for Women's Issues)

CWI has already started a busy term helping to sponsor Carleton's performance of the Vagina Monologues. During fifth week, the group plans to hold an auction featuring student and faculty art in conjunction with Art House. Proceeds from the auction will go to support the March For Choice, a national rally for reproductive freedom on April 25 in Washington, D.C.

### **Women's Awareness House**

Women's Awareness House plans to create a mural for one of the walls of the house this term and host a potluck discussion entitled "What Is a Woman?" As always, the house will host movie nights on alternate Mondays (odd weeks) at 8:00 p.m.

### **SAGA** (Sexuality and Gender Activism)

A new faction of SAGA, called GenderYOUTH, is starting up this term. GenderYOUTH is a group based out of the Gender Public Advocacy Coalition, a national organization that works to end gender discrimination and increase activism on campus and in the wider community. (go to [www.gpac.org](http://www.gpac.org) for more information)

### **Queers and Allies House**

Q&A House continues to host movie nights on alternate Mondays (even weeks) at 8:00 p.m. Other possible events for this term include a theme potluck, a sleepover, a home movie marathon, and a photo identification contest. Stay posted for details.

### **CAASHA** (Campus Advocates Against Sexual Harassment and Assault)

The student-run support group is working to put on programming that focuses on "party culture" this term, to increase awareness of the frequency of sexual assault in party settings and

### **AHA** (AIDS/HIV Awareness)

AHA will continue to sponsor anonymous HIV testing trips to a clinic (see ad on right), and is responsible for condom distribution on campus. Check SWA bathroom stalls for more information on the services this group provides.

## FREE TESTING!

*Interested in getting an HIV test?* Not sure how to get to a clinic? AHA wants to help you. An anonymous testing trip is being scheduled for sometime 3rd or 4th week, so let us know you're interested, and we will make it happen! Contact Theo at x4969 if you are interested or if any questions. You can use a code name, as long as you leave us a way to get in touch with you.

## Campus Event Updates

### GENDERYOUTH UPDATE

“Students know the reality -- whether it is in class or after school, walking the halls or during gym - - you're always too tall or too short, too feminine or too masculine, too aggressive or too passive, your skirt is too short or your hair is too long, you 'throw like a girl' or act too much 'like a boy.' Students who fail to meet their classmates' expectations can quickly find themselves the target of ostracism, intimidation, harassment or assault...”

GenderYOUTH is a national campaign that supports college activists in organizing their own GenderROOTS chapters to conduct local initiatives and campaigns to fight gender-based bullying, harassment and violence in the schools. GenderROOTS chapters are organized around empowering youth to engage in peer-to-peer outreach and education. <http://www.gpac.org/youth>

Several students started a GenderYOUTH chapter here at Carleton last term as a subgroup of SaGA (Sexuality and Gender Activism). On Wednesday, January 14, the Carleton GenderYOUTH chapter held a training session on gender activism led by Kristen Efland of GenderPAC which was open to all Carleton students. This interactive session focused on gender theory, activist skills, coalition building, and issues specific to Carleton that students believed were problems.

If you are interested in gender activism, GenderYOUTH meets during SaGA meetings Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in the Gender and Sexuality Center. For more information, contact Julia Thiel at [thielj](mailto:thielj) or Megan Rozowski at [rozovskm](mailto:rozovskm). Come join us!

*Written by Carrie Cox '04, CA*

This year's performance of the Vagina Monologues is off to a great start. Over fifty people attended the initial interest meeting for cast and crew members, and the auditions for the monologues themselves will be a popular event. While only women can audition for the monologues, men are welcome to participate in the event as crew members. The performance of the script by Eve Ensler has become an annual event for the college and brings together a large group of Carleton women to entertain, provoke discussion on campus and raise money for a worthy cause. Last year all ticket and merchandise sales benefited the WomenSafe Center in Faribault, and raised over \$10,000 including the proceeds from St. Olaf. The entire production is run and organized by students and will show on February 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. in the Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5. For more information, contact director Emily Levine at [levinee](mailto:levinee).

### THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

### *GLBT Art Show Call for Entries!*

The Paul Whitney Larson Art Gallery on the St. Paul Campus at the University of Minnesota is hosting an exhibit on the “Art of the GLBT Experience” that will be on display from March 25 – April 16, 2004.

All Minnesota-based graduate and undergraduate student artists are invited to submit works that articulate some aspect of GLBT student lives in any variety of artistic media: drawings, paintings, sculpture, printmaking, photographs, mixed media, graphic design, pottery, ceramics, video, watercolor, fabric/apparel.

The “Art of the GLBT Experience” will coincide with Spring Pride Week (April 12-16) and will include an opening reception. Submission deadline is March 1, 2004.

To submit: send photo or slide of your work, accompanied by a 250-word description explaining the work's significance in terms of GLBT lives, your name, student status and the date of the artwork.

SEND TO: GLBT Exhibit, St. Paul Student Center Room 42, 2017 Buford Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108

Contact Tricia Schweitzer (612-625-7281) or [schwe030@umn.edu](mailto:schwe030@umn.edu) for more information.

### COMING OUT SUPPORT & DISCUSSION GROUP

The Gender and Sexuality Center is starting a coming out support and discussion group this term. The group offers structured support to folks who are questioning their sexuality, thinking about coming out, or working through the coming-out process. The group will cover topics like labels, coming out to family, coming out to friends and roommates, LGBT community, internalized homophobia, and dating. The group will meet weekly in a confidential location, and will be facilitated by GSC Associates Matt Nasseff and Carolyn Speidel. If you are interested in joining, call or email LGBT Advisor Kaaren Williamsen (x7179), [kwil-liam@acs.carleton.edu](mailto:kwil-liam@acs.carleton.edu).



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**LGBT Retreat!  
Februaru 8 & 9 2004  
Mt. Olivet Retreat Center**

Carleton's third annual LGBT retreat is being held once again at Mt. Olivet Retreat Center. The main purpose of this event is to give Carleton's LGBT student community a chance to talk about individual development and community issues. It is an overnight event and is led by professional retreat facilitator Jamie Washington. Retreat center facilities include a pool, hot tub, sauna, games, hiking, and outdoor winter activities. Space is limited, so don't wait to sign up!

E-mail [kwilliam@acs.carleton.edu](mailto:kwilliam@acs.carleton.edu), or RSVP x7180.

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