All For the Women!
By Leahruth Jemilo '08

The posters are up, the word is out, the “All for the Women Pink Party” is taking place on campus January 28th! This will be unlike any other party Carleton has ever had. When Love Anani and I decided to join forces, Love representing the student organization Men of Color (MOC) and myself representing the Gender and Sexuality Center (GSC), we wanted to make a statement on campus. We wanted to address the issue of violence against women.

In the past, violence against women has been seen as strictly a women’s issue. Women should learn how to protect themselves; they shouldn’t place themselves in dangerous situations. But more recently violence against women is being seen for what it really is, everyone’s issue, women AND men. But how do you address this issue to men? How do you get them interested in the prevention of violence against women? Love and I decided to throw a party. An issue as well, there will be a much stronger task force working to prevent such violence. When people learn to understand a problem, it becomes less foreign, less scary, and a lot easier to prevent.

From around the campus Love and I chose about 30 male students to help us in our mission. We asked them to participate in a “raffle,” where a date with each of these men will be the prizes. By agreeing to

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Discussion can be activism. In fact, discussion can be a very effective form of activism, serving multiple activist functions. Discussing an issue is the surest way to change someone’s point of view or opinion and gain a new supporter for your cause. In discussion we clarify our own ideas, learn how to better articulate our positions, and develop stronger arguments. Discussion among those who share a common view on an issue can increase feelings of community and strengthen commitment to a shared cause. A discussion is also a good place for those who may be interested in, but not know much about, a cause to learn more and become more effective activists. Finally, discussions are an ideal environment for generating further action.

This term, the GSC is starting a new program to encourage discussion-based activism on campus. ‘Let’s Talk About…’ is a lunchtime discussion series that will meet about four times each term. Each discussion will focus on a different issue or topic. These discussions are designed to be open and accessible to everyone on the Carleton campus – from people who devote their every waking hour to an issue to those who don’t know anything about it. The topics for this term are internalized homophobia, LGBT civic engagement, Feminism 101, and female genital cutting. So come talk and learn and listen, and discover the activism inherent in discussion.

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Thursday
Common Time
Hill Lounge

Let’s Talk About...
Jan 12: Internalized Homophobia
Jan 26: LGBT Civic Engagement
Feb 9: Feminism 101
Feb 23: Female Genital Cutting

Bring your lunch, Dessert provided

Vagina Monologues Auditions!
Auditions will be held Saturday 1/14 from 10am-4pm in the GSC (basement Scoville). Stop in to sign up.

If you are interested in becoming involved in this year’s production or have any questions, email jemilol, craigr, or graye. No experience necessary.

VDay until the violence stops

Sign Up to go on the Rainbow Retreat by Mon 1/16!
be in the raffle, these students acknowledged the importance of male presence in the prevention of violence against women. This is how the raffle will work: other students will purchase raffle tickets and place them in the buckets of the men of their choice. On Friday, January 27, one ticket from each bucket will be drawn, and the holder of the ticket is the lucky winner of an evening date. All of the proceeds from the raffle will go to the HOPE Center in Faribault. The HOPE Center is dedicated to providing advocacy and crisis intervention services to victims of domestic abuse, child abuse, and sexual assault. They provide healing, outreach, prevention, and education.

On their assigned dates the couples will have many activities available to them. There will be hot chocolate in Nourse lounge, shows by a few a cappella groups on campus, as well as a performance by comedy groups from the school. At the end of the night there will be an ALL FOR THE WOMEN PINK PARTY in Sayles starting at 10:00. The room will be covered in pink lights, pink streamers, and other various pink decorations. When students come into the dance they will be asked to sign a banner that will then be displayed in Sayles the following week. The banner will proclaim: “I stood up in the prevention of violence against women.” Also, students will be asked to make donations as they enter the dance. All of this money will also go to the Hope Center. Anyone who donates will receive a shiny, pink, heart decorated slap bracelet!

Other party accessories will include pink glow bracelets and pink bead necklaces. All students attending are asked to wear something pink. Love and I believe this event is going to be extremely successful and can’t wait to see how it turns out! So tell your friends, find your best pink shirt, bring a few dollars to the dance, and show your support!

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In The News

South Africa to have gay weddings
The Constitutional Court ordered that parliament amend marriage laws to allow gay weddings within a year. The constitution outlaws discrimination against gays and lesbians, but social attitudes remain more conservative. The court ordered that the definition of marriage be changed from a "union between a man and a woman" to a "union between two persons". Last year, the Supreme Court of Appeal had ruled in a case brought by a lesbian couple that the current law discriminated against homosexuals. But the home affairs department went to the Constitutional Court, arguing that only parliament could change the law. "The common law definition of marriage is declared to be inconsistent with the constitution and invalid to the extent that it does not permit same-sex couples to enjoy the status and benefits it accords heterosexual couples," said Justice Albie Sachs in his ruling, AFP reports. (BBC.com)

School district pays $90,000 and recognizes GSA
Colorado Springs [Colo.] School District 11 has agreed to settle a lawsuit filed on behalf of students by the American Civil Liberties Union after the Gay-Straight Alliance group was denied certain privileges at Palmer High School. The district will pay $90,000 in attorney fees and fully recognize the alliance and other student groups not directly related to the school curriculum. Alfred McDonnell, the students' lawyer, said he was pleased with the settlement because it gives the club the same rights as others. (Advocate.com)

Veterans call for an end to military's gay ban
Belle Pellegrino was a Marine private first class stationed in California in 1969 when she told her commanding officer she was gay. She endured two weeks of interrogation and humiliating questions from two male officers before she was kicked out. On Friday she marked Veterans Day with a handful of other veterans—gay and straight—by calling on Congress to repeal the "don't ask, don't tell" policy that bars people who are openly gay from serving in the military. "Don't ask, don't tell" is nothing more than the latest excuse for treating us as less than full citizens," said Pellegrino, 61, of Providence, R.I. The policy also is driving skilled service members from the armed forces fore she was kicked out. On Friday she marked Veterans Day with a handful of other veterans—gay and straight—by calling on Congress to repeal the "don't ask, don't tell" policy that bars people who are openly gay from serving in the military. "Don't ask, don't tell" is nothing more than the latest excuse for treating us as less than full citizens," said Pellegrino, 61, of Providence, R.I. The policy also is driving skilled service members from the armed forces. "Don't ask, don't tell" is nothing more than the latest excuse for treating us as less than full citizens," said Pellegrino, 61, of Providence, R.I. The policy also is driving skilled service members from the armed forces. "Don't ask, don't tell" is nothing more than the latest excuse for treating us as less than full citizens," said Pellegrino, 61, of Providence, R.I. The policy also is driving skilled service members from the armed forces. "Don't ask, don't tell" is nothing more than the latest excuse for treating us as less than full citizens," said Pellegrino, 61, of Providence, R.I. The policy also is driving skilled service members from the armed forces. "Don't ask, don't tell" is nothing more than the latest excuse for treating us as less than full citizens," said Pellegrino, 61, of Providence, R.I. The policy also is driving skilled service members from the armed forces. "Don't ask, don't tell" is nothing more than the latest excuse for treating us as less than full citizens," said Pellegrino, 61, of Providence, R.I. The policy also is driving skilled service members from the armed forces.

Mexican Court Says Sex Attack by a Husband Is Still a Rape
The Supreme Court of Mexico ruled in November that rape within marriage is a crime, bringing Mexico's laws into line with much of the world and removing one of the many obstacles women here face in reporting rape. The ruling ended a legal battle waged since 1994, when a majority of the justices agreed that because the purpose of marriage was procreation, forced sexual relations by a spouse was not rape but "an undue exercise of conjugal rights." The unanimous ruling said the earlier decision had denied women the right to exercise their sexual freedom and was based on an interpretation of rights relating to property, not human beings. The court stated clearly that forced sexual relations within marriage - whether the force is physical or psychological - was a crime. "What's behind this is a modern conception of the relationship between a man and a woman in marriage," said José de Jesús Gudiño Pelayo, a justice of the Supreme Court. "It's a relationship of equality in which a woman does not lose her sexual freedom when she marries." But many women's advocates agreed that while the ruling was a landmark step, polls on social attitudes have shown that deep-rooted opinions that women should be subservient still hold sway over much of society. They warned that entrenched attitudes still made it very difficult for women to report rape. A United Nations study found that 9 of 10 sexual assaults go unreported in Mexico and that 18 percent of victims of sexual assault were not aware that it was a crime. (NYTimes.com)

Computer users urged to aid quest for anti-HIV drugs
Personal computer users around the world are being asked to participate in a program that will use their computers to help search for promising new treatments for HIV. The FightAIDS@Home project, backed by the Scripps Research Institute and IBM, links participating computers to a grid that can harness the individual computing power of each machine while it is idling. Grid technology breaks massive computing tasks into smaller pieces that individual computers can handle, such as analyzing the effects of several chemical compounds against various HIV proteins. With thousands or even millions of computers participating in the grid, countless possible anti-HIV agents can be analyzed and the best ones identified for further research and development. "There are 650 million PCs in the world, and the more people who get involved, the more power we can devote to fighting AIDS and other significant diseases," says Stan Litow, president of IBM International Foundation. (Advocate.com)

JOIN THE FIGHT!
You can help search for new treatments for HIV.
Download and install free software to connect to the FightAIDS@Home grid.
www.worldcommunitygrid.org
Push to Loosen Abortion Laws in Latin America

PAMPLONA, Colombia - In this tradition-bound Roman Catholic town one day in April, two young women did what many here consider unthinkable: pregnant and scared, they took a cheap ulcer medication known to induce abortions. When the drug left them bleeding, they were treated at a local emergency room - then promptly arrested. Insisting that abortion was rare, Pamplona's conservative leaders thought the case was over. Instead, the episode reverberated throughout Colombia and helped to galvanize a national movement to roll back laws that make abortion illegal, even to save a mother's life. Women wearing masks marched in a rally in Bogotá, Colombia, in September to support legalizing some abortions. Latin American countries ban all abortions, yet lead the world in the number of illegal abortions. Latin America holds some of the world's most stringent abortion laws, yet it still has the developing world's highest rate of abortions - a rate that is far higher even than in Western Europe, where abortion is widely and legally available. (NYTimes.com)

Church wants proof priests have "overcome" homosexuality

In a move that was largely expected yet sure to anger gay Roman Catholic priests and their supporters, top-secret Vatican documents released in late November reveal that men who sustain a "gay culture" in the church may not be trained as priests. The same goes for men who have "deep-rooted homosexual tendencies," The church has not issued an absolute ban on gay priests. If men have been able to "overcome" their gay tendencies for at least three years, they can be admitted to a seminary. The Roman Catholic Church officially condemned homosexual acts in 1961 but has provided these more specific guidelines in the fallout from the sexual abuse scandal plaguing the church, the Los Angeles Times reported. The church defines gay culture as the use of gay-themed movies, books, and Web sites as well as participation in gay pride events. It encourages ordained priests to help prevent the admission to seminaries of active gays, according to the Los Angeles Times. (Advocate.com)

Judge: Schools can't out students to their parents

A lesbian teen who was repeatedly disciplined by her school principal for displaying affection with her girlfriend won a key ruling in her lawsuit against an Orange County, Calif., school district. School officials did not have a right to reveal Charlene Nguon's sexual orientation to her parents without her permission, a federal judge ruled in December. The 17-year-old is being represented by the American Civil Liberties Union. "I am very glad that the judge agreed Charlene can continue to stand up for her rights," said Nguon's mother, Crystal Chhun, in a statement. "I love and fully support Charlene, but that's not the case for every gay student out there. The person to decide when and how to talk with our family about her sexual orientation should have been my daughter, not the principal." During the 2004–2005 school year Santiago High School principal Ben Wolf repeatedly singled Nguon out for discipline—including a one-week suspension—for public displays of affection with her girlfriend. There were multiple times that he called Nguon's house, outing her to family members. Wolf ultimately told Nguon that either she or her girlfriend would have to leave school, which Nguon reluctantly did halfway through the spring semester of her junior year. (Advocate.com)

New gay leader pushes for Quebec's sovereignty

The newly elected head of Quebec's separatist party has promised to hold a quick referendum to pull Quebec out of Canada if he becomes premier of the French-speaking province. Andre Boisclair became the first openly gay person to lead a political party in Canada when the Parti Quebecois voted him as their leader Tuesday night. He received 53.6% of the vote, more than 20 points ahead of his closet rival, despite criticism of his past cocaine use. (Advocate.com)

Indiana Creates 1st Gender Studies Ph.D.

In November, Indiana University’s board approved the creation of a new program: the first doctoral program in the United States exclusively in gender studies. This program will be different in key ways from a women’s studies program: a strong interdisciplinary emphasis, core courses that focus on gender broadly, extensive connections with biology and other hard science departments, and courses and research projects on topics — such as sexuality, masculinity and transgendered people — that might not fit as neatly in a women’s studies rubric. The Indiana program will also feature faculty members and research projects from the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction, which is also located on Indiana’s Bloomington campus. (insidehighered.com)

In The News cont.

Los Angeles Times Examines 'Promising' Possibilities for Male Hormonal Contraceptive

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The Los Angeles Times on Monday examined the "promising studies and changes in social norms" that might lead to a hormonal contraceptive for men in the near future. Finding a pill, cream or injection that could be used as a male contraceptive and is as "safe, effective and convenient" as women's oral contraceptives has been a "daunting" task, in part because men produce 1,000 sperm "every time their heart beats," while women typically release only one egg per month, William Bremner, director of the Center for Research in Reproduction and Contraception at the University of Washington-Seattle, said. However, scientific advances -- in the form of hormonal methods that can temporarily halt sperm production without negatively interfering with other bodily functions -- and more societal acceptance of male contraceptives are bringing the idea closer to "reality," according to the Times. (kaisernetwork.org)
Homo-History
By Derek Zimmerman '07

As last term wound to a close, I found myself writing every single paper I worked on about gay stuff. My psychology term paper was about internalized homophobia. My Shakespeare paper was about gender bending and homoerotic affection. I had dropped my math class earlier in the term, but I’m betting I would have had found out that the intersection of two numerical sets was, in actuality, a little boutique in San Francisco.

Reading about and researching queerness was an eye-opening experience, because I discovered that queer sexuality is not only present throughout history, it has permeated and interacted with heterosexual structures since the dawn of time. In fact, in reading about the sexual habits of people in the ancient world and in non-western cultures, I’ve come to doubt that the feelings and attractions I have for my fellow men are “queer” in any way.

For example, the Greeks had a system of organized pederasty wherein a young man (say, early twenties) would take, as a lover and a kind of squire, a boy of 13 or 14 years. Of course, their society also had heterosexual marriage, but many Greek poets and thinkers thought that the purest love possible was between men. Achilles and Patroclus in Homer’s Iliad are committed lovers, as are characters in Plato, Virgil, and Plutarch. Sappho lived on the Isle of Lesbos, and sapphists crop up all the time in literature. I can’t help but feel that if I had born two thousand years ago, I would have gotten so much more action…

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But alas, I live in a modern, English-speaking country. It was no fun for a person who studies our language to find out that the word “bad” is derived from the Anglo-Saxon baedling, which signifies a man who takes the submissive position in sex. Who knew that homophobia was grafted right into the language?

No wonder, then, that the earliest progenitors of psychology created so many of the cold and negative terms for queer orientations and acts; they were trying to define a “normal” sexuality and needed to be able to compare it to something. Jonathan Ned Katz, in his book on the history of heterosexuality, claims that the whole conception of “heterosexuality” as an orientation or state of being can be traced to these men (especially that cokehead Freud). One could argue that the term didn’t need creation because it is the natural flow of affections between humans – but one could also note the discovery of Kinsey’s research that “Hey! Most everyone’s bisexual!” (my paraphrase) and realize that the promotion of hetero intercourse is important to the survival of the species.

And a crackpot theory of religion that’s been buzzing around my brain lately is that spiritual leaders benefit most from having large, plentiful congregations who feel guilty about their natural desires and thus must come to said spiritual leaders for forgiveness. I guess he who makes the guilt can also take it away.

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Roe v. Wade Week

Rock for Roe! Concert
Sunday, Jan 22, 5:30 pm
all ages, 10:30 pm 21+
Triple Rock in Minneapolis, $10 at the door
Mark Fredrickson of Planned Parenthood speaks about the future of Roe v. Wade
Monday, Jan 23, 8 pm, Leighton 304

The Last Abortion Clinic
Tuesday, Jan 24, 8 pm, Leighton 304
Documentary about the one remaining abortion clinic in Mississippi

Dirty Dancing
Wednesday, Jan 25, 8pm, Leighton 304
Discussion to follow

Abortion and the Courts, panel discussion
Thursday, Jan 26, 8pm, Leighton 304

Pink Party!
SATTURDAY, JAN 28
10-1
SAYLES
$1 suggested donation
...and don’t forget to buy raffle tickets for your favorite guy for the
All for the Women Raffle
577 King Henry III of France frequently crossdressed and while dressed as a woman was referred to as her majesty by his courtiers. Even his male clothes were considered outrageous despite the flamboyant standards of 16th-century France.

1654 Queen Christina of Sweden (often considered bisexual) abdicated the throne, dressed in men's clothing and renamed herself Count Dohna.

1676 MTF transsexual Abbe Francois Timoleon de Choisy attended Papal inaugural ball in female dress. His memoirs, published postmortem, offer the first written testimony of cross-dressing.

1700s "Molly houses" provided a space for the English gay community to meet, carouse and relate to one another. "Mollies" were men who often crossdressed and developed their own queer culture.

1728 Chevalier D'Eon, born Charles d'Eon, was a famous French spy/ambassador who was born male but lived a significant part of his/her life as a woman. Chevalier's birth sex was a hotly debated question.

1804 George Sand, born Amandine-Aurore-Lucile Dupin, became an accomplished French romantic writer as famous for her affairs as for her words. She was the first woman in modern European history to frequently wear men's clothes, shocking her contemporaries.

1839-1844 "Rebecca and her daughters," a group of male-to-female cross-dressers, battled throughout the Welsh countryside destroying road toll barriers, which were making the poor even poorer. These warriors also adopted the names and identities of women.

1850 Crow nation "woman chief" Barcheeampe was spotted by appalled white travelers in Wyoming and Montana; she was renown for her war exploits and for having several wives.

1861 Franklin Thompson, born Sarah Emma Edmonds, fought for the Union Army in the Civil War. During the war, Franklin served as a spy, nurse, dispatch carrier and later was the only woman mustered into the Grand Army of the Republic.

1886 We'Wha, an accomplished Zuni Weaver and potter, was two spirit -born male but lived as a woman. She spent six months in Washington, DC, and met President Grover Cleveland, who never realized this six-foot Zuni maiden was born male.

1897 Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld founded the first gay liberation organization in Germany (the Scientific Humanitarian Committee). Hirschfeld coined the term transvestite and was known to cross-dress himself.

1952 Christine Jorgensen is the first American whose sex reassignment surgery became public. Her surgery caused an international sensation, and for many, she was the first visible transsexual in the media.

1969 Transgender and gender-noncomforming people are among those who resisted arrest in a routine bar raid on the Stonewall Inn in New York City's Greenwich Village, thus helping to ignite the modern LGBT rights movement.

1974 Jan Morris, one of Britain's top journalists who covered wars and rebellions around the globe and even climbed Mount Everest, published Conundrum, a personal account of her transition. The book is now considered a classic.

1989 Celebrated jazz musician Billy Tipton died in Spokane, Washington, revealing that he was a woman. Tipton, who played in big bands in the 40s and 50s, lived for 56 years as a man, marrying several times and raising children.

1991 FTM activist Jamison "James" Green took over Lou Sullivan's FTM newsletter and transformed it into FTM International, Inc., the world's largest information and networking group for female-to-male transgender people and transsexual men.

1993 Cheryl Chase founded the Intersex Society of North America (ISNA) to build awareness and offer support to intersex people.

1993 Transgender youth Brandon Teena was raped and murdered in Humboldt, Nebraska. This hate crime brought widespread attention to transgender discrimination and violence and became the subject of the award-winning film, Boys Don't Cry.

1997 Trans activist Leslie Feinberg published Transgender Warriors: Making History from Joan of Arc to Dennis Rodman, a who's who of transgender people throughout world history that traces the roots of transgender oppression.
January

Brown Bag Series: Let’s Talk About Internalized Homophobia
Jan 12, 12-1pm, Hill Lounge

Vagina Monologues Auditions
Jan 14, GSC

Pattie Thomas, speaker
Jan 17, 7:30pm, Athenaeum

Rainbow Retreat
Jan 20-22, Camp Pepin

Brown Bag Series: Let’s Talk About LGBT Civic Engagement
Jan 26, 12-1pm, Hill Lounge

Pink Party
Jan 28, 10pm

February

LGBT Panel at Nfld Methodist
Feb 5, 9:30am

Brown Bag Series: Let’s Talk About Feminism 101
Feb 9, 12-1pm, Hill Lounge

V-Day
The Vagina Monologues
Feb 14, 7pm, Concert Hall

Midwest BLGTA College Conference
Feb 17-19

Sexual Violence Prevention Workshops with Michael Kaufman
Feb 20

Brown Bag Series: Let’s Talk About Female Genital Cutting
Feb 23, 12-1pm, Hill Lounge