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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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The Importance of Being Radical: An Evening With Dean Spade By Roxanne Moreno '05

Transgender: an umbrella term for anyone whose self-image of gender differs from traditional ideas of their assigned gender or gender roles. It encompasses a diverse group of people, including crossdressers, transsexuals, and intersexed individuals, as well as people who identify as none of the above.

On Thursday, September 23, thirteen Carleton students made their way to the University of Minnesota to see a lecture by Dean Spade entitled "Fighting to Win: Shaping a Multi-Issue Transgender Social Justice Agenda." Spade, a radical trans lawyer and founder of the Sylvia Rivera Law Project, spoke quickly and passionately about a multitude of issues that face low-income transgender individuals.

Even though I was sitting through the entire lec-

ture, I left the room that evening feeling winded. Not like I had been punched in the gut, but like my brain was working too hard to process all the information

that had just been put forth. Spade took all the transgender issues and arguments a step further and discussed them from entirely new angles that I hadn't even considered before: where do transgender youth that are homeless go? Where can they feel safe? Anyone that's seen *Boys Don't Cry* has seen the potential dangers of being arrested if you're a transgender individual, but few of us have considered what might happen before or

after that. Rehabilitation clinics are typically gendered facilities, and so are foster care facilities. As founder of the Sylvia Rivera Law Project, Spade has worked with numerous individuals on just these issues. Homeless shelters are gendered; domestic violence shelters are gendered - a transgender individual might have problems entering either and

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Dean Spade is a transgender activist and lawyer.

Reflecting on the Women of Color Leadership Retreat By Ariela Canizal

The excitement was definitely building as we departed for Camp Courage Center in Maple Lake, Minnesota on the last Friday of September. The 45 students who attended the Women of Color retreat, as well as a dozen faculty, community leaders and staff were all enthusiastic for this opportunity to reconnect with one another and welcome new members into the Carleton community.

Our journeys began together with goals to build community under the guidance of our facilitators Charlene O'Rourke, of the Lakota and Sherri Lavender of the White Mountain Apache Reservation. Retreat founder and Associate Dean of Students Hudlin Wagner was also there to help us work towards our goals. The four main goals of the retreat were the following:

- Strengthen self-identity,
- Foster and support refuge and community for

women who are away from home or looking for a home away from home,

- Build collaboration between campus and community groups in support of women and communities of color, and
 - Design a community plan for success.
- Little did we all know that in just two nights and three days, we would come out of this retreat as changed women.

The first day began late in the evening on Friday night. As we all got settled in our cabins, the evening began with the Opening Drum Ceremony that left us wondering what this weekend would entail. This retreat was going to be different—different because Native American rituals were going to be used throughout the days to come. As the drums faded into the night, the second day started with a discovery of the pathways to one's self. We lost rank. We were no longer faculty, staff, or students. We were all women—women on a journey of self discovery and a search for inner strength. We learned that as women, we have all come a long way on our paths of life.

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Subverting the 24-Hour Waiting Period

by Rachel Vallens

Obtaining an abortion in Minnesota became a much longer and often costlier endeavor in April of 2003 with the signing into law of the mandatory 24-hour abortion waiting period. A clinic in the twin cities, the Midwest Health Center for Women, is working to overcome that burden by fulfilling the mandatory 24-hour waiting period over the phone. Women seeking an abortion at the Midwest Health Center for Women have a phone consultation the day before their procedure, eliminating the inconvenience of having to travel to the clinic twice.

The 24-hour abortion waiting period law requires that a woman seeking an abortion have a consultation and receive specific information 24 hours before undergoing an abortion procedure. This prolongs and complicates the abortion process for many

women, requiring them to take an additional day off of work, find lodging if they have traveled to obtain the abortion, or be forced to reschedule their appointment. In addition to the added logistical complications, the information that must be shared with women under the 24-hour abortion waiting period law belittles the decision-making abilities of women seeking abortions by portraying the decision as rash and in need of informed guidance. In truth, women do not lightly choose to undergo an abortion procedure; assuming otherwise is an insult to women's intelligence.

The Midwest Health Center for Women is located at 33 S. Fifth St in Minneapolis and can be reached toll free at 1-800-998-6075. The clinic also offers indecision counseling, pregnancy testing, birth control, and other reproductive health services. For more information on the options available to Carleton students dealing with pregnancy, the Pregnancy Resources Handbook is available in the GSC and from the Wellness Center.

Rachel Vallens is a Center Associate

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feeling safe. If it is in fact safe for these individuals, there arises a new set of problems with available services. Is there a doctor on site to provide hormones to a transgender person that has already begun to transition? Probably not. A change in physical appearance as a result of lowered hormone intake can result in a whole new set of problems for someone in a shelter.

Placement of transgender individuals in jail obviously brings up numerous potential problems, as rape occurs in these facilities at a staggering rate. In addition, sentences that involve things like a required stay at a rehab clinic or required work through something like the job corps inadvertently involves gender issues. If a transgender person is sentenced to a rehab clinic that has a gendered dormitory system, this person might find themselves too uncomfortable to stay and complete treatment. It happened to one of Spade's clients, whose confidentiality was broken causing the entire facility to know of the client's transgender identity within a week. Because this person didn't complete treatment, they had to go back to jail. While not related to incarceration, the same issue arises for foster care. And that takes us back to the issue of transgender youth and homelessness.

Dean Spade's lecture did more than just make me consider these issues in a new way. It reminded me of the importance of being a radical – don't just stop at awareness and visibility. Take it further. Fight. Look at these things from every angle. More importantly, Spade reminded me of the importance of continuing the discussion on these and other issues to keep ideas, interests and momentum alive.

Continue the discussion online:

<http://www.srlp.org/> - The Sylvia Rivera Law Project, founded by Dean Spade

<http://www.makezine.org> - An online zine co-edited by Spade. Contains lots of interesting, radical writings

Continue the discussion on campus:

A few students that attended the lecture have expressed interest in a post-lecture discussion. If you're interested in joining this discussion, please email morenov@carleton.edu for details.

SAGA is continually working with these issues. If you'd like to get involved, please attend a meeting; every Wednesday at 7:30pm in the GSC.

Roxanne Moreno is a Center Associate

Trans/Gender....can mean a lot of things.

What does it mean to you?

The Gender and Sexuality Center will be offering a **trans/gender support and discussion group** that's available to anyone **questioning their gender** at any end of the spectrum. Topics could include but are not limited to **housing** issues, **coming out**, dating, friends and family, community, transitioning, hormones, **passing**, not passing, **definitions**, labels, and anything the group wishes to discuss. Please keep in mind that you **need not identify** with any particular gender - boy, girl, transgender, etc - to be a part of this group, and need only wish to **discuss gender in a safe and personal way**.

The trans/gender support and discussion group will meet regularly at a confidential time and location. Please email coordinator Roxanne Moreno at morenov@carleton.edu, or LGBT advisor Kaaren Williamsen at kwilliam@acs.carleton.edu for details.

Wanna Kick for Our Team?



Queer and Ally Kickball!

A team for all!

Join us every Sunday to play kickball and have fun. Email Harriette for more information or to sign up

Student Organizations Update

AIDS and HIV Awareness (AHA!)

AHA! will be doing condom distribution, an STI testing trip during 6th week, and Halloween condom grams this term. Meetings are not regular but are generally two or three times per term. The next meeting will be sometime during 4th week, so 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

Breaking Ground is off to a fabulous start this year. Be sure to pick up a copy of last year's journal, our 25th volume, in the GSC. Breaking Ground will begin accepting submissions winter term. We are also currently looking for editors - no experience required! 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)

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 LGBTA 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*).

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 Lykoun at (*wongl*) for more info.

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. So far this year, we're working on putting out a Women's Health sheet, fundraising for the Fund for Choice, helping with Women's Week, and planning for Love Your Body Day. Also, CWI is hosting debate watching parties in Upper Sayles. Email Karen (*gibbinsk*), Emily (*schultze*), or Katie (*oconneka*) with questions.

Men of Color at Carleton (MOCC)

Men of Color is a support group formed to create a safe space for people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds to express their views and receive feedback in a positive and nurturing way. Every year Men of Color at Carleton puts on a host of activities from discussion groups to retreats. This year they are starting a Big Brothers program and pretty much just trying to get all the Men of Color (that's all colors, even white) together to talk and share our issues with one another. After their retreat this September, they will begin regular meetings. Email Harrison (*greeneh*) or Love (*ananilo*) for more information.

Sexuality and Gender Activism (SaGA)

Sexuality and Gender Activism promotes awareness of issues concerning sexuality and gender identity and expression, and seeks to improve the climate concerning these issues in the Carleton community and beyond. Our projects include lobbying for marriage equality, negotiating transgender housing policy, and promoting education about sexuality and gender for students, faculty, and staff as well as building community and stimulating thought and discussion through hosting the drag ball and sponsoring related artists and speakers. Meetings are Wednesday evenings at 7:30 in the GSC. All persons and ideas are welcome. 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 8pm throughout fall term. The first Q&A Movie Night was fabulous. We watched "Heathers"! Q&A House will be showing many more movies and will also be hosting many fun events during the upcoming National Coming Out Week festivities. Watch for announcements! If you have any questions, email Matt (*nasseffm*) or call x4565.

Women's Awareness (WA) House

WA House is a communal living space for women at Carleton. Our mission is to provide programming for the campus and wider Northfield community regarding women and women's issues. Some of our regular programs include bi-weekly movie nights and weekly tea time. We also house the campus women's center which will be opening later this term. For more information or to join our email list contact Lauren (*bendittl*).

Women of Color Retreat cont.

seemingly without end. The Women of Color Retreat provided an opportunity for us to see that we are not alone on this path of self discovery. We all must take this journey, and at times we need others to help us build up our courage so that we can continue. The ceremonial Sioux Sweat Lodge at the retreat helped us all to find that new beginning for ourselves. This ceremonial process was, for us, a gateway to purify ourselves and to regain strength.

The Women of Color Retreat was a memorable event. It is hard to really describe what went on behind those closed doors, unless you experienced it. This retreat was an emotional journey, and in the end it was an adventure that allowed us to see our world from a different prospective.

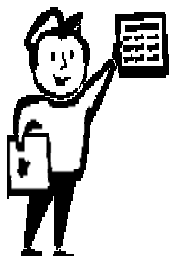
In The News

Senate Approves \$19.6B Foreign Aid Bill That Restores Funding to UNFPA

The Senate on Thursday approved a \$19.6 billion fiscal year 2005 foreign aid bill, including funding for international family planning programs. The bill would restore funding for the United Nations Population Fund and block the so-called "global gag rule" that prevents federal money from being used to support international organizations that provide abortion-related services. In July, the Bush administration announced that it would withhold \$34 million in funding for UNFPA for the third consecutive year, saying that because the organization works in China, it indirectly supports the Chinese government's policy of coerced abortions to maintain its one-child-per-family population policy. The Bush administration bars U.S. money from international groups that support abortion through direct services, counseling or lobbying activities under policies such as the so-called "Mexico City" policy. UNFPA had said that the U.S. funding could have prevented as many as two million unplanned pregnancies and nearly 800,000 abortions. (*Kaisernetwork.org*)

Challenge to Reopen Roe v Wade Fails

The 5th US Circuit Court of Appeals rejected a bid last week to reopen the landmark case that legalized abortion in 1973. Allen Parker represented Norma McCorvey, the woman formerly known as "Jane Roe," in a challenge to the US Supreme Court's ruling in *Roe v Wade*, citing new evidence that abortions cause emotional and mental harm, according to *CNN.com*. The 5th Circuit, based in New Orleans, ruled that the motion was moot because Texas has not had a state abortion law for over 30 years, the *Washington Post* reports. Though the bid failed, Parker told the *Houston Chronicle* that they will likely petition the Supreme Court to hear the case. (*feminist.org*)



House Passes Provision Prohibiting Officials From Requiring Individuals, Institutions To Offer Abortion-Related Services

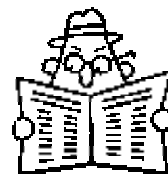
The House of Representatives last week approved an appropriations measure that included a "little-noticed" provision that would prohibit federal, state and local authorities from requiring health care providers or institutions to perform or fund abortion-related services, even in cases of rape or medical emergency, the *AP/Yahoo! News* reports. The provision offers protection for hospitals and other institutions that do not want to offer abortion-related services. The measure also prevents government officials from using "coercive" measures -- such as denying funding or permits -- to ensure that the services are available. The appropriations bill that includes the revised abortion-related provision now goes to the Senate and will likely end up in a House-Senate conference committee. (*Kaisernetwork.org*)

Presbyterian minister faces trial over same-sex unions

A Presbyterian pastor in Texas could face a church trial after an accusation that he conducted same-sex union ceremonies. The Reverend Jim Rigby, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian in Austin, acknowledged conducting the ceremonies, which violate church rules, and has even provided information to his accuser. Rigby said he wants his denomination to confront the issue of homosexuality in the church. "Either they have to strip me of my ordination, or the church has to change," Rigby told the *Austin American-Statesman*. Rigby acknowledges that he has also ordained an openly lesbian elder at St. Andrew's. (*Advocate.com*)

Woman Prosecuted Under Texas Fetal Homicide Law Pleads Guilty to Delivering Cocaine to Minor for Smoking Crack While Pregnant

Tracy Ward of Amarillo, Texas, who admitted smoking crack cocaine while pregnant, on Tuesday pleaded guilty to delivering cocaine to a minor, a charge derived from a new Texas fetal homicide law that defines a fetus as an "individual." The law allows charges to be filed on behalf of a fetus that is killed in accidents or crimes, and families can bring civil lawsuits against individuals responsible for a fetus' destruction. Ward admitted to smoking crack cocaine shortly before delivering an infant in November 2003, according to the *Associated Press*. Ward was charged with the second-degree felony of delivering a controlled substance to a minor and faces two to 20 years in prison. (*Kaisernetwork.org*)



Women's Week is Coming! November 1-7th

Calendar of Events:

Nov 1: WA House Movie Night

Nov 2: Election watching party WA House Women's Center Grand Opening

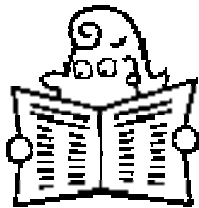
***Other events TBA—Keep an eye out for other information on Women's Week from the GSC!**



In the News cont.

Schwarzenegger signs his first pro-gay bill into law

In a move that might draw reaction from conservative members of his own Republican Party, California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed the first major gay rights legislation to reach his desk--a requirement that insurance companies offer coverage to registered domestic partners. Assembly Bill 2208, authored by Christine Kehoe (D-San Diego), upgrades the health benefits of same-sex registered partners to a level previously available only to married couples. Current law requires insurers to offer domestic partners coverage equivalent to that of a dependent rather than a spouse. (*Advocate.com*)



Vandalism at UCLA's gay center labeled a hate crime

Vandals have broken windows and stolen items from a resource center for gay students at the University of California, Los Angeles, and the incidents are being investigated as hate crimes, authorities said. A large chunk of concrete was hurled through a library window at the UCLA Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Resource Center on Sunday night, said Nancy Greenstein, a spokeswoman for the campus police department. The following night, vandals broke windows in several rooms of the center and stole two rainbow flags--symbols of the gay community--that had decorated windows. The group occupies several rooms in the student activities center. (*Advocate.com*)

Just a Little History...

By C.J. Griffiths

Walt Whitman, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Andy Warhol are only a few of the prominent personalities of the past known to be gay. Yet rumors abound concerning the sexual orientation of many other historical figures, and the vast majority of them prove to be untrue – or at least unverifiable. Some, however, stand out as being distinctly possible, and depending on the evidence available, more than likely.

One of the enduring reports encircles the fifteenth president of the United States, James Buchanan. There is no great desire on the part of GLBT activists to claim him as an inspiration – nevertheless, there is evidence pointing to a gay lifestyle for the man billed as one of the ten worst presidents of all time. An article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* addresses some of the common opinions of the time concerning Buchanan's sexuality, summed up by the following: "Around Washington, the pair were known as the 'Siamese twins,' slang at the time for gays and lesbians."

Additionally, there was an ongoing relationship between Buchanan and Alabama Senator William Rufus DeVane King, which included shared living arrangements. Both men were the only bachelors to ever hold the positions of President and Vice President (King was Vice President under Pierce). In relation to Buchanan, King "was referred to by critics as his 'better half,' 'his wife,' and 'Aunt Fancy.'" When King was eventually appointed minister to France and they parted company, Buchanan is said to have remarked to a friend, "I have gone wooing to several gentlemen, but have not succeeded with any of them."

However, none of this evidence can be considered conclusive, and Buchanan ordered that all his personal correspondence be burned after his death, which presents obvious obstacles to confirming or denying the rumors. Additionally, Buchanan did end up marrying a woman, Ann Coleman, the daughter of a prominent family. After her death (which he was widely blamed for), Buchanan continued his work in politics.

C.J. Griffiths is a Center Associate.

Are you Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgendered?

Thinking about Coming Out at Carleton?

Join the Coming Out Support and Discussion Group, sponsored by the Gender and Sexuality Center.

This confidential group is facilitated by Carolyn Speidel and C.J. Griffiths.

For more information, email speidelc or griffitc, or call the GSC, x5222.

**"I don't mind straight people as long as they act gay in public."
—t-shirt worn by Dennis Rodman**

Excerpts from *A Clerk's Tale*

Poet Spencer Reece reads from his new book *A Clerk's Tale*.

Thursday, October 21
Library
Athenaeum
7:00 pm



Meet the Staff of the Gender and Sexuality Center!

Lauren Benditt

Lauren is a senior History major with concentrations in Women's and Gender Studies and Cross-Cultural Studies. She is from Edina, Minnesota, just west of Minneapolis. Within the center, Lauren works on women's issues, reproductive rights, sexual assault/domestic violence prevention, and feminist and queer theory. She's the Queen Mum of CWI, and she's involved with women's rugby, the Vagina Monologues, Take Back the Night, jazz band, and WA House. Outside of the center, she plays guitar, uses interlibrary loan (can you tell she's compsing?), takes walks and runs in the arb, and frolics and makes merry. Her favorite movie is *Outbreak*, and her favorite book is *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides. In the morning, she loves walking out of her house and smelling the sweet smell of Malt-O-Meal. If she were a Care Bear, she would be Friend Bear.

Ariela M. Canizal

Ariela is the hall director for the houses. She's from Los Angeles originally, and she graduated from Marymount Manhattan College in 2002 with a major in Communication Arts. Since she's lived in huge cities, her favorite things about Northfield are the small town experience and the safe feeling. In the center, she's working on learning the different resources that are available for the students. Outside of the center, she's working with Hudlin Wagner on a documentary about the Women of Color retreat. It will be done soon, so be sure to check it out. She loves watching, going to, or making movies, and her favorite is *The Breakfast Club*. Her favorite book is *Bless Me, Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya. According to an on-line quiz, if she were a Care Bear, she would be Tenderheart Bear.

Karen Gibbins

Karen is a senior majoring in Women's and Gender Studies and concentrating in Biochemistry. Her parents, cat, and dog live in Minnetonka, Minnesota, just west of Minneapolis. In the center, she focuses on women's issues, particularly body image, choice, and expressions of sexuality. She's a co-president of the Collective for Women's Issues, a member of Women's Awareness House, a condom distributor for AHA!, and a leader of the American Medical Student Association. She also occasionally acts in Carleton productions.

Karen is currently in the middle of knitting a scarf with a DNA double helix cable pattern.

When she isn't busy with school, work, campus groups, or applying to medical school, she likes to cook, read, and catch up on the news. Her favorite movie is *Secretary*, and her favorite book is *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy. Her favorite thing about Northfield is that it's only an hour away from Minneapolis. If she were a Care Bear, she would be Do-Your-Best Bear.

C.J. (Christopher Jack) Griffiths

C.J. is a junior Political Science major from Bainbridge Island, Washington. In the center, he does anything and everything LGBT, with an extreme emphasis on advocacy and education. He's a member of the CSA Senate, Carleton Democrats, Carleton In and Out (CIAO), and Sexuality and Gender Activism (SaGA). Outside of the center he can't exactly remember what he does besides social and swing dancing, but he's tried just about everything once. If he had to pick a favorite movie, it would be something with his true love Eddie Izzard in it, and his favorite book is anything by Dave Barry. While in Northfield he enjoys "Minnesota nice." If he were a Care Bear, he would be Tenderheart Bear.

Emily Meisler

Emily is a senior Theater Arts major with an Educational Studies concentration. She is from New York City, so, naturally, her favorite thing in Northfield is "Central Park," that little park across from Parish House. In the center, she works on ally programming, creating a GSC pamphlet, and general event planning. Outside of the center, she's the president of Carleton Players, a member of the Harriers improv group, and an organizer for the Alternative Canon Theater Resource. She's very active in theater (as an actor and a director) and improv. Her favorite movie is *Love Actually*, and her favorite book is *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger. She hasn't mentioned a Care Bear she thinks she would be, but the editors think she'd make a good Funshine Bear.

Carolyn Speidel

Carolyn is a senior Psychology major from Wenatchee, Washington. Carolyn considers herself more of a "sexuality associate" than a "gender associate" because she facilitates the Coming Out support and discussion group, helps with LGBT panels, and does other sexuality related things in the center. She lives in WA house, and she sometimes comes to CWI meetings. Outside of the center, Carolyn loves spending time outside, especially in the arb. She runs, bikes, skis, walks, and gardens. Also, she loves singing and her spirituality. Last summer she worked as a camp counselor because she loves working with kids. Her two favorite books are *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides (she and Lauren are book twins!) and *Animal Dreams* by Barbara Kingsolver. While in Northfield, she loves that cornfields, rolling hills, and a lack of traffic are just a short bike ride away. If she were a Care Bear, she would definitely be Bedtime Bear.



Meet the Center Associates Cont'd.

Katie O'Connell

Katie is a senior Psychology major from Essex, Vermont. Within the center, she focuses on women's issues, LGBTQA panels, and the problem of sexual violence. Outside of the center, she is the treasurer of CWI, and she works with Womencircle – an after-school volunteer program with middle school girls. She loves to travel, eat all sorts of food, and go to dance parties. Her favorite movie is a childhood classic, *Labyrinth*. The best book she read this summer was *The Human Stain* by Philip Roth. Her favorite thing about Northfield is the old men's barbershop quartet that sings in the mornings at the Tavern. She also enjoys Tacoasis. She didn't give a Care Bear identity, so we will give her one: Harmony Bear.

Emily Schultz

Emily is a senior Political Science major with an Educational Studies concentration. She is from Birmingham, Alabama. Within the center, Emily works on women's issues and ally programming. On campus, she's a co-president of the Collective for Women's Issues, a Student Departmental Advisor, a member of Carls for Choice, and a volunteer for the Schiller Society. Emily enjoys reading for fun, working out, and keeping up on current events. Her favorite movie is *Field of Dreams*, and her favorite book is *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant. Her favorite thing about Northfield is the Las Delicias chicken burrito. If Emily were a Care Bear, she thinks she would be Friend Bear.

Roxanne Moreno

Roxanne is a senior Sociology/Anthropology major with a concentration in Women's and Gender Studies. She hails from Mesa, Arizona. Within the center, she's interested in transgender issues, attending conferences, going to the cities, bowling, center visibility, and everything else. She's the secretary for Sexuality and Gender Activism (SaGA), she's a KRLX DJ, and she's helping to organize the Queer Kickball team (email her if you're interested). Outside of the center, she likes VH1 and MTV series, Michael Ian Black, stenciling, homestarrunner.com, artichokes, more bowling, and drag. Her favorite movie is *Secretary* (she and Karen are movie twins!), and her favorite book is *High Fidelity* by Nick Hornby. In Northfield, she loves Las Delicias (who doesn't?) and Jesse James Days Bingo. She is not a Care Bear.

Rachel Vallens

Rachel is a junior Cognitive Studies major with a concentration in Women's and Gender Studies. She's from Tigard, Oregon, but she spent last summer in D.C. interning with the Feminist Majority. In the center, she focuses on feminism, reproductive rights, body image, coming out, Ally involvement, and violence prevention. She's the leader of Breaking Ground and Girl Scouts, and she's a member of

CWI, SaGA, AWESOME, WA House, CAASHA, and SOPE. Outside of the center, Rachel likes working with kids, environmentalism, writing, most things having to do with language, reading, knitting and being crafty. When she walks down Division Street, she always enjoys the old, pretty buildings lining downtown Northfield. Her favorite movie is *An Ideal Husband* and her favorite book is *The Fire Rose* by Mercedes Lackey. If she were a Care Bear, she would be Wish Bear.

Kristen Askeland

Kristen is the secretary for multicultural affairs. She's worked for Carleton for 13 years, the first ten of which were with food service and the rest have been in basement Scoville. She's lived in Northfield for 15 years, and one of her favorite things about it are the train whistles. She's married and has two daughters, who are 7 and 11 years old. Her favorite book is *Peace Like A River* by Leif Enger, and her favorite movie is *What's Eating Gilbert Grape?* When asked which Care Bear she would be, she enthusiastically answered Sunshine Bear.

Kaaren Williamsen

Kaaren is the head of the center. She graduated from Gustavus Adolphus in 1995 with a major in Philosophy. She's originally from Annapolis, Maryland, but now her home is in Northfield. Within the center, she's involved in everything, but she takes particular interest in individual support and creating a supportive campus environment. Outside of the center she's been working hard on starting the Just Food Co-op; doing volunteer outreach, marketing, and member recruitment. Talk to her if you want to become a member (it's only \$25 for a year!). At home with her partner, two dogs, and cat, Kaaren likes gardening and tennis. Her favorite movie is *The Sound of Music*. Although she does not feel kinship with any particular Care Bear, she is an Aquarius.



The GSC Staff, chilling in the Center.

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National Coming Out Week Schedule

Saturday, October 9

Panel: LGBT Issues and Race: The Intersection. SH 251, 9:30 am

Dance: Club Babylon Party. The Cave, 10 pm-1 am

Monday, October 11 — National Coming Out Day!

“Gendertwist: Trans Issues with Deb Davis” Boliou 104, 8 pm

Tuesday, October 12

Movie Night at Q&A House, 8 pm

Wednesday, October 13

Presidential Debate and Discussion, Stimson House, 8 pm

Thursday, October 14

Lesbian Luncheon . Great Space, Common Time

Queer Men's Dinner: Coming Out at Carleton

Facilitated by Profs. Lance McCready and Greg Hewett

Evans, 6pm. Call x7180 to RSVP by Oct. 11.

Friday, October 15

Potluck at Q&A House, 6 pm

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