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pride month!
1. Are there any specific changes to room draw this year?

We've done our usual updates to the policy. Each year we try to make the policy easier for all students to understand and try to find ways to make the process less stressful and work better for all students who are looking for a room through our room draw process.

One area that we've adjusted that will be highlighted in the policy this year is our attempt to make more housing options available for more students. To accomplish this we've relaxed our gender designations for rooms that are triples and larger and will also be designating some double rooms that can be drawn by men, women or both. We're hoping this change gives all students more choices when it comes their turn to draw.

2. How will those changes affect where students can live?

Our hope is that the changes will provide more students more options in housing choice. By removing our gender designations on more rooms across campus, this will allow students more rooms in more areas. This will also allow students a greater flexibility in roommate choices to allow students to be able to live with or near people that they want to.
3. Where can students go for more information?

For more detailed information on the updates and to get a better understanding of the entire room draw policy and procedures, students can go to the room draw section on the Residential Life website. If students have additional questions they are always welcome to stop by the Res Life office or send me an e-mail at swisener@carleton.edu.

4. What was the impetus for this change? How do you think it will benefit the Carleton community?

As with most changes, these specific ones come from years of working with students who have had some concern with some of the restrictions in our policy. The goal of room draw and our entire housing operation is to always meet as many needs of as many students as we can while still maintaining healthy, safe, and thriving environments for all students. It is our hope that these changes this year will just provide more options for more students and help to reduce some of the stress around the entire room draw process.
LGBT Tea Time

Come hang out, drink tea and talk. Highlights include discussions about upcoming Pride events!

Fridays 4-5pm

Interested in politics and GLBT equality? Free from August 11-November 9? Check out HRC’s Campaign College where forty participants will work in DC for campaign training and work on target races. Visit www.hrc.org and search for “Campaign College” for more information.

Sexual Assault Support Group for Women

Mondays 4:30-6pm

Contact Jennifer (jgildner) for more information and to sign up.
This summer Carleton’s own Jennifer Gildner will participate in the 6th annual Minnesota Red Ribbon Ride. The four day, nearly 300 mile bike ride will start with an Opening Ceremony at 6:30am at the Mall of America East Rotunda on Thursday, July 17th, and end with a closing ceremony on Sunday, July 20th. Each rider is required to raise a minimum of $1,500 to benefit seven incredible Minnesota-based AIDS service organizations: The African American AIDS Task Force, The Aliveness Project, Clare Housing, Hope House of St. Croix Valley, Minnesota AIDS Project, Park House, and Rural AIDS Action Network. This is where you come in. On May 9th Jennifer will host a potluck dinner in Evans Dining Hall where she will speak about why she is doing the ride and how much she’s raised and how much she still has left to go. Faculty, staff and their guests are invited to attend with a suggested donation of $15 while students will be donating time and energy in the form of food preparation. There will be a student meeting about cooking groups and the logistics of the dinner later in April. Notification will be sent via the GSC email list.

Stop by the GSC, email hoffmannm or visit www.redribbonride.org for more information.
This year’s Pride events are sure to please students with a wide range of interests. With events from “Are There Closets in Heaven?” to “Transitioning Together,” the month is packed full of fun. Come to LGBTTea Time from 4-5pm on Fridays to learn about the events happening during the next week.

**LGBT Panel: Along the Spectrum**  
Monday, April 7 @ 8 pm, Sayles-Hill Lounge  
Remember your floor GSC panel from freshman year? This is like that only better. Come hear five seniors talk about their experiences with gender and sexuality.

**“State of the LGBT State” Lunch with Outfront MN**  
Tuesday, April 8 @ 12 pm, Sayles-Hill Lounge  
Monica Meyer and Kelly Lewis from Outfront MN will talk about the current political climate for LGBT people and their allies.

**“Are there closets in Heaven?” Reading by Carol and Robert Curoe**  
Thursday, April 10 @ 5 pm, Library Athenaeum  
Written by a Catholic father and his lesbian daughter, this book shares their journey together from denial and suffering to full rejoicing in the gifted life of Carol as one of the moms in a two-mom family.

**Pride Potluck**  
Friday, April 11 @ 6 pm, Q&A (Prentice) House  
Put on your chef’s hat (or helmet for your bike trip to EconoFoods) and get cooking! This event is a great way to meet people and a perfect way to start your weekend.

**Film Showing: “For the Bible Tells Me So”**  
Tuesday, April 15 @ 7:30pm, Sayles-Hill Lounge  
Through the experiences of five American families -- including those of former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt and Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson -- we discover how insightful people of faith handle the realization of having a gay child.
Outfront Lobby Day at St. Paul Capitol  
Thursday, April 17, Contact the GSC for more info!  
Dan Karslake, producer of “For the Bible Tells Me So,” Kate Kendell of the National Center for Lesbian Rights and singer Chastity Brown will all be at this event; the biggest lobby for GLBT rights in the nation.

Annual Pride Banquet  
Friday, April 18 @ 5:30 pm, Great Hall  
Sign up in the Gender and Sexuality Center - Ground Scoville  
Celebrate Pride month with students, alums and the whole Carleton community. This event fills fast so make sure you sign up soon!

Pride Drag Show and Dance with the Gay 90’s  
Friday, April 18 @ 10 pm, Great Space  
Can’t make it to The Gay 90’s? We’ll bring the experience to you. We’re once again bring Drag Queens and Kings to campus. The dance promises to be highly entertaining with a Drag Show and mingling with the Queens and Kings. Remember to bring singles to tip the performers!

Gay Games!  
Sunday, April 20 @ 2 pm, Bald Spot  
Join in outdoor fun with the GSC playing every game under the rainbow. Sign up in the GSC or by emailing Danica (dlance).

Hate on the Margins: Performances and Reflections  
Thursday, April 24 @ 8 pm, The Cave  
Join us for a night of reflection. Email dlance for more information.

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Everyone is welcome at Pride events. Contact the GSC (x5222) for more information.
Coyote Grace
This acoustic duet is comprised of Joe Stevens, a transman singer/songwriter from Northern California, backed up by Ingrid Elizabeth on vocals and upright bass, a sassy femme originally hailing from the hills of Southeastern Ohio. The two met while living in Seattle, and have been performing as a duo since December 2004, sharing the stage with bluegrass, old-time, folk rock, jazz, and cabarets alike.

“Mapping desire” - April 28 @ 8 pm, WA (Berg) House
Take a revolutionary, in-depth look at the parts & plumbing of male and female bodies from a pleasure-based perspective – no shame or reproductive details necessary. We will scan the head-to-toe terrain with a sex-positive lens, as well as share tips and techniques about how to protect our bodies and communicate our desires. All genders & orientations welcome.

“Trans 101” - April 29 @ 12 pm, Hill Lounge
Got questions? Come listen to Transgender history & theory and a perspective of gender from someone who lived through it. Joe shares the story of his journey through transition from female to male, and leads an informal discussion of the methods & motivations surrounding the process. Q & A to follow.

“Transitioning Together” - April 29 @ 5 pm, Hill Lounge
Partners on & off stage, Joe Stevens & Ingrid Elizabeth share their experience of the FTM transition both as individuals and as a couple. Many topics will be discussed including physical & emotional changes, as well as shifts in orientation, identity, and visibility within the queer community as well as the mainstream public eye. This discussion will be in a round table format, open to those who seek a greater understanding of the impact of transition on romantic relationships.

Performance - April 29 @ 9 pm, The Cave
Now that you’ve gone to Joe and Ingrid’s workshops it’s time to hear them play. Join us for a night of music and fun.
Reflections from FemSex

After the first two action packed weeks of FemSex, an independent study course in which participants engage with issues pertaining to female sexuality, participants were asked to think about their experience so far. This is what they had to say:

“It’s started to help me understand different perspectives on sex and sexuality”

“Every woman should know more about her body.”

“FemSex has already shown potential to be quite an empowering experience for me, allowing me to discuss important issues that don’t normally come up in conversation, and being able to talk and relate to a group of open-minded women.”

“This is a great class for women to form a community to openly discuss their sexuality and the roles of women in society.”

“FemSex is highly relevant.”

“I finally get to think about topics I felt weird thinking about before and openly discuss sensitive or awkward issues.”

“This class needs to be mandatory for all women.”

“I feel like the things I am learning are important for my life.”

“I’m grateful for the chance to learn about and discuss these issues in...a supportive community of women.”

“I really like it because I had never talked or read about all this stuff before because it was too scary and ‘not really necessary’ in my mind to address.”

For more information on FemSex email foremanj, kings or conkline.
The night air buzzes with the warmth of life,
It’s a tingling feeling, and spreads through my body;
The feeling of Friday, of joy, of Freedom.
There are no constraints, opportunities are endless –
For it is Friday night,
I am alive and the world is mine.

There are no boundaries in Freedom, what is yours is mine,
Right now we know no borders in life,
And rules can’t stop us tonight,
As we intermingle in thought, conversation and body
We can make time seem endless
Because they are ready to be had, the joys of Freedom.

And none will stop us from staying the night in Freedom,
The night will last forever, as it will be mine,
As it will be mine it will be endless,
And it will stay with me for the entirety of life
For even when I no longer have body,
I will have had you for one last Friday night.

It will be one to cherish and one to remember, this night.
This one we will spend in Freedom,
For as we are the same in body,
And yours is like mine
Tonight is our night of true life,
When there will be no laws and love will be endless.

Even though outside of Freedom the hate is endless,
We can forget the bias for just one night
And as we only have one, live our life.
Perhaps only for Friday we can live in Freedom,
But forever the memory will be mine
And forever the feeling will linger in my body.

It is a forbidden joining of body and body,
a passion so hated the hate seems endless.
It makes me feel like other lives are not like mine
And that they can always share another night
That they will always have Freedom
And every night can feel the warmth of life.

Friday night we tasted Freedom,
Experienced life of soul and body,
That was it. But it was endless, and I am alive and the world is mine.
The campus climate survey is here until Saturday April the 19th!

https://online.survey.psu.edu/carleton/

The data gathered in this survey will influence changes made at Carleton and needs to be reflective of everyone’s experience, especially yours! Fill it out today!
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