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 Men’s Conference
By C.J. Griffiths

What makes a man? Where do men fit into the college setting? Saint John’s University, an all-male Catholic college near St. Cloud, hosted the second annual Conference on the College Male to help address these questions.

Dr. Michael Kimmel, a sociologist and author who works with men and masculinity and who spoke at Carleton several years ago, kicked off the weekend by speaking about the “war on boys” that has gained significant attention lately in the media. Kimmel addressed the argument that an over-emphasis on feminism has been at the expense of boys’ development, both socially and educationally.

Instead, Dr. Kimmel believes that the issue at hand revolves around class and ethnicity much more than gender.

White, middle-class men are achieving at rates equal to those of their female counterparts, he contends, but it is the Hispanic, African-American, and working class children as a whole who are suffering the consequences of a society based upon privilege.

Saturday opened with a plenary session by Dr. Robert Jensen, a professor at the University of Texas at Austin, who addressed issues of pornography and male privilege. Describing the increasing intensity and violence towards women in contemporary pornography, Dr. Jensen spoke about the need for increased awareness of the complicit public, in addition to combating the abuse itself.

Breakout sessions during the day varied greatly—some addressed the images of masculinity in literature, others spoke to the intersection of sexual orientation in the college male, as well as ideas on how to foster more “authentic” men.

The University of Minnesota presented many of the ideas with which they used to develop and implement a men’s discussion group on their campus. The men had been referred to the counseling offices or had come on their own volition, but they were all part of a group that addressed a multitude of issues that centered around their identity as men, and where conflicts were coming into play.

The level of success varied with each individual, but the moderators of the group agreed that giving the young men a place where they could voice unpopular or “socially unacceptable” thoughts without being judged was infinitely productive towards their personal development.

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Straight At the GSC
By Emily Schultz

When I tell my friends that I work at the Gender and Sexuality Center, they usually give me a funny look that involves squinting eyes, an awkward nod and the inevitable, stuttering question: “but aren’t you straight?” The answer is yes, I identify as straight, but I also work at the Gender and Sexuality Center and, as surprising as it may be to most people outside of the GSC, these two are not mutually exclusive.

I first applied to work here during my freshman year, mostly because I wanted a campus job that I could feel passionate about and that would include some sort of activism. I was more drawn to women’s issues than I was to LGBT issues, but as my job at the GSC continued, I realized that allies were a vital part of LGBT organizing and activism. I also realized that I was completely ignorant of many dynamics within the LGBT community, and what exactly identifying as an ally entailed. I slowly learned that being an ally was a personal commitment to being an advocate for the LGBT community, both in your own interactions and in the rest of the world.

One of the most interesting things that I noticed about the Carleton community and the Gender and Sexuality Center was that no matter how slowly you said it or what word you stressed, people glared right over the “Gender” and heard only the “Sexuality”. What is it about sexuality in general, that fascinates people so much? I’ve learned that this is primarily the result of a sort of dormant homophobia that even the most liberal or socially-conscious are

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Drag Ball
By Rachel Vallens

How much does our clothing define who we are? The theme of ‘Red Hot!’ was evident throughout Evans dining hall at this year’s drag ball, from the decorations to the music to the fabulous drag. Students came in suits, short dresses, baseball caps, and even a wedding dress to dance and perform. The drag ball culminated in a drag competition, with Michael Lane ’08 crowned as drag queen and Andrea Warren ’07 as drag king.

While the drag ball is a fun diversion and a chance for Carleton students to get dressed up and dance the night away, it also provides an important commentary on appearances and gender. Drag reminds us that we are all performers – performing our genders on a day-to-day basis. We often proclaim our gender identity with our clothing, whether we intend to or not. Some queer theorists, such as Judith Butler, argue that our gender identity is nothing more than what we express to others. Butler states: “There is no gender identity behind the expressions of gender; ... identity is performatively constituted by the very ‘expressions’ that are said to be its results” (Gender Trouble). Drag is simply a more noticeable form of this gender performance.

Men Can Stop Rape Posters
By Emily Meisler

Every spring, CAASHA posts information between the Library and Sayles, known as the “rape information walk”. Last spring, I was walking with a male friend to the library. As we paused to look at the information, he looked more and more upset. He muttered “I hate this time of year”. At first, I got angry. Didn’t he care about what was happening to women and men? However, what he said a couple of days later surprised me. “I’ve been thinking about it a lot. I think I get upset because it feels like men are always portrayed as the rapists. And I know that’s usually the case, but it doesn’t help me. I want to see men who are good examples.”

Our conversation stayed with me throughout the year. As The Vagina Monologues approached, the GSC brought up the possibility of complimentary programming around the Monologues. I kept hearing what my friend had said again: “I want to see men who are good examples.” I took his comment one step further: maybe what he really wanted to see were men who were fighting against sexual/domestic violence. After all, while there are some positive male role models in the Vagina Monologues, it is still the women who have the agency. And that makes sense for the Vagina Monologues, but it seems that somewhere along the way, we often forget to include men in the fight. Somewhere along the way, the fight against sexual violence and assault became a women’s issue.

In our research at the Gender and Sexuality Center, we came across a group called Men Can Stop Rape. The group “mobilizes male youth to prevent men’s violence against women.

[They] build young men’s capacity to challenge harmful aspects of traditional masculinity, to value alternative visions of male strength, and to embrace their vital role as allies with women and girls in fostering healthy relationships and gender equity.” It was from them that we received the “Strength Campaign” posters, which you’ve probably seen around campus.

We’ve had many different responses to the posters, which range from: “I love them” to “I think they take away women’s agency” and “They portray men as rapists.” There have been conversations in classrooms and dorm rooms. This conversation is the point of the posters! They are meant to encourage talk around sexual violence, and specifically men’s issues within sexual violence. Please continue the discussion! If you have any comments, or ideas for how to keep this conversation going, please feel free to contact myself (Emily Meisler, meislere@carleton.edu), or Ariela Canizal (the GSC advisor, acanizal@acs.carleton.edu).

For more information about men’s issues/sexual violence, here are some websites:

www.mencanstoprape.org: has information about Men Can Stop Rape, including programming and training

www.seeitandstopit.org: See it and Stop it, a group that deals with relationship violence among adolescents. This is where the center got the poster of two women, which states: “there’s a difference between a good relationship and a bad one”.


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April 7th, 2005:

Lobby Day with OutFront Minnesota

The challenges we face in 2005 are going to be as great as those we faced in the 2004 legislative session. We need to bring at least as many people to the Capitol this year as we did the last!

Carleton will be sending a group of students to lobby for fair legislation and LGBT rights. Questions?
Contact Leah (entenmal).
Student Organizations Update

AIDS and HIV Awareness (AHA!
AHA! will be continuing regular condom distribution. Meetings are not regular but are generally two or three times per term. 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 now accepting submissions for our 2005 volume! We are looking for essays, stories, poems, and visual art on the topics of gender, sex, sexuality, race, and class. We welcome anonymous submissions. If you're interested in being on the editorial board, e-mail Rachel (vallensr) to get on our e-mail list.

Campus Advocates Against Sexual Harassment and Assault (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 LGBTQA 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 (vagerd) or Max (noorm).

Women’s Awareness (WA) House
WA House is continuing our usual activities--movie nights on Mondays of even weeks, and tea time Friday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30--plus plans for new and exciting things. We are currently accepting applications for next year. If you have questions about future WA House activities, or want to join our mailing list, contact Lauren (bendittl).

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. Next term we’ll be busy with Pride Month and Sexual Violence Awareness Time. Email Emily (schultze), Alisa (sancheza) or Katie (oconneka) with questions.

Men of Color at Carleton (MOCC)
Men of Color is trying to re-establish itself on campus and we are meeting once or twice a month just to get together with one another and have fun. All issues are concerning men, any issue, and we try to deal with them in a real manner, so come one and come all. Email Harrison (greeneh) or Love (ananilo) for more information.

Sexuality and Gender Activism (SaGA)
Sexuality and Gender Activism (SaGA) seeks to promote awareness and motivate activism about issues concerning sexuality and gender. Hope you enjoyed the Drag Ball! Join us Wednesdays at 8:30 in the GSC! Email Courtney (speignec) or Leah (entenma) 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. Watch for announcements! If you have any questions, email Matt (nasseffm) or call x4565.

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 Lykoung (wongl) for more info.

Black Queer Alliance (BQA)
BQA is becoming active again on campus! Look for postings in upcoming GSC Newsletters, the Spectrum and the NNB about trips to the cities, movie and discussion nights, and other, campus-wide events sponsored by the members of BQA. Meetings will be on Mondays at 9pm, location TBA. Contact Elliot (jamese) for more info.

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Will Fellows, author of the recently-published *A Passion to Preserve: Gay Men as Keepers of Culture* was the final presenter on Saturday, and he shared insights he discovered while interviewing gay men across the country about their desires to renovate and restore objects. Whether it was houses, furniture, cars, or a multitude of other antiques, Fellows noticed a number of trends in these gay men, beginning at birth.

Between the speakers, workshops, and individual conversations, there were massive numbers of plans and thoughts discussed – now it’s a matter of making it happen on the campuses.

Those in attendance ranged from St. Olaf, Northland College, the University of Oregon, Colorado State University, and others.

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In The News

When Sexuality Undercuts A Family's Ties
Maya Keyes loves her father and mother. She put off college and moved from the family home in Darnestown to Chicago to be with her dad on a grand adventure. Even though she disagrees with him on "almost everything" political, she worked hard for his quixotic and losing campaign for the U.S. Senate. Now Maya Keyes, 19 -- liberal, lesbian and a little lost -- finds herself out on her own. She says her parents -- conservative commentator and perennial candidate Alan Keyes and his wife, Jocelyn -- threw her out of their house, refused to pay her college tuition and stopped speaking to her. During his failed campaign last fall against Barack Obama (D) for the Illinois Senate seat, Alan Keyes lashed out at Mary Cheney, the lesbian daughter of Vice President Cheney. Keyes told a radio interviewer that Mary Cheney was a "selfish hedonist." Then, without having been asked anything about his own family, he volunteered that "if my daughter were a lesbian, I'd look at her and say, 'That is a relationship that is based on selfish hedonism.' I would also tell my daughter that it's a sin and she needs to pray to the Lord God to help her deal with that sin." Her parents have known that Maya is a lesbian since they found a copy of the Washington Blade, the gay weekly, in her room and confronted her at the end of high school.

Ever since, Maya says, her parents have told her that her sexuality is wrong and sinful. "As long as I was quiet about being gay or my politics, we got along," she says. "Then I went to the Counterinaugural," last month's protests in Washington against President Bush. "My father didn't like that." Maya returned from the demonstration to find that she had been let go from her job at her father's political organization. She says she was told to leave her father's apartment and not to expect any money toward attending Brown University, where she was admitted but deferred matriculation to spend a year teaching in southern India. "In my father's view, financing my college would be financing my politics, in a sense," Maya says, "because I plan to be an activist after college." (Washington Post)

Illinois Judge Rules That Couple Can File Wrongful Death Suit Over Accidentally Discarded Embryo
An Illinois judge on Friday ruled that a couple whose frozen embryo was accidentally discarded by a fertility clinic has the right to file a wrongful death suit, a ruling that could "frustrate" the future of fertility clinics and stem cell research, the Chicago Tribune reports (Rucker, Chicago Tribune, 2/6). Alison Miller and Todd Parrish in January 2000 stored nine embryos at the Center for Human Reproduction in Chicago (AP/Baltimore Sun, 2/6). However, when the couple in June 2000 asked for access to one of the embryos, they were informed that it had been "mistakenly" discarded, according to the Tribune. After apologizing for the "human error," the clinic offered Miller and Parrish an additional cycle of in vitro fertilization at no cost, excluding the price of medication. The couple in 2002 sued for damages, claiming wrongful death. Two other judges previously had rejected Miller and Parrish's claim before Friday's ruling. (KaiserNetwork.org)

Virginia House Approves Measure Requiring Fetal Anesthesia To Be Offered for Abortion Procedures Beyond 20 Weeks
The Virginia House of Delegates on Friday approved by voice vote a bill that would require physicians to anesthetize fetuses at 20 weeks gestation or beyond before performing abortion procedures, the Richmond Times-Dispatch reports. The measure, which was sponsored by state Del. Richard Black (R), includes exceptions for when a pregnant woman refuses anesthesia for her fetus or if fetal anesthesia could endanger the health of the pregnant woman. Black said that the cut off of 20 weeks gestation was selected because it is a time when medical information indicates that fetuses might be able to feel pain. Black last year proposed legislation that would have required anesthesia of all fetuses aborted at three months gestation or beyond, but the measure failed in a Senate committee after passing in the state House. (KaiserNetwork.org)

Submit to Breaking Ground!
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Submit to box 185 or email to vallensr.

Supreme Court Rejects Appeal Filed by 'Jane Roe' Seeking To Overturn Roe v. Wade Decision
The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday rejected without comment an appeal filed by Norma McCorvey -- one of the original plaintiffs in the court's 1973 Roe v. Wade case, which struck down state bans on abortion -- seeking to overturn the ruling on grounds that abortion is harmful to women. McCorvey -- who has since founded the Dallas-based antiabortion group Crossing Over Ministry, formerly known as Roe No More -- claims that the decision in Roe is "no longer valid" because "scientific and anecdotal evidence" collected over the past 30 years has shown the "negative effects" of abortion. In June 2003, McCorvey -- who was known as "Jane Roe" in the 1973 case -- filed a motion with a federal district court to overturn Roe, but U.S. District Court Judge David Godbey of Dallas dismissed the suit, saying that the request to overturn Roe was not made within a reasonable time after the 1973 decision. In September 2004, a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans also dismissed McCorvey's motion to reconsider Roe. In a 12-page ruling, the judges said that because Texas laws criminalizing abortion have been repealed, the circumstances that resulted in the 1973 case no longer exist and, therefore, McCorvey's motion is moot. For the appeals, McCorvey and her attorneys submitted more than 5,000 pages of information, including about 1,000 affidavits from women who say they have experienced "long-term emotional trauma" as a result of undergoing abortions. (KaiserNetwork.org)
Democratic Lawmakers Introduce Federal Bill That Would Provide $206M for Comprehensive Sex Education Programs

Rep. Barbara Lee (D-Calif.) on Thursday introduced a bill that would provide $206 million for comprehensive sex education programs nationwide, the Contra Costa Times reports. The Responsible Education About Life, or REAL, Act -- which already has 65 co-sponsors -- would provide federal funding to state sex education programs that provide "medically accurate" information about the prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS, according to the Contra Costa Times. Lee said that measures, which would be funded using program grants administered by HHS, would stress the importance of abstinence but also recognize that many young people are sexually active, adding that young people "need tools to stop unwanted pregnancies and fight HIV/AIDS and other deadly diseases." The legislation is aimed at matching "dollar for dollar" the amount of federal funding states spend on abstinence-only sex education programs, the Washington Times reports. President Bush in his fiscal year 2006 budget proposal requested $206 million for abstinence-only sex education programs, a $38 million increase over FY 2005 levels, according to the Washington Times. Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.), who with Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) is co-sponsoring a companion measure in the Senate, said, "For years, taxpayer dollars have been flooding into unproven abstinence-only programs while there's no federal program that's dedicated to the comprehensive view," adding that abstinence-only education provides young people with "half the story, and they need the full picture." The measures are expected to face "considerable opposition" from conservative and religious organizations, according to the Contra Costa Times. (KaiserNetwork.org)

New Course by Royal Navy: A Campaign to Recruit Gays

Five years after Britain lifted its ban on gays in the military, the Royal Navy has begun actively encouraging them to enlist and has pledged to make life easier when they do. The navy announced Monday that it had asked Stonewall, a group that lobbies for gay rights, to help it develop better strategies for recruiting and retaining gay men and lesbians. It said, too, that one strategy may be to advertise for recruits in gay magazines and newspapers. Commodore Paul Docherty, director of naval life management, said the service wanted to change the atmosphere so that gays would feel comfortable working there. Gays in Britain have benefited from a number of new laws, including one that makes it illegal for employers to discriminate on the basis of workers' sexuality. Last year, Parliament passed the Civil Partnership Act, which gives marriage-style rights to British gays who have registered as couples. The entire military is subject to the legislation, and starting in the fall, gay couples in the military who have registered under the act will be allowed to apply for housing in quarters previously reserved for married couples. (NY Times)

ACLU Applauds Decision by New York Trial Judge Striking Down Laws Banning Same-Sex Couples from Marrying

The American Civil Liberties Union applauded a decision by a New York trial court issued today striking down as unconstitutional New York marriage laws that ban same-sex couples from marrying. "This court has moved the struggle to secure marriage protections for same-sex couples a great leap forward in New York. The court recognized how unfair it is to deprive couples who make life-long commitments to each other of the many protections they need and deserve for their families," said James Esseks, Litigation Director of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "We applaud Lambda Legal, counsel to the plaintiffs in today’s decision, as well as the plaintiffs in the other marriage lawsuits around New York state, who are all working toward the same goal." Lower courts in New York are split on the issue of marriage for same-sex couples; the New York Court of Appeals, New York's highest court, will have the ultimate say. The ACLU, the New York Civil Liberties Union and the law firm Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton Garrison LLP, filed a similar lawsuit in Albany, NY, on behalf of 13 same-sex couples from throughout New York who wish to marry. The trial judge there upheld the current marriage laws in December 2004. The ACLU has asked the Court of Appeals to take the case, which would be the first of the New York cases to reach that court. The court is expected to decide whether to take the case within the next two months. (aclu.org)

Georgia Woman Agrees to Sterilization To Avoid Murder Trial for Killing Infant Daughter

A 34-year-old Atlanta woman who plead guilty to killing her five-week-old daughter and the Fulton County District Attorney's Office on Tuesday agreed to a plea bargain that would allow the woman to avoid a murder trial and possible prison sentence if she is surgically sterilized, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports. Fulton County District Attorney Paul Howard, whose office proposed the plea deal, said he agreed to reduce the murder charge to voluntary manslaughter because Carisa Ashe -- who has seven other children -- was suffering from postpartum depression when she killed the infant in December 1998 and has no prior history of abuse or criminal activity. After Superior Court Judge Rowland Barnes questioned Ashe to ensure her agreement to be sterilized was voluntary, he ordered her to serve five years on probation and undergo a tubal ligation within three months. Jack Martin, legislative committee chair of the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, said tubal ligation is a "creative" alternative to prison but such alternatives should be "rare and cautiously done," the Journal-Constitution reports. "We're always concerned when an unusual condition is the price to stay out of jail because of the fear it isn't truly voluntary," he said. However, Ashe's attorney Jan Hankins said, "It was her choice to go forward." "We just looked at the circumstances and said there's got to be an end to this," Howard said, adding, "She's still at an age where she could continue to have children. We thought this might be the right thing to do." In 2004, a Louisiana woman who was charged with murdering her infant agreed to a reduced plea involving tubal ligation. Prosecutors believe this is the first criminal case in Georgia in which a woman has agreed to undergo sterilization to avoid prison. (KaiserNetwork.org)
April is Pride Month at Carleton. The planning committee has been meeting this term, and the GSC will continue working over spring break to bring together Pride Month 2005! Below is the tentative schedule.

Friday, April 1: Queers and Allies House Potluck
We’ll kick off the month with a community gathering at Carleton’s gayest house.

Monday, April 4: Smitten Kitten Workshop
The founders of Smitten Kitten will discuss their experience founding a feminist sex toy store in an industry ridden with sexism and exploitation. They will also give a Sex Toys 101 presentation.

Tuesday April 5: Nomy Lamm
Lamm, a seasoned activist, artist and performer, will give a talk and multi-media presentation on her feminist and queer activism. Her visit is cosponsored by the Distinguished Women Visitors’ Fund.

Thursday April 7: OutFront MN Lobby Day
Minnesota's largest LGBT advocacy organization will help us Carleton students get in to talk to state legislators about marriage and other LGBT-related legislative efforts.

Friday April 8 Black Queer Alliance (BQA) Activity
Details forthcoming…

Friday and Saturday April 8 & 9: Queer SUMO
Details forthcoming…

Sunday, April 10: Queer night at Azia Restaurant and Bar
A group of Carls will take a field trip to this popular Minneapolis eatery.

Tuesday, April 12: Transgender panel
Details forthcoming…

Wednesday, April 13: Marriage Activism Night
SaGA will host the second annual Marriage Activism Night to give students an opportunity to get on their representatives’ backs, offer praise where praise is due, and make buttons in support of marriage rights for same-sex couples.

Friday April 15: Rainbow Cake
The Collective for Women’s Issues will give out pieces of a delicious rainbow cake outside Sayles.

Monday, April 18: Religion discussion
Details forthcoming…

Wednesday April 20: Talk by Faisal Alam
Alam, the founder of Al-Fatiha Foundation for LGBTIQ Muslims, will give a presentation on his work.

Friday April 22: Pride Banquet
What could be better than fancy food, fun people, and a distinguished queer alum speaking? Come celebrate another great Pride Month with students, faculty, staff, alums, and members of the Northfield community.

Friday April 22: Pride Dance
Equipped with super lighting and fabulously danceable music, this year’s Pride Dance will be a visual and sonic masterpiece.

Time to Start Saying Goodbye…
By Lauren Benditt and Rachel Vallens

It’s still winter term, I’m still inundated with comps, there’s snow on the ground, and the last thing on my mind is leaving Carleton. At least it was until I found out that my friend/housemate/coworker decided on early finish and won’t be back next term.

Besides being a close friend who we will sorely miss, Karen Gribbins has been an integral part of the Gender and Sexuality Center staff for the last two years. She has been a key player in planning Women’s History Month, Pride Month, National Coming Out Week, Vagina Monologues, and a host of other events and speakers.

Karen is always a steady presence around the office and someone we have all turned to for advice. She writes the weekly GSC emails, and is a regular contributor to the newsletter. For the past two years, Karen has also been a co-president of CWI. Needless to say, she is an asset to the office and will leave a hole when she is gone.

So, thank you, Karen, for your maturity and your dedication. You have touched the lives of so many people here at Carleton. You always seem to know just what to say to make the world make sense. We will miss your humor, your wisdom, your willingness to do whatever needs to be done. We will miss your dedication to the Center, to WA house, and to CWI. You have been and will continue to be an important part of our lives and we wish you happiness as you move on into the real world.

Lauren Benditt ’05 and Rachel Vallens ’06 are Center Associates
New in the Library: Focus on Religion and Spirituality
By Carolyn Speidel

Our religion section contains various perspectives on spirituality and religion. Plenty of books approach the subject from a queer Christian perspective. One of my all time favorites is *Swinging on the Garden Gate*, a spiritual memoir written by a Carleton alum. Others are more theologically based, like *Come Home!* and *On Being Gay: Thoughts on family, faith, and love*. Still others are identity based, like *Blessed Bi Spirit*, an anthology of bisexual writings on their religious and spiritual experiences. We also have books on feminist spirituality, and one book on queer Islamic history, *Islamic Homosexualities*.

Other highlights: *Immodest Acts: The life of a lesbian nun in renaissance Italy* is a unique look at one of the first documented cases of lesbianism in modern Western history. This book is worth finding for the cover picture alone. Finally, *Now that I’m out, what do I do?: Thoughts on living deliberately* is a thoughtful consideration of what it means to come out into a LGB identity, including spiritual issues.

C’mon by to check out some books!

Carolyn Speidel ’05 is a Center Associate

Pride Month

...is almost here!

If you are interested in helping plan Pride Month events come to the common time meetings every Tuesday in the GSC or contact C.J. (griffitc), Roxanne (morenov), or Leah (entenmal).

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Please submit articles, calendar entries, letters and news to the Gender and Sexuality Center or via e-mail to: bendittl@carleton.edu. We reserve the right to edit for clarity and space.

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CA, WA and Q&A Applications!

If you are interested in working in the GSC, or living in WA House or Q&A House, applications are now available in the GSC or on our website.

For more information, or if you have questions, contact the GSC; x5222.