Come to the GSRC!

The Gender and Sexuality Resource Center (GSRC), located on the second floor of the Hunt Student Union, provides a safe space for peoples of all genders, sexualities and creeds to relax. Open 5 days a week, the center has a TV, fridge, and a mini library and periodicals section. Come hang out or get some homework done. We’re here for you!

The GSRC also sponsors numerous activities on campus, for example, Action Hero and Safe Space. Check out upcoming events in the GSRC NEWS section on page 2.

SUNY Oneonta Lacrosse Captain Comes Out to Team

By Marcela Micucci

‘Coming out of the closet’ is easier said than done. It takes courage, confidence, and strength. However, for our own spring 2010 lacrosse team captain, Andrew McIntosh, telling his coach and teammates he was gay served as a release, a shedding of a burden he had contained within him for so long. Before coming out, McIntosh suffered from severe depression, anger, and even thoughts of suicide. He felt that no one would understand. Nobody would support him. They would look at him differently. Andrew himself shared his experience as a closeted gay man, “I had experienced no lonelier point in my life. I felt no one could understand my feelings. Who the hell is gay and plays sports, especially lacrosse?”

In the midst of this dejection, McIntosh began watching inspiring films like Milk and reading coming out stories on sports websites like the one his own article is posted on, outsports.com. Andrew finally felt ready to come out.

After telling his sister and a few of his friends, Andrew decided to write his coach, Dan Mahar, an e-mail. As he retells, “...he [the coach] called to meet with me. He was unfazed. He told me that if we had a roster of thirty players and fifteen of them did not want to play on the team because I was gay, he would tell them to leave the team.” Coach Mahar’s reaction gave McIntosh a new sense of confidence. He was proud to be a lacrosse player, and for the first time, he was proud to be gay.

Soon after coming out to his coach, Andrew told his teammates who all “embraced him with open arms.” They each expressed their respect and love for Andrew as their friend, and even more, as their team captain. Today, McIntosh is training for the upcoming season and preparing his team for victory. As Andrew declared, “I am finally enjoying my life as a gay man... Life is great. I am proud to be apart of such a great team (lacrosse team and gay team), and I thank everyone who has supported me through this process.”

To see Andrew’s article, click here.
March 2010 PRIDE WEEK

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GSRC NEWS--MARCH EVENTS:

**Dialogue Sessions:** Every Thursday night in the GSRC (Hunt Union, 219) from 7-9 PM.

- **March 4:** Mellissa Fallon hosts, “Girls with Balls: How Female Athletes Negotiate Masculinity and Femininity.” Erroneous assumptions about female athletes are often made because of questions about how they can successfully display masculine and feminine traits at the same time. Come discuss and hear research about how female athletes perceive expectations for masculinity and femininity and how they negotiate these expectations in a healthy way.

- **March 11:** Jeffery Dennis hosts, “The Strategies of Outness: How to be Openly LGBT.” Being “out,” refusing to pass as straight has been as essential a strategy of LGBT social movements since Stonewall. But most people automatically assume heterosexual identity, and you can’t tell everyone you meet or see. How do you decide when to be out, and when to pass? What can you do to signal your identity?

- **March 18:** Christine Edwards hosts, “Cyberstalking.” We are so used to thinking about stalking in terms of what we see or notice visually. Now stalking can be taken to another level that we may not even be aware of. Cyberstalking is very scary and takes away from our sense of security. Come to this program and learn about cyberstalking and have a roundtable discussion about this issue.

**Safe Space Program:**

- **Safe Space Training Programs:** There are two sessions, each two and a half hours long. Must attend both to be Safe Space certified. Available March 3 and March 10 from 5:30-8:00 PM at Union Square. To register, please call, e-mail, or visit the GSRC at Hunt Union 219 or 436-2190.

**Guys 4 Unity:** All men are welcome to come discuss male issues at the GSRC (219 Hunt Union) Wednesday nights, 7-8 PM, led by Jonathan Vargas.

**PRIDE WEEK-- MARCH 22-26**

- **Monday, March 22:**
  - Presenting Monica Roberts, "An Overview of the African-American Transgender Community" 7 PM, 104 Morris. Food will be served.
  - CUAC evening event, presenting Ian Harvie: Transgender Comedian, 9 PM in Ballroom.

- **Tuesday, March 23:** TBA

- **Wednesday, March 24:**
  - Action Hero/Ally Appreciation Day
  - Passion Party, 8:30 PM in Butternut Valley Room.

- **Thursday, March 25:**
  - Robyn Ochs: Renowned Bisexual Activist, 8 PM in CME.

- **Friday, March 26:**
  - Pariah Piranha: Queer Rock Band 7 PM in International Lounge.