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 in. 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.

LGBT Students Speak out on Sexuality
at Morris Central School

By Marcela Micucci

Morris Central schools recently hosted a three day Tolerance Program designed to combat prejudice and expand student’s acceptance of diversity. The event was divided into three installments covering race, religion, and sexuality. For the final session, on 18 March, a panel of SUCO students, including Jenna Mega, Aaron Braun, Claire Chouinard, and Andrew McIntosh, visited the school. The group participated in consciousness-raising talks aimed at providing students with an opportunity to learn more about the LGBT community.

The sexuality session of the Tolerance Program was a crowd favorite. Claire Chouinard, one of the students on the panel, said that, “I know I was not alone in being thanked for our bravery, for sharing my story, and the students were not shy about telling us that our panel had been “the most interesting.”

While mingling with the kids, Claire was introduced to a female student who was currently in a relationship with another girl. She was ‘pleasantly surprised’ when she learned that the girl had not experienced any problems with her classmates (because of it), one of her friends even shared that once she had opened up about her relationship, other people became motivated to open up about their “unconventional relationships.” According to Claire, she “took this time to commend the female student on being open and told her that sometimes it only takes one person to be brave and open up, and then others feel as though they can do the same.”

Considering the small, rural town these students lived in, Claire and other panel members were pleased with how open the kids were to the ideas they presented on sexuality. Since the panel, the feedback from the school has been extremely positive. The faculty has noticed a “marked change” in the student’s behavior. Morris Central School superintendent, Matthew Sheldon, believes “it has already raised the awareness about the importance of tolerance and accepting differences.”

With graduation approaching, the time to order a cap and gown for seniors has arrived. However, not all students can afford to purchase one. In order to help those in need, the GSRC will be sponsoring a Cap and Gown Donation Program geared toward providing those students with caps and gowns for graduation. If you would like more information, need a cap and gown, or are willing to donate, please visit the Gender Sexuality Resource Center at 219 Hunt Union, call at 436-2190, or e-mail us at gsrc@oneonta.edu. We would appreciate your donation!
UNITY WEEK- APRIL 12-16th!

ALL WEEK:
- Movies on ResLife Cinema (Channel 74), sponsored by Residential Community Life.
- Mills International Lounge Unity Week Food Fair in Mills Dining Hall, sponsored by Sodexho.

Monday, April 12:
- 4 PM in CME: Conversations on Diversity, sponsored by Multicultural Student Affairs.
- 7-9:30 PM in Hunt Union, Waterfront: Second Annual Psych Night, sponsored by the psychology club.

Tuesday, April 13:
- 7 PM in CME: Panel on World Religions, sponsored by NCBI Oneonta.
- 8 PM in CME: African Drum Session, sponsored by Students for Global Education.

Wednesday, April 14:
- 12 PM in CME: Spanish Play, sponsored by Department of Foreign Languages and Literature.
- ALL DAY, Campus Wide: ACTION HERO DAY, sponsored by Action HERO Campus Committee.
- 6 PM in IRC 5: N-Word Panel, sponsored by Students of Color Coalition.
- 12-5 PM in Hunt Ballroom: Blood Drive.

Thursday, April 15:
- 5-7 PM in My Kitchen: Cuisine of the Month- Finnish, sponsored by the International Affairs Office.
- 12-5 PM in Hunt Ballroom: Blood Drive, sponsored by Center for Social Responsibility and Community.

Friday, April 16:
- ALL DAY, Campus Wide: National Day of Silence, sponsored by OMU (Open Minded Unity).
- 6 PM in Hunt Transfer Lounge: Unity Week Showcase, sponsored by Residential Community Life.
- 9 PM in Hunt Waterfront: Second Chance Prom, sponsored by OMUU.

Saturday 4/17:
- 7 PM in CME: ALOHA Luau Party, sponsored by AALANA Mentor Program/Multicultural Student Affairs.

GSRC NEWS--APRIL EVENTS:

Dialogue Sessions: Every Thursday night in the GSRC (Hunt Union, 219) from 7-9 PM.
- April 15: Creating Change: what six students learned from the largest conference on LGBT equality.
- April 22: Susan Bernardin hosts, “I ain’t no stinking Feminist: Sarah Palin, Hillary Clinton, and what the “F” word means for you.” We will discuss the current state and status of feminism, especially as seen through the multiple lenses of media representation, public discourse, and classroom dynamics.
- April 29: Rebecca Harrington hosts, “Do they have to use sex to sell everything?”

Safe Space Program: There are two sessions, each two and a half hours long. Must attend both to be Safe Space certified. Available: Thursday April 22 and April 29 from 2:30-5:00 PM in Bacon Activity Room in Morris. To register, please call, e-mail, or visit the GSRC at Hunt Union 219 or (x-2190).

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

ACTION HERO:
- Action Hero Days: April 14th and 22nd.
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- April 22: Taking Back the Night- The purpose of this event is to raise awareness about the how violence against women, children, and men in our community affects us all. The event itself is a peaceful walk across the community, starting at our own Milne Library, proceeding to Hartwick College and then into town and ending at the Kim Muller Plaza on Main Street. The conclusion of the evening will include a tribute to the men, women, and children who have been sexually assaulted locally in the last year.

Randall Kenan: March 31 at 7:30 PM in the Center for Multicultural Experiences, Lee Hall.
- Book reading and signing. Author of seven books, including the novel A Visitation of Spirits, and the story collection Let the Dead Bury Their Dead.

Heidi Durrow: April 20 at 7:30 PM in the Center for Multicultural Experiences, Lee Hall.
- Book reading and signing for her debut novel The Girl Who Fell From the Sky (Feb. 2010).