Gender & Sexuality Resource Center

May 4, 2010

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.

Graduating Senior Pays Homage to the Gender & Sexuality Resource Center:

By Marcela Micucci

Over the years, the Gender Sexuality Resource Center (219 Hunt Union) has worked to provide students with a safe space and open environment to discuss gender issues and participate in the LGBT campus community. Carolyn Tucker, a graduating senior at Oneonta and active GSRC employee, recalls her experiences at the Center: “I had always been interested in human sexuality and gender studies, so I really enjoyed being able to help with campus programs like the Safe Space training.” With two years of experience at the GSRC, Carolyn believes that the Center has served as an outlet for the LGBT community, claiming that, “Working here has helped me (and others) become more involved with events such as Coming Out Week, Pride Week, and Unity Week.”

Once, Tucker shares, “A prospective student Instant Messaged the GSRC asking me questions about the LGBT community and climate on campus. I was able to talk to him and answer his questions about this specific aspect of campus, which is something a tour guide is not going to do.” Carolyn reassured the student that our campus accepted and encouraged diversity. For Tucker, “It felt really great to impact someone's decision to attend Oneonta in that way.”

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Donate Your Used Cap & Gown After Graduation!

As graduation approaches, many students are faced with the stress of paying off their financial aid for their undergrad and also purchasing the essential items to participate in the graduation ceremony. Caps and gowns are the required costume for such a ceremony, and especially during a time of economic restraint, it is difficult for some students to make the necessary purchases. The Cap & Gown Loaner Program aims to provide students with the outfit at no cost to them — while asking those who no longer need the attire to donate theirs for another graduating student to use. In recycling and reusing the graduation outfits students who do not have the funds to make a purchase are not left in need, and those who no longer want their caps and gowns have more closet space. So if you’re wondering what to do with yours after graduation —there will be boxes located in Hunt Union as well as in the Alumni Field House where the caps and gowns can be dropped off.

PLEASE DONATE!

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For Caroline (and other graduating interns, work-study, and volunteers), working at the Gender Sexuality Resource Center has been a positive and enlightening experience. Not only does the GSRC motivate employees and other students to become active members and advocates of the LGBT community, but it also encourages our campus to be more diverse and accepting of difference. For Carolyn, “Overall, it was a great experience that let [her] be a part of the bigger picture.” Are you interested in working at the GSRC next semester? If so, please contact coordinator Robin Nussbaum at 436-3213 or nussbar@oneonta.edu.

GSRC NEWS--MAY EVENTS:

 Dialogue Sessions: Every Thursday night in the GSRC (Hunt Union, 219) from 7-9 PM.
- May 6: Bill Harcleroad presents, “What’s in a Label?” College students and others of a similar age who have same-sex attractions have become increasingly visible to themselves and to others and yet they often reject the labels of Gay, Lesbian, etc… when it comes to identity and sense of self. Older GLBTQ community members, however, believe that these labels are hard-won and should be a visible part of any activism for gay rights and denouncing heterosexism and homophobia. So, what’s in a label? Let’s talk about it.

 Safe Space Program:
- Safe Space Training Programs: Safe Space Sessions have ended for the Spring 2010 semester. Please visit the GSRC next Fall for upcoming Safe Space Training.

 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.

Stay Involved This Summer: Attend National Pride Events!

- Boston Gay and Lesbian Film Festival May 6-16 in Boston.
- AIDS Walk in New York City: May 16 in NYC.
- Inside Out: Toronto GLBT Film and Video Festival: May 20-30 in Toronto.
- DC Black Pride: May 27-31 in Washington DC.
- Gay Days at Walt Disney World: June 3-7 in Orlando.
- New Fest Gay Film Festival: June 3-13 in New York.
- Provincetown Women of Color Weekend: June 3-6 in Provincetown (Cape Cod).
- Capital Pride: June 4-13 in Washington DC.
- Boston Pride: June 4-13 in Boston.
- LA Pride: June 11-13 in Los Angeles.
- Pittsburgh Pride: June 12-13 in Pittsburgh.
- Philadelphia Pride: June 13 in Philadelphia.
- Long Island Pride Parade: June 13 in Huntington, Long Island.
- New York City Pride: June 19-27 in NYC.
- Syracuse Pride: June 19 in Syracuse.
- Chicago Pride: June 27 in Chicago.