

Sexual education group receives official status

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Students searching for more resources regarding their reproductive health now have a place to turn.

At the end of the school year, College Advocates of Reproductive Education (CARE) was granted the status of an official university organization. The group, which unofficially began in the spring of 2005, has been attempting to gain university recognition since January of 2006. This status was granted after the

group's mission statement was approved by Dean of Students Jane Neufeld and Student Life Director Clifford Golz.

"By having official group status, it gives more clout and credence to the idea that yes, students here are concerned

about these issues," junior member Greg Stuart said. Now CARE is able to pass out fliers, receive university funding and set up tables on campus.

Before gaining this status, CARE initiated a lot of debate on campus by handing out more than 300 latex condoms under the Loyola el stop last October.

CARE was originally denied its official status because of the group's past affiliation with Planned Parenthood, a national women's health clinic that provides resources and information on reproductive and sexual health. As an off-campus group, CARE had worked with Planned Parenthood in educating Loyola students about being sexually active. Planned Parenthood's position on birth control and abortion goes against the teachings of the Catholic Church. CARE has ended the affiliation and now holds no position on the issue of abortion and will not focus on birth control issues or contraception on campus.

"We have actually been working very closely with the administration and we're getting great support," junior Katie Kramer, CARE president, said.

The group's constitution and mission statement were written with the help of the retired director of the Gannon Center for Women and Leadership, Sister Carolyn Farrell. Sister Farrell, Kramer and senior Christine Olin, CARE's vice president, worked to make sure everything the group proposed was in line with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Their mission statement asserts that their goal as an organization is "to work with the health center to provide students with the information necessary for personal reproductive health." CARE also aims to "educate and engage the Loyola community in a

dialogue about issues regarding reproductive health."

Regarding the university's decision about CARE and its plans for STI/HIV education at Loyola, Vice President of Student Affairs Rev. Richard J. Salmi, S.J. said, "I think we would be remiss if we didn't educate students about what the psychological and emotional consequences are if one chooses to be sexually active."

Like all emerging organizations, CARE is on probationary status. Kramer and Olin are working very closely

with Neufeld and Salmi to make sure all of CARE's planned activities and statements are in compliance with the rules set forth for student organizations by Loyola as a Jesuit Catholic university.

"While we do respect and recognize that this is a Catholic university which abides by the teaching of the Catholic Church, we also recognize that many students either don't agree with or abide by that. We are here to fill in the gaps in information, resources and education," Olin said.

The organization plans to accomplish a lot in its first year as an official organization. The main goal is to work with the Wellness Center to improve the STI and HIV testing provided at the Doyle Center on campus by making the testing more frequent to meet the demand of Loyola students. The organization also plans to inform students of other resources offered by the Wellness Center such as pregnancy tests and unbiased, nonjudgmental counseling for students who have been diagnosed with a sexually transmitted infection or HIV. There are also plans in the works to cooperate with other student organizations such as the Feminist Forum, the Sexual Assault Awareness Group, and the Pro-Life University Students to combine resources and organize volunteer activities for members.

CARE has already started benefiting from its new official status. The organization had 90 official members at the start of the new academic year. At the organization fair, 115 students signed up to receive e-mails regarding CARE's meetings this year.

"It's really satisfying to know that we're finally being heard and being given a voice and an opportunity," Kramer said.

The next meeting for the organization will be in the basement of Centennial Forum Student Union Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. If you are interested in CARE, all are welcome to attend or you can e-mail to President Katie Kramer at kkrame3@luc.edu or Vice President Christine Olin at colin@luc.edu.

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Kweli and T's take over Gentile

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Rapper Talib Kweli is a favorite artist of both Jay-Z and 50 Cent. Plain White T's have played Warped Tour three times and have opened for high profile bands Jimmy Eat World and AFI. What do these acts have in common? The rapper and the rock stars are soon going to be performing at Gentile Center for the fall concert on Loyola's Lake Shore campus.

Loyola's Campus Life Union Board has been putting on concerts and student events at Loyola for years. This year, in an attempt to cater to Loyola's diverse student body, CLUB took a poll of the interests in styles of music. Students showed a strong preference for hip-hop and alternative genres, leading CLUB to book representatives from both styles for the concert.

The President of CLUB, junior Scott Harris, said, "Rather than trying to appeal directly to one of those groups, we tried to mesh them together to appeal to the broader likes of our students."

Kweli began his rap career as one half of the group Black Star with rapper Mos Def. Kweli's best known song "Get By," has been on the hip-hop scene for

nearly a decade. The Brooklyn native is also known for creating music about social issues affecting the black community.

"The vast majority of my subject matter focuses on black self-love, black self esteem and black self worth," said Kweli.

He goes on to connect his lyrics to other cultures by mentioning that his songs "translate to other communities because if you're a human being, it doesn't matter what color you're talking about. You've been through some sort of struggle, and you can apply it to your own life." His name is Arabic, meaning "the seeker" or "student of truth and knowledge." Kweli says that he tries to bring forth his knowledge through music.

Kweli's newest album is entitled "Eardrum" and will be released some time in the fall. The first single, "Listen," is already climbing the charts on the popular BET show, "106th and Park."

On the alternative side of the musical spectrum, Plain White T's has its base right here in Chicago. The group formed in the fall of 1997.

After a few years and a few line up changes, the group came back together consisting of front man Tom, Tim Lopez on guitar and vocals, Dave Trio play-

ing guitar, Mike Retondo with bass and vocals and De'Mar Hamilton on drums. Higgenson, who is originally from Villa Park, Ill., said that he recognized his future on stage when he first stepped into Chicago's well-known music venue The Metro, a stage that has seen the likes of Bob Dylan, James Brown, Kayne West and Bill Clinton.

The group's newest album, produced by Hollywood Records, is entitled "Every Second Counts" was released Tuesday, Sept. 12. The album is their first to be produced by a major record label.

Students at Loyola need not worry that the performance will be lacking enthusiasm simply because it's performed at a smaller venue. The band insisted on their MySpace page that it's going to be a great time: "Whether we're playing a small club or an arena, we're gonna sweat the same."

On Thursday, Sept. 21, Kweli and the Plain White T's will bring their artistic stylings to the Gentile Center. Tickets are available at the information desk in Centennial Forum Student Union and on the third floor of Baumhart Hall. Admission for students, faculty and staff is \$5 and \$28 for the general public. The concert will begin at 6 p.m. and end around 10 p.m.

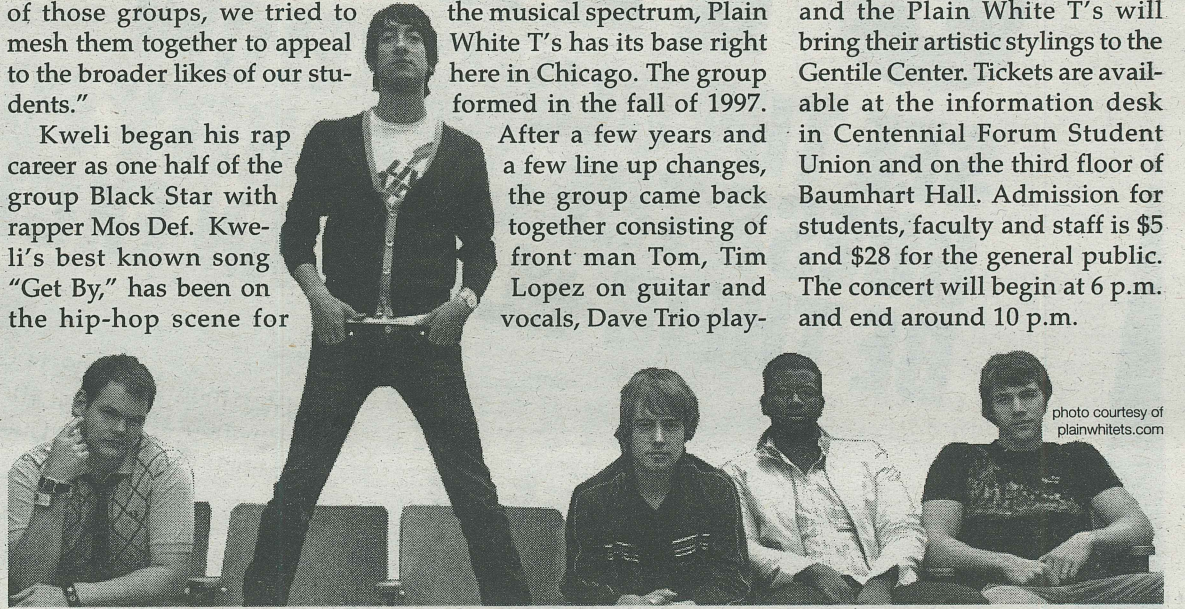


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