

Civic Action Weeks

To heighten student awareness and involvement in social issues, Human Issues and the College Ministries launched Civic Action Weeks in the Fall of 2008. As a continuation of the freshman orientation Civic Action Day, during one week per month there is programming around a topic that students can get involved in. This is a campus wide, community effort, bringing together faculty, staff and students.

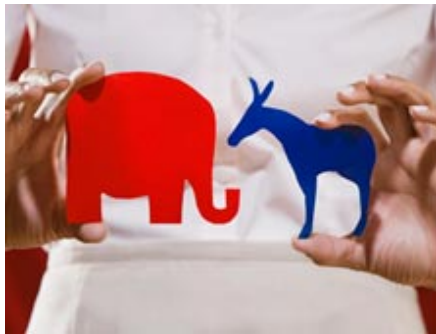
October 2008: Politics and Advocacy

“Be and Informed Voter” by the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign:
Debby Myers of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign spoke to Professor Amy Gangl’s Introduction to American Politics class.



This talk focused on issues around how citizens become informed voters. Questions such as, “Where do we get political information? How reliable is the information? How to use groups to get informed and involved? How do we check our facts?” were all explored.

Politics & Advocacy Organization Fair



This student engagement fair provided students with an opportunity to meet Madison organizations involved with politics and advocacy. Students had the chance to get more information about issue areas, the organization, advocacy work, and volunteer positions.

Organizations present were, American Civic Liberties Union (ACLU), Amnesty International, WI Democrats, Centro Hispano, and the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign.

Fair Trade Chocolate and Coffee Tasting

Students who traveled to Cuernavaca, MX hosted a taste testing of fair trade items and sold over \$90 worth of product.



Presidential Debate

Students on the Debate Team discussed American policy surrounding Afghanistan & terrorism. The Debate Team, Campus Activities Board, College Ministries, and Human Issues hosted this presidential debate.

November 2008: Hunger and Homelessness

Poverty Fair

This student engagement fair provided students with an opportunity to meet Madison organizations involved with combating poverty. Students had the chance to get more information about issue areas, the organization, advocacy work, and volunteer positions.

Organizations present: St Vincent DePaul's, Luke House



Neighborhood Food Drive

The Edgewood Peace Group and the 10K Group collected 130 food items from surrounding neighborhoods for St Vincent De Paul's food pantry.

Hunger Close to Home

Poverty and Food Insecurity Program Specialist, Nick Heckman, from the University of Wisconsin-Extension spoke about Food Security and the state of hunger in Wisconsin and Dane County.

February 2008: Diversity

A heterosexual cross dresser discussing a variety of transgender issues

Professor Julie Luecke and Professor Laini Kavalaski-Pront's De-Constructing Gender Course hosted guest speaker Wayne from Outreach. Wayne talked about his own experiences as a heterosexual cross dresser in Madison.

Dialogue Across Race

Dr. Kelly Mella's Intercultural Communications Course and the Center for hosted UW Madison guest lecturer Dr. Katherine Walsh.

Professor Walsh's talk took a practical look at dialogue across race and emphasized that it is not a cure-all nor is it easy. She explored the outcome of dialogue, the triumphs and difficulties in order to paint a holistic and realistic picture of the process. She concluded her talk about what next steps students can take in their local communities.

Her information largely came from her study where she researched interracial dialogue programs across the country, examining where they occur and in what context. She also studied in depth groups in IL and WI in 4 to 5 different cities.



This was also hosted by the Multicultural Education and Ethnic Studies Program.



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Organizations present: Centro Hispano, Urban League of Greater Madison

Root Causes of Sexual Assault



UW PAVE held a workshop in the resident halls with Edgewood RAs to engage students in discussing the root causes of sexual assault and ways to combat it.

Candle Light Prayer

Students presented prayers from different religious faiths. Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, and Sikh prayers were shared.

Interfaith Visit to Mt Zion Baptist Church

College Ministries lead an interfaith visit to Mount Zion Baptist Church.

April: Environment

Bike Bonanza

On Earth Day the Environmental Studies Program , College Ministries and the Human Issues Studies Program hosted *Bike Bonanza*. This event promoted biking as an alternative transportation method. Williamson Bike Works did free bike repairs, there was free food, and literature on biking around Madison. Those who biked to Edgewood entered a raffle, with 10 winners and a grand prize winner, who won \$100 worth of prizes from our sponsors.



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