

# PAGE Center holds LGBTQ 101 gab and beauty raffle

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Shippensburg University's Pride and Gender Equity (PAGE) Center held an LGBTQ 101 crash course along with a beauty raffle at in the Ceddia Union Building on Nov. 13.

The goal of the event was to inform attendees of the basic language everyone can use in order to respect and support the LGBTQ-identifying people in their lives. Around 30 people attended the event, offering diverse opinions and personal experiences to the conversation.

The faculty and students who ran the event prioritized a safe and respectful space for everyone in the room.

"We want to talk about things from our experience," Miller Hoffman, director of the PAGE Center, said. "We're thinking about a lot of people."

They began the conversation by informing attendees of the resources

the PAGE Center has to offer students, including access to free contraceptives and a gender-neutral closet, describing the center as a "body-positive, sex-positive and anti-violence space."

As a part of their conversation on LGBTQ 101, they informed attendees of basic definitions within sexuality and gender, also offering exercises people could participate in to gain a better understanding.

One of these exercises involved attendees viewing a list of questions those in the LGBTQ community tend to get asked that those who do not identify as a part of the community are normally not pressured to answer. Many people felt uncomfortable viewing these questions, opening the door for discussion and understanding.

"I think it's generally uncomfortable to be asked questions phrased like those," one audience member said.

The goal of these exercises was to increase understanding of what are and what are not respectful ways to talk to LGBTQ-identifying individuals.

"I feel like we are always talking about folks and not always thinking about how we are talking about folks," Hoffman said.

Many other topics were also discussed during the conversation, including the differences between gender and biology, respectful words, phrasing and etiquette everyone can use in order to ensure they are being respectful and inclusive of everyone's sexualities and gender identities.

As the conversation came to an end, the PAGE Center switched their focus to the beauty raffle they held at the event, giving audience members the chance to win makeup and cosmetics from brands such as Charlotte Tilbury, Fenty Beauty, Haus Labs and MAC Cosmetics.



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PAGE Center Director Miller Hoffman speaks to a student before the event.

# Kappa Omega hosts annual midnight basketball game



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Tymere Harris, Polemarch of the Kappa Omega Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, celebrates at the end of the midnight game.

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There are a number of annual sporting events that are eagerly awaited by fans. There is the Army Navy game, the Yale Harvard Game and the "Iron Bowl" between Alabama and Auburn, to name a few.

Shippensburg University had its own traditional matchup Friday morning: the Crimson and Cream midnight basketball game hosted by Kappa Omega. The game helps fund Kappa's community commitments, says Tymere Harris, who alongside Keith Hutton form the fraternity's membership.

The limited membership did not stop Kappa from packing Henderson Gymnasium for an event that

would rival those hosted by the largest houses in Ship's Greek Life. Spectators packed on the wall of bleachers during warm-ups alone, and more flooded into the other side of the court during the first half of the game.

During warmups, players practiced dunking and shooting while music played, and Harris and Hutton coached and prepped their respective teams.

Leading team Crimson was Hutton, and taking command over team cream, was Harris. Both coaches said there were no ringers from the university team, and that they personally recruited the players from the community to play in the game.

The game followed the NCAA structure of two periods.

A fierce two periods they were. Music played throughout the game, and both Hutton and Harris were equipped with microphones to taunt each other and pump up the crowd, creating an energetic atmosphere throughout the whole event.

The game was neck and neck throughout the first, culminating in a team cream lead with a score of 40-38.

Then came, as it does at all big sporting events, the halftime show, and Kappa Omega planned for a night of entertainment. First up was the dance group Urban Flow, who performed a floor routine in combination with a contemporary dance while wearing custom black UFO-themed basketball jerseys.

Next was Elite Modeling Team, the runners-up for Spring's "Ship's Got Talent."

They, too, wore black custom jerseys, but with the addition of their trademark eight-inch heels.

The final halftime performance came courtesy of SU Heritage Dance Co., which performed alongside a setlist designed to get the audience ready for the second half of the game.

Tensions rose during the second half, as both teams Crimson and Cream jockeyed to maintain the lead. With nearly every goal Cream scored, Harris would take a victory sprint past his brother, now a rival coach.

In the end, though, it would be team Crimson that won 84-81. The result was less important than Kappa Omega's efforts to pull off an exciting event that lasted into the small hours of the morning.

# Equality Games educates students on social problems

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Shippensburg University's Sociology and Anthropology Department and The Connors Institute held The Equality Games at the Ceddia Union Building's MPR on Nov. 11.

Many students attended the event, in addition to President Charles Patterson.

Students participated in an interactive experience, playing games such as a remote-controlled car race, bowling, cornhole and hitting a target with a football.

Games started with two players on different sides, one side being socially advantaged and one being socially disadvantaged. The side that you were on decided how challenging the game was. Advantaged

students had less obstacles and better tools compared to the disadvantaged students.

At the same time, attendees participated in a scavenger hunt that showcased posters and diagrams about poverty, inequality and social capital in Pennsylvania cities. Additionally, there were segments where students participated by adding their own city to the hunt and finding Big Red, Shippo and Patterson "hidden" on the posters.

Completing the scavenger hunt gave attendees the chance to win an Amazon gift card in a raffle. As a bonus, participation in the games increased the probability for attendees to win the raffle.

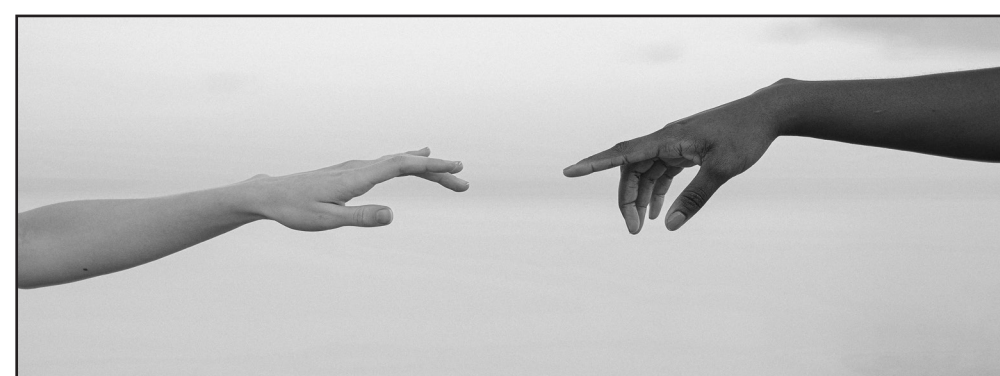
"We're trying to get people interested in the study of social problems," Lawrence Eppard, director

of the Connors Institute and associate professor of sociology, said. "We tried to focus a lot on Pennsylvania, which is a state [students] know a lot about and make it personal for them."

The games and scavenger hunt were held to highlight social inequality problems in America.

Eppard continued to emphasize the importance of making the experience more personalized for the attendees.

"They're learning about their own personal poverty risk and they're learning about their own neighborhood," Eppard said. "We thought learning about social problems [was] the big overarching goal, but then we thought making it more personal ... [would] be more interesting for them."



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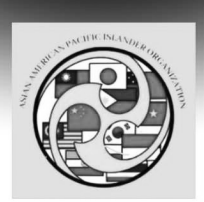

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