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## GAY COMMUNITY

It's not especially easy to live truthfully, but it's no more oppressive to be gay at Grinnell than anywhere else. In fact, you'll probably have many great straight friends at Grinnell. The Grinnell College Gay Community, "GCGC", provides us with a very loose structure to help one another with anxieties and confusions and perhaps have at least as much fun as Dick and Jane on a given Saturday night.

For those with a certain amount of faith in this country and their fellow persons, the group can be a useful point of departure for political activities. We get information from National Gay Task Force and Gay Affiliates of Iowa on how we can effectively contribute to the uphill struggle for equality under the law. On a more local level, some people in the group try to make the campus a nicer place for gay people to live. We have a certain inept charm in this regard. Articles in the campus paper, screening films with real-life normal gay people in them are steps in this direction.

We could probably lean more towards being an oppressed majority if all the campus were comfortable with its sexuality. Be that as it may, belonging to the group does not mean one is openly gay. Many freshmen are independent for the first time at Grinnell and uncertain about a lot of things. The group will respect your privacy and will be for you whatever you want to make of it.

Please don't be afraid to contact us if you feel like it. It's sad that gay people should be so homophobic. Don't avoid the group with preconceptions -- we are you and you are we and we could be all together.

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