

Assumptions That Aren't Safe. . .

- He will fall in love with a she.
- She will fall in love with a he.
- All parents will be horrified if their child is gay, transgender, or intersex.
- One sexual interaction with a member of one's sex will "turn" someone gay.
- GLBTQQI behavior/identity is a "phase" that a person outgrows.
- A queer identity can be "interrupted" or "undone" by appropriate intervention by someone in authority (parent, counselor, etc.).
- Female athletes are lesbians.
- Male athletes aren't gay.
- A heterosexual orientation is automatically superior to a queer orientation.
- Straight relationships last and queer relationships don't.
- Queer people grow old alone and straight people won't.
- Queer relationships don't / won't / can't last.
- Not having older gay/lesbian role models around is healthy for gay college students.
- Queer staff or faculty will want to go to bed with students.
- A queer staff member/RA/professor is more biased toward being queer than a straight staff member/RA/professor is biased against it.
- There aren't any GLBTQQI staff, students or faculty at this school.
- People can work/study at their best and be productive, healthy and happy if they feel they must deny or hide their identity in order to stay in housing or keep their jobs.
- It will all just go away. . .