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Advocate speaks on campus for GLBT History Month

By Katie Peters

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This month marks GLBT History Month, which featured Zach Wahls, a speaker who visited campus last Thursday night and made a great impression of humor and oration on our campus.

Wahls is the son of two lesbians, whom he introduced to us with words and motions as "Tall Teri and... Jackie." Zach is most well-known for the Youtube video featuring his passionate speech at the Iowa House Judiciary Committee defending his values of what a family is. Whatever a person's views on same-sex families and marriage might have been coming into the presentation, it was a refreshing talk because Wahls does not condemn any answer as wrong.

The best part of the presentation was Wahls' dead-on sense of humor. As a speaker that visits all kinds of arenas, he has received all kinds of questions from his different audiences, one of them being, "Which of your moms is the man?" Think for a minute about that question; does it make any logical kind of sense?

Wahls gave us his answer in the form



Photo by Katie Peters

of a brain-bending question that seems foolish but is important: "Which chopstick is the

fork?" How much more sense does that question make than the one asked of Wahls? Wahls

made a good point: it's the stigma of a couple being defined as a man and a woman that created the argument over same-sex relations, but the notion could be as easily accepted as the idea of a pair of chopsticks working towards the same goal as a fork and knife.

Wahls left the night with a great piece of advice, one that can be applied to anyone on any side of the situation: "The most important thing is learning to be a good person, and that's not inherently masculine or feminine."

One may read this article and be offended, or one may read it and learn something. It is not until one steps outside of their comfort zone that they can learn to defend beliefs or maybe even change them.

This writer encourages you to step outside of that comfort zone this month and come to one of IIT's GLBT History Month events, or visit Alex Garret in MTCC 216 or any staff with a Safe Space sticker to learn more about the LGBT community or becoming an ally.

Visit http://www.iit.edu/student_life/glbtlife/glbtlife to find out more information about the upcoming events.

TBTN Week crusades against sexual violence

By Hannah Larson

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No means no. One sexual assault is one too many. Every two minutes, someone in the U.S. is sexually assaulted. Feminists United will be advocating for these messages, and more, during the next few days for Take Back the Night Week.

After kicking off with the popular speaker Between Friends yesterday, TBTN is shaping up to be informative and thought-provoking.

FU will have tables on the MTCC bridge today, tomorrow, and Friday during lunch to hand out informative pamphlets, collect pledges from students vowing to not engage in any sexual acts without consent, and other goodies.

Tonight, there will be a self-defense workshop with Office of Campus Life and IMPACT at 6:30 p.m. in the MTCC Ballroom.

Wednesday, October 17 is the week's keynote speaker, titled, "Just Trust Me," from Campus Outreach Services (COS). COS is a national organization that collaborates with entities like the NFL, Lifetime TV and HBO television networks to work on educational pieces on sexual violence, according to their website, campusoutreachservices.org. COS is also sponsored by the Department of Defense and U.S. Ambassadors for international work against sexual violence.

"Just Trust Me" is a presentation by a victim, named Stephanie, who was sexually assaulted by a peer in her second year of college while under the influence of alcohol. Stephanie will relate her experience to the audience. COS says this presentation will sow seeds of responsible decision making, help at-

tendees recognize how alcohol abuse affects those decisions, and increase awareness and understanding of sexual assault and its forms.

Thursday, October 18 will be an FU general body meeting with discussions about the week's events, as well as poster-making for the rally on Friday. This event will take place in the MTCC 516, next to the post office at 9 p.m. Come with your best TBTN slogans.

Friday, October 19 will be the rally where participants will symbolically take back the night by chanting catchphrases, and making noise with whistles, noisemakers, et cetera. This will begin at 8 p.m. where we will meet at the MTCC picnic tables and snake through campus, ending up at the Quad to

Feminists UNITED PRESENTS

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT WEEK

MONDAY OCTOBER 15:
Between Friends, MTCC 516 1PM - 2PM

TUESDAY OCTOBER 16:
Self Defense Workshop, MTCC Ballroom, 6:30PM - 7:30PM

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 17:
Keynote Speaker: "Just Trust Me", 7PM - 9PM

THURSDAY OCTOBER 18:
General Body Meeting & Rally Posters, MTCC 516, 9PM

FRIDAY OCTOBER 19:
TBTN Rally, Meet @ picnic tables by MTCC @ 8PM, ends at the Quad, with Porchlight Services' Speaker

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Starry nights like these aren't always safe

listen to a speaker from Porchlight Counseling Services, a Chicago-based resource center that specializes in helping collegiate sexual assault victims.

FU encourages everyone to attend at least one, or more of the events. Sexual assault can happen to anyone, regardless of gender or sex. The Rape, Abuse & Incest National Net-

work (RAINN) estimates that 54% of sexual assault cases are not reported to the proper authorities, and two-thirds of assaults are committed by someone known to the victim, and only through advocacy and events like TBTN can these numbers and other shocking statistics be lowered.

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