



CMU's VOX Hosts Second Annual Sextival

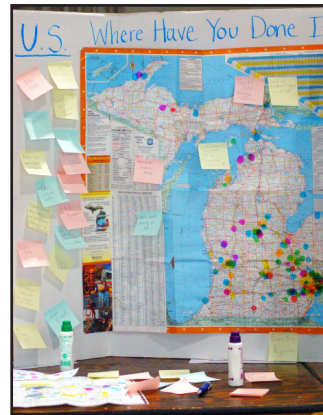
On April 26, 2012, VOX, the Planned Parenthood campus group at Central Michigan University, held their 2nd Annual Sextival. At this collaborative event geared towards raising awareness on CMU's campus about safer sex, sexuality education, reproductive health issues, and reproductive rights, nearly 30 student and community organizations set up information booths. Groups included the Office of LGBTQ Services, University Health Services, Students Advocating Gender Equality, Take Back the Night, as well as Universities Allied for Essential Medicine, Dogma Free Society, and Take Back the Tap. Although the windy weather moved the event from outside on Warriner Mall into Finch Fieldhouse, well over 300 students attended the event.

CMU's female accapella group On the Rox and multiple local musicians performed live music at Sextival. Multiple games and activities were open to all guests. Attendees could try their hand at a bean bag toss while answering questions about reproductive politics or learn the 20 steps to putting on a condom at the condom races station. Many students got creative with stickers and glitter glue at the condom or birth control carrier case station by personalizing their own with phrases like "box of love" and "safe sex is sexy."

Overall, Sextival was a huge success. The VOX table alone passed out more than 500

condoms. Tony Heffron voiced what many people said throughout the event when he remarked "the Sextival was great once again!" 2010 CMU Alumni and former VOX president Mary Blumka was proud to see how well the student group was doing. The number of organizations present more than doubled from last year, and the flow of students lasted the entire scheduled time of the event, from 11 AM until 3 PM. Many attendees, like CMU junior Caitlin Williams, remarked that they could not wait for the next Sextival.

VOX is very proud of the educational opportunity and the safe and open atmosphere that the event creates on campus. Sextival is a huge step forward in making CMU's campus more informed, and the members of VOX at CMU are excited to bring Sextival back for the third time next year. All of the money raised by VOX at Sextival, as well as a portion of the proceeds made by Pure Romance consultants and other groups that sold products, will be donated to Women's Aid Service Inc., a local women's shelter. ■



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