

National 'Coming Out' day comes to WSU CAMPUS

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Today is the GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender) community's National Coming Out Day.

This day is observed annually to remember when 500,000 people marched on Washington for gay and lesbian equality on Oct. 11, 1987.

At Wayne State University, the GLBT Student Union is hosting its "Safe SeXXX Fair" where they will distribute condoms, dental dams and lubricants. The Detroit Department of Health will bring its "Mobile Testing Unit" and administer free HIV and syphilis tests.

Students are invited to ask experts questions of issues related to safe sex and sexually transmitted diseases.

The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) manages the national event and offers resources to GLBT couples, parents and their children, as well as straight friends and relatives.

"Every single time we talk about our lives as GLBT Americans, we are another step closer to equality," said HRC President Joe Solmonese in a press release. "Each word helps build bridges that change hearts and minds — and eventually our laws."

National Coming Out Day events are aimed at raising awareness of the gay community among the general populace. This is part of an effort to give the GLBT movement a "face."

HRC's mission is to promote awareness of GLBT families living honest and open lives.

The Safe SeXXX Fair is today on Gullen Mall between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

For more information on National Coming Out Day, visit: www.hrc.org