

GAY AWARENESS WEEK, cont.

Friday, 9:00 pm- Party/Dance (Newman Center--across from the Carolina Inn)

SATURDAY/MARCH 18

10:00 am- Coffee, tea and donuts (204 Union)

10:30 am- Bisexuality: Caught in the Middle of Best of Both? (204 Union)

12:00 Noon- Being Black and Gay: Multiple Minority Identification (202 Union)

1:00 pm- "Everything you wanted to know about gays, here is your chance to ask." (204 Union)

2:30 pm- Gays and Religion: with Tom Palko from Newman-Catholic Student Center, Manuel Mortman from Wesley Foundation, and others (202 Union)

8:30 pm- Coffeehouse: Featuring "Artemis" -- cover charge \$1
Community Church, Purefoy Rd. and Mason Farm Rd.

SUNDAY/MARCH 19

11:00 am- Potluck Picnic Lunch in Battle Park (area around Forest Theater)

2:00 pm- Women Loving Women: Emotions and Sexuality (202 Union)

3:30 pm- Gays in the Education Professions (217 Union)

ALSO: WEEKLONG EXHIBITS AND GAY INFO BOOTH IN THE CAROLINA UNION

Behind the Scenes

Gay Awareness Week Coordinator Elizabeth B. is a bright, energetic UNC senior in a health science. She asked that her identity be veiled so a local relative cannot relay the fact of her activism to her parents who are under the impression that she is only quietly gay ("They don't want me to hurt my career," she said).

Elizabeth's activism did not begin with the two-month planning of the Week. She has spread her warmth and optimism to over 1,000 people who have attended CGA-sponsored outreaches in the past year or so. But she says that she is "a constant outreach person." "I had a ten-minute talk with a bus driver yesterday" about being gay and coming out to your parents. She saw my button ("Someone in your life is gay"), Elizabeth explained.

She also helped with last year's 2nd Annual Southeastern Gay Conference which has been adopted by Atlanta this year (March 31-April 2), leaving the CGA free to undertake a program of communication with the public.

Our ultimate goal, Elizabeth said, is for there to be more communication between people of different sexual orientations.

"We're concerned with having people more comfortable with their sexuality--theirs or that of their friends. We will be stressing that gays are a heterogeneous population--there's no one gay lifestyle."

"Both gays and non-gays are lacking in some factual information and we would like

to offer that information to clear up some of the confusion, fear and ignorance," Elizabeth said.

HOWARD FRADKIN, 1976-77 CGA President and graduate student in counseling psychology, will present Monday's "Understanding Gayness" and Wednesday's "Coming Out." Fradkin may be best known for his reasoned replies to homophobic letter writers in the UNC student paper.

He believes the misconceptions and prejudice confirm the necessity of CGA's existence "to lessen the extent to which people are threatened by us."

Of his Wednesday talk: "I've seen how I've grown stronger since coming out and I would like to help other people feel good about themselves."

Fradkin thinks Gay Awareness Week will contribute to "an atmosphere on campus where individual differences can be understood, accepted and appreciated."

March 20: Officers, By-laws and Sex

Monday, March 20, 7:30 pm, Carolina Union: The CGA General Meeting's agenda calls for election of 1978-79 officers (chairperson and treasurer), the second reading and vote on the proposed by-laws revision (passed Feb. 20), and a candid, informal discussion of the sexual lives of gay men and lesbians.