

CGA Plans Outreach Training³

The outreach program of the Carolina Gay Association will train new speakers in February. The program provides speakers on lesbian- and gay male-related topics to classes and organizations on the UNC-CH campus and also outside the Chapel Hill community.

This year the training session will be held on a weeknight. There will be a repeat session on a weekend for people who cannot come during the week.

Past CGA president Karen Peterson said the program is seeking a variety of gay people and that interested people do not need to be experienced public speakers.

The one important criterion is that speakers have a positive gay self image. "People should feel good about being gay since some observers may be coming out and also because we need to help the non-gay public understand us," said Peterson.

The training session will consist of simulated questions and suggested points to make in response. Prospective speakers will also ob-

serve one or more outreaches before their first outreach.

Peterson said that people who are interested in the training but who do not want to commit themselves to speaking engagements are welcome to attend the training sessions. Interested people will also be given a suggested reading list.

The outreach program training will be in mid or late February. The specific time and place will be announced in the Daily Tar Heel.

Cellar Door, UNC's undergraduate literary magazine, is sponsoring a 24-hour marathon reading of the work of Gertrude Stein. The reading will begin at 9:00 pm, Feb. 15, at the Wesley Foundation, 214 Pittsboro Street, Chapel Hill, and will continue to 9:00 pm on Feb. 16.

Those wishing to read should contact the Cellar Door, 205 Y Building, to sign up for a time.

A movie, "When This You See, Remember Me," will be part of the program.

Kennedy, Brown Propose Plank

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA), a Democratic presidential candidate, expressed his support for gay rights in response to a questionnaire sent by the National Gay Task Force to all presidential candidates.

Kennedy said that he will endorse a Democratic Party plank calling for the rights of lesbians and gay men to full participation in the social, economic and political life of the nation, according to Gay Community News.

According to NGTF, Kennedy's pledges were substantially the same as those made by California Gov. Jerry Brown at a gay rights fundraiser in November of 1979.

The Kennedy and Brown pledges make it probable that the Democratic convention will debate a gay rights resolution. In 1972 and 1976 similar planks were killed in committee at the Democratic conventions.

Kennedy said, "I believe our party's platform should also commit itself to the issuance of an executive order prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in government programs and the enactment of legislation protecting the

civil rights of those who have historically been stigmatized on the basis of sexual orientation."

Steve Endean, the executive director of the Gay Rights National Lobby, said that a major obstacle for gay rights is that it is not taken seriously. He said that Kennedy's status as a "very credible liberal" would make it easier for other previously silent liberals to support gay rights.

Charles F. Brydon, co-executive director of NGTF, said that Kennedy's statement was an attempt to establish credibility with the gay voter. He warned that the gay community "must look carefully at the rhetoric and look for some specific actions."

Brydon specifically cited the need for Kennedy to co-sponsor the Senate gay rights bill authored by Paul Tsongas (S-2081) which would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by adding the phrase "sexual orientation" to the provision on equal employment opportunities.

According to a Kennedy campaign spokesperson, Susan Estrich, possible co-sponsorship of the bill by Kennedy is "up in the air."