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Boswell Lectures at UNC-G

Dr. John Boswell, author of Christianity, Social Tolerance and Homosexuality and Professor of History at Yale University will speak on "Homosexuality in Historical Perspective" at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro on Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 pm. The lecture is free and open to the public and will be held in the Cone Ballroom of the Elliott University Center.

Boswell's visit is co-sponsored by the Gay Student Association, the History Club, the Department of History, and Campus Ministeries, all at UNC-G, and by Greensboro's Metropolitan Community Church.

A spokesman for the Gay Student Association said of the co-sponsorship, "We are excited about this broad base of support for a lecturer on homosexuality and that the funding is coming from the non-gay community. We are proud to be a part of a university that places a high priority on improving human relations."

Boswell holds a doctorate (1971) and a masters degree in history from Harvard University and an A.B. in history

from the College of William and Mary. He has been a member of the Yale University History Department faculty since 1975, and received the DeVane Medal for Teaching and Scholarship in 1982.

His book Christianity, Social Tolerance and Homosexuality was selected by the New York Times Book Review as one of the 11 best books in 1981. The book was also awarded the American Book Award in History and the Melcher Aware the same year.

The book is a chronology of prejudice against homosexuals over some 1500 years of European history. Boswell argues that intolerance of homosexuals set in only with the 13th century and paralleled the rise of intolerance towards other minorities, notably Jews and Muslims. He also argues that prejudice against homosexuals cannot be traced to Christianity.

Writing in the New York Times Book Review of Aug. 10, 1980, Paul Robinson says, "I would not hesitate to call this

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No Problem Too Small

Ever felt like a problem is too small for a therapist but too big to handle alone? Did you have a "blow-out" with your lover and need to vent some frustration later? Have specific questions on sexuality? Who do you turn to when there's no one to turn to?

Most people feel the need to get something off their chests every now and then and sometimes it's hard to talk to a lover or even a close friend. There is someone in Chapel Hill you can talk to however in the services of HELPLINE and SECS (Sexuality Education and Counseling Service). Both services are staffed by competent volunteer counselors that have been specifically trained to deal with relationships and inter-

personal problems faced by both gays and non-gays. Both services are free and available to the entire Chapel Hill community. Depending on the type of counseling and the urgency of the problem you may find one service better suited to your immediate needs.

HELPLINE is a telephone crisis intervention and referral service, staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There is no pressure to reveal your name, age or address, so total anonymity is guaranteed. Counseling is totally non-judgemental, and the counselors are willing to listen to any problem you may be having whether emotionally-based or physically-based. The counselors are equipped to handle problems ranging from
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