

Solicitation

You will no doubt have noticed that this issue of Lambda contains ads for the first time in our publishing history. As of Jan. 31, only \$59 had been contributed from subscriptions for the publication of the newsletter. Even this figure is deceiving, because several kind readers sent in donations exceeding \$2. Out of a mailing of 300 off-campus copies and the distribution of an additional 500 on campus, only 25 people sent in \$2 for their subscriptions.

Rather than forgetting about Lambda for the spring semester, the staff has been working to solicit advertising so that we could put out at least this issue for the term, particularly because we felt the need to give as much publicity as possible to two major activities involving the CGA.

The first, Gay Awareness Week, is one of CGA's most important activities the entire year, and the second is the North Carolina Gay & Lesbian Conference, which is being sponsored (although not organized or funded) by the CGA. This conference, which is being held for the first time this year, is titled "Survival in a Hostile Society" and features Dan Bradley, the former president of the Legal Services Corporation.

Although it may seem late for the year, if you have not yet sent in your \$2, please take the time to do so. Larger contributions are welcome too.

Your donation will make the difference.

Homosexual Catholics Primer Reprinted

(Mt. Rainier, MD) -- New Ways Ministry announced here today the availability of Homosexual Catholics: A New Primer for Discussion. After a first printing of 5,000 copies, New Ways Ministry, in conjunction with the publisher, Dignity, Inc., decided to reprint this much-in-demand resource book.

The New Primer, a product of the collaboration of two Catholic priests and a Catholic nun who have been engaged in lesbian and gay ministry for a combined 36 years, is modeled on the traditional Baltimore catechism with its question-and-answer format. In an introduction the co-authors, Robert Nugent, SDS, Jeannine Gramick, SSND, and Thomas Oddo, CSC, state that "Gay ministry...means challenging each other to move beyond hardened positions or simplistic slogans."

The New Primer is the first work of its kind to cover in a concise, accurate and readable manner such diverse topics ranging from theological-pastoral approaches to homosexuality, sacred scripture and civil rights to religious and priestly vocations of lesbian and gay people and responsible dissent from official Catholic teaching on homosexuality.

The work also contains a bibliography of books, pamphlets, articles and tapes on homosexuality from a Catholic perspective, plus the most current and complete listing of groups ministering to lesbian and gay people within the Catholic community. According to the authors, the book is described as useful for discussion groups and educational programs, as well as for lay Catholics who desire a basic introduction to what the Catholic Church is saying about homosexuality.

(see CATHOLICS, p. 7)

Letters

Dear Lambda,

I am an economics major in my fourth year at [a southern university]. Since "coming out," I have read your newsletter at our campus gay union. You should be commended on your professional, well-written paper; I especially enjoy the book reviews and foreign perspectives.

Next year I hope to begin an MBA program at UNC-CH. Only the Fates know the future, but if I become a "Tarheel" I will stop by next fall.

Please send your newsletter to the following address.

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Lambda welcomes letters either to us or to CGA in general. Please limit letters to 450 words (one Lambda column). We reserve the right to edit for length.

