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HOMOPHOBIA ON THE RAMPAGE

Every now and again, the campus has an acute outbreak of blatant homophobia. We're right now in the midst of an epidemic.

Past examples include attacks with baseball bats, thefts of CGLA banners, and hours of anti-gay pit preaching. But never before have the homophobes organized so strongly to breed hatred against lesbians and gay men.

What I'm speaking about, of course, is the petition that reactionary Student Congress members H.F. Watts and David McNeill have circulated and will submit to the Student Body President for inclusion as a referendum in spring elections.

This referendum will ask students to vote on what they think about the CGLA receiving student fees. The petition campaign is now over and the required 10% of student signatures were collected; the campaign was, however, marked by false assumptions and outright lies. A CGLA member who went to inquire about the petition at a table in the Pit was told that Student Fees were only being used by the CGLA for social events, like the annual Halloween Party.

Unlike Watts and McNeill, I was on the Finance Committee of Student Congress which approved CGLA's 1987-88 budget. In fact, the party in question raised \$138 for CGLA programming.

For the record, here are some facts about CGLA funding:

--1. CGLA raises more than half of its annual budget of \$4400, a higher percentage than most student organizations.

--2. About a third of the budget falls into each of the following projects:

---a. LAMBDA, CGLA's newsletter, which generates most of its own expense through paid advertisements.

---b. Lesbian and Gay Awareness Week, an annual week of programs, speakers, and cultural events, which last year had events co-sponsored by the Carolina Union, the Department of Anthropology, and the Carolina Indian Circle.

---c. Administrative Expenses, such as the telephone bill, printing & publicity, and the outreach program.

The Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association is not a social organization--any more or less than any other student organization. Our several annual parties are used as fundraisers, and any money spent on them is recovered with donations. Many organizations have social events for this purpose (or simply to have fun). A good example is BSM's annual Membership Jam, used to generate members and dues.

What the CGLA is is a support,

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HELMS AT IT AGAIN

The U.S. Senate on October 14 passed an amendment banning the use of federal funds for materials and projects in AIDS education that might "promote or encourage, directly or indirectly, homosexual sexual activity." The amendment was introduced by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) to the 126 billion dollar Labor, Health and Human Services and Education bill, which allocates close to one billion dollars for AIDS research and education efforts in Fiscal Year 1988.

The Helms amendment was passed overwhelmingly by a 94-2 vote, with negative votes cast only by Sen. Lowell Weicker (R-CT) and Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY).

All other Senate supporters of the federal gay/lesbian civil rights bill voted in favor of the Helms amendment, including Sen Edward Kennedy (D-MA), Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-HI), Sen. John Kerry (D-MA), and Sen Alan Cranston (D-CA).

"This amendment's passage, and especially its support by some of our friends in the Senate is intolerable," said Jeffrey Levi, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Executive Director. "Three days after a March for lesbian and gay rights which drew over 500,000 lesbian and gay Americans, the Senate has passed a bill that is

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