

Co-Editors' Corner

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It's hard to fathom that this school year is drawing so quickly to a close. It's been an eventful year for the LGBTQ community, and Lambda was around to report on much of the happenings. The help of many

students, community members, businesses, and a dedicated Lambda staff made it a successful foray for the newsletter from the dreary depths of a multi-year hiatus. To appease all fears — yes, we shall continue. The impetus gained from this successful outing will ensure the life of Lambda for many more a glorious year.

In this issue, we cover the events of Celebration Week among other topics. Leaf through, and tell us

what you think. If we haven't made it abundantly clear before, this paper depends greatly on interaction with you — the reader. We're here to serve you! Also, if you have ideas for next year, or are interested in joining the staff, do not hesitate to contact the Co-Editors. Meanwhile, enjoy the issue. Have an excellent summer, and look for the next issue in September. λ

Feedback: HIV Attitudes

by John D. Tiedeman

I just read your column in the February issue (are we really that slow getting things in Wilmington, or is it just Barnes & Noble? Probably a combination!). Here is another attitude you missed: I knew a man in San Francisco who was HIV- and having a relationship with an HIV+. He told me they weren't having protected sex because we would all get it eventually anyway, and that the government would see that it happened! The next I heard of him was that he had seroconverted and was quite ill. He got better and remained so as long as I

was hearing anything about him. I left San Francisco a year ago to come home and help take care of my 94 year old father. The worst of the epidemic for me was the six-month period in which I attended six memorial services, one for an ex-lover. I felt like my world was being turned upside down, one degree at a time.

I wish there had been a Lambda (or any other visible sign of acceptance of diversity) when I was at UNC 40 years ago. I went there one year and eventually finished at LSU, got married, had two sons, moved to Colorado, got divorced, and moved to California. Here I attend a church (Good Shepherd), which is just as accepting as All Saints' in San Francisco. Is it a coincidence that the MCC is in the next block? The worst

thing I face here is the rampant political conservatism; my father was giving money to all sorts of conservative causes, including Eugene F. Delgaudio, "Public Advocate of the U.S.," who is very anti-gay. I usually weed all that stuff out of his mail, but once recently he answered one and indicated he was sending \$10, but then he forgot to write the check (I caught the outgoing envelope).

I will watch for future issues and look for your columns. I have given up on The Front Page because the days Barnes & Noble puts them out are so unpredictable that they're usually gone before I can get one. I haven't noticed Lambda there before, but it could be the same type of situation as The Front Page. λ

Gary Trying to Proselytize

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