

Homosexuals need support

By KEVIN WASHINGTON
Staff Writer

Gay men and lesbians living in a homophobic society are particularly in need of support systems and must build them from scratch, Dr. Lou Sawyer said in a workshop on intimate relationships for homosexuals Tuesday night.

As a part of Gay Awareness week the Association of Women Students and the Campus Gay Association sponsored the workshop held in the Union.

Sawyer is a psychologist in private practice at the Androgyny Center in Raleigh, a feminist and gay counseling service.

Sawyer said psychologists, psychiatrists, and counselors often had no training in dealing with gay clients, thus there is no one for homosexuals to turn to when they have problems in intimate relationships.

"Since we began putting on workshops like this, professionals have become more and more open to the treatment of gay and lesbian people," Sawyer said.

Sawyer's workshop primarily focused on intimate relationships with a special emphasis on homosexual relationships, but she said the model and rules for relationships transcended sexual preference.

"Relationships are important to all of us — we deal with people at work and our families," she said, "and relationships are created. They are not magically there."

Sawyer said that in her personal experiences, going to gay and lesbian gatherings to find suitable partners was a shot in the dark. She said it was less of a problem for a homosexual to find a partner as he or she becomes comfortable and visible as a homosexual.

Partners in a relationship should be concerned with three basic factors in a relationship, Sawyer said. These are environmental supports and stresses, what the partners bring to the relationship, and how they put the relationship together.

The partners in a relationship bring a number of different skills and assets into a relationship. In gay and lesbian relationships, "partners come in various stages of being out of the closet and feeling good about it," Sawyer said. "It makes a difference if one partner is an activist and the other is not out of the closet."

Sets of values and beliefs are also part of the baggage people bring into relationships, Sawyer said. "For example, one of the beliefs common in the gay and lesbian community is that relationships don't last. That is not necessarily true, Sawyer said.

Relationships go through three stages, according to Sawyer. "Stage I is the falling in love stage; it's becoming involved in the first place," she said.

"Stage II is the critical stage which develops after a few weeks to a few months," Sawyer said. In stage II, the partners of the relationship begin to doubt that they are right for each other because they have stopped idealizing their partners as they did in stage I, she explained.

"Stage III is the maintaining and reevaluating stage where the partners must keep figuring out new problems like those in stage II," Sawyer said. The difference between stage II and III is that the partners have come to realistically deal with the problems they face together, she said.

Sawyer said partners in a relationship may be in different stages and frequently the stages overlap. However, once both partners reach stage III, they can experience the feeling of falling in love over and over again.

Student, local organizations sponsor charity events

By MELISSA HOLLAND
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A brickthrowing tournament to benefit the American Cancer Society will begin Saturday and Sunday.

Organized by the Interfraternity Council, the event is in conjunction with National Cancer Awareness Month.

The contest involves shooting bricks into a basketball net, and players compete as they would in a game of Horse with a basketball.

The tournament ends April 14-15 and the overall winner will play Matt Doherty.

In addition, prizes will be awarded for the most participants from a single organization and for the highest percentage of participants from a group.

Prizes include dinner for two at the Carolina Coffee Shop, an AIIWA portable stereo, two Domino's Pizza parties and 500 frisbees.

The cost for each participant is \$2 and groups should arrange their own competi-

tions in time to send an individual winner to Carmichael Auditorium April 14.

All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society and more information is available from Will Conner at 929-3381 or Reid Turner at 942-6686.

The Cystic Fibrosis Run or Walk-a-thon has been moved from March 31 to April 15.

Sponsored by Domino's Pizza and McDonald's, the event will be held on the UNC track at 2 p.m.

UNC Student Government Student Services Committee, Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation and Alpha Phi Omega are helping with the event, and interested students should pick up sponsor sheets in Suite C of the Carolina Union.

A grand prize of one year's pizza will be awarded to the person who has collected the most money from sponsors, and several other prizes have been donated by area merchants.

For more information, contact Vic Dogette at 933-5129 or 962-5200.

Daugherty case charges dropped

From staff reports

Charges against UNC basketball player Brad Daugherty were dismissed in district court Thursday morning after an agreement was reached through the Orange County Dispute Settlement Center.

Daugherty, a sophomore from Black Mountain, was charged with attempting to damage personal property and

disorderly conduct after Douglas Wayne Goodwin of Apex accused Daugherty of throwing candy at his car while Goodwin and his wife were parked in Granville Towers Jan. 14.

The case was referred to the Dispute Settlement Center on March 1. The center is a private, non-profit organization that tries to mediate some cases.

Monday is last day for voters to register

For anyone who wants to vote in the May 8 N.C. primary, Monday is the last day to register.

Caroline Griffin of the Orange County Board of Elections said in order to vote in the May primary, citizens must register by 5 p.m. Monday.

Those interested can register at the municipal building and public library in Chapel Hill and Town Hall in Carrboro from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. The Board of Elections also will be holding

voter registration at University Mall Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

A voter registration drive sponsored by several campus organizations ended Thursday, Griffin said, so students no longer have the chance to register on campus.

The registration drive was sponsored by Student Government, the UNC Young Democrats, Campus Y, the Black Student Movement and UNC with Hart.

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budget down as much as possible while still enabling the service to run efficiently because he understood Student Government's financial position.

"We're a really low budget organization to start out with for the services we provide," Severt said.

Newman said RAPE was an important

organization to fund.

"If one rape a year is saved, it's worth the money we can put into it, but we also have to be fiscally responsible," Newman said. "I want this program to continue and I want it to be full-force, but we have to be responsible while doing that."

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