

PRESIDENTIAL NOTES -- by Howard Fradkin

Welcome to our fourth edition of LAMBDA! I want to thank everybody who contributed to this month's edition, especially Larry Brown and Ian Ewing, without whose untiring editing efforts and nimble typing fingers, these four editions would never have appeared.

I was glad to see so many new faces at the Christmas Dance, plus the return of many of our dedicated faithfuls who have been inactive for awhile. I heard several people remarking as they left that this was one of the best dances we had ever had. Spirits seemed high and I got a really good feeling inside knowing everybody was having a good time!

The TEA DANCES are still going strong. And we still need your help and support! The next TEA DANCE happens Sunday, December 19th - 6 PM to Midnight at the Capital Corral, 313 W. Hargett Street, Raleigh. There's a \$2 donation at the door, and then you can dance, dance, dance to the hottest disco music heard anywhere in the South. If you can help at the door for the next TEA DANCE, please call Howard at 942-2039.

One piece of bad news . . . After the last TEA DANCE, the Capital Corral was vandalized and the TEA DANCE receipts, bar receipts, 1000 records and several turn tables and sound system were stolen. And unfortunately, insurance on such an establishment is practically impossible to get. There's a \$250 reward out for anyone providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of those involved in the break-in. The Corral has replaced all the equipment, and is working hard to replace their fine record collection as well.

I do want to make one apology to those of you who received the last newsletter in an envelope labeled "Carolina Gay Association." It was NEVER my intention to have the newsletter mailed in those envelopes, because I firmly believe in YOUR right to be as discrete as you choose. I apologize for the communication breakdown and hope that the mailing did not cause any of you any trouble. And I promise it won't happen again!

I hope to see all of you at our last meeting of the year, on MONDAY, DECEMBER 13th, at 7:30 PM in the STUDENT UNION. The topic is "Gays and Traditional/Non-Traditional Holidays." We'll be having an open discussion of our own experiences on these holidays. I hope you'll be able to come and share your thoughts with us. The discussion will be preceded by a brief (half-hour) business meeting to bring everybody up to date on committee happenings.

Our three workshops at the North Carolina School Counselor's Association went excellently! In fact, the president of the group told us our presentations were the HIGH POINT of the conference for many of the delegates. Panelists included Dan Leonard, Mike Young, Howard Fradkin, Judy Carrier, Judy Carroll, Susan Johnston, Mindy Wood, and Maureen Malone. We even got coverage in the "Greensboro Daily News!" This outreach was the first such effort organized under the auspices of the North Carolina Gay Union. NCGU's hope is that we will be able to reach other professionals in the state through similar presentations at their annual meetings.