

The annual budget hearings of the Campus Governing Council are coming up this April. The Carolina Gay Association will be asking for \$2,176.50 to fund programs for next year.

About one-half of this money would go to Lambda. The remainder would support the CGA library, which is housed in the HSICS office in the Carolina Union, the Outreach Program, Gay Awareness Week, a pamphlet on gayness to be distributed at the UNC orientation next August, speakers and films for the regular program meetings, and general printing and publicity and office supplies.

Out of the \$2,176.50, we are asking Student Government to supply \$1,976.50, while we will raise \$200.00 through Lambda subscriptions, donations, and other fundraising events.

Almost all organizations have their budgets trimmed by the Campus Governing Council when funds are appropriated; all campus groups combined ask for more money than is available; thus, some cuts are necessary.

However, CGA has often been cut more drastically than other campus groups. The apparent reason for the cuts seems to be that CGA is not given the same credibility as other groups. In the past, CGA has been thought of as a purely social group, reaching few people and providing services available elsewhere and has, therefore, been given a lower priority in funding.

We ask that CGC recognize that the funding of CGA is of vital importance for the membership and also for the campus at large. The evidence of CGA's commitment to public education can be seen in the programs, publications and events that it sponsors.

CGA does sponsor social events; however, these events are not the primary focus of CGA's public involvement. Each year the Outreach Program reaches hundreds of gays and non-gays through the efforts of its volunteers.

The CGA library contains books that are unavailable or difficult to obtain elsewhere on campus. In the past three years, each Gay Awareness Week has been attended by upwards of 200 people, many of whom were non-gays.

Continued funding of the CGA's programs will show the University's commitment to equality of opportunity and diversity among its student body and its recognition of those groups that responsibly represent such minorities.

We urge our readers to show their support for CGA at this time by calling their CGC representatives to say they favor CGA funding. Suite C in the Carolina Union can provide information on representatives and student districts.

We encourage our readers to come to the open sessions when CGA is meeting with the various committees. The Finance Committee meets April 16 at 9:00 pm in Suite C of the Union. On April 24, there will be a full Budget Hearing with time and place to be announced in the DTH.

CGA Sponsors Outreach Training

The Carolina Gay Association is sponsoring an Outreach Training Workshop on Wednesday, April 23, at 7 pm in the UNC-Chapel Hill Carolina Union.

A spokesperson for the training meeting said that anyone can attend the session, whether or not she or he has done outreaches in the past.

"We view the meeting as a chance for both newcomers and experienced participants in the Outreach Program to share in a training session and to offer ideas in a discussion. The meeting will be an opportunity to provide substantive training through learning from one another.

"We want to discuss what our goals are and how to achieve them, as well as have experienced people take a fresh look at doing outreaches and help new-

comers be more comfortable.

"Both students and non-students are encouraged to participate in the training, whether or not they have been very active with CGA," she said.

In the past, outreaches have been presented to dorm residents and Resident Advisors, graduate and undergraduate classes, working and professional people, churches, and other campus and community groups.

Outreach formats may include factual lectures, group exercises, sharing of personal experience, group discussion, and other activities. Some common areas of discussion are statistics and research, coming out, lifestyles, religion, legal issues, and resources.

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