

# CGA Obtains Office

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## Faces Budget Cuts

After six years as an officially recognized student group, the CGA has for the first time obtained office space. Student Body President Scott Norberg and Executive Assistant Summey Orr announced their decision on April 29, to allocate Room 211-B in the Carolina Union to CGA. According to Howard Henry, director of the Union, the office will be available for occupancy in late July.

Other organizations to also obtain space include the Carolina Athletic Association, the Senior Class, the new student weekly newspaper *The Phoenix*, and the Association for Women Students' *She Magazine*.

This new allocation of space was made possible with the completion of a new annex to the Carolina Union. Norberg and Orr took the opportunity to evaluate the space needs of organizations presently in the Union as well as those requesting assignments.

Norberg said of the process, "We tried to make the criteria completely objective. We looked at the history of each organization -- how long it has existed and the variety of its programs. And we assigned offices to those that seemed stable and would continue to serve the largest number of students."

CGA formally applied for space in mid-January, but campaigning for an office began much earlier. Lee Mullis, former chairperson of CGA, said, "We have requested an office several times over the years, but we began actively campaigning for it during the 1980 student elections.

We were very emphatic with (President) Bob Saunders.

"And when the decision was passed to Scott Norberg this year, we pursued the issue energetically. I felt our record of providing educational and support services -- not only to the gay community, but to the non-gay community -- for more than six years spoke for itself.

"We deserved more than two rented lockers in the Union basement."

Newly elected CGA chairperson Mark Evans says the office will provide more than small meeting, storage, and work space. He said, "It will give lesbian and gay students a reference point -- a place where we can get information as well as work on whatever project may be in progress.

"I think the office will mean that CGA will be much more healthy."

Mullis reports that the new office has no telephone and that presently there are no CGA funds for one. Until a telephone can be funded, the CGA contact number will remain 929-4997. However, regular office hours will be established soon after the office is opened.

Mullis and treasurer Randy Woodland report that the Campus Governing Council (CGC) has finalized the 1981-82 student activities budget, with CGA's appropriation declining for the second successive year. The final appropriation of \$675 represents an 11 percent decrease from this year's funding.

During the month-long budgetary process, CGA's activities were rated highly by the subcommittee reviewing programs. The Outreach Program (speakers bureau) and an educational pamphlet on homosexuality, produced for new Carolina students, were given highest ratings.

The report from the finance subcommittee was less favorable. Charged with balancing the student government budget, the subcommittee had to trim total requests of \$311,000 by 34 percent. CGA's total budget request of \$2402 -- up from this year's budget of \$1053 -- was cut to \$1150.

During the full CGC meeting on April 25, CGA withstood attempts to cut its budget further. Representative Phil Painter (District 19) moved to cut CGA's budget entirely; his motion died for lack of a second. Later he said, "This (CGA) is a controversial organization. The University could face a suit for funding its activities."

During the day-long session, CGA's total budget was raised to \$1190. The student government appropriation to this budget was raised to \$675, leaving \$515 to be raised by CGA through Lambda subscriptions, speakers' honoraria, and other fundraising.

This budget funds traditional CGA programs such as the Outreach Program and Gay Awareness Week. Lambda was funded for five issues, and money was included to reprint the educational pamphlet for only freshman orientation packets. Money was not included for the Triangle Area Resource List nor for a proposed gay cultural week observance in the spring.

## NPR Airs Holocaust Story

National Public Radio will air "The Men With the Pink Triangle" during the last week of June to its member stations throughout the country. WUNC-FM in Chapel Hill has not made a final decision to carry the program.

The program, taped "on location," is adapted from the book by the same name written by Heinz Heger. It is the story of Heger's six years of imprisonment and torture at the hands of the Nazis for "homosexual behavior."

Wesley Horner, the Boston resident who produced and directed the program, says, "Heinz Heger's personal journal is an opening to a part of history that is not well known. His experience and that of the thousands of gays whose experiences were

similar tells us not only about human suffering, but also about compassion and dignity. His survival story is the story of the capacity in each of us for resilience, adaptation, the will to live and, of course, terrible evil and great good."

Tim Warner, the program director of WUNC-FM, said, "NPR has told us there may be language advisories. And they will probably give us a preview of the program about a week before the air date. At that time we'll make a decision about airing the entire program."

He said WUNC-FM might record it for later broadcasts locally. "We record a lot of special things on speculation, listen to them, and then make a decision as to whether to air it later," he said.

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