

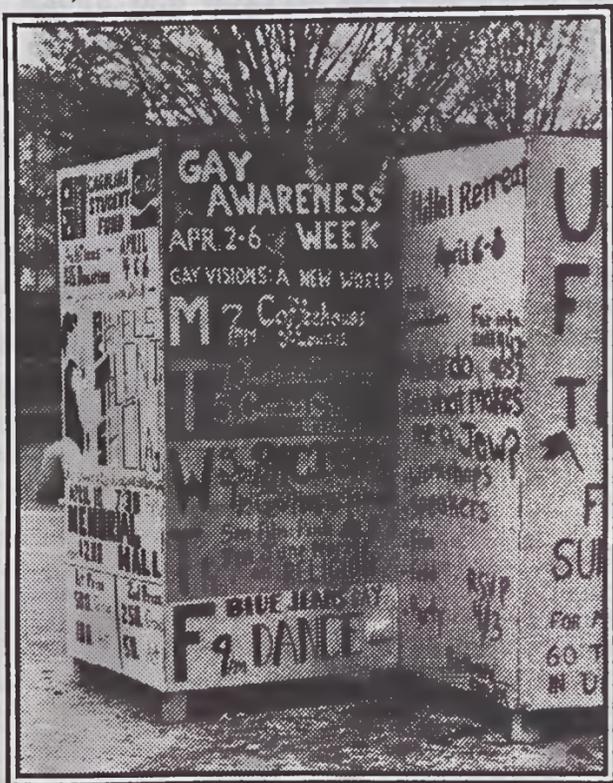
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G A W — 1984 *Gay Visions of a New World*

The straight and gay communities of Chapel Hill should certainly be more aware, and hopefully more understanding, of gay and lesbian issues after CGA's Gay Awareness Week (GAW) held during the first week of April. The Week's activities included a film, workshops, lectures, and a coffeehouse. The theme of this year's programs was "Gay Visions of a New World," and the week's events, from painting the cube on Monday to disco-ing on Friday night, provided fulfilling experiences for campus gays and hopefully enlightening experiences for our heterosexual friends.

Activities began on Monday, April 2, with a coffeehouse in the Campus Y lounge. Lightning Brown and Mark Evans read poetry, and a monologue from the Harvey Fierstein's *Torch Song Trilogy* was performed by Jim.

Tuesday's events included a "coming out" workshop led by Mark Evans and a lecture entitled "Lesbian Issues" by Ms. Lou Sawyer, a psychologist at the Androgyny Center in Raleigh. Sawyer discussed the universal needs and stages of all relationships--lesbian, gay male, and straight--and the kind of affirmation lesbians and gays can find in supportive relationships while living in an environment that is often hostile.

Wednesday featured two additional
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Lambda Wins Award

In its March 27 issue, The Front Page awarded its 1983 Media Award for "Best Gay Newsletter" to Lambda:

"Lambda, published by the Carolina Gay Association of the University of North Carolina. Despite a shoestring budget, a sometimes hostile student government, and a severe shortage of volunteer labor, this informative newsletter gets better every issue. Good coverage of news, local and otherwise."

Thank you! (Beam! Beam! Blush! Blush!)

And now if you'd like to subscribe. . .

Coors At It Again

While the brewer of Coors beer is no stranger to controversy, perhaps the chairman should restrict his public comments to the art of making the brew.

The Wall Street Journal (03-08-84) reports that William K. Coors, chairman and chief executive officer of the Adolph Coors Company, recently told an audience of minority businessmen in Denver that the economic problems of black-governed Africa have resulted from "a lack of intellectual capacity," and added that "one of the best things they (slave traders) did for you is to drag your ancestors over here in chains."

An ad hoc committee of black leaders called the remarks "outrageous and appalling" and began considering a boycott of Coors beer.

A Coors company spokesman also concedes that some angry retailers have called Coors distributors, ordering them to remove "your racist beer from our shelves."

The members of the Coors family have long been a funder of conservative causes, such as the Heritage Foundation. The North Carolina Independent (03-16-84) reports that the Coors Company was the object of strikes and boycotts from 1966 to 1978 by Teamsters, Mexican-Americans, blacks, women and gays because of discriminatory hiring practices. The company routinely used polygraphs to screen job applicants based on responses to questions about their sex life, drug use, and political ideas.