

Administrative Assistant's Report

The school year has only just begun, and CGA has already gotten off to a ram-bunctious start. We kicked off the year with "A Social Gathering." It was social; it was a gathering; it was fun, let me tell you; I know! I was "the blonde on the couch" signing up all the members and collecting the dues money (and getting phone numbers). We snagged our first 30 members that night.

The next week was our first annual "Membership Drive and Banner Theft." We went down in history in the Daily Tar Heel who said that the theft was done "out of fear" but that "no one is asking anyone to tolerate gays completely." Bet me!

That comment started a string of letters to the editor that stretched into October about whether to tolerate or not tolerate gays. The banner cost us some hard-fought-for money, but the publicity was worth it. We pulled our ranks up into the 60 range at our Friday dance in

Craige, and more are coming in every day!

We've also had general meetings. If you came, bless you. If not, please come to the next one. They're totally bizarre. We fight, scream, and generally get confused--believe me, I know; I have to take minutes.

But from all the mess of a CGA meeting, the true CGA rises--a group dedicated to the rights of the individual. We amended our bylaws, elected Cathy and Robert as co-chairs (and poor Brad got his stack of treasury work). But the real issues remain our albatross--like the name change. Our sides are digging their trenches in the cold war. But this too shall pass.

We're going to have a great year. I can tell just by the fact that there are 8 people crammed into this closet we call the CGA office--also known as the Parker Memorial Room.

-Jim

What's In a Name?

This year the people involved in CGA have been a diverse group in terms of age, race, sex, and orientation. A proposal has been made to change the name so that it is more inclusive of the community that sympathizes with gay and lesbian rights. We'd like your opinion and suggestions.

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- I think we should keep the name as it stands.
- I suggest a change to either:
- Carolina Lesbian and Gay Association
- Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association
- I think the name should be more inclusive than lesbians and gays and suggest:

Comments:

Please return this to the "name change" box outside the CGA door (230 Carolina Union) or mail it to us at: CGA, Box 39 Carolina Union 065A, UNC-CH, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.