

(CGLA HISTORY continued from page 1) did battle in the DTH personals. We managed to get Lambda out more or less on time, thanks to Bill taking on the job of editor. The Monday nights at Stephen's were cancelled by mid-semester due to poor turnout, but a new club, After Dark, opened up. We co-sponsored a Halloween dance with Duke that was fun, and we had a great Christmas dance at After Dark.

Spring 1983 -- Apathy set in, and CGA managed to keep its head above water. The tone for the semester was set early on when the After Dark club went out of business just hours before we were supposed to have a dance there. Joseph came aboard as chair, and I was kept busy as treasurer with the budget hearings, while the ever-present Lee worked overtime at crisis intervention and problem solving. Somehow or another, we managed to get through Gay Awareness Week, and then we all partied down at the N.C. Gay and Lesbian Conference held on our campus.

Summer 1983 -- While everyone was busy working on their tans or on new relationships, CGA was in hibernation. Or was it a coma?

Fall 1983 -- CGA got a life-saving transfusion of new blood in the form of fresh, active, enthusiastic new members. Michael took over as chair while I remained treasurer. Extensive revisions were made in our constitution, and CGA got moving again. Lambda continued to appear regularly with Bill still at the helm. Our "Put on Your Red Shoes and Dance" Halloween party, co-sponsored with AWS at the Newman Center, turned out to be a great success. John D'Emilio, gay historian from Greensboro, gave an engrossing talk to an audience of nearly 200, our best turnout ever.

Spring 1984 -- CGA was alive and well. I was burned out as treasurer and passed those duties over to Michael, while Robert moved into the chair. Gay Awareness Week turned out to be one of our best ever, and our Blue Jeans Day Dance held at Craige Dorm was a hit. The budget hearings were a fierce battle, but we survived relatively unscathed. Lambda even got an award from The Front Page for being the best gay newsletter in the area.

Summer 1984 -- CGA took things easy, but plans were in the works for the fall.

Fall 1984 -- Despite Student Body President Paul Parker's attempt to destroy us by moving our office from Suite D to a "closet" in the bowels of the Union, CGA was alive and kicking. Our banner in the Pit greeted everyone as they started classes, while 3,000 freshmen walked by our new office on their way to get their student ID. Everyone knew about CGA!! We had a social in the Y Lounge and a dance at Craige early in the semester that brought in a lot of new members. Cathy joined Robert as co-chair, while Brad took on the job of treasurer, and Jim kept the office in order, which was a real job since it had once again become a place to relax, to visit with friends, and to catch up with gossip.

Lambda continued to excell, with Kim taking on the job of editor. The picnic with N.C. State and the potluck at Kim and Mary's were both fun and festive. Gay Awareness Week was moved to the fall and was again very successful, thanks largely to Monty's expert planning. Tom Chorlton, a gay political activist from Washington, came to speak during the week, and the Blue Jeans Dance held in Craige was our best dance ever, attracting nearly 150 people!

Spring 1985 -- Things have slowed down a bit, but we are still doing well. The name change, which we have talked about for over a year, finally became a reality, and we are now officially the Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association. The Student Candidates Forum, which we sponsored in late January, turned out to be another coup for us, and our Valentine's Day Dance gave us all a chance to party, dance, visit with old friends, and make new friends. And by the time you read this, we'll be in the midst of budget hearings as well as the Southeastern Conference, both of which we anticipate to go smoothly.

What does the future hold for CGLA? I really don't know. I've seen CGLA on the top and on the bottom, and I know which one is better.

CGLA is in good shape right now. We've got some good, active, enthusiastic members with us. Jim and Mary are scheduled to become chair and treasurer, respectively, come May. The campus is growing more tolerant of gays, as more and more of us become more visible on campus. CGLA is achieving its goals. If we remain on the right path, which we currently seem to be on, I'd say CGLA will continue to prosper.

Yes, CGLA will survive. I won't be around to see what happens; London beckons me. But I feel secure in the knowledge that whenever I return to Chapel Hill, CGLA will still be there.

-James Mills

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