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Hate is not the opposite of love, apathy is . . .

To live in apathy provokes violence . . . Rollo May

“Come Out, Come Out, Wherever You Are”

We all remember playing hide and seek when we were children. It was a fun game and, as frustrating as it sometimes got when we were "it" and couldn't manage to find our friends anywhere, we knew our frustrations was short-lived. As soon as we shouted the familiar "come out, come out, wherever you are," the game would be over, and we'd laugh at the clever hiding places our friends had found.

Unfortunately, some of us are still playing, and we don't seem to have any immediate plans to stop. And for those of us assigned the ongoing role of being "it," that's a very frustrating state of affairs.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund, the national pro-gay civil rights political action committee, has just finished compiling the results of a survey taken of its constituency. The survey has pointed out loud and clear that the people within the gay/lesbian community who are HRCF contributors by no means reflect our community at large.

The HRCF works to champion the cause of basic civil rights for gays and lesbians and tries to represent virtually the entire gay community. But it is an organization kept alive by private contributions, and the portrait the survey paints of those contributors looks very different from the real-life canvas of the gay community.

From the survey of HRCF contributors, you'd think the gay community was 93% male, that half of us were between the ages of 35-49, and that we all lived in New York and Washington. You'd think we were all liberal, and that fewer than 3% of us were registered Republicans. You'd be wrong on all counts.

Just looking at the survey, you'd think lesbians in Chicago didn't exist, let alone believe in gay civil rights. You'd think the 25-year-old gay yuppie in Houston was a rarity. You'd think barely a handful of gays in San Francisco voted for Ronald Reagan. You'd be wrong again. (see HRCF SURVEY on page 6)

Conservatives Oust CGLA Supporter

Students for America, a New Right conservative student group on the UNC-CH campus, expelled one of its officers Sep. 2, for supporting the CGLA. SFA's National Advisory Board removed UNC Chapter Vice-chairperson Brad Torgan because he spoke in favor of CGLA funding before the Campus Governing Council (CGC) in April, according to SFA National Chair David Fazio.

During April budgetary hearings, the CGC, the campus' student legislature, received a recommendation from its Finance Committee to grant CGLA no student government funds. The funds, which come from students' activities fees, typically make up about one-third of CGLA's operating budget. The Finance Committee included Fazio and several other SFA members.

Torgan, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, was one of several campus leaders who spoke out at a day-long meeting in April in favor of CGLA funding. Other speakers supporting CGLA included members of the Black Student Movement, Association for Women Students, and the Campus Y.

When news of the dismissal came to the UNC-CH chapter of SFA, two local officers, Chapter Chairperson Jimmy Hopkins and Publicity Chair Lee Creech, resigned in protest. Creech said, "It has become a more religious, Christian group than a political group."

SFA's Advisory Board is made up of three adults who are free to interpret the "Judeo-Christian values" that SFA advocates as they wish. The Board decided (see CONSERVATIVE OUSTER on page 2)