

From the Desk of the Chair on the Couch

Well, I, the blonde on the couch, have had one hectic month! Somehow, though, I survived with only minor injuries; the goddesses must be looking after me.

October ended in the usual Chapel Hill way: pouring rain for days and a slightly damp late nite Halloween party on Franklin Street. There were hundreds of people, many heterosexual, but more drag queens than you could shake a (lip)stick at. (Some were even real women!)

Our Halloween Masquerade Ball on Friday, Nov. 1, was, to coin a term, "flawless." Some people may have thought that having the dance on the day after Halloween was a little late, but in my opinion this was simply a logical exaggeration of "gay time." The dance, which was a benefit for the Lesbian and Gay Health Project of N.C., grossed about \$275.

The highlight of the evening was an appearance by the one and only Miss Beverly Horne Price and the incredible Miss Turner. The show was tremendous; each number drew the crowd together in a totally different way; we felt the power of Queen's "We Are the Champions," were electrified by a moving rendition of a Tina Turner number, and cried our way through Beverly's story of a friend with AIDS.

The dance was also the debut of my alter-ego, Miss Clarissa deVain. Hats off, so to speak, to Roberta Leigh from 42nd whose platinum wig set the mood for my evening as a young, yet sophisticated Krystal Carrington. Miss Price herself did my transformation.

The evening taught me many things about femininity and feminism. First, there is something more to being a woman than the outward appearance, the effeminacy, and even the feminism. I had all three that night, and I still wasn't good enough to be "RG." Secondly, the way women are taught to look is incredibly oppressive. Heels, skirts, and long fingernails hamper the simplest activities, from dialing the telephone to walking. And finally, how much of a woman's life is wasted on makeup in a lifetime? I ended the evening screaming, "Death to the patriarchy!"

In closing, I'd like to thank all of you who are CGLA members and encourage all of you who aren't yet members to join, even if its under a pseudonym. It's numbers that count, not names.

I'd like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season, no matter which of the holidays is your favorite.

See you in January!

-Jim Duley

P.S. Campus and CGLA elections are coming up in Feburary. Need I say more?

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