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A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle.
— Lesbian proverb

Exorcizing "Isms"

The most exciting part of Lesbian & Gay Awareness Week for me was the Thursday lunchtime workshop "Blacks and Gays: Breaking Down Barriers." Gwyn Jones and Robert Reid-Pharr represented the Triangle Coalition of Black Lesbians & Gays and CGLA, while Sibby Anderson and Eric Walker represented the Black Student Movement. About 35 of us, Black, white, lesbian, straight, gay, and otherwise listened to these four people stress the importance of standing together, listening to each other and gaining strength against a racist, sexist, homophobic world.

Racism, sexism, and homophobia don't just exist within the heterosexual community. They exist within the gay and lesbian community, our community. Some people, as Robert Reid-Pharr said in his presentation, question the existence of a cohesive gay and lesbian community. While I do believe there is such a thing as a gay and lesbian community, I have become more and more aware of the destructive (i.e., anti-community) attitudes of many gay men and lesbians. Because we are an oppressed minority we should have compas-

CGLA Budget Hearings Show Homophobia Alive and Well

As in past years, the UNC-CH Student Congress slashed the proposed CGLA budget for the 1986-87 academic year.

During all-day budget hearings on Saturday, April 19, various representatives proposed defunding the CGLA entirely, even though the Finance Committee had recommended an appropriation of \$1,697. After more than three hours of debate, the Congress voted 11-9 with one abstention to allocate \$905 from Student Activities Fees to the CGLA.

During the debate, Jim Wooten, representing District 19, presented a defunding motion, citing lack of student support and what he saw as the CGLA's antagonistic attitude.

Other representatives supported Wooten's motion, citing a poll taken by Rob Friedman, Jody Beasley, and Lori Taylor, all of District 16, showing that 68% of their constituents favored defunding the CGLA.

Student Body President Bryan Hassel said citing student opinion did not hide the real motivation for the defunding motion, which he said was moral



sion for others who share our problems. Unfortunately this is not always the case.

RACISM

How true is the "separate and unequal" adage in the gay/lesbian community. Can we all say that segregation does not exist? Can we all claim to have never (see BARRIERS on page 4)

opposition.

Drawing a parallel between opposition to gay rights and opposition to the Black civil rights struggle, Hassel said, "The mission of Student Government is to serve the best interests of students, but that doesn't necessarily mean what students think is right."

But Kari Trumbull (District 17) said student opinion could not be dismissed and that student government should not be funding a personal preference group.

Brad Torgan of District 4 said the CGLA was needed to help gays deal with the hostility they encounter.

Student body treasurer John Williams said CGLA had been fiscally responsible. And he and Torgan said CGLA could not be expected to raise a larger percentage of its budget than it did in '85-86. Torgan suggested a compromise funding level of \$1,120, but this was rejected.

CGLA chair, Jim Duley, said the final allocation of \$905 was "totally unacceptable," especially after the CGLA had been so fiscally responsible and the Student Congress was working with a surplus.