

Who Are We?

Lynn Hudson

Who am I? Well, this is a frantic, bi-coastal, sometime graduate student who is ready to raise consciousness (including my own) and have a good time doing it!

The most pressing issue of the day, as far as I'm concerned, is coalition. Coalition between gay men and lesbian women, coalition between CGLA and other human rights organizations, coalition between students and non-students, coalition between us and our oppressed brothers and sisters in the First, Second, and Third Worlds, not necessarily in that order.

On that note, I am anxious to listen to any and all comments, criticisms, and suggestions from the community in regards to the role and potential of CGLA. I'm committed to demystifying myths, historical and otherwise, about women, particularly women of color. I look forward to coordinating my efforts in the Lesbian & Gay Health Project, CGLA, and other community organizations to contribute to the physical, mental and spiritual health of our community.

-Lynn
Co-chair designate

Greg Johnson

After accepting my homosexuality last summer, I decided to join CGLA. I've been aware of CGLA ever since I came to Carolina, but was "afraid" to join or talk to anyone.

Since joining the organization, I've visited the office frequently, talked to people, organized activities, and realized that I wanted to contribute more to CGLA. When the time came for electing next year's co-chairs, I decided to run for one of the positions --and I won!

As co-chair of CGLA, I intend to work hard along with Lynn to make the group visible by having programs more frequently. I would like to see more members becoming involved with CGLA activities.

All in all, I look forward to an exciting year as co-chair, I hope to see old and new faces working hard and having fun along with us.

Until next semester, good luck on exams and have a great summer.

-Greg
Co-chair designate

William Key

As next year's LAMBDA editor, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and some of my goals.

My name is William Key but just call me J.R.

My major hope for LAMBDA is to make it self-supporting, chiefly by increasing our number of subscribers and the number of ads that we sell. In order to improve the overall quality and diversity of LAMBDA, I also want to encourage you, our readers, to contribute articles on a consistent basis--reports of local events, personal thoughts, poems, short stories...almost anything. I also hope you will feel free to give us feedback on how LAMBDA might be improved, potential advertisers, etc.

As firm believers in division and specialization, we are also seeking a business manager for LAMBDA. We feel that this will help to make things run more smoothly. So if there are any interested parties out there, contact me at the CGLA office.

-J.R., editor designate

Reaching Out Can Be Fun

The CGLA Outreach Program is alive and well, and based on the positive feedback heard from this year's Outreach volunteers it seems that now is the time to expand.

As one of the 1986-87 Outreach Coordinators, I want to request that all members currently active in the program, who will be on or near campus during the next academic year, stay with the program.

For those of you who haven't taken the big step but have been "giving it a lot of thought," do yourself a big favor and fill out a volunteer application as soon as fall semester starts so we can get the program off the ground quickly.

In addition to Health Education classes, we will attempt to interest other departments and will try to work in tandem with other groups to provide sessions in dorms and possibly in seminars or symposiums occurring on campus.

The outreach experience has broad ramifications, quite often being "the first" instance that a student "knowingly" con-

verses with or sits in the same room with a homosexual.

The LAMBDA readership surely can attest to the fact that it would be very rare that in any random gathering of 10 or more persons the chances are excellent that a gay or lesbian person is in the group, "invisible" through the conscious act of omission. We elect, for many, many reasons not to identify ourselves. For the majority of the heterosexual community, and for some homosexuals too, we simply do not exist.

For the Outreach volunteer participating in an open dialogue with fellow students is a positive experience, running all the way from "a neat experience" to "absolutely euphoric."

Do yourself a favor. Sign up, read through the Outreach materials that are available in the CGLA office, talk to other Outreach volunteers, sit in and observe an outreach, and then do it! You'll be glad you did.

-Mary Dexter