

How Clean Are Your Teeth?

The Disease: Homophobia

Question: What does clean teeth have to with AIDS?

Answer: More than you think.

On a cold Monday night in January, a CGLA member gathered all her strength for what she considered an horrendous act--a trip to the dentist. In the waiting room, she told herself, "think of this as a learning experience."

Everything was just nifty. Almost. There was one nagging problem on the form. When she got to the "venereal disease" question, she whined. She thought that "sexually transmitted infection" had been the accepted term for many moons. She corrected the form and wrote "herpes" on the designated space. She knows she is in good company. One quarter of all Americans have Herpes I and aren't afraid to tell their dentist. Why should she?

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It was getting late. "Is there not room for me tonight?" she hopefully inquired. After a pregnant pause, the secretary replied, "No, we can't see you tonight. In fact, we can never see you."

Steam began to build as she asked in a fairly loud voice, "Is this because I wrote

down on my form that I have herpes?" She then began a futile lecture explaining the difference between Herpes I (above the waist, i.e., cold sores) and Herpes II (the dirty one). She was still denied service.

Evidently, patients with herpes, AIDS, or hepatitis would not be seen at this clinic. Policies were unclear but paranoia was rampant.

Epilogue: A champion of the UNC Dental School looked into the matter for us. You can have your teeth cleaned if you have herpes. But most importantly, the dental school is now confronting the issue of AIDS paranoia.

-Lynn Hudson

Membership Contest Announced

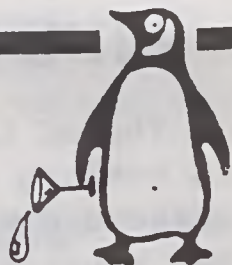
CGLA member and Lambda editor, Mark Donahue, is sponsoring a Spring CGLA Membership Drive Contest. The goal of the contest is to not only fill out our current membership ranks of 150, but to get a head start on next year's Fall Drive. The current CGLA member (you can become a current member by paying your \$2 annual 86-87 dues at the CGLA office) who signs up the most new members will receive a gift certificate to Crook's Corner restaurant. The gift certificate will be at the amount of one dollar for each member the winner signs up. The rules of the contest are:

1. The winner must have signed up at least ten (10) new members.
2. Each membership requires the payment of \$3 dues--one dollar for the remainder of the 1986-87 school year and two dollars for the 87-88 year. Checks written to the CGLA or cash will be accepted.
3. You may not include yourself or a current member of CGLA on your list.
4. VERY IMPORTANTLY: At least 75% (three-fourths) of the members your sign up must be currently enrolled students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
5. Lists, including name, telephone number, school status (Fr, So, Jr, Sr, Grad, Staff, Fac, NonStu)--and all dues money--must be turned in to Mark Donahue or CGLA Treasurer Mike Nelson by April 1, 1987. There will be a place to put them in the CGLA office.
6. In the event of a tie, the award will be divided.



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