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"Bent" performed April 6-8

"Bent," a two-act drama by Martin Sherman, will be presented on stage at Memorial Hall on April 6-8 at 8 p.m.

Set in the 1930's, the play dramatizes the persecution of homosexuals in Germany during the rise of Adolph Hitler and the Nazi Party. An estimated 600,000 homosexuals died in the German camps in Hitler's plan known as the Final Solution.

"Bent" focuses on Max Berber, an opportunist whose drive for survival leads him to use all available means to ensure his own safety. Driven from his home town, Max and his lover Rudi elude capture for two years, during which time Max tries to get the necessary papers and tickets to get them to safety. Eventually, however, they are captured and put on a train to Dachau. While on the train, Max kills Rudi, in order to save his own life, and then claims to be a Jew in an effort to escape what he perceives to be worse treatment for gays at the hands of the Nazis.

Rudi's murder is witnessed, however, by Horst, an openly gay man also on the train, whose contempt for Max eventually turns into love. When the camp commander kills Horst, Max tries to go on with his work, but he realizes that his life is meaningless. The ending is both moving and tragic.

This award-winning play won rave reviews in New York, with Richard Gere in the lead role. It is directed here by UNC senior Steve Maler, who has shown himself numerous times in the past with his acting, directing and producing for the UNC Lab Theatre and PlayMakers.

The cast members are Lane Wurster as Max, Mike Wilson as Horst, Edward Timberlake as Rudi, Andrew Edmonson, Bobby Wallace, and Shawn Albert.

The Human Relations and Performing Arts Committees of the Carolina Union are proud to have Steve Maler 42-2935 to bring this play to UNC in conjunction with the Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association and Lesbian and Gay Awareness Week.

Tickets for "Bent" are now available at the Carolina Union Box Office in the Student Union lobby, M-F 12-6. Or call 962-1449 for mastercard/visa/choice orders.

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