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## PWA SPEAKS AT UNC

On Friday, November 13, the Carolina Gay & Lesbian Association hosted a presentation by a Person With AIDS (PWA) who spoke on how the illness has affected his life and the lives of those around him.

"Jay," a former UNC drama major and openly gay man, was very poignant in his remarks to the small crowd of about twenty. Jay spoke candidly about the non-existent health care system for PWA's; his limited income of about \$350.00 per month and the cost of one of his life-supporting drugs, AZT, which has an annual cost of about \$10,000.00.

Jay stressed the need for more education and less complacency among UNC students--especially gay men--on campus. "I'm frustrated with closeted gay men on campus who think that just because they are not open about their sexuality that they are not at risk of AIDS. Closeted men are just as vulnerable--to think they are not in a high risk group is self-delusion."

Kathy Kerr, from the AIDS Control Program of the Division of Health Services in Raleigh, gave an excellent presentation on what the state is doing in the way of AIDS education and prevention in North Carolina. She had several new pamphlets describing risk reduction for the audience to take and share with their friends. Kathy also gave a demonstration of the proper use of condoms.

Both Kathy and Jay were pleased with the overall response of the gay community to the AIDS crisis. "The lesbian & gay AIDS service organizations in North Carolina--Lesbian & Gay Health Project (Durham), the Triad Health Project (Winston-Salem), Metrolina AIDS Project (Charlotte), Wilmington's GROW, etc.--have been phenomenal in their support of PWA's," Jay said.

Asked what is the most important thing he has learned from the whole ordeal, Jay said, "Love life and people," a quote from Tallulah Bankhead.

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