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CGLA members tried to explain that the increase in donations for 1987-88 had more to do with sympathy checks generated by the anti-gay referendum than with an increase in CGLA's ability to raise money. Unfortunately, this argument did not fly with the Congress and CGLA is likely to face a very difficult time in meeting fundraising obligations.

1987-88 CGLA chair Don Suggs said that he was "generally satisfied" with the outcome of the proceedings. However, he felt that some of the budgeting procedures were inadequate because of the confusion and lack of communication generated by a poorly-run Finance Committee.

As far as the tone of this year's funding debate goes, all sides agreed that the debate stuck primarily to relevant issues. Curtis Small (Dist. 5) was satisfied with what he called "the fair and impartial proceedings" of the Congress. Speaker Neil Riemann (Dist. 12) and Stephanie Ahlschwede (Dist. 14) expressed similar views.

Small, who along with Congresswoman Susan Kirshner (Dist. 7) chose to publicly "come out" in the budget hearings, thought that those opposing funding were willing to listen and have respect for differing opinions. Small was also the major force in sponsoring and passing an AIDS awareness resolution last semester.

David McNeill (Dist. 19) agreed with this assessment. McNeill, who spearheaded the effort to place CGLA funding on a student referendum and who introduced a resolution in budget hearings to entirely defund CGLA, said that he intentionally sought to steer arguments away from moral or biblical issues because they had no place in the debate. "I set out to argue my case in a professional, businesslike, and rational manner," McNeill said. McNeill felt that the debate was less emotional than in years past and that both sides were able to learn from each other.

Gene Davis (Dist. 18) definitely had the most encouraging perspective to share on the funding debate. Davis, a sophomore, quite vehemently opposed funding CGLA during last year's budget hearings based on his moral and religious beliefs. Davis reported a complete turnaround in his beliefs on compassion, tolerance, and hatred as of this

past summer.

Davis now feels that CGLA is "a needed group" on campus, based on two factors which have changed his perception. The first factor is that a good friend of his came out to him and shared with Davis his concerns, hopes and fears. The second factor is a deeply religious experience which convinced him that there was too much hate in the world, and he feels that the animosity towards gays and lesbians on the UNC campus was an example of what the Lord does not want to occur.

Davis also said that he has learned more from his change of perspective while on the Student Congress than he has learned from any class at UNC. His goal now is to break down the barriers of hatred which exist between the various groups of people on campus, whether it be racial, sexual, religious, or political in nature. He now feels that intolerance and hatred are "bad for people's psyche" and that hatred makes it harder for groups to work together.



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