

Notes From the Co-Chairs

Sometimes we spend so much time and energy defending our existence and our funding that we lose touch with some of our members. We don't mean for it to happen, but it's hard to avoid. For example, I realize that I've forgotten to ask people how they feel about certain issues or what events they'd like to have. I am, however, truly interested in your opinions.

So now I'm trying to make up for all those times I've forgotten to ask people for their thoughts. If there are any suggestions you have for us, any guidance you'd like to give, drop us a letter (campus mail is fine) or, better yet, stop by the office. We do get letters, messages on our answering machine, and visitors--and the more the better. And if you think you can help us with our work, please volunteer. We always need people to help staff the office, write articles for LAMBDA, organize events, and so on.

Now that I've solicited both your input and your output, I'd like to ask you something more personal. How do you deal with an ex-lover who simply can't understand why you aren't friends with her and her current lover? My philosophy is, when you're able to deal with old lovers, you will. Sometimes a long period of time has to pass before you can get to know her again as a friend.

I know I really should write to "Ask Esther" about this, but I value your opinions. Should I force myself to be her friend, or should I wait until (if ever) it feels comfortable? Do you think I'm running away from something I should deal with? Or do you want to talk about your problems, not mine? Write "Ask LAMBDA," c/o CGLA, anonymously if you want. I'll share comments and questions in the next issue's *Notes From the Co-Chairs*.

--Liz Stiles

"You asked me in to dine, and now just talk
Of Hegel, Mozart, a Picasso nude.
Your learning's splendid, but it's ten o'clock
You've lots of food for thought, now where's the food?"
-Timothy Steele

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On Tuesday November 15 I participated in a forum organized for Human Rights Week by Students for the Advancement of Race Relations (SARR). The topic was "What is it like to be a minority?" I wish to thank SARR for inviting the CGLA to participate in this forum. The panelists included a black man, a white woman, a Jewish woman, and an Indian woman; absent were Native Americans and disabled people. Close to forty people listened as the panelists responded to prepared questions and questions from the audience. Some of the topics discussed were stereotypes, minority segregation, similarities between the Black Student Movement and the CGLA, and minority experiences particular to UNC. It was a very positive experience for all, the audience was open and supportive, and I believe that many misconceptions about Lesbians and Gays were cleared up.

CGLA is organizing a holiday get-together in the Union. This will be our last chance to meet this semester, so please come. There will be seasonal refreshments and we encourage those who come to bring their specialties. Come by the Union room 208, Friday December 9 at 7:30.

Our Lesbian and Gay Awareness Week will be in March or April. Organization of this event is currently underway, and the Awareness Week committee needs and desires input from women. Anyone interested in getting involved or in making suggestions should contact the office.

From myself and the CGLA, we hope that your holiday season is filled with peace, hope, and joy.

--Patrick Lamerson

New Books of Note

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INGE B. CORLESS & MARY PITTMAN-LINDEMAN
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