

DID YOU KNOW...?

*North Carolina ranks 21st in number of reported AIDS cases but 49th in spending for AIDS education.

*In 1987, North Carolina had more reported crimes against gay men and lesbians than any other state and led the nation in crimes of violence against persons of color for the fourth year in a row.

*In North Carolina, you can be legally fired from your job, denied insurance or housing, and lose custody of your children simply because you are gay or lesbian.

*"Crimes Against Nature," which can be practiced by both heterosexuals and homosexuals, are felonies in North Carolina, punishable by up to ten years in prison.



Post Office Box 3203
Durham, North Carolina 27705
919/286-4107
24-hour answering machine

LGHP North Carolina Lesbian
and Gay Health Project

*Healthline Staffed Sunday-Thursday
6:30-9:30 PM
Medical Referrals and Social Info*

New:
The AIDS Services Project (TASP)
286-7475

AIDS Information, Support Groups,
Buddy Program, Lesbian Health,
Community Education and Support

Confidential Information and Assistance
Volunteers Always Welcome

FAVORING FUNDING...

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The CGLA functions as a support group for gay men and lesbians, as an information center, and as a social group. The first two functions are partially funded by Student Government allocations. The last function, as a social group, makes money for the Association. We at CGLA raise 52% of our own budget, more than most other groups on campus.

To fulfill our support function, CGLA has an office where anyone, member or not, can go to be around supportive people. Our bi-monthly lesbian lunches provide special support for lesbian members of the campus community. By meeting supportive people at our office or at our lunches, students are able to form friendships with people who accept each other regardless of sexual orientation. That acceptance can be hard to find on many parts of campus.

The CGLA office is also the center for our role as campus and community educator. LAMBDA is one of the campus's largest newsletters. Lesbian and Gay Awareness Week features speakers, panels, and cultural events. The Outreach Program, which coordinates gay men and lesbians to address classes and answer questions regarding homosexuality, has been particularly successful in reaching large numbers of students. We receive many requests for Outreaches each semester.

The office also holds a library, AIDS information, and alternative periodicals such as the Washington Blade, Gay Community News, The Newsletter, and Sojourner. And from the office we send representatives to campus and community events. Too often lesbian and gay concerns are overlooked in discussions where they should be included. Attendance of CGLA representatives at these events helps to prevent these omissions.

Finally, CGLA hosts social events, such as dances and concerts. Neither student fees nor CGLA as a whole pays any money for these events; instead CGLA uses these events to raise some of the funds Student Congress requires us to raise. So far this year we've held two dances. We contributed \$250, half the proceeds of our Halloween dance, to the Hope Foundation for its fight against AIDS. We've also produced a concert by Romanovsky and Philips and cosponsored a performance by Kay Gardner. And we periodically hold CGLA dinners, for which no admission is charged.

There it is: that's what CGLA does. At election time, candidates for Student Congress have the opportunity to voice their positions on funding for our organization. If we are still allowed to decide how our student fees should be spent, we should consider the candidates' positions on all the issues and vote for the ones we best agree with. If, on the other hand, the North Carolina State Legislature has already decided the funding question, then we students will be subject to something we should not bear: taxation without representation.

--Liz Stiles