

CGLA FUNDED FOR '89-90

Student Congress voted 18-6 to approve \$2131 in funding for the Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association for the 1989-90 academic year. An effort to defund CGLA was defeated by a 19-5 vote before Congress approved the funding--all in about ten minutes.

This year's funding process stood in sharp contrast to last year's, when the legitimacy of CGLA's funding was called into question in a campus-wide referendum. This year, like last year, the majority of the Congress opted to decide the issue on the merits of the CGLA budget rather than on some students' sense of the merits of the organization (or on the merits of homosexuality).

The approved budget deviated slightly from the budget request CGLA submitted. CGLA requested \$1000 in speakers' fees but was allocated only \$750, the amount it had this year. Student Congress, however, allocated \$30 above the amount CGLA requested for outreach.

STATE'S GAY & LESBIAN GROUP RECEIVES STUDENT FUNDING

N.C. State's Lesbian and Gay Student Union became the second campus gay and lesbian organization in the state to receive funding from student fees when it was allocated \$400 by the Student Senate earlier this semester.

The move followed a 45 minute discussion on the merits of the bill--not the merits of the organization--and an unsuccessful attempt to cut the funding to \$200. The fees will help to support the group's newsletter and office expenses. Members of the LGSU say the process went smoothly and, except for a couple of negative letters to the editor of the school paper, elicited little homophobic reaction.

"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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Marine Officer Recommended for Dishonorable Discharge for Friendship with Lesbian

A Marine Corps Board of Inquiry recommended on February 26 that Captain Judy M. Meade be discharged under less than honorable conditions because of her friendship with a South Carolina woman she knew to be a Lesbian. The board said the captain's relationship with the woman, which both women insisted had not been sexual, was conduct unbecoming a Marine officer. The Navy secretary will make a final decision on the case after another Marine board in Washington reviews the case.

Civil-liberties and Gay/Lesbian- rights advocates say the case against Meade is part of a "witch hunt" of Marines who are Lesbian or suspected of being Lesbian. The Naval Investigative Service began an investigation of Lesbianism at the Marine Corps Recruit Training Center at Parris Island, South Carolina, in September 1987. By the end of 1988, about 10% of the 120 female drill instructors at the recruit training center had been discharged or jailed for homosexual activities. Enlisted women in the Marine Corps are eight times more likely to be discharged for homosexuality than are enlisted men, said Sue Hyde of the Gay and Lesbian Task Force in Washington, DC.

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The AIDS Service Project of LGHP was recently awarded a \$35,000 grant from the state of North Carolina to do AIDS education in the Triangle Area. In addition to outreaches in gay bars and adult bookstores, LGHP will sponsor safe sex workshops for anyone requesting them. Readers interested in hosting a safe sex workshop can call LGHP at 286-4107.