

Legislation

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expenses (\$1,141 for telephone, postage, printing/publicity, office supplies, literature, security, and equipment). This means that all of our money goes towards speech in the form of newsletters, speakers, and information programs, and publicity and administrative expenses to support this speech. Arnold's proposed bill may well violate our freedoms of speech and assembly, as well as the letter of the decision in the *Gone* case.

CGLA does not attempt to define "immoral," nor does it seek to promote anything "illegal" or "criminal." Morals are subjective, personal opinions which need not be subject to legislation. In any case, if Student Congress, the legitimate appropriator of student fees, felt CGLA was immoral and that morality was a criterion for funding, it could defund us. The remaining adjectives, "illegal" and "criminal," do not describe any activity CGLA promotes. We promote awareness, dispersal of information, tolerance, and support. CGLA has heterosexuals, bisexuals, gay men and lesbians as members, and we do not inquire about or seek to influence their sexual behaviors. We concern ourselves, instead, with the very real harassment, discrimination, intolerance, ignorance and lack of understanding which so obviously surround and threaten the lesbian and gay community. We encourage all students who support free speech and university autonomy to make a personal statement by joining CGLA.

Arnold's criteria for determining who is to be defunded and barred from campus facilities is also unclear. If "any other campus organization that advocates immoral, illegal or criminal behavior" (according to the wording of Arnold's bill) is to be defunded and prohibited from using campus facilities, who else could be affected? Are academic departments organizations? If so, and if CGLA's activity in distributing information regarding homosexuality is the equivalent of "promoting" illegal behavior, would departments that sponsor outreaches or discuss homosexuality in a balanced manner be barred funding and access to campus facilities? Since the *Daily Tar Heel* has published letters and editorials that support gay and lesbian rights, could it be likewise censored?

Arnold's bill not only incorrectly characterizes CGLA's activities and threatens campus autonomy. It also, if applied consistently, would result in widespread censorship in the classroom and in other forums where free speech currently reigns.

--Liz Stiles

Awareness Week

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lesbianism. Leah says that she is bisexual, that she is equally attracted to men and women, and that she deserves to be accepted as a bisexual.

Leah quoted the Kinsey report as having found that 11% of the female and 12% of the male population are exclusively homosexual. An additional 76% of the female and 49% of the male population are exclusively heterosexual. The remaining 39% of all men and 13% of all women live as bisexuals. Leah states that it is blatant discrimination to assume that all these bisexuals are essentially gay people who can not deal with their homosexuality.

A member of the audience pointed out that bisexuals never have to "come out" because they have the choice of selecting a totally acceptable partner. Leah responded that in order to have a monogamous long-term relationship it would be necessary for her to choose a partner of one sex or the other, but that this choice would not change the fact that she was bisexual.

Leah commented that "bisexual" is a clinical term for a person capable of sexual expression with either sex. She feels that bisexuality needs a social term similar to "gay" and "lesbian."

Poetry Reading by Jonathan Williams and Thomas Meyer

The poetry reading, which was co-sponsored by the Bull's Head Bookstore, was a beautifully entertaining event. Jonathan and Thomas, who are lovers, read for over an hour in the Biology Department's Coker Room.

Tom read first. Tom is an editor for the Jargon Society and a librettist in addition to being a poet. His poems are lyrical and homoerotic. He read not only poetry, but also from his libretto for an opera on the life of Alan Turing, father of the programable computer, who was also gay.

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