

## B - G L A D N O T E S

## Co-chair charts B-GLAD's course in '93

**H**ow do you top a year like 1992 for our country's lesbian and gay community?

Easy.

You swear in a president who removes the military's ban on homosexuals, you pass the national civil rights bill, you attend the 1993 March on Washington April 25th and you continue to support the lesbian and gay young people on our college campuses and in youth groups around the country.

Sound like a tall order?

It shouldn't. Many of these events are already a done deal, and the rest will happen with a little effort on your part. Throughout recent history, college campuses have been focal points of debate, protest, and change. During the civil rights movement of the 1960s, during the Vietnam War and today, our nation's young people have taken up the torch of dissent to hold this country to its

promises of equality, justice, and democracy. The same is certainly true with the revolution underway affecting the lesbian and gay community.

After the Stonewall riots, college students and professors were the first to create a movement organized around sexual orientation. Through academic debate, protests and grass-roots organizing, these groups were able to bring about significant change in higher education. ROTC units, which discriminated against homosexuals and bisexuals, were forced to leave many universities after non-discrimination policies were passed. Lesbian and gay student groups sprang up at colleges around the country.

It was with this national backdrop that the Carolina Gay Association was officially recognized at UNC-Chapel Hill in 1974. Since that time, our student group (among the oldest in the South) has undergone two name changes

## Doug Ferguson

and a few face-lifts, but its main purpose remains the same: providing education and support for UNC and the surrounding communities.

Now, we are B-GLAD, and our new name reflects our commitment to being more diverse, more inclusive and broader in our base of support within the community at large. This was only the first of many changes this year.

After battling it out with Student Congress to have restrictions on our budget removed, we were also able to make changes in the *Lambda* — switching from newsletter to tabloid form. This being our first issue since the change, we hope that increased advertising revenues will allow us to bring it to you four times this semester. At least that many issues will be necessary to keep up with the many changes affecting our nation

and the University of North Carolina.

This fall, B-GLAD also joined in the movement to bring a free-standing Black Cultural Center to our campus. As a group that opposes discrimination in all forms, we believed strongly in the need for such a center on campus, and we hoped that joining the Black Student Movement and other groups in their struggle would create allies for B-GLAD as well.

When the number of reported rapes in the community skyrocketed last semester, our group organized a "Take Back the Night March" to draw attention to the dangers women and men face in our community. The event drew hundreds of participants and considerable positive press coverage.

Our OutReach program has organized dozens of discussions and panels both in University classes and residence halls and in area high

schools and businesses. Our group's leaders have been called on by the media to comment regarding national trends affecting the lesbian and gay community, and we provided volunteers for the International Conference of Lesbian and Gay Officials which took place in Chapel Hill last November.

This spring, B-GLAD will hold its annual Lesbian and Gay Awareness Week beginning March 29th. With big-name speakers and creative programming, our group is looking to make this week our best one to date.

So you see, B-GLAD is on top of things, working to provide a non-threatening and supportive atmosphere for lesbians and gays in the University community. But we can only do so with the continued support of our friends on campus, in the Triangle and around the nation.

Next month's co-chair column will be written by Kathy Staley.

## THE FUNDERTWINS

## Chris Berini &amp; Karen Lally

**A**s the social co-chairs of B-GLAD (you should know by now that the name is as queer as the group), we feel it our duty to inform you of the rockin', bitchin' activities that you may have missed last semester. But never fear, social activities will continue to abound.

Perhaps the most notable event of the fall semester was the wine and cheese croquet tourney. While many were avid participants in the sport, others found the refreshments more entertaining. Several participants began to see double wickets, but a winner did emerge. A big ole' wet one goes out to Andreas Hennig for his hospitality.

Fashion history was made when the new design team of Karen and Chris came out with the 1992 B-GLAD tee. This versatile accessory can be worn in the gym, in the Pit, more

discreetly beneath the garment of your choice, or with no discretion at all. You too can own one of these rare fashion gems by simply dropping by the B-GLAD office. Shirts are \$10, a bargain at any price.

November's pot luck dinner was a smash. In addition to the soda and crackers that were expected, a veritable cornucopia of other culinary delights showed up, along with their respective chefs. We can confidently say that it was by far the most successful pot luck ever thrown by B-GLAD. Many thanks to host Cecil Wooten and all who attended.

B-GLAD also sponsored "less fabulous" (read, "nobody showed up") events. Where were you? (I mean Chris is a really nice guy and all, but he really isn't my type). Ultimate frisbee went well compared to the movie nights. Next time all you B-GLADers need to

come on out. The moral of the story is, queens who never come out of the castle never find their fairy godmothers.

B-GLAD has begun to reach out and help the environment by co-sponsoring one of today's best folk singers. We are bringing Fred Small to the Hanes Art Center auditorium on January 30. Fred is the

only environmentally conscious, queer-positive, Yale Law School graduate activist that we could get to come to campus for \$5 ticket.

O.K. folks, that's about it. Chris and I have been working our little hearts out to turn this organization into something more than just a battleship against Student Congress.

We need your help. It's real easy, y'all — just attend some of these events. Where else are you going to see, meet, and be a part of the queer presence on this campus? It's fun, and it insures the future. It's called the pink dollar, folks, and there is no better place for your money. Just do it. We'll see you out!



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