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AMBDA will survive. This piece in your hands proves it. Sure, it's changed year by year, but so has the LGBTQ community. The two are firmly connected. LAMBDA is the nation's oldest college-produced LGBTQ publication, beginning in 1976 as a newsletter for the Carolina Gay Association. For over thirty years it has served its purpose as a gauge of the community. In its earliest incarnations, it served as an anonymously produced and mailed resource that reported various goings-on of interest to gays and lesbians, as well as major news stories. Over time it evolved as the LGBTQ community's understanding of itself evolved, incorporating user submissions, opinion pieces, and samples from the burgeoning field of queer theory. LAMBDA has presented the local LGBTQ community a platform to raise itself up, and in turn LAMBDA itself has become a better magazine. Join us as we take you back to our humble beginnings so you can understand where we want to take you in the future.