

♂♂ Gays and lesbians speak out ♀♀

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Four gay and lesbians told students about their lives as homosexuals in today's society.

"I lived a life of Hell for 25 years," David Atkins said.

"I have a 6-year-old daughter and I'm gay," Angela Robinette said.

"I get caught between two worlds, the gay community and the black community," Wonda Floyd said.

"I prayed to God everyday to take this thing away from me," Jon Bryant said.

These are some of the things said at the second installment of the Greater Understanding Series held in McEwen Dining Hall on Oct 6.

The GUS is an open forum series held on the first Wednesday of each month dealing with controversial issues.

Graduate resident directors, Tylar Proveaux and Crystal Morrison organized the series.

Last week's topic was understanding alternative lifestyles. Four guest speakers from the community talked students first-hand about the issue of homosexuality.

Jon Bryant, Angela Robinette, Wanda Floyd and David Atkins answered students questions.

The forum began with stereotypes and assumptions students have about homosexuals. About 50 students turn out to express their feelings on the issue.

Atkins, former director of Greek Housing at Elon, said that at times discrimination is worse for homosexuals because they don't know how it is against them.

"I worked at Elon for eight years and most people did not

know (I was gay). I worried that if people found out I may lose

my job," Atkins said.

Bryant admitted that when he was younger he would pray to God to take the feeling away.

"I did not want to be a freak of society," Bryant said.

The homosexuals tried to clear up myths and stereotypes about gay lesbians.

They all expressed that being homosexual is like any other relationship.

"It's not all sex," Atkins said.

Robinette said she is a lesbian and has a 6-year-old daughter. She feels that there is nothing morally wrong with it.

Students brought up whether or not her daughter would feel comfortable in that environment.

Robinette said that her daughter knows she has a girlfriend and talks to her about it.

Crime Watch

On Oct. 5 Kastine Farmer reported for Sandy's Sub that at 2:50 a.m. a white male came into the store and took a rack of UTZ chips from the counter and ran out of the store. Value of stolen goods was \$20 for the rack and \$18 for chips.

On Oct. 6, Heather A. Finalayson of Elon College reported that someone stole her bike while it was parked outside the B building at East Campus Apartments. Value of bike is \$300.

On Oct. 6, Edmund Meade was arrested at 12:30 p.m. at Police Department for driving while license revoked. Bond was set at \$300.

On Saturday, Walter Keith Walker, 20, of Elon College was arrested at Sheridan Place at 6:00 p.m. for driving while impaired and careless and reckless driving. Walker was taken to Alamance County Sherrifs Department where a test was offered and refused. Bond was set at \$400.

All information gathered from the town of Elon College police department reports.

Student questions SGA ethics

Dane Frederiksen
Reporter

The Student Government Association should not have placed next to a voting booth a poster touting an increase in student fees without offering opposing viewpoints, freshman Jerry DeLauden told S.G.A. last Thursday.

"I think that the referendum issue was handled poorly ...the bias of the issue was not right" DeLauden said.

The referendum passed and perhaps the way it was presented affected the outcome.

The tuition increase of \$45-\$65 will pay for, among other things, programming for the new student center.

S.G.A. treasurer, Megan Maxfield, responded to DeLauden by saying that he could have voiced his opinions at the voting booth. She also commented by saying that she understood how the vote could be considered unfair.

DeLauden later said that S.G.A. just needed a reminder that they should be fair.

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by the beer garden was much more intense.

"The set up has kind of been a pain because all the people are crowded around the stage and it's right in front of the entrance to the beer," Tim Colchin, a volunteer checking IDs, said.

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