

Author tells of Native American views on homosexuality

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By learning about how other cultures view homosexuality, Americans can change their own attitudes, the author of a book about American Indian sexual diversity said Wednesday.

Walter Williams, an ethnic historian from the University of Southern California, discussed American Indian attitudes toward homosexuality, transvestism and gender role

variation in a speech sponsored by the Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association and UNC's Department of History.

"It's time to open up new questions and adopt new outlines for sexuality," Williams told about 40 people in Howell Hall.

In some American Indian tribes, homosexuals were given special privileges and positions, he said.

Williams spoke mostly of the "berdaches," androgynous members

of Indian tribes who were given special privileges by the tribes. Berdaches were believed to have spiritual gifts, especially in medicine and healing, Williams said.

Berdaches were also seen as central to religion and to the extended family, he said. They often helped take care of both the younger and older members of the family and played important roles in religious ceremonies.

Williams contrasted Indian cul-

ture to most Judeo-Christian societies, in which he said homosexuals are generally viewed as sinful and disruptive to families.

Berdaches were often recognized for their intelligence and creativity, Williams said, and Indians considered themselves fortunate if berdaches were part of their families.

The spirituality of Indian religion is the reason American Indian attitudes toward homosexuality differ from traditional attitudes.

Most American Indian religions center around the idea that every object has a spirit, and that every spirit is equal. Therefore, a person who combines the spirit of both a man and a woman is considered to be more special than an ordinary man or woman, he said.

European explorers were shocked by the concept of the berdache, and they used it to justify their mistreatment of the Indians, Williams said. European missionaries and the U.S.

government both worked to suppress the berdaches, and the institution has disappeared in many American Indian tribes.

However, Williams said the berdaches still exist in some tribes, especially those which have retained their native religions.

Williams is the author of "The Spirit and the Flesh: Sexual Diversity in American Indian Cultures," which has been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize.

Sorority sponsors charity event

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Ticket holders to Alpha Chi Omega's first Frisbee golf tournament will be vying for a free weekend at Myrtle Beach to benefit the Easter Seal Foundation and victims of cystic fibrosis.

Velvet Hall, first vice president of Alpha Chi Omega, said the sorority, which has set a \$2,500 goal for the event, will award the holder of the winning ticket an all-expense-paid trip to Myrtle Beach. Also, prizes

will be given to the top nine male and female finishers.

Nationally, Alpha Chi Omega donates more money to cystic fibrosis than any other organization, Hall said.

The sorority holds a small-scale fund-raising event every year to help benefit cystic fibrosis, she said. But this year the sorority decided to hold a campus-wide event to raise more money.

The sorority donated \$1,000 to the foundation in 1985. Funds from last

year's fund raiser were used toward organizing this year's tournament.

Hall said the sorority, which has sold tickets at Chapel Hill High School and Duke University, decided to open the event to UNC students as well as the community.

Tee-off times for the tournament will be at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the golf course behind Woolen Gym.

Tickets, which will cost \$3, will be on sale today in the Pit and at the Alpha Chi Omega sorority house on 215 E. Rosemary St. Participants may also register for the tournament in front of the gym Saturday.

Prizes for the top competitors will come from the Rathskeller, Johnny T-Shirt, Darryl's 1890 Restaurant and Tavern and other businesses, Hall said.

The drawing will take place in front of the gym at 3:30 p.m. Ticket holders do not have to be present to win.

The rain date for the event has been set for April 15.

Sanford to give speech for UNC honorary order

Sen. Terry Sanford, D-N.C., will deliver the annual Frank Porter Graham Lecture on Excellence today at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

Sanford's free, public speech will be given in conjunction with the annual induction ceremony of the Order of the Golden Fleece, the oldest honorary society on campus.

This year, the order will induct 25 students and honorary members, which include University faculty and

staff. The order, founded in 1903, was modeled after Yale University's Skull and Bones Society.

Selection criteria for "argonauts," as the order's members are called, include high character, loyalty and contributions to enhance the college experience of the University.

Argonauts include Sanford, Dean Smith, William Friday and the late Thomas Wolfe and Walter Spearman.

BSM plans anti-apartheid rally

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In an effort to show that black students at UNC are not apathetic toward black issues, the Black Student Movement will sponsor an anti-apartheid rally today at noon in the Pit.

The rally is just the beginning of the BSM's new leadership's efforts to encourage black activism, according to newly-elected BSM President Kenny Perry.

After the rally starts at noon, students will march from the Pit to South Building, where campus leaders and alumni will speak. Perry said Thursday that he wasn't yet sure who would be speaking at the rally.

Until now, blacks have not shown enough visible concern for apar-

theid, Perry said.

The rally was organized by the BSM because members are concerned that black activism on campus has been labeled apathetic, Perry said.

Perry said three main areas of concern for the BSM are the University's investments in companies doing business in South Africa, the administration's failure to increase minority recruitment, and ensuring the success of the Black Cultural Center.

Perry encouraged all University organizations and students to participate in the rally. "The rally is not meant to alienate, but to include, and to convince the University that black students are not dormant."

Noise ordinance violation results in arrest of student

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The new noise ordinance approved by the Chapel Hill Town Council last February applies not only to live outdoor music, but also to stereo noise, said Keith Lohmann, police planner for the Chapel Hill Police Department.

Lohmann said the revision of the 1981 ordinance, which lowers the acceptable noise level from 85 to 75 decibels and moves up the noise cut-off hour from 1 a.m. to 12 p.m., is not usually disobeyed in the case of closed parties.

"Many times people complain when the noise is not exceeding the limit," Lohmann said. "Even before it was changed there were very few cases of exceeding the

sound limit."

The police use a sound meter they carry in their cars to measure the decibel levels and determine whether anyone is violating the new ordinance, Lohmann said.

Chapel Hill police officer Marsha Gale decided that a closed party at the Sigma Chi house last Friday night was not complying with the new ordinance and asked UNC sophomore Gregory Potts to turn off the stereo.

"It wasn't that loud but I was willing to turn it down," Potts said.

According to police reports, Potts was arrested for refusing to turn off the music and verbally abusing the officer.

"There was an argument between the young man and the

officer, and by virtue of what took place during that time, he was arrested," Lohmann said.

Potts said, "She arrested me while I had my hands on the stereo to turn it down."

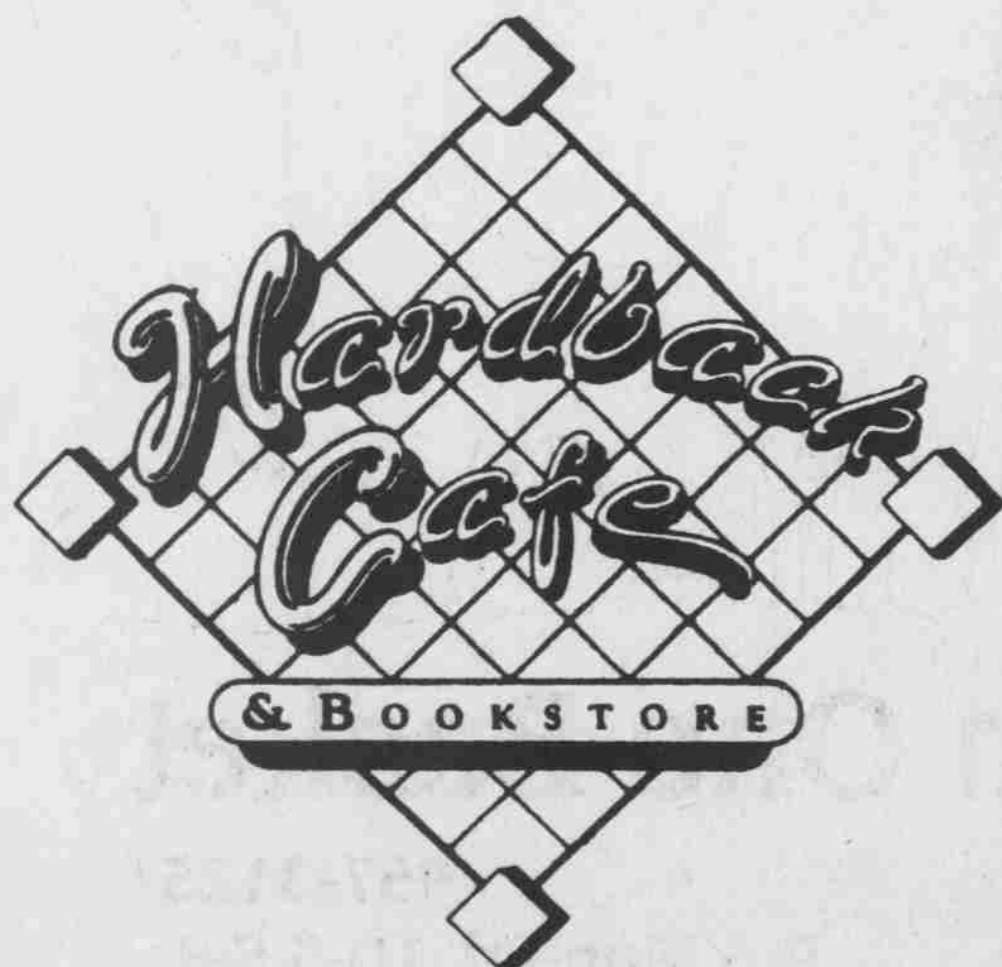
Lohmann said that he would not discuss the details of the case because it has not yet gone to trial and that Gale should not talk about it either.

Potts said he had turned off the outside speakers and was turning down the volume inside the house, but the police might have thought the music had been coming from only inside the house.

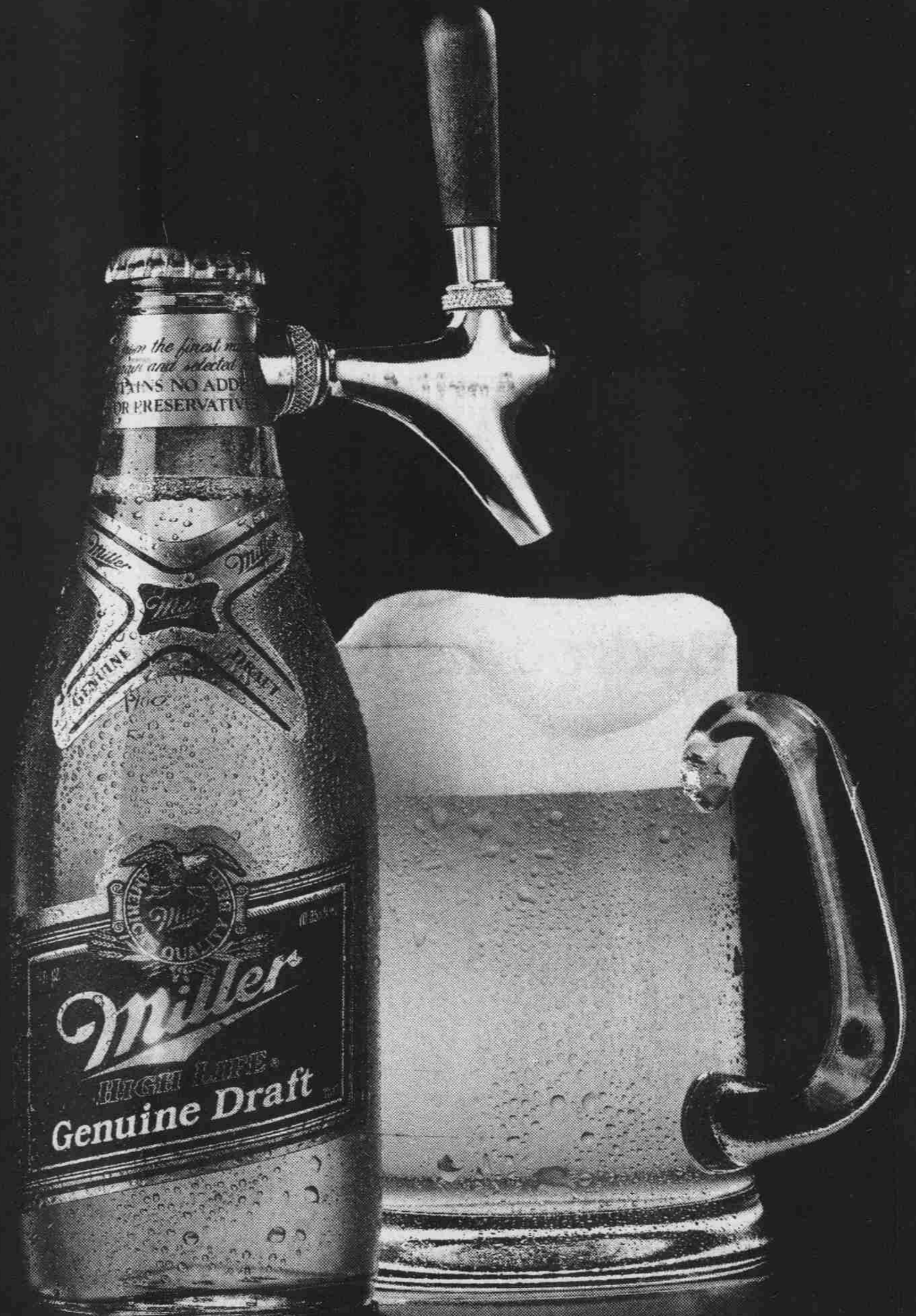
"I don't know if they knew there was an outside speaker," he said.



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