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## Registrations Counting Up!

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New Life MCC 10/5 .....	—
Scorpio 10/5 .....	—
TOTAL .....	—

# Political Candidates At Acceptance Oct. 14

By DON KING  
Editor

One Nation Indivisible's gay/lesbian political activities in Mecklenburg County are steamrolling with a strong voter registration drive and a meeting for gay men and lesbians with political candidates.

ONI's "Candidates Forum" will be Tuesday, Sept. 14, hosted by Acceptance at Park Road Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall. The church is at 3900 Park Road two blocks north of Park Road Shopping Center.

All candidates seeking public office in the Nov. 4 elections have been invited to the 8 p.m. meeting.

Candidates will be asked their views of gay/lesbian civil rights, particularly about repealing North Carolina's crime against nature law as it relates to consenting adults and about the Charlotte Police Department's policy of excluding gay men and lesbian women from employment.

The voter registration drive started with 33 new voters at the Sept. 15 Town Meeting; picked up six at the QCQ Skate Party Sept. 18; added 15 at Oleen's on Sept. 20; 46 at Charades on Sept. 25 and BLANK ON 26; and BLANK at Oleen's on Sept. 27.

Additional registration opportunities were scheduled at Tags, Scorpio, Brass Rail, Charades, worship services of both Charlotte congregations of MCC, and at the Unitarian Church during the Atlanta Lambda Chorale's concert. (See accompanying box.)

The drive must be completed by Oct. 6, the final day for new voters to register to vote in elections Nov. 4 and thereafter.

Voting is viewed as the strongest weapon in any minority's fight for equal rights. Charlotte has never before had a gay/lesbian voter registration drive.

These people must register to exercise their right to vote:

■ **New residents** of the county. They

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Dean Gaskey (left) listens as Diane Travis makes point during September meeting of Closet Buster Productions.

## We're Going On TV!

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Sometime in November, Cablevision of Charlotte's public access Channel 3 will air the first locally produced gay/lesbian television show in the Carolinas.

The 30-minute production, "Gay & Lesbian Forum," will be the first monthly show from Closet Buster Productions, a group formed specifically to televise gay/lesbian issues in the Charlotte market.

The show will likely be taped in October and shown at the earliest date agreeable to Cablevision and Closet Busters. The first show will include Diana Travis, a Charlotte native who was strongly activist when she lived in the Boston area; Lynn Guerra, pastor of MCC/Charlotte; and Don King, a Charlotte activist for eight years.

"We need people to help — writers, lighting technicians, directors, camera operators, tape editors," Travis said. "We want to establish a new level of professionalism for programs on public access."

Also needed are furnishings for the set: a couch or love seat, chairs, accessorizing tables, plants, artwork, rug, lamps and table accessories.

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To help in planning, production or furnishings, call Al Carwile, 376-1490.



He may be one of the last unless attendance increases at skate parties ..... Page 6

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New groups, too, may expect attendance ..... Pages 6 and 8

# Bars Plan Nights For Persons Age 18, 19, 20

By DON KING  
Editor

Beginning Friday, Oct. 3, at the Scorpio, Charlotte's under-21 gay men and lesbians will again be able to attend gay bars on specific nights.

■ On Friday nights, Scorpio will allow persons age 18 and over to attend. The exception is Halloween Night, Oct. 31, when only persons 21 and over will be allowed.

■ On Sunday, Oct. 12, Charades will allow people age 18 to and over to attend.

■ Tags will open on Saturday, Nov. 1, for a Halloween weekend party, allowing people age 18 and over to attend.

North Carolina law does not prohibit people under 21 from entering establishments which serve alcoholic beverages; but penalties are stiff for bars in which people under 21 are caught drinking them. Because of the difficulty of policing consumption, most bars have

chosen not to allow people under 21 to enter.

Since Sept. 1 when 19- and 20-year-olds were no longer allowed to buy beer and wine, Panamas and The Cellar, nongay Charlotte bars, have continued to allow people under 21 to enter and have done an apparently lawful job of prohibiting consumption by under-21 people.

Now, three of Charlotte's gay bars are going to give it a try, though each will require proper identification.

At Scorpio on Friday nights, the main dance room bar will serve only nonalcoholic beverages. People 21 and older will be allowed to enter the VIP Lounge to buy and drink alcoholic beverages; but no beverages will be allowed to pass from the VIP into the main dance room, and no one under 21 will be allowed in the VIP.

On Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24, there will be no cover charge at Scorpio.

"This arrangement will inconvenience some of our 21-and-over customers," said Marion Tyson, owner. "But we've really wanted to do something to help our people who are 18 to 20 and used to be able to go to bars."

At Charades on Oct. 12, all bars except the dance room's balcony bar will serve nonalcoholic beverages. People 21 and over will be allowed to buy alcoholic beverages at the balcony bar overlooking the dance floor; but no beverages will be allowed to pass from the balcony bar into the rest of the bar, and no one under 21 will be allowed into the balcony bar area.

"If it works well, we'll expand to more than one Sunday each month," said Steve Freeman, Charades co-owner.

At Tags on Nov. 1, no alcoholic beverages will be sold as Tags holds a Halloween party that persons age 18 and over can attend.