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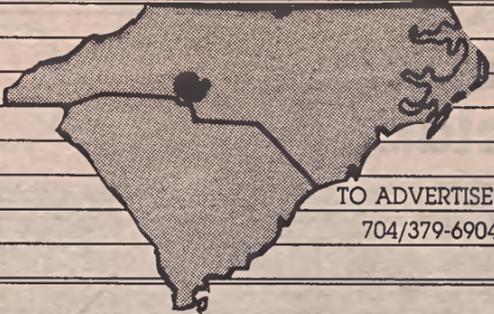
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Carolínians Gearing For D.C. March

From Staff Reports

Carolinas gay men and lesbians are going to join the Oct. 11 National March on Washington in flood.

A Charlotte group is taking reservations not only for bus transportation, but also for scarce rooms in the Dupont Plaza Hotel located in Washington's most famed gay area — Dupont Circle.

A Columbia organization is taking trip-and-lodging reservations.

And contacts have been established for bus transportation in Chapel Hill, Durham, Raleigh and Winston-Salem.

Meanwhile, people from all over the country are serving on the March on Washington Committee; and they've planned events from Oct. 9 through 13:

■ Friday, Oct. 9, is National Lobby Day with gay/lesbian delegations meeting with senators and representatives.

■ Saturday, Oct. 10, includes "The Wedding" to emphasize the need for gay and lesbian couples to have rights and privileges like heterosexual married couples; and the Lesbian & Gay Bands Of America Concert beginning at

8 p.m.

■ Sunday, Oct. 11, includes not only The March but also the AIDS Memorial Project on the Capitol Mall and the Veterans Memorial Service at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

■ On Monday, Oct. 12, the National Lesbian & Gay Rights Congress Planning

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Paraders in North Carolina's Pride March in Durham on June 27 meet each other in turning off the street into the Duke University East Campus. As the turn was made, marshals counted 950 participants, 150 more than the 800 who participated in the 1986 parade, according to organizers. No hecklers and few opposing signs greeted this year's parade. Fundamentalist ministers in the Triangle area had asked congregations to ignore the parade. An officer from the heavy police escort told an onlooker who shouted obscenities to keep quiet.

Raleigh Hearing Is Aug. 12

Special To Q-Notes

RALEIGH — In a public hearing on Aug. 12, The Human Resources & Human Relations Advisory Committee of North Carolina's capitol city will hear gay men and lesbian women talk about violence and civil rights violations.

"It's the first time an administrative body within city government is taking the subject seriously," said Willie Pilkington, who has worked with other concerned citizens to bring about the hearing.

"We need desperately for anyone to come forward now who has suffered within the city of Raleigh an act of violence or a civil rights violation against them because of sexual orientation," he said, "even if the person is living somewhere else at present.

"We're also interested in entrapment arrests that have occurred in Raleigh."

The hearing — in the council chambers at City Hall at 7 p.m. — will be open to the media, but organizers are taking careful steps to assure that fear of exposure will prevent no one from testifying.

"Because a hearing's only purpose is to gather information," Pilkington said, "we can delete last names and protect people's identities."

He listed these options — all acceptable to the committee separately or in combination — for protecting identity:

■ Present a statement in person, but do not use a full name.

■ Present a statement in person, not using a full name, and notify organizers that media are to be prohibited from photographing you in any way.

■ Write a statement that organizers will deliver to the committee, but do not use a full name. Have the statement notarized to indicate that the name used in the statement represents a real person.

■ Write a statement that can be given orally by proxy (by another person), but

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Early In August

By BARRY BISHOP
Staff Writer

FRIDAY, JULY 31, THROUGH SUNDAY, AUG. 2: It's a three-night Carnival of Hope at Oleen's with a fabulous assortment of local entertainers putting on flawless shows throughout the weekend. There will be game booths as well as special items for sale. See Oleen's ad in this issue for more details, including at least one cookout and 20 performers!

Proceeds will benefit Metrolina AIDS Project's continuing efforts to provide support services for persons with AIDS.

Word on Charlotte streets is that Gloria Hole, Linda Locklips, Dentelle Floss, Ruth-Anne Morehead and the ever-popular Lena Cuisine will make yet another benefit performance. Collectively known as "Cheap Trade," the girls will be dishing up their own brand of entertainment throughout Friday night's show. Unencumbered by any semblance of talent or taste, the group remains true to its motto: "Anything for a buck."

TUESDAY, AUG. 4: Mandy Carter of Durham, a member of the national steering committee and North Carolina's coordinator for the national March on Washington, will speak at Acceptance at 8 p.m. at Charlotte's Park Road Baptist Church. She'll be arriving a day or two after attending the national committee's meeting in Seattle.

Acceptance meetings are open to the gay/lesbian public. The church is just north of Park Road Shopping Center on Park Road. Park in the back and walk up the left sidewalk to Fellowship Hall.

'Life Of The Party' Final Audition: Aug. 5

By DAWN BOST
Special To Q-Notes

A new Charlotte theatrical company, the Queen's Players, will open their first season with the East Coast premiere of Doug Holsclaw's comedy, "Life of the Party," in September.

The final audition and callback is Wednesday, Aug. 5, at 7 p.m. in Spirit Square's Entertainment Place. Persons interested in performing in the play must attend.

The theatrical company has been created to introduce scripts by gay playwrights, perform originals and classics, and to give the Charlotte area an opportunity to appreciate gay/lesbian talent.

"Life of the Party," originally produced at the Theatre Rhinoceros in San Francisco, launches the company's debut with a story of gay life in the '80s. The play, which examines the demands and rewards of friendship in the wake of AIDS, has been described as "a brilliant combination of warmth and humor, of stereotype and eccentricity."

The play requires six actors — five men and a woman. The characters, who

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range in age from approximately 25 to 40, include a likable gay yuppie, a campy and lovable airhead, a strong and reliable Leo Buscaglia disciple, a libidinous wit, a very trendy and sleazy older man, and a sarcastic professional student who also happens to be a lesbian.

Queen's Players artistic director Ken Stikeleather said performances are scheduled at Entertainment Place Sept. 10, 11, 17, 18 and 19 in Charlotte with possible tour dates later. Persons wishing to become part of the production crew may contact Stikeleather 6-10 p.m. at 333-4213.

Tickets will be \$5 in advance; \$6 at the door. (See ad containing special coupon offer for opening night.)

Double Deejay Night Slated Aug. 13

For the first time in a Charlotte gay bar, two deejays will play consecutive records during August.

The innovative event will be held at Oleen's on Thursday, Aug. 13, featuring Oleen's deejay Steve Pressley and former Tags deejay Edward Kirkland, who now works at the Scorpio.

"Double deejays really heat up a dance floor," said Don King, Q-Notes editor. "I have a friend who heard Mi-

chael Jorba of New York and Tom Johnson of Atlanta play consecutive records at a private party. He said it was the hottest dance music he had ever experienced — and he experiences more of the major dance bars in this country than anyone else I know."

A double deejay event is not a contest. Nevertheless, the two deejays can be expected to perform at their technical best while selecting the top dance

music in their collections. Audience members will expect both to increase the energy with every mix.

In some monster bars in major cities, two or more deejays regularly alternate on consecutive records.

QCC board members are considering double deejay events in September and October featuring deejays Doug Neems of the Scorpio and Lin Benfield of Charades.