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BEST BETS

- June 18
Gay Pride picnic
Stevens Restaurant
- June 19
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- June 25
The March on Raleigh
- June 28
Pride Week Banquet
Carolinian of the Year
Awards
Fortuna Restaurant
Monroe Rd.
- July 1-4
Drummer Weekend
- July 2
Red, White and Blue Party
Charades
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Old Fashioned 'Pig Pick'
Stevens Restaurant
- July 8
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- July 8
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Congress Passes New AIDS Law

By Greg Winston
Q-Notes Staff

After weeks of debate and the expected hoards of amendments offered by N.C. senior senator Jesse Helms, (R-N.C.), the AIDS bill, S. 1220, passed and is now law. As Senator Lowell Weicker, R-Conn., put it, it is an embarrassment that it has taken this long for the U.S. to understand the urgency of the AIDS epidemic and to act. But AIDS has finally gotten the recognition that is needed to expedite finding a cure for the disease.

By 1991, AIDS will be one of the top ten causes of death. The U.S. government, after five years of small-to-no allocations for finding a cure for the disease, has finally passed a comprehensive bill allocating approximately \$600 million for research and education. The bill also declares the AIDS crisis to be a national emergency.

The funds are spread out across state, national and international agencies.

Funds will be allocated to states based on their populations and incidences of AIDS cases. The funds are to be spent on education programs, targeted at high risk groups as well as the general public.

There has been \$150 million allotted to the states for 1988.

The bill allocates an additional \$100 million to the states for home health care of patients and to establish a monitoring board to evaluate and review the services for AIDS patients.

On the national level, research is the focus. The bill authorizes the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to hire an additional 690 employees to work exclusively on AIDS research.

There is also established a National Research Program on AIDS, that will aid in finding a cure and vaccine by coordinating efforts of state, local, and private entities. An AIDS Research Data Bank will be established at the National Library of Medicine.

This Data Bank will be international, in that all countries will contribute to the information provided and all can use the information that has been obtained.

Jonathan Mann, Director of the World Health Organization (WHO) Special Programme on AIDS, summed up the reasoning behind coordinating efforts on an international scale best when he stated during the hearings on the bill that, "Global mobilization is required because we cannot stop AIDS anywhere until we stop AIDS everywhere."

The United States Congress is having to find "back door" and "under the table" methods of getting the money into the hands of the International organizations because the current administration decided not to give its assessed funding to this United Nations agency, WHO, because of political disputes with the United Nations.



Over 200 attend Charlotte AIDS Vigil. See story on page 5.

Department of Human Resources Sits on AIDS Money

by Craig Nelms
staff writer

North Carolina Secretary of Human Resources David Flaherty is under attack by gay activists and AIDS activists for his handling of a federal grant allocating monies for AIDS programs in our state.

The Lesbian and Gay Democrats of North Carolina are drawing attention to Flaherty's failure to use \$170,000 in federal funds allocated for the fight against AIDS in NC. According to the group, based in Chapel Hill, the funds have gone unspent for more than a year. The grant is designated for educational efforts geared toward blacks, gays, IV drug users, and other special populations. An additional \$180,000 in Centers for Disease Control funds

has just been allocated to N.C., totaling to \$350,000 available for AIDS efforts in the state.

First Tuesday, the Charlotte-area political action arm of the Gay and Lesbian community, decided at its June meeting to participate in a letter-writing campaign organized by the Lesbian and Gay Democrats. Letters will be sent to representatives in the N.C. State Legislature urging that Flaherty be forced into action. **First Tuesday** will be contacting local organizations, asking for participation in the letter writing campaign.

All persons concerned are requested to write their legislators c/o N.C. General Assembly, Raleigh, N.C. 27611. For suggestions concerning your letter's content, call **First Tuesday** at 393-2536 (evenings).

The March on Raleigh Now's Your Chance.

By Dean Gaskey
Q-Notes Staff

If you enjoyed the March on Washington or if you missed it and feel a little guilty, your chance to show your support for lesbian and gay rights in North Carolina will be on Saturday, June 25.

Pre-March activities start on Saturday evening with the presentation of "The Normal Heart" produced by the Man Bites Dog Theatre, and the Third Annual Lesbian and Gay Health Project Pride Dance.

The march begins in earnest on Saturday morning with the gathering of marchers at Hillsboro Street and Pullen Park near the N.C. State bell tower at 11:00 a.m.

The march step-off is at noon, marching down Hillsboro Street to the state capitol ground where a rally with several speakers is scheduled for 2:00 p.m.

Speakers include Nan Hunter of the American Civil Liberties Union, Michael

Mauk, of National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and Jill Duvall of the Lesbian and Gay Health Project.

Refreshments and entertainment will also be available, as will child care.

At 8:00 p.m. there will be an "After the Celebration Celebration" at Glenwood Park. Cover charges and all ABC laws apply.

An inter-denominational church service is planned for Sunday, and on Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. you get a chance to say no way to North Carolina's own "Senator No."

A civil disobedience/direct action is planned for the office of Senator Jesse Helms. Those planning to take part in the Helms' office action are required to attend a training session prior to the event.

Those wishing further information on the march and other information should call Jim at 919/967-1245.

The march brochure has been re-printed in its entirety on page 8 of Q-Notes.