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BEST BETS

- June 2 7:30pm Mature Gay Men
- June 3 Torch Song Trilogy at Snuffy's
- June 8 9pm Trademen Club Night
- June 13 7:30pm Queen City Friends
- June 17 FATHER'S DAY
- June 17 1pm Q-Notes Pride Picnic
- June 20 7:30pm WOW meeting
- June 22 8:15 pm One Voice Concert
- June 23 SC PRIDE MARCH
- June 24 WITNESS comes to Charlotte
11 am MCC Charlotte
6:45 pm New Life MCC
- June 30 NC PRIDE MARCH

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One Voice Sings In Pride Celebrations

ONE VOICE, Charlotte's new gay and lesbian chorus, will hold a "season finale" concert on Friday, June 22, 1990, at 8:15 p.m. at the Unitarian Church of Charlotte, 234 Sharon Amity Road North. The concert is open to everyone, and donations will be accepted at the door.

ONE VOICE formed in January, and has grown into a chorus of more than 40 members. They have sung at several community events since March, but the June 22 concert will showcase many new pieces of music, including "When Will We Learn To Love Again" by William J. Reiter, "The Great Peace March" by Holly Near, "Ain't He Sweet," and other familiar anthems and old standards.

The chorus will wrap up their first "season" with trips to sing in Columbia at the South Carolina Gay & Lesbian Pride March on Saturday, June 23, and Chapel Hill at the Pride '90 festivities on Saturday, June 30. In Chapel Hill, they will join with Durham's Common Woman Chorus for three numbers.

The chorus continues to rehearse on Thursday evenings, and have returned to their first rehearsal space for the month of June — the United Way Auditorium, 301 S. Brevard Street, Charlotte. They plan to take the months of July and August off, and begin again in early September. New members will be able to join at that time. Several chorus members will be attending the GALA Conference (Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses) in Chicago over Labor Day weekend.

For further information on any chorus activity, or to sign up to help with the June 22 concert (publicity, ushers), please call Dan Kirsch, President, at 536-1372.

PRIDE WEEK EVENTS

June 17, Charlotte, NC — Q-Notes sponsored picnic — free food and free beer! Bring your frisbee. Bryant Park, 1-6 pm.

June 23, Columbia, SC — gather at the Plaza Inn (corner of Richland and Main streets) at 11 am for the Pride March. March is at 12 noon for thirty minutes (about 1 mile). 12:30 p.m. rally at the Statehouse. ONE VOICE chorus from Charlotte performs. Picnic following the rally. Party all night.

June 24, Charlotte, NC — WOW Women's group picnic at Hornet's Nest Park. Bring something to grill and a covered dish.

June 30, Chapel Hill Pride March — Bus leaves Charlotte at 7:30 a.m., returns 9 p.m. Assemble at 11 a.m. for the march (about 1 mile) at 12 noon. Rally 2-4 p.m. with entertainment that includes the Common Woman Chorus from Durham and ONE VOICE from Charlotte. Post-Pride March Party 5-10 p.m.

Man Killed After Leaving Bar

By David Stout
Q-Notes Staff

On Saturday night, May 26, tragedy struck Charlotte in the form of a senseless taking of human life. Jeff Langston was walking to his car from Scorpio's nightclub when he was shot and killed by what appear to be gun-wielding car thieves.

Mr. Langston, age 29, was a youth counselor at Stonewall Jackson Training School which is a facility to help reform juvenile delinquents. He had obtained a master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and was still furthering his education at UNC-Charlotte.

According to friends he arrived at the club late and, due to a full parking lot, was forced to park his Ford Bronco at the Pep Boy's Store on Freedom Drive. He then walked the approximate one-half block to the club and stayed for a couple of hours until he was ready to make his fateful return trip to his vehicle.

Earwitnesses, who were walking roughly thirty feet behind Langston report hearing someone yell, "Back off!" and then a gun shot.

Since no one saw the actual incident, an absolutely accurate picture of what occurred is not available; however, the Charlotte Police Department spokespeople believe that Mr. Langston simply had the misfortune to walk up on a car break-in in progress. And in so startling the criminals, they shot him with the shotgun they were carrying as they fled the crime scene.

The group of people walking behind Langston, upon hearing the gun discharge, ran to find out what was happening up ahead of them. When they got to Langston, the thieves had already made their getaway and the victim was lying on the pavement bleeding profusely from a close-range shot to the chest. Mr. Langston died approximately ten minutes later from massive internal trauma.

A Charlotte police officer (who refused to allow his name to be printed) said that there were no leads in the case but at that time it appeared to be just a breaking and entering gone awry and there was no reason to think that it was a gay-hate killing.

At the time of the writing of this article, there are still no suspects nor even any major clues in the murder of Jeff Langston.

Senate Vote '90 Stands Against Helms

By Janelle Lavelle
Special to Q-Notes

DUMP HELMS

That's the message of a coalition of arts advocates, peace and justice activists, environmentalists, people of color, gay people and other opponents of Sen. Jesse Helms.

The organization unanimously endorsed Democratic Senate candidate Harvey Gantt at a statewide meeting April 17 in his race against fellow Democratic contender Mike Easley. But the coalition is pledged to work with Easley if he becomes the candidate, and with any group, organization or candidate interested in defeating Helms in the November elections.

N.C. Senate Vote '90 was founded by nationally-recognized AIDS activist Leo Teachout of Wilmington, N.C., and is directed by Mandy Carter of Durham, a peace and human rights activist with almost two decades of experience as a professional organizer for the War Resister's League and a

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Two Hundred Fifty Protest Helms

By David Stout
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On Wednesday, May 23, approximately 250 people gathered outside Spirit Square in downtown Charlotte to protest NC Senator Jesse Helms.

Helms was supposed to be speaking at a black-tie dinner celebrating the 100th anniversary of J.O. Jones construction company but due to a late vote at the Senate in Washington, D.C., was unable to attend. Persons from many various and disparate groups were represented at the protest.

Among the special interest groups in attendance were Anti-Apartheid activists, Pro-Choice lobbyists, Art Funding Proponents, and Animal Rights supporters among others.

Flyers passed out by gay rights activists asked each person to converge at Spirit Square at 6:00 p.m. bearing two long white candles. Once at the picket site, the Charlotte police informed the group that no candles would be allowed to be lit while the protesters marched on the city sidewalks.

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Metrolina AIDS Project Names New Director

CHARLOTTE, May 18, 1990 — The Board of Directors of Metrolina AIDS Project announced today that John Conley has been named Executive Director of the agency.

Conley, 39, is currently a resident of Roanoke, Virginia, and is Director of the AIDS Council of Western Virginia, an AIDS service organization providing AIDS education and support services for 29 counties in southwestern Virginia. Prior to coming to the AIDS Council, Conley was a Public Health Advisor for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Vice President of Operations for The Whitman-Walker Clinic in Washington, D.C. He is a graduate of the University of Washington, Seattle. His most recent accomplishment is developing a program that allows people with AIDS to receive Medicaid benefits for services not

currently covered by payment guidelines. This program has been approved by the Virginia General Assembly.

Conley fills the position vacated by Les Kooyman, co-founder of Metrolina AIDS Project, at the end of June. Kooyman is resigning to pursue a graduate degree in Counseling from the University of North Carolina, Charlotte. Conley will assume the directorship of the agency on July 1, 1990.

In announcing the Board's selection, Sister Mary Thomas Burke, President of the Board, said, "We are fortunate to have such an outstanding professional coming to Charlotte to take over the leadership of MAP. The organization can continue to expect the same quality and visionary leadership that has been provided by Les Kooyman for the past five years."