

Q-Notes 15: Out of the Past...

Q-Notes was started through the efforts of Queen City Quordinators, an umbrella and fundraising organization located in Charlotte. QCQ helped other GLBT groups. The first issue was published in September 1983 and was in newsletter format on copy paper. After a couple of years, it ceased to be published. It is unclear why.

In 1986, QCQ, still realizing the need and under the leadership of President Robert Sheets and experience of Don King, the newsprint version of **Q-Notes** was born.

Fundraising events were held to help finance the paper. The largest event QCQ ever staged was the focus of the first **Q-Notes** Newspaper in June 1986. The event was the Carolina Drummer Contest.

The event was big news because it was the only preliminary to the National Drummer Contest on the East Coast. The winner, as noted in the July '86 **Q-Notes**, was Butch Stevenson of Charlotte with Chuck Lance of Asheville first runner-up. Both men represented the Carolinas in San Francisco.

Other news covered in this first **Q-Notes** newspaper was the play *Bent* staged by New Life MCC, Pride Week activities, Safe Sex Parties hosted by MAP and MCC-Charlotte starts a Saturday Coffee House.

Over the next year, we will be look back in time at important news covered in **Q-Notes**. We will highlight news item from many of our previous issues, so keep checking back, take a look at our history and let us know if you have a topic of special interest that you believe would be good in our ongoing coverage from "out of the past." ▼

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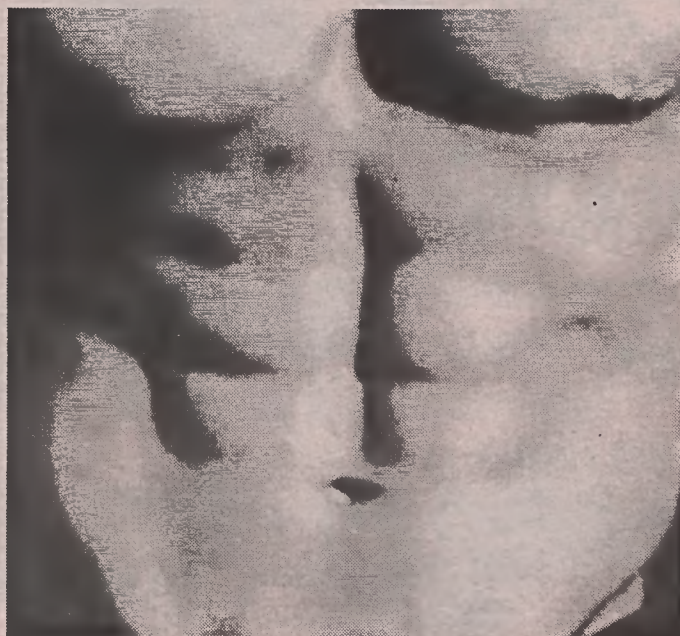
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