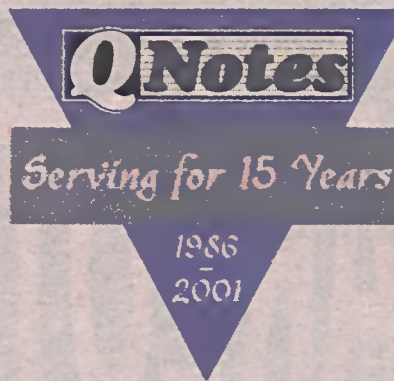


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Take the latest Q-Poll:

Celebrities need to be outed by any means because:

(Choose all that apply)

- they owe it to the public to be honest.
- they serve as role models for LGBT youth
- straights will see us all in a more tolerant light
- Disagree: each person has a right to come out when they are ready.

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UNC Charlotte PRIDE: Opening Doors ... Opening Minds

by Chad Smith

This year PRIDE came back with a bang. PRIDE week was held from October 8-11 to coincide with the OutCharlotte Festival and National Coming Out Day. OutCharlotte has been a strong supporter of PRIDE. When PRIDE asked area groups for help, OutCharlotte leapt at the opportunity and supported us with both money and ideas. After OutCharlotte agreed to co-sponsor us, the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard and the Gay and Lesbian Community Center Project joined forces with them to help us make a difference.

The three groups worked with PRIDE to bring James Dale to campus. Dale is the Boy Scout Leader who was ousted for being gay. Unfortunately Dale was forced to postpone all his North Carolina appearances. But PRIDE took in stride and marched on to make PRIDE week a success.

"When James Dale canceled we thought we should find someone else to replace him. However, we at PRIDE like to do things properly. Without enough time to promote the event, we decided not to have a speaker" said Regina Hyatt, PRIDE co-advisor.

Instead of a speaker, PRIDE hosted a training session called "Safe Zone."

Safe Zone is a University program that teaches people how to help students who are in the coming out process. The placards received after the training show that UNCC has many gay-friendly people. This program simply makes GLBT students more comfortable.

The "Second Annual Southern Decadence Drag Extravaganza" playbill included many of Charlotte's finest drag artists: Bam Bam Ta'Our, Vanity Fair, Amber Rochelle, Felicia Bost, Angela Lopez, Tracy Morgan, and Monica Mitchell donated their time to raise money for PRIDE. And this year no one protested the the drag event! Students —gay and straight— gathered together and had a lot of fun. The Dean of Academic Affairs even came to enjoy the show.

As the week progressed, once again PRIDE opened doors and opened minds with a special program for National Coming Out Day. Media, students, and faculty alike heard testi-



UNC Charlotte PRIDE attended the OutCharlotte Festival 2001, promoting their own PRIDE Week and National Coming Out Day events

monies of the importance and fear associated with coming out.

Charles, a dedicated PRIDE member, took this opportunity to make his first public declaration as an "out" individual. Other PRIDE members, faculty and staff also shared their stories. A sense of pride rushed through the crowd as people shared themselves with the campus community.

During the 30 minute program PRIDE members distributed guides for coming out, Human Rights Campaign materials. They were joined by representatives of the "Stop The Hate" who handed out information about how to end hate crimes.

PRIDE has already begun planning for the spring semester. James Dale rescheduled to speak on campus during the week of the National Day of Silence. PRIDE is also planning on bringing other attractions such as comedians, gay themed artwork and a museum of oppression. The museum will give all minority organizations on campus an opportunity

to show others what it is like to endure oppression while the comedians and art will illustrate the similarities

PRIDE's efforts and hard work over the past two years have elicited many changes. UNCC announced that a faculty member will be appointed to focus on GLBT issues on campus. The Student Government Association created a Student Body President Cabinet position for a GLBT student to help PRIDE educate the campus about GLBT issues. The organization for GLBT faculty and staff is strengthened by the presence of an active student group.

The campus' "Stop The Hate campaign" was formed after PRIDE's anti-hate programs in the spring of 2001.

PRIDE looks forward to the day when coming out is no big deal. There is still a long way to go but members are marching out, together, with pride.

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On the way to remembering, take a few more along

by Leah Sepsenwol

There are more names to report, more people whose lives and loves are now part of ours.

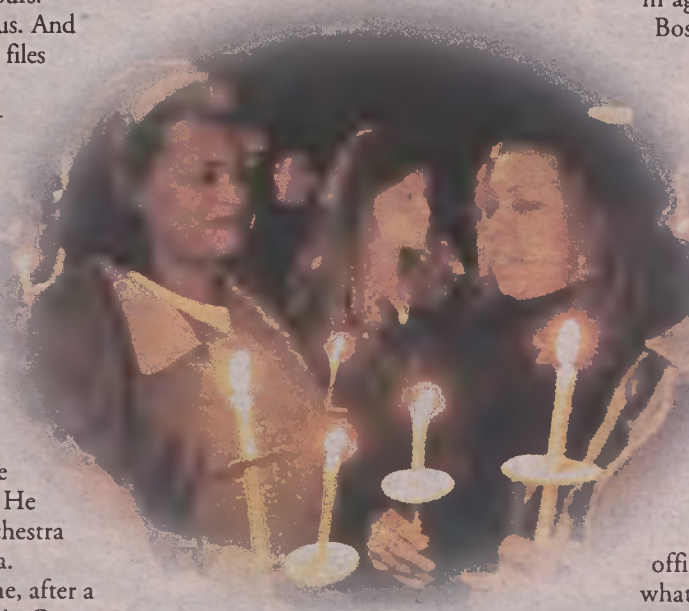
Their stories will live on through us. And we will continue to bring you their life files — with all the information we find.

Graham Berkeley, 37, Director of E-Commerce Solutions, Compuware Corp. USA, was an Englishman, who died on board United Flight 175 which crashed into New York's World Trade Center. The son of Charles and Pauline Berkeley grew up in Shrewsbury, Shropshire, England, with brothers Chris and Roger. He resided in both Boston and Provincetown.

Berkeley was an accomplished violinist who had graduated from the Royal College of Music in London. He performed with the BBC Radio Orchestra and the BBC Philharmonic orchestra.

He loved this country and last June, after a 10-year effort, he finally received his Green Card for US residency.

Tim Fristoe met Graham Berkeley just this year. They planned to fly to Palm Springs together on September 11, where Berkeley was to attend a conference. But business forced Fristoe to reschedule for the following day.



October 1 LGBT Memorial in New York City. Over 1000 in attendance. Photo: courtesy of GLAAD

"I would have been with him," Fristoe said in agonizing disbelief from their residence in Boston. "

"Graham and I were together briefly, but he meant a great deal to me. I wanted to know him for a long, long time."

Carol Flyzik, 40, former ER nurse who lost "We had seen the news. It didn't even enter my mind that she might have been on it." Later that night, a representative from American Airlines called and confirmed that Carol had been on the plane.

Nancy said of Carol: "She just loved people. Her family was her number one priority in life. She had no enemies, only friends."

John "Jack Keohane" ran out of his office across from World Trade Center to see what the huge noise was. As he and his partner stood in disbelief at the sight of the burning World Trade Center tower, the building collapsed. The falling debris killed Keohane. His partner, Michael Lyons escaped injury. Jack and Mike, both HRC members, shared a home in Cooper, share their home with Barrett's 18-year-old son, Eddie. ▼