



# Club Odyssey

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*Two sides to double your pleasure!*

*Our main side features DJ Bill, spinning all the top house tunz, while the hip hop side features the top urban hits played by DJ Midnyte.*



## CASS WESTBROOK'S CABARET

Every Friday Nite @ Midnight!

January 2nd-Birthday Celebration for Simply Liz-special guests!

January 9th-Colt and Company-All male review!

January 16th-Mr. Charlie Brown from Atlanta! Not to Miss!

## Wild Wednesdays Dollar Night!

\$1 cover for members & non-members

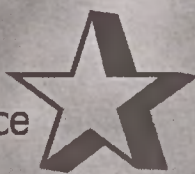
\$5 cover for 18-20 year olds

\$1.00 Domestic Beer • \$1.50 Well Drinks

2008 Talent Search — happens every 1st Thursday of every month.

Mr. Odyssey Contest — takes place every 3rd Thursday of every month.

\$100 cash prize to each contests winner!



Wednesday, December 31st: New Year's Eve Blowout  
Open at 8 pm • Free Champagne (21 & Over) • Party Favors  
Free Hors d'oeuvres Buffet & Breakfast Buffet  
Admission: Members, \$16; Guests, \$18; Ages 18-20, \$20; \$5 Memberships

Every Wednesday and Thursday  
Come party with DJ Tyson spinning!

Sunday, January 18th:  
Odyssey Talent Show Finals for 2008!

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Open Tuesday - Sunday, 9 pm until

For booking information contact  
Cass Westbrook at the club from 9-11 pm on  
Tuesdays at 336-774-1077

## Year-end review of 2008

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were a lot of new faces in the crowd," she said. "It was a wonderful day. People were happy and having fun."

Cole said she's been pleased with each festival's growth. "For the second year in a row our attendance has increased by nearly 30 percent over the previous year. We would certainly like to see this pattern continue."

### Politics

#### 2008 Election

Thank God it's finally over. That's what most Americans are saying. The 2008 election season was more like the 2005-2008 election season. After more than two years of campaigning, candidates finally made their farewell bows, re-entrances or debuts the day after election day.

Perhaps the biggest story for the LGBT Carolinas was Jim Neal's courageous primary battle against State Sen. Kay Hagan. Both vied for the chance to go head-to-head with incumbent Republican U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Dole. While Neal and Hagan ran neck-and-neck for a while, Hagan's campaign cash and TV ads paid off. She won in a landslide. Come November, good ole' Liddy was out of office and North Carolina, once again, claimed at least one Democrat in the Senate.

#### Charlotte schools pass policy

March

In one of the biggest school board victories in the Carolinas, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education passed an inclusive anti-bullying policy protecting LGBT students.

Following the 6-3 vote, MeckPAC chair Phil Hargett told *Q-Notes*, "We realize this policy is not just about gay students, that it is about all students, but we are happy and very excited that sexual orientation and gender-identity are protected."

The new CMS policy protects students on the basis of about 20 "real or perceived" characteristics, including sexual orientation and gender-identity. It also calls for inclusiveness training and detailed record-keeping of bullying incidents.

#### Columbia passes pro-LGBT ordinances

March

In an historic occasion for the LGBT community of the Palmetto State, the Columbia City Council passed new public accommodations and housing ordinances banning dis-

crimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender-identity.

The motion passed unanimously on March 5. Columbia is the first municipality in the state to offer such protections and only the third in the Deep South. Atlanta and New Orleans offer similar protections.

"We have passed one of the most comprehensive bills in the country, in one of the most conservative states in the country," said C. Ray Drew, executive director of the S.C. Equality Coalition (SCEC). "South Carolina, and states like ours, represents the front lines of our battle for LGBT civil rights in this country."

Council members Daniel Rickenmann and Tameika Isaac Devine introduced the statutes and pushed for their passage. Rickenmann and Isaac Devine stated, "When we work together and respect each other, we can make Columbia an even better place to live."

#### 'Naked Boys' ill-received

May, September

This certainly wasn't a good year for "Naked Boys Singing." Two times during 2008, the acclaimed gay-popular musical faced challenges from Carolinas institutions. In May, North Carolina government officials refused the musical's performance in a state-owned venue in Winston-Salem. In September, *The State* newspaper in Columbia censored coverage of the musical produced by MBF Productions. The difficulty in spreading news about the musical lead MBF to cancel it.

#### Ding, dong the witch is dead

July

On July 4, former U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms died. The LGBT community erupted with joy. However disrespectful it might have been, the relief of knowing one of history's most anti-gay bigots had finally passed was like music to many queer folks' ears.

"Jesse Helms will be and should be the historical 'reminder' of just how bad it can be when an elected politician can legislate so badly," activist Mandy Carter told *Q-Notes* in July. "I don't know if there could ever be 'another Jesse Helms.' I think he was one of a kind. So, we can now add him to the list of the icons of the 'old segregationist South' that are no longer with us.

"I say never forget and never again," she added. ▀

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