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**A Pride march is held in Durham for the second time ever in 1986. Front Page file photo by Jenny LaBalme.**

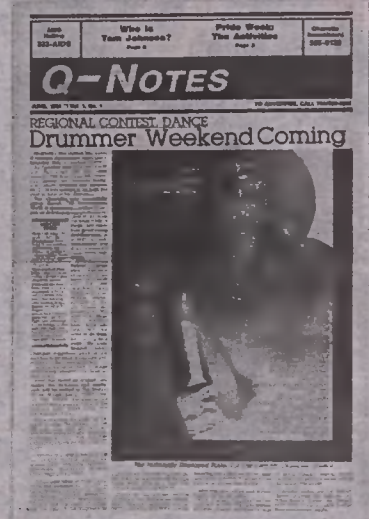
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tte is established by gay activist Don  
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rder. One man is later found guilty  
of second degree murder. The other  
s guilty to involuntary  
manslaughter in exchange for his  
cooperation and testimony against  
the other.  
May 5, 1981 — Charlotte Boys  
Choir accompanist John George is  
forced to resign from his position  
after appearing on a local WPCQ  
News Channel 36 news special,  
"Charlotte's Closet: Charlotte Gays."  
May 13, 1981 — New rules  
established by the High Point, N.C.,  
Housing Authority bar gay and les-  
bian couples, as well as unmarried  
heterosexual couples, from quali-  
fying for public housing.  
June 27, 1981 — "Our Day Out,"  
the first gay Pride  
parade in North  
Carolina, is held in  
Durham. The  
parade is  
attended by  
thousands of  
people.  
July 2, 1983.  
The first gay  
graduate student at N.C.  
State University  
wins a  
scholarship  
for the Raleigh City  
Hall, garnering only three per-  
cent of the  
total.  
LAMBDA, a counseling, health,  
and support  
organization  
is established.  
The Newsletter for lesbian  
and gay  
people is  
founded.  
James A. Brown files to run for  
Mayor. Joe Herzenberg is closeted at  
the time of  
his appointment  
to a council  
position.  
The University of South Carolina in  
Columbia  
reports on a "baffling illness"  
affecting  
students in the  
Chapel Hill area.  
The  
prevalence of  
immunodeficiency, at the time,  
was  
reported  
nationally.  
The  
Lambda  
Association  
sues for offi-

cial recognition from the university. The complaint is filed as a civil rights violation in U.S. District Court. A federal judge later rules in favor of the organization and they are granted official university recognition.

March 27, 1983 — Nineteen Democratic Party activists gather in Chapel Hill to establish the group, Lesbian and Gay Democrats of North Carolina.

June 28, 1983 — On the 14th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, *The Front Page* newspaper's entire front page of news, for the first time, is devoted to coverage of the AIDS outbreak. At the time, 13 cases has been reported in North Carolina, including seven dead victims of the disease, and three cases had been reported in South Carolina.

July 12, 1983 — A second issue of *The Front Page* devotes its entire front page of news to "The AIDS Crisis," the first time the phrase appears prominently in the newspaper. The paper includes an eight-page *Charlotte Observer* "special report" on AIDS as an insert. The reported number of cases nationwide rises to close to 2,000.



**The first tabloid newspaper issue of Q-Notes, June 1986.**

October 1983 — *Q-Notes*, at the time a newsletter of Queen City Quordinators, reports on the first case of AIDS in Charlotte.

Nov. 7-11, 1983 — News station WECT-TV broadcasts a five-part series on Wilmington's gay community.

December 1983 — New Life Metropolitan Community Church in Charlotte is established.

February 1984 — UNC-Chapel Hill's student government passes a resolution calling for a ban on discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in the activities of student organizations.

April 10, 1984 — *The Front Page* continues its coverage of the growing AIDS Crisis, as South Carolina ranks seventh and North Carolina ranks eighteenth in AIDS cases nationwide.

May 1984 — Joe Herzenberg, a formerly closeted Chapel Hill Town Council member, is elected as an openly gay delegate to the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco.

August 1984 — A Naval Investigative Service inquiry in Charleston leads to possible infiltration of gay clubs and bars. NIS requests the membership roster of Charleston's Metropolitan Community Church. The pastor refuses the request.

September 1984 — An openly gay Republican running for the Washington, D.C., City Council withdraws from the race after the Gay Activists Alliance declines to endorse him. A primary reason in the endorsement decision is the Republican's backing out of a gay speaking engagement in North Carolina, due to pressure from the Republican National Committee.

Fall 1985 — Six gay men found Metrolina AIDS Project in Charlotte.

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