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Publications merge

ASHEVILLE — Despite the faltering state of affairs in LGBT media across the country, the publisher of three LGBT-focused publications in the Carolinas says his company is growing.

OnQ Network's Jamie Seabolt and *Stereotypd's* Lin Orndorf and Porscha Yount announced on Aug. 24 the merger of their companies. *Stereotypd*, an Asheville-based monthly LGBT newspaper, will now be published by OnQ Network, currently based in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and making a move to the Raleigh-Durham area. The company also publishes the glossy nightlife guide *OnQ Carolina Edition* and the smaller, Charleston, S.C.-based *Drag Magazine*.

"With our now sister publication, *OnQ Carolina Edition*, showing the only growth in gay media throughout the Carolinas this year, it only made sense to share that opportunity and growth with *Stereotypd's* readers," Seabolt said in a press release. "The same edgy and thought-provoking content that you have come to know from us in Western North Carolina is now going to be shared with the entire Carolina region — from the mountains to the coast, north & south."

Seabolt promises growth for the Asheville-based publication. "You will notice many positive changes over the next 3 months as we grow with *OnQ Carolina Edition* including enhanced directories, a new magazine layout, and a new two-state distribution," he said in the release.

The company also announced it will be expanding *Drag Magazine's* coverage area.

Lin Orndorf, *Stereotypd's* former editor-in-chief, will continue as managing editor. Porscha Yount, former business and creative director, will continue as art director. Seabolt will serve as publisher and executive editor. Former owner and publisher Ira Schultz will still have a role to play with the publication, including writing his weekly column, "This Week with Stephanie Sinclair."

Published monthly, *Stereotypd* has a print circulation of 8,000. *OnQ Carolina Edition* has a bi-weekly print circulation of 5,000.

CAMPUS SCENE

HRC announces scholarship winners

ASHEVILLE — The Human Rights Campaign Foundation announced on Aug. 13 five winners of the Generation Equality Scholarship for LGBT and allied students who have demonstrated exceptional commitment

to queer equality.

Recipients will receive \$2,000 and have the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. in October for HRC's National Dinner.

Recipient from the Carolinas is Nataka Wiszczur, a second-year student at University of North Carolina-Asheville (UNCA) and is active both on campus and in the Asheville community. She volunteers at One Voice, a rape crisis center, where she provides short-term counseling and crisis intervention and trains new advocates on LGBTQ issues.

Since 2007, she has been actively involved with *Tranzmission*, a project of Asheville Prison Books that supports queer and transgender prisoners by providing books and pen-pals. Wiszczur has created a queer prom in Asheville that serves

as a major fundraiser for *Tranzmission* and has organized annual events like Take Back the Night and Stonewall Remembrance Day.

At UNCA, she has developed an interdisciplinary major focusing on sex and sexuality. "My degree is designed to integrate the ideas behind sex and sexuality from sociological, psychological and physiological perspectives while simultaneously developing the skills to actively promote healthy sexuality within the community." In the future, she plans to increase collaboration between queer prison support groups and continue working with at-risk queer and transgender youth. ▀

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