

PRESIDENTIAL NOTES

It's almost here! It seems like we've been planning for months and months, but soon the 2nd Annual Southeastern Gay Conference will convene for three days of non-stop gayness like Chapel Hill has never experienced! If you haven't registered, do so today and join over 200 people who have already registered!!

If you can provide housing, please let us know immediately. And most importantly, we are going to need a lot of help at the Conference itself. There has been a small group that has done most of the work so far; now I'm asking you, the masses, to volunteer when we need you most! Please contact Karen, Dan, John or Howard if you can help.

The Tea Dances at Blueberry Hill have been going really slow. I have been quite disappointed at the lack of support shown by most local gays. Hank Morgan, owner of Blueberry, has lost \$ to promote these dances for our benefit and for the benefit of the National Gay Task Force. Please, show Hank your appreciation by supporting both the Tea Dances held every other Sunday and Blueberry Hill! Hank has given CGA more support than any bar owner in the area ever has, and we truly appreciate his generosity.

The next Tea Dance is March 27th. Hope to see you there! From 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Free drinks are provided all night too!

CGA elections are coming up in April. Please be thinking about who you would like to have take over the leadership of CGA. We've made a lot of progress this year, and I'm looking forward to seeing CGA continue to grow next year. It is most important for good people to step forward now. It's hard work, but it is truly rewarding. How about you? Remember, we elect three officers: president, vice president and treasurer. Men and women who are students are eligible to run.

My special thanks to all the people who attended the outreach workshops. There was a tremendous spirit generated, and a heck of a lot of productive work was accomplished! We still have a number of outreaches in the offing for this semester. See the calendar for more information or talk to Allan Brown.

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KOCH BILL: HR 2998

Rep. Edward I. Koch has introduced the national gay civil rights bill. The New York City Democrat introduced the bill, which is identical to the one Rep. Bella Abzug had introduced in the last Congress, on the first day of the 95th Congress.

The bill would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by adding the words "affectional or sexual preference" to each list of human conditions for which people can not be discriminated against. The bill goes to the Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights of the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee. Hopefully, Rep. Don Edwards of California, chair of the subcommittee, can be convinced to hold hearings on the bill this year.

It is imperative that people write to their Congresspeople, urging them to co sponsor H.R. 2998.

-from "Gays on the Hill", newsletter of the Washington Office of MCC