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Year-Old Student Group Comes Into Its Own  
 Coming Out Week: Seven Eventful Days That Made  
 the LGBTIQ Community More Visible



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**“All of us have a duty as Americans to support the movement.”**  
 — Jarrett Barrios

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**Curtis Main performs to Madonna’s “Hanky Panky.” Willy Whacker, a drag king performed by junior Grier Coleman, plays the sexual interest.**

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## Curing Your Curiosity: A performer’s look at the 2nd annual Drag Show

By Curtis Main

Bind your breasts or duck tape your goodies ‘cause you’re going to be in drag!

In a hot, stuffy UNC Great Hall on October 11, amateur drag queens (including myself) tucked in their packages and perked their fake breasts while the drag kings did the opposite in a spectacle that would terrify most of our parents. By the end of the night, many were left asking, “Where did Carmen O’Connor put her penis?”

In GLBT-SA’s second “Curious: Drag Show,” professional and amateur kings and queens dazzled and dominated the stage to a packed crowd of more than 500 eager students and faculty. Reasons for coming out to the show varied, but one force remained obvious — the show tried to take you on a gender-bending adventure that most could not

resist.

Ever since the first Curious show last spring, I was determined to perform in the next. I had only performed in drag once before. It was so powerful and enjoyable that I knew I was hooked. When people did not even recognize me, and I was able to perform the feminine to the max, the rush was overwhelming. My ability to pass as a woman shocked me, while the rituals of make-up, dress, nails, hair and shoes were challenging, they seemed to come naturally.

Many drag performers are surprised at how much they know of performing gender, but really, most everyone knows the myths associated with being a man or a woman. I performed a short skit to Madonna’s “Hanky Panky,” a song in which Madonna tells men to stop trying so hard and just get to the point ... sex. Willy Whacker, a drag king per-

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