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# Dean Wants Focused QCC

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went with me and he had a gay friend in Atlanta. We piled into a '68 VW and off we went down Juniper Street. We pulled up in front of this place called The Armory and there must have been 300 people outside. My friend asked his friend why everyone was outside, and the guy said it was because the inside was packed. So we sauntered in and got progressively sloshed and walked across the parking lot to the Backstreet. It was equally packed and the kid just had a blast. The Armory and Backstreet: it was a baptism of fire.

The first bar I went to in Charlotte was the Odyssey when it was downtown. That firetrap was the most fun bar I've ever been in in this town. What a hopping place! I can remember walking up those stairs with the music getting progressively louder. Even on those stairs you could feel the heat off that dance floor. Those people knew how to party and that total let-your-hair-down, don't-care-what-anybody-thinks partying is something I think we've kind of lost in Charlotte.

There's a whole generation of kids coming up now who have never known those days and don't know what they're missing. There was a sense of camaraderie and brotherhood and sisterhood. People would talk to each other even if they didn't know each other. That's rare now. And when the bars would kick us out, there'd be a group of 15 or 20 in the parking lot and somebody would yell, "Let's go to the White Tower." Going to breakfast — that's another thing we used to do that we don't do as much now.

**Q-Notes: Why did you run for QCC president?**

**DG:** I didn't actually run. Several people wanted to know if I'd be interested. I told them I wasn't, particularly, but if

they chose me I'd accept it. I would have been perfectly content to sit on that board and be a collective thorn in several people's sides.

**Q-Notes: What can you offer QCC?**

**DG:** There's a perception that the board is stodgy, stuck-up, elitist. And that may have to some extent been true. As a trained journalist, I'm not averse to people knowing that members of the board don't always agree. In past years, the board has been comprised of one or two star players; this one is composed of a group willing to be team players. We may not get the ball every time, but we're willing to do what we have to to get the ball across the goal. It should be a team effort. And I think for the first time in a long time we have that team assembled.

I want us to be more open about our finances, which at this point are dismal.

When people ask where money is going, I want to be able to tell them. They have a right to know.

Everything we do should raise funds. We say we're a fundraising group, so let's do it. Everybody in the world can do ten things, but only two things really well. So QCC has to go back to doing what it does best. If we can have fun raising funds, that's great. But our first consideration has to be fundraising.

I'm going to push for people realizing that I don't run this organization and am merely the president. It's run by the board from which I take instructions.

QCC has enjoyed extremely good support in the past. I hope that continues. When we had only four groups in town, it was relatively easy to raise enough to keep them going. We've now got 15 or 16. To keep them going will require a hell of a lot more than we've ever raised before.

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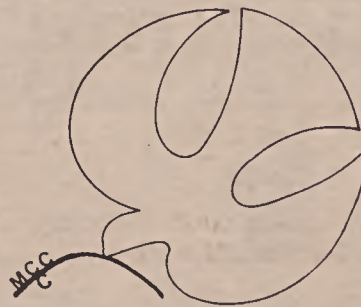
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