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1987 — The Year In Review

BEST BETS

- New Beginnings For Bowling Coliseum Lanes**
Jan. 4, 9 pm
- Comedy Crown Pageant Scorpio**
Jan. 17
- NTE at Oleen's**
Jan. 16
- MCSP Benefit at Scorpio's Wed., Jan. 20, 1988**
- Congressman Barney Frank to speak**
Call 339-0679 or 525-6128
Jan. 27
- Cabaret at Charades Performers call 535-8395**
Jan. 21

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by Dean Gaskey
Q-Notes Staff

Wow. What a year, 1987 had everything. It had drama, suspense, intrigue, even a good plot for a soap opera in Fort Mill, S.C. But, alas, mine is the serious look at the year.

Without a doubt the biggest story for 1987 was AIDS, the disease that gay persons have been dealing with for years, has come home to the population at large. I think heterosexuals are finally beginning to realize that AIDS is not a gay disease, but a human disease.

Seems that you can't pick up a straight newspaper anymore without seeing an AIDS story on page one. But the encouraging thing is that the stories aren't doom and gloom, but are telling of major advances in the treatment and the closing in on a possible cure for this disease. For that I am thankful.

Gay people have dealt with this disease for years and have dealt with it with grace and dignity. Maybe the rest of the world can learn something from us.

As AIDS passes out of the gay spotlight in to the press at large, the largest gay story of the year has to be the march on Washington.

The sight of 600,000 people gathered in one place, at one time, with one thing on their minds, has got to make a statement to the nation, and make a statement it did. It was the largest demonstration in U.S. history, rivaling the Poor Peoples march, The Vietnam Peach March, even the Civil Rights march with Dr. King.

It was a march that embodied the soul of our people; it was a cry from our people to be recognized as an integral thread in the fabric of the American tapestry. The Washington march also embodied the causes of the other famous marches that came before it. The plea for equal rights for all, peace among all nations, the respect of the dignity of all God's children.

There was one event that will go down in trivia history. Question: when was the only time that the U.S. Supreme Court building closed to the general public during regular office

hours? Answer: during the Gay Peoples' march on Washington in October 1987.

And except for those people who meant to get arrested at the Supreme Court there were no arrests during the march. That speaks to the dignity and grace of our people. As the saying goes, "We are a gentle, angry people."

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Scott Wins Mr. Gay U.S.A.

By Dean Gaskey
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For Kevin Scott, the road to the Mr. Gay U.S.A. started in June when he entered QCQ's Mr. North Carolina Hotlanta contest. But for Kevin, the long hours and hard work are nothing new.

After graduation from high school, he attended probably one of the toughest academic universities in the nation, Bob Jones University. While at the university, he was a double major. But hard work has paid off for Kevin — the titles just keep piling up.

Kevin, with a 40 inch chest and 30 inch waist, built into a 5'9", 160-pound frame, would turn heads anywhere he went. But on stage, he's even more impressive.

■ Winner: Mr. N.C. Hotlanta contest in Charlotte

■ 1st Runner Up: Mr. Gay All-America in Oklahoma City

■ Winner: N.C. Gay All-America, Raleigh

■ Winner: Mr. South Central U.S.A. Nashville, Tenn.

■ Winner: Mr. Gay U.S.A. in Houston, Texas.

Not bad for a boy from Wisconsin. "After seeing how successful I could be in QCQ's contest, I felt that I could compete nationally," Kevin said in a recent Q-Notes interview.

He competed for four days in Houston, Texas, winning both the talent and



Kevin Scott, Mr. Gay U.S.A.

swimsuit competition before clinching the title. It looks like he knows what he's talking about.

Kevin, at 25, still has lots of time and lots of energy to put into his dream to manage restaurants. And you can bet that if he manages half as well as he competes, he'll be a top manager for years to come.

Congressman Frank Addresses Gay Issues

By Dean Gaskey
Q-Notes Staff

If you're a devoted watcher of C-Span, the public service Satellite Network for the U.S. House of Representatives, Barney Frank needs no introduction. He's a man with a command of the English language, not heard often enough in Washington. When he speaks, often it is an impassioned plea for fairness for all people, whether they are midwest farmers or a ghetto welfare mother.

Barney Frank is what could be called a centrist, espousing neither the left nor the right in his ideology. And the position has gained him respect on both sides of the aisle in Washington.

Frank will speak here in Charlotte on January 27th at a location to be announced. Details are sketchy as of press time, but plans are to have a free speech followed by a private reception with a minimal charge (somewhere around \$5).

If you're interested in attending what could be the most interesting event of the year, contact John Quillin at the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard or Jim Yarbrough of QCQ at 339-0679.

Folks, if you need your activist batteries charged up to make it through the winter, for a little invested time and \$5.00 you can't go wrong with the Frank speech. Hope to see you there.



Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass.

Dear Readers:

By Dean Gaskey
Q-Notes Staff

With this edition of Q-Notes, you will notice several changes, the most notable is the change in the mast head and the addition of index and editors' best bets boxes on page one. With the addition of these boxes we hope to make it easier for you to find your favorite articles, and to see at a glance the best things happening in Charlotte and the surrounding area for the month.

Inside you will notice changes also, primarily the addition of standing columns on health, a new column entitled "The Soft Spot," which will deal with issues and things of interest to Charlotte's lesbian community.

In the future we hope to bring more special interest standing columns to the pages of your newspaper. Remember, this is your newspaper, and we encourage your thoughts and comments. Don't hesitate to write us at the address listed in the publisher's box in the organization section on page 2.

We look forward to serving you in the future. The best is yet to come!