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Meetings, Social Highlights, Community News, Etcetera...

by Toni Tatu **Q-Notes Staff**

Sunday August 30 The Park Elevator will hold a Tea Dance from 5 - 9 pm for NC Pride Pac and the Clinton/Gore Campaign. There will be a \$5 minimum donation.

SEPTEMBER Tuesday The Center for Homophobia Education will hold a seminar at The Cathedral of St. john the Baptist in Charleston, SC from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. For information call (301) 864-8954.

First Tuesday Association for Gay/Lesbian Equality will hold a planning session at 7:30 pm at Christ Episcopal Church. The meeting is open to all and new volunteers are welcome. For information call 332-6943.

Wednesday - Saturday The Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will have several panels on display in the Palmetto Ballroom of Clemson University. For further information contact Phil Howard (803) 656-

Monday One Voice will begin rehearsals for its Christmas Concert at 7 pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. For information call Larry Hahn 548-0771.

Thursday - Monday A Cooperative of Workers Production Co. will presentRhythm Fest on top of Lookout Mountain in Georgia. For more informaton, call Southern Women's Writers at (813) 864-1182.

OWLS will caravan to RhythmFest to be held on Lookout Moun-tain. For information call Carol at 531-1200 or Margaret at 377-

Saturday and Sunday TOSF will sponsor a rock climbing trip to Seneca Rocks, WV. For information, call John at (202) 667-4334.

Sunday The Universal Fellowship of **Metropolitan Community** Churches will hold its first service in Wilmington. For more information contact GROW Center, Rocky Point at (919) 675-

Lutherans Concerned/Charlotte will meet at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1900 the Plaza at 5pm. For information call Tom Pendleton at (704) 334-2367.

Tuesday
The HIV Forum will sponsor Dealing with Depression with Dr. Robert Barret in the main conference room adjacent to the cafeteria at Mercy Hospital from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. For information call 333-1435.

Monday Queen City Rollers will begin its 7th season at Coliseum Lanes at 9 pm. For more information call Billie Rose 545-0801.

MAP will hold its monthly board meeting at 6pm at the Drug Education Center on Morehead St. For information call 333-1435.

Tuesday Queer Conversations 7-9 pm Christ Episcopal Church on Provi-

Friday - Sunday Stepping Stone, Inc. is sponsoring the third annual "Gay Spirit Visions Conference" in the Blue Ridge mountains. For information call Gary Kaupman (404) 373-0426.

Saturday UMOJA will sponsor THE FALL THANG at the Under the Street Beneath Seventh Street Restaurant in Durham. For more information contact Jerry at (919) 479-0136.

Rising Moon Books will hold their one year anniversary party from 10 am - 6 pm. For information call (704) 332-RISE.

Sunday John Love will present selected readings from his play "Picture Perfect Images from the Mocha Regions of a Chocolate Boy's Reality," at Rising Moon Books at 3:30 pm. Discussion will follow.

Saturday - Sunday September 26 - October 4 Stonewall Climbers will have their annual meeting, rock climbing and campout. For information call Scott at (412)

OCTOBER Friday - Sunday October 2-4 **Eno River Unitarian Universalist** Fellowship of Durham will sponsor The Welcoming Congregation Conference entited "We Are Family." For more information contact Bonnie Crouse at (919) 722-

Sunday, October 11 National Coming Out Day Don't forget!

Shelter offers services for lesbians and gays

by Stan Hurlbut Special to Q-Notes

CHARLOTTE—The Shelter for Battered Women, an arm of United Family Services, is a resource for the lesbian and gay community of Charlotte and the surrounding territory. The Shelter, located in a county building at a confidential location, is staffed by a Director and three full-time counselors, as well as volunteers. (Volunteers are welcome.)

The Shelter has 18 beds arranged in a dormitory-like setting of suites of rooms around central bath facilities and offers excellent security arrangements. Some of the services offered are shelter for any woman and her children who are experiencing physically abusive relationships, be their partner male or female, counseling, on either an individual or group basis, and assistance working within the court system if that becomes necessary. All counseling and support services are free of charge, however, a fee is charged for residential care based on a sliding

fee schedule according to the individual's ability to pay.

Calls for help from lesbians and gay men are welcome. All are encouraged to call and utilize their counseling features. Gay men who have been physically abused can call the Shelter to obtain referrals to other agencies and can also obtain free legal assistance.

Since its inception in 1979, the Shelter has served thousands of people in crisis. In 1991 alone, 1,028 women and 310 children were provided needed services. According to Jane Taylor, a counselor at the Shelter, domestic violence is one of the most critical problems facing women today. In 1991, the Charlotte and Mecklenburg County police departments received a combined total of 32,413 calls from women suffering domestic abuse of one sort or another.

If you are experiencing physical abuse, please call Jane Taylor at (704) 332-2513. The Shelter is open 24 hours a day.