

Quips and Quotes

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"I warn you, Jeff Yarbrough, these kissy-poo fag preachers telling you it's OK to play with gerbils and worship the rectum will send you to hell and Fred Phelps is the best friend you fags have got in this world."

—The Rev. Fred Phelps, a Topeka activist known primarily for protesting at funerals of gay men who have died from complications from AIDS, in a letter to the editor of The Advocate.

"Another filthy media fag has died of AIDS. The fag dominated entertainment and media worlds are making a hero of this gerbil mongering moron, and touting his anal copulating lifestyle as a glorious thing to be emulated by American youth."

—Phelps again, in a news release issued Feb. 19 concerning the death of journalist and author Randy Shilts.

"It's always been a fantasy of mine to [make videos], and I'm so glad that everyone in the business is so nice and friendly—it's like a big family. I thought I was too old to get into it. I thought that everyone in the business was supporting their heroin addiction or something like that. A lot of people

could learn from the professionalism of this industry."

—Porn newcomer Grant Larson discussing his profession in the Jan. 28 issue of Frontiers. Larson is one of the stars of Romeo & Julian, billed as the first gay porn musical romance.

"It definitely would be one of a kind."

—Chris Ourand, a spokesperson for the National Association of Senior Living Industries, on a proposed retirement community for gays and lesbians being planned in Florida.

"On the night of Jan. 17, following the earthquake in Los Angeles, Pat Robertson went on the 700 Club television program to announce that gay people were responsible for (1) the earthquake, (2) the blizzards in the Eastern U.S., (3) the floods in the Midwest, (4) the hurricane in Florida, and (5) the famine in Africa.

"He 'reasoned' that these natural disasters were the judgement of God upon America because the right-wing hasn't risen up and 'done something' about us."

—Bud Clark, in a letter to the editor of The Washington Blade.

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Diversity can be a drag

by Gene Poteat
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Sponsoring a drag show and dispelling myths about the gay community may seem like incongruous activities to some, but not to the membership of I.M.A.G.E.S. (Incorporating Multiculturalism Among Groups and Educating Students), a recently formed student organization at UNC-Charlotte. As their first major project, they presented a female impersonator show on February 22nd as part of the school's "Diversity Week" activities.

"We thought a drag show featuring professional performers would be a unique way of educating as well as entertaining the straight population," says Drew Yates, the group's chairperson. Prior to the show, flyers giving a brief history of the art and influence of female impersonation were distributed, and after the entertainment, performers answered questions from the audience.

"These performers, all of whom are gay, hold degrees, pay taxes, even own businesses and can speak well for themselves and the diversity of the gay community," Yates noted.

In response to critics who charge that this type of show only reinforces stereotypes, Yates, who is openly gay, asks, "How else do you dispel the myths? Although some gay people on campus are not happy with us, at

some point we [the gay community] have to choose if we want to be visible — putting it out there to show people that we, including gay female impersonators, are all okay. The goal of I.M.A.G.E.S. is to promote the awareness of the cultural diversity of the campus community through educational programming such as this."

The event, funded by the University and held on campus, faced only minor opposition from students and faculty, including picketing by a small group of Young Republicans. According to Yates, "Overall, the student body and the administration have been very supportive of the organization's activities."

The formation of I.M.A.G.E.S., which grew out of a leadership retreat sponsored by UNCC last May, coincides with the emergence of multicultural organizations on college campuses across the nation. Extending beyond the boundaries of ethnic issues, these groups strive to foster an appreciation as well as an understanding of cultural differences whether they be regarding race, gender, customs, religion, sexual orientation, etc. According to Yates, "[I.M.A.G.E.S.] advocates respect and acceptance of those differences without asking for approval." The organization is open to all students interested in "broadening their diversity base."

Other events co-sponsored by the group included "Diversity Jeopardy," a variation of the popular game show featuring categories such as Ageism, Sexism and Racial Discrimination, a poster contest celebrating diversity through visuals, Humanitarian/Diversity Awards, and "Can We Talk?," an open forum for students to discuss any issues they deem important.

At one point, Yates was concerned that I.M.A.G.E.S. would be perceived as a "gay" organization. "It has been a problem, but," added Yates, "after the response to this show and the discussion that followed it, I believe we will be seen not as a gay organization, but simply as an organization whose leadership happens to be gay." Future activities include the possibility of a multicultural fashion show and working with UNCC CARES to provide assistance to various charities.



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