

electrovox

revival of electronic 80's
and 90's dance music
with dj andy kastanas

wednesday nights

\$100 house drinks and domestic beer

mythos

375.8765. www.mythosclub.com

uptown charlotte, nc corner of 6th and n. college



Air Force issues supportive policy

by Kim I. Mills
Special to Q-Notes

WASHINGTON, DC—In one of her last acts before retiring as secretary of the Air Force, Sheila Widnall issued an anti-discrimination policy stating for the first time in writing that the Air Force would not discriminate against civilian employees based on their sexual orientation. Widnall issued a memorandum reiterating the Air Force's equal opportunity poli-

cies, which she called "straightforward" — "zero tolerance for any kind of unlawful discrimination against military members or civilian employees based on color, national origin, race, religion or sex, and in the case of civilian employees, also age, sexual orientation or disabling conditions."

The Navy has also established in writing that it will not discriminate against civilian employees based on sexual orientation. ▼

Pride

Continued from page 1

the GLPM events, Reynolds said. "It's a very different viewpoint when you come here on a mission." That mission conflicts with the "wholesome, family environment" of Broadway at the Beach, she asserted.

Burroughs & Chapin also owns the Myrtle Beach Pavilion amusement park and several other Grand Strand attractions.

The developer's staunch opposition could force a showdown, festival leaders said. "If they don't change their thinking, then the dollars may change it," stated Snell.

Gay organizations might sponsor a boycott during the festival and try to dissuade big companies from doing business with Burroughs & Chapin, he said. To indicate the potential economic damage, Snell cited a list of companies with policies that prohibit discrimination

against gays. At least five are major Burroughs & Chapin tenants. In addition, the increased publicity may generate more interest and bring more people to the march. A boycott decision will be made at a Dec. GLPM board meeting.

At least one company is standing fast. The House of Blues, which has no connection with Burroughs & Chapin, plans to host a VIP Social and concert. House of Blues spokeswoman Kathy Bishop said the restaurant's support squares with its image of "unity in diversity."

March organizer Linda Robertson said the march and festival will still take place in Myrtle Beach. She said the hotel, The Patricia Grand, which had committed to accommodating visitors in the beachfront hotel, had not backed out. "We will still have this march here," she said. "And don't be surprised if our numbers are tripled after all this. ...If for no other reason, this is the very thing that proves why we need this march here." ▼

ADAP

Continued from page 1

and 3) the treatment is so effective that clients are not getting sick enough to qualify for Medicaid — and move off of ADAP — in the same numbers as they did previously.

In August, 530 people (of the nearly 2000 who are eligible) purchased their medications through ADAP. That number jumped to 686 in September. Because triple combination therapy costs about \$1000 per patient per month — an increase of more than \$150,000 can be placed on the program every four weeks at the current rate.

North Carolina's comparatively lenient ADAP eligibility qualifications are another factor in the crisis. In some states, users must have been HIV-positive for a set period of time, have AIDS, be below a specified CD4 count or above a certain viral load to qualify. Here, anyone who is HIV-positive with an income of less than 125 percent of the federal poverty limit is eligible for ADAP. The state will likely become more stringent in this area in the future.

Also, North Carolina forsakes the volume discounts it could receive from pharmaceutical companies by limiting the number of ADAP drug outlets and stocking them with bulk purchases. At the moment, clients can use their program cards at any pharmacy in the state. Although this is a great luxury, the need for cost-cutting may force a change in policy.

Both of these situations need to — and are — being examined, but the immediate priority is finding the money to keep ADAP going until the next cycle of grants arrives.

Reimer presented the governor with a three-part contingency plan for salvaging ADAP: "One. Please use state contingency funds im-

mediately to provide ADAP with enough money to continue to serve those who are qualified for the program now, and who may become qualified in the future. The current best estimate of what will be needed to continue to provide medication to those who are using ADAP is \$1.4 million for the remainder of the federal fiscal year which ends March 31, 1998. An additional \$1.2 million would be needed to keep the program open to new enrollees.

"Two. If a special session of the General Assembly is called, please consider also making a special request for an appropriation to fully fund ADAP during this fiscal year.

"Three. In the budget planning for the 1998 and future sessions of the General Assembly, please include enough money in your proposal to the legislature to make ADAP solvent in the future. Please also propose a budget that will increase significantly our state's HIV prevention programs which, by interrupting the spread of HIV, can not only improve the health of North Carolinians, but reduce expenditures for programs like ADAP and other health care services."

Although the legislature is being asked to provide a substantial amount of money to bail out ADAP, the savings will far outweigh the costs in the end. "Every dollar spent on ADAP equals \$8 saved on Medicaid," Jones explained. "You won't get an 8 to 1 return on an investment anywhere else these days. The state can't afford to not do this."

A letter writing campaign has been initiated to ensure that ADAP is protected. To participate, write: Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., Office of the Governor, Raleigh, NC 27603-8001; and H. David Bruton, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, PO Box 2960, Raleigh, NC 27262-0601. ▼

SAVE MONEY

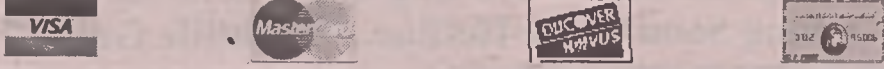
Lay-Away Now for Christmas

Mention This Ad for an additional 10% Off!

- VCRs
 - TVs (13-19")
 - TV/VCR (13-19")
 - Boom Boxes
 - Cordless Phones
 - Fashion Jewelry
 - Toys
 - All Name Brand Furniture, Living Room Sets, Bedroom Sets, Recliners
 - All Name Brand Shirts
 - Fax Machines
- Charlotte Pagers (NC & SC coverage)
- Open Mon.-Sat. 10:00am-9:00pm; Sun 1:00-6:00pm

Why pay high retail when you can purchase at outlet prices.
Save 30 - 50% off Retail

New Location Outlet Market Place Mall
across from Paramount Carowinds
3700 Avenue of the Carolinas, Fort Mill, SC 29715
(803) 548-7177
Mark Walters, Owner



Pink Fairy Travels
1409 East Blvd., Suite 6A
Charlotte, NC 28203
Call Today
Charlotte - 704-332-5545
National - 800-243-3477
Fax - 704-332-0482

International Gay & Lesbian Travel Association
IGLTA

SKI INNSBRUCK
WINTER 97-98
Starting at
\$799* P.P.D.O.

Includes:

- Roundtrip air to Munich, Germany
- Seven nights in selected hotel
- Roundtrip van from Munich airport to Innsbruck hotel
- Daily skier's breakfast
- All hotel service charges and taxes

The charming medieval town of Innsbruck, twice the host of the Winter Olympics, is surrounded by five different ski areas. Everyone will enjoy the wide selection of other winter sport facilities, restaurants, shopping and delightful Tyrolean beer halls. Enjoy a perfect winter holiday!

*Price is per person based on double occupancy and does not include airport taxes

Call Beverly at 1-800-243-3477