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## New 'ex-gay' show hits the waves

'Pure Passion' is pure nonsense says watchdog group

by Mark Smith

"Pure Passion," an "ex-gay" television show that will air on two Christian television networks has drawn the ire of Truth Wins Out (TWO) a recently formed watchdog organization that monitors actions by anti-gay groups.

Beginning Sept. 18, The Sky Angel Satellite Network ([www.skyangel.com](http://www.skyangel.com)) will run the program on Tuesday evenings at 11 p.m. (ET) on channel 9702, according to an ex-gay newsletter. "Pure Passion" will also broadcast on local affiliates with the Christian Television Network ([www.ctntv.org](http://www.ctntv.org)).

In the Carolinas, much of CTN's programming is picked up by the Trinity Broadcasting network, which is carried by multiple stations in both states.

"The last thing people of faith need is more pure propaganda and pure nonsense that is rejected by every mainstream mental health organization in the nation," said TWO Executive Director Wayne Besen. "We are

deeply concerned that innocent young people dealing with their sexual orientation will be led to self-destructive behavior, including suicide, by a show designed to confuse fact with fiction."

The show, produced by Mastering Life Ministries, will be hosted by David Kyle

Foster, a former male prostitute and actor (his crowning moment was in the role of a slaughter victim in "Halloween").

Exodus International president and self-confessed former thief Alan Chambers will also appear, as will pop singer Sy Rogers and ex-lesbian activist Christine Sneeringer.

"The colorful characters hosting this show with questionable moral character will likely prove to be quite entertaining, as most circus acts are,"

**Loser line-up (clockwise): David Kyle Foster, Alan Chambers, Sy Rogers and Christine Sneeringer will host 'Pure Passion.'**

remarked Besen. "However, the litany of lies that will be broadcast are nothing to poke fun at and will shatter many lives. TWO will continue working to reach Americans with the truth and factual depictions of LGBT life." ▀

## Changes, goals met at ENC

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the first of several moves, the Board named Palmquist as sole executive director of the organization.

Palmquist has been on staff with ENC since 1999, most recently serving as executive director of programs and shared management of the group with Executive Director of Development Ed Farthing.

Farthing will take on the new position of Political and Community Organizer.

Farthing will be based in Hickory and will focus on building relationships with Republicans and increasing the group's presence in the western part of the state.

In addition to shifting current staff into new positions, the Board approved hiring two additional employees. The group is now seeking applicants for a new director of development who will take over responsibility for fundraising from Farthing this fall.

T. Shawn Long was hired as administrative coordinator to keep the office running smoothly and providing critical support for ENC's legislative, electoral, and educational work.

A long-time ENC supporter, Long has a wealth of experience in non-profit administration, most recently working for the NC Academy of Physician Assistants as membership services coordinator. He has been an active volunteer for LGBT causes, including Triangle Community Works, and is a frequent

writer of letters to the editor on equality issues. He began on Aug. 22. ▀

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