

more knowledgeable about the Charlotte LGBT community and has served to further my dedication. I am excited to be able to follow my passion and work more extensively with The LGBT Community Center of Charlotte. I believe both the Center and *qnotes* deserve dedicated and passionate staff who will help both entities grow; I cannot think of a better person for *qnotes* than Matt."

A native of Winston-Salem, N.C., Comer was hired as *qnotes*' editor in October 2007. He served in the role until January, when he stepped down to work as communications manager for Campus Pride, a national, Charlotte-based LGBT organization serving college and university students.

"My short time away from *qnotes* has given me opportunity to honestly explore my professional interests and personal passions," said Comer. "I am excited to return to *qnotes* and renew my work in community and advocacy journalism on behalf of LGBT Charlotteans and North Carolinians. My part-time work with Campus Pride this spring was both fulfilling and enlightening. The work they do is important and I urge every member of our community to offer them your generous support."

Campus Pride, the nation's leading educational organization for student leaders and campus groups working to create a safer college environment for LGBT students, announced that with the departure of Comer, they will be actively looking for his

successor. Comer will step down from the organization on June 15 to return to his position as editor of *qnotes*.

"Though his time with our organization has been short, we have enjoyed having Matt on our staff," said Campus Pride Executive Director Shane Windmeyer. "Matt has contributed much to our communications strategy and we wish him well as he returns to working as editor of *qnotes*. I know that journalism is Matt's first love and passion. We wish him well and appreciate his support of Campus Pride and our important work on college campuses across the country."

Comer will remain with Campus Pride as an independent consultant working on the organization's planned online overhaul of its website.

"I am deeply committed to the mission and vision of Campus



Pride," said Comer. "Though national in its scope, Campus Pride's presence in Charlotte and in North Carolina is a blessing for our community. I look forward to working with Shane and Campus Pride's board in creating new opportunities for outreach through a new and expanded online presence."

A job description for the part-time Campus Pride position is available online at campusprideblog.org/blog/job-opening-campus-pride-seeks-new-communications-program-manager.

Comer is the recipient of the 2008 Ed Madden Media Advocacy Award from the South Carolina Pride Movement and was named in November 2011 as Equality North Carolina's "Equality Champion"

for the Charlotte region. He attended the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and last year enrolled at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte where he is completing his studies in American history and politics. . :

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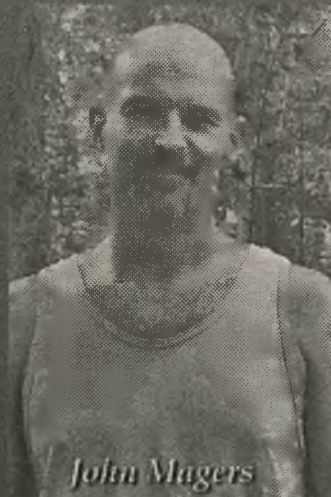
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