

## \*\* SECOND ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN GAY CONFERENCE \*\*

Planning is already underway for the bigger and better 2nd Annual Southeastern Gay Conference, slated for April 1-3, 1977, here in Chapel Hill. The next planning session is set for Saturday, November 20, from 1-5PM, in the Carolina Student Union. Check the Union desk for the room number. We welcome any interested people to participate in the meeting, whether you represent a group's interests or your own. For anyone traveling, housing will be available on Friday and Saturday nights. For more details, call either Howard Fradkin (942-2039) or Dan Leonard (929-4997). If you can provide housing, please complete the form on page 8 of the newsletter.

Planning for the conference began on October 23 with some 20 people attending from as far away as Athens, Georgia and Richmond, Virginia. A tentative schedule of events, list of workshops and speakers were proposed. Ideas were also developed for fund-raising, so that we can obtain a number of well-known speakers to draw in the crowds. Responsibilities are already being divided by groups and we're hoping to involve many more people in these initial planning sessions.

Possible speakers mentioned at the first meeting include Rita Mae Brown, Elaine Noble, Loretta Lotman, Jane O'Leary, Vito Russo, and Bruce Voeller. Ideas were also formulated to have an exhibit hall this year, open during social times, to provide information about groups in this region, as well as ideas for programming and organizing groups. Publishers of gay literature will also be invited.

Anticipating twice as many people as last year, the ENTIRE Student Union has already been reserved for the 3-day conference. Our goal is to fill the Great Hall for the opening session!



(National Tea Dance -- Continued)

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP:

- (1) Put up posters on campus.
- (2) Distribute leaflets at BLUEBERRY HILL. The management has already agreed to let us distribute them on car windows.
- (3) Volunteer for one or more hours to sit at the door and collect money or give out tickets any TEA DANCE night.
- (4) Come to the TEA DANCE yourself. The music is provided by Roy Thode, a hot D.J. from New York, especially for the TEA DANCE!
- (5) Talk it up among your friends and BRING them too!

To volunteer for any of the above projects, please come to the next CGA meeting, November 15, or call Howard Fradkin (942-2039) or John Whitner (967-7776).

The NATIONAL GAY TASK FORCE is helping us by financing a campaign to change the sodomy laws; supporting confrontations with companies to correct unfair hiring practices; buying media projects to improve the public's image of gay people; and financing another crack at the Supreme Court. These TEA DANCES provide part of the needed funds for these projects. Your support is one of the most positive things you can do for yourself and your future.