

# State and Local News

## CGA Forms Men's Support Group

CGA has announced that a gay men's support group will begin meeting on June 3. The group of ten people will meet weekly for facilitated discussion.

A facilitator for the group characterized it as for "men who feel pretty comfortable being out and want to talk with other gay men about gay lifestyles and related issues."

CGA sponsored several "consciousness raising" groups in past years, but no groups have met within the past year. When the idea of again establishing support groups was discussed at several business meetings during the past spring semester, many people expressed immediate interest. Groups were suggested for lesbians, for people "coming out," and for supporting leaders against burn-out.

The group facilitator said the men's support group was the first to be established since most of the interested people were going to be in town for summer school. He said other groups would likely form early in the fall semester.

People interested in facilitating or participating in future groups may call Mark at 929-1982.

## Local Democrats Pass Pro-Gay Resolution

The Orange County (N.C.) Democratic Party on April 25, unanimously passed a resolution endorsing civil rights legislation for gays. Part of the resolution is reprinted below.

"Whereas many North Carolinians suffer discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment and housing,

"Be it resolved that the Orange County Democratic Party supports the following measures to guarantee the civil rights of all citizens, irrespective of their sexual orientation:

(1) Passage by Congress of H.R. 2074 to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing, and the military.

"(2) Repeal by the North Carolina General Assembly of all laws discriminating against citizens on the basis of sexual orientation."

(NPR, cont. from p. 3)

The Gay Media Production Associates in Boston reports that NPR stations in the Southeast planning to carry the program include: WBJC-FM (Baltimore, MD), WSCI-FM (Charleston, SC), WUOT-FM (Knoxville, TN) and WUSF-FM (Tampa, FL).

North Carolina stations in Charlotte (WFAE-FM), Warrenton (WVSP-FM) and Winston-Salem (WFDD-FM) are reportedly not planning to air the program in their respective listening areas.

NPR will distribute the program via satellite to all member stations. Each station chooses whether or not to broadcast it.

## Charlotte Gays Schedule Gay/Lesbian Pride Week

Lesbians and gay men in Charlotte have designated June 15-21 as "Gay/Lesbian Pride Week of the Carolinas." The Queen City Quordinators, organizers of the Week, have scheduled a series of events ranging from bar buffets on weeknights to a June 20 rally with Barbara Gittings as the featured speaker.

Workshops will also be offered on Saturday and Sunday on such stopies as "gay/lesbian activism, self defense, and formation of a Carolinas-wide communications network."

QCQ is also offering inexpensive accommodations for the weekend at UNC-Charlotte. Advance reservations are necessary.

For more information, write:

Queen City Quordinators  
P.O. Box 220125  
Charlotte, N.C. 28222

## Self Defense Training to be Offered

CGA is considering sponsoring self defense training for lesbians and gay men. Chairperson Mark Evens says he has received requests for such classes from several people, and that a male instructor has volunteered his services.

Final plans have not been made, but a class will likely form at the beginning of the fall semester. There will be a small charge for weekly instruction.

People interested in such a class may call Mark at 929-1982.

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