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NCSU Hosts Statewide Conference

March 30 - April 1

The second annual North Carolina Gay/Lesbian Conference will be held on the campus of N.C. State University March 30 - April 1. Organizers are planning for lesbian comedienne and musician Robin Tyler for a Saturday night concert and former U.S. Representative Robert Baumann (R-Md) as keynote speaker.

The conference theme is "Networking for Community Support," and organizers have planned speakers and workshops to explore how to make the lesbian and gay communities in the state more cohesive as well as ways to achieve support from and alliances with the larger community.

Baumann represented a conservative district in Maryland's eastern shore area until he lost his bid for reelection in 1980. The previous summer Baumann was accused of homosexual encounters; he later admitted homosexual tendencies. He is generally recognized as a conservative on fiscal and foreign affairs and military matters, as well as on social issues.

Baumann maintains close ties with Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC). He recently appeared on ABC's "20/20" program and will appear in May at a New York Parents of Gays conference.

Tyler, from Los Angeles, has performed and lectured throughout the country and has been hailed as a relevant, outrageous and uproariously funny comic. Of one of her performances, the New Orleans Times-Picayune, said, "She ripped into most of our exploitative cultural myths; racism, sexism, organized religion, politics and covered numerous other bases. Finally a woman had used humor as a political tool, and through satire, a weapon."

Planning is still underway for a variety of workshop topics for the weekend. Currently proposed topics include political organizing, AIDS and other health issues, re-evaluation counseling, transcendental sex, operation of crisis counseling, gay publishing, gay parents, and parents of gays.

Workshop leaders will include gay historian John D'Emilio, author of Sexual Politics, Sexual Communities and professor of history at UNC-Greensboro, and Tom Chorlton, executive director of the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs. Larry Bush, author of the Bush Report, a monthly briefing on gay (see NC CONFERENCE, p. 2)

BWMT's Co-chair Speaks in Chapel Hill

Melvin Ross, co-chair of Black and White Men Together-Atlanta, will be CGA's guest on Monday, Feb. 27. Ross will speak on the topic "Building Coalition: the Gay Community and Beyond."

Ross is a veteran gay activist and is a member of the Atlanta Mayor's Advisory Task Force and of the Atlanta Police Advisory Task Force. He is also part of the speakers bureau of AIDS/Atlanta.

In addition he serves on the executive board of Gay Pride, the organizing committee for Atlanta's annual celebration.

The Feb. 27 event will be held at 5:00pm in Room 103 of Bingham Hall. [It was previously scheduled to be in the Carolina Union.] The speech is of course free and open to the public.

Student Government Passes Anti-discrimination Resolution

The UNC-CH student government (Campus Governing Council) approved a resolution on Feb. 1, calling for a prohibition of discrimination based on sexual orientation by University recognized student groups. But no further action has been taken on the resolution since passage.

The resolution calls upon the Office of Student Affairs to "amend their Anti-Discrimination policy to require that recognized organizations include sexual orientation in their Anti-Discrimination charters."

Carol Solow (District 2-graduate) authored the resolution and along with co-sponsors Alan Rosen, Bill Barlow, and (see RESOLUTION, p. 3)

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