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Following the concert, there will be two dances, one with rock and new wave music and the other with folk music.

Sunday morning there will be time for workshops or caucuses and a religious service. Black lesbian writer Barbara Smith will present the closing address. Ms. Smith edited Home Girls and the anthology This Bridge Called My Back and founded Kitchen Table Press. A closing circle will follow her speech, and an afternoon picnic is scheduled for Forest Theatre.

Many other events have been suggested, including a program of men's love songs from the Renaissance, a women's literature reading, a gay one-act play, and a sports tournament. But volunteers are needed to make them happen.

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#### FUNDRAISING

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Organizers are raising funds locally in a variety of ways. There will be a benefit dance and prize drawing in mid-March. And individuals and businesses are invited to make a tax-deductible contribution to the 10th Southeastern Conference, which is operating under the Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men, Inc., a non-profit, tax exempt educational corporation chartered in Alabama.

The Conference has received a grant from the Chicago Resource Center, some of which will be used as seed money for the April gathering.

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#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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Planners are asking for volunteers to help them with the logistics of publicity, concert staging, housing, food, transportation, and fundraising. New volunteers are welcome at the next meetings of the Steering Committee: Feb. 23 at 1 p.m. in the Senate Room of the Student Center at N.C. State University, and March 16 at 1 p.m. in the Carolina Union at UNC-CH.

Pre-registration forms will be available in the first week of March.

To volunteer or for more information, call or write:

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## News Briefs

News summarized from Gay Community News

#### BAD BLOOD

The New Hampshire state legislature is considering a bill which would make it a felony for a "homosexual" to donate blood in the state. The bill has been reported out of the House Judiciary Committee with the unanimous recommendation that it be killed.

Opposition to the bill included the administrator of the N.H. Red Cross who said the soon-to-be-implemented HTLV-III antibody test was adequate to safeguard the blood supply.

#### APUZZO RESIGNS NGTF POST

Virginia Apuzzo, executive director of the National Gay Task Force, will leave her post on March 18 to become deputy director of the New York State Consumer Protection Board in Albany, NY.

The articulate and charismatic Apuzzo strengthened NGTF during a divisive time and represented the gay and lesbian community nationwide. She arranged two meetings with the Reagan administration to lobby for more AIDS funding, and encouraged gay men and lesbians to combat other kinds of societal oppressions besides homophobia, especially racism and sexism.

Jeff Levi will assume acting directorship until a successor is found.

(Congratulations on your new post, Ginny, but we'll miss you.)

#### UC-BERKELEY BANS DISCRIMINATING EMPLOYERS

The University of California has agreed to prevent private employers who discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation from using campus placement facilities.

The action came at the urging of the lesbian/gay campus network and was based on the 1979 Ca. Supreme Court ruling in Gay Law Students Assoc. v. Pacific Telephone & Telegraph who determined that such discrimination violated the California Labor Code.

Discrimination by employers using the University placement centers was documented by a survey of students and by written admission of several employers.

#### NATIONAL CONFAB ON RACISM

The National Association of Black & White Men Together (BWMT) will hold its 1985 convention July 15-20 in Los Angeles. The theme is "Brotherhood: The Issues, the Challenges...A Focus on Racism."