



Students Begin Campaign for LGBT Center

Opposition Expected; Students Hope To Win Their Goal Quickly, Quietly

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On Oct. 13, the University of Virginia announced that it would establish a resource center on campus for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered students. The announcement marked the culmination of two years work by various groups on and off campus.

The UVA center provides a safe haven for LGBT students on campus as well as resources such as pamphlets and a li-

five public universitites ranked by U.S. News & World Report, UNC is the only one without an LGBT resource center. But if some students at UNC have their way, that won't be the case for long.

LGBT resource centers are appearing on campuses across the country as university officials recognize the importance of addressing the unique situations queer students face regularly during college. Not only do these resource centers provide a safe place for students to socialize or do homework, they also show the willingness of the university to address the problems faced by LGBT students.

By establishing a resource center, the universities have institutionalized a way

to address the concerns of LGBT students and give them a voice.

For example, a non-discrimination clause that includes sexual orientation could be ignored at a university that lacked the administrative presence to support it. An institutionalized LGBT resource center can provide the means



The National Coming Out Day march brought together many queer students and activists on campus.



brary carrying books the campus library might not. The LGBT resource center is staffed by a graduate student whose position is funded by the University.

With the establishment of the center at UVA, however, UNC-Chapel Hill took on a new distinction. Out of the top

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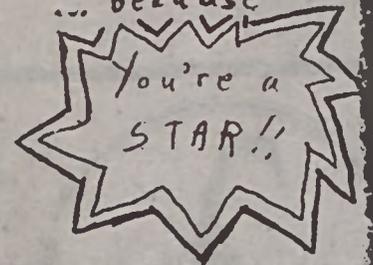
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