

# STATE NEWS

## NC Preparing AIDS Brochure for Gay Men

Gay and bisexual men make up the largest percentage of people who have AIDS nationally and in North Carolina, but the state has no brochure designed for them. Now officials are working to change that.

After producing pamphlets for blacks, women and drug users on how to avoid getting acquired immune deficiency syndrome, the state hopes to produce a brochure for gay men within two months.

The State Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources has already approved the text for the brochure.--*Asheville Citizen*, 1/14/91. ▽

## Gay Group Boycotts Human Relations Month

GROW, A Community Service Corporation, a gay/lesbian /HIV organization serving the eastern part of North Carolina, declined to participate in its county's 1991 Human Relations Month, because of lack of progress in gay and lesbian rights.

In their letter, the GROW Board commended the New Hanover County

Human Relations Commission on passing a resolution to work toward inclusion of "sexual orientation" as a protected class. However, the GROW Board has seen no action beyond that. In addition, the Board feels that GROW has been excluded from participating in Wilmington and New Hanover County governmental processes that have "far-reaching consequences" for them.

The letter concludes, "We hope that we can open a dialogue with the New Hanover County Human Relations Commission regarding these issues, and look forward to a Human Relations Month when gay and lesbian people can freely participate." ▽

## Town Includes Gays

The town of Carrboro, NC, has added protection of gay men and lesbians to its hiring policy. The Board of Aldermen voted December 18 to add sexual orientation to the groups covered in Carrboro's non-discrimination clause.

Carrboro joins the NC cities of Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill in adding sexual orientation to its non-discrimination employment policy.--*The Front Page*, 1/8/91 ▽

## "Dykes" to Hit NC

Alison Bechdel's "Dykes to Watch Out For: The Slideshow!" will be presented at 8:15 PM, Saturday, March 2, in Charlotte, NC. It is being produced by Lambda Connections, a new production company based in Charlotte, and is one of many events Lambda Connections will be producing in 1991.

Since its appearance in 1983, Alison Bechdel's comic strip "Dykes to Watch Out For" has become an addiction for its many avid fans. Readers from all over the country follow the affairs and tribulations of Mo, Harriet, and the gang at Madwimmin Books with a mixture of delight, familiarity and anxious foreboding.

Bechdel has published three best-selling collections of her work and two calendars with Firebrand Books, and has self-syndicated her comic strip. "Dykes to Watch Out For" now runs in over 30 gay/lesbian, progressive and feminist publications in the US, Canada and Scotland.

"Dykes to Watch Out For: The Slideshow!" is an engaging, informative and very entertaining look at the artistic development of lesbian cartoonist Alison Bechdel. In a presentation including childhood drawings as well as her most

recent work, Bechdel guides the audience on an intimate and thought-provoking tour of her creative process.

In her talk she covers topics ranging from the traditional representation of female cartoon characters to growing up as a lesbian in a women-hating culture, to drawing "as therapy." Bechdel also introduces each of her "Dykes to Watch Out For" characters, with insight into their creation and development.

There will be a book signing after the presentation. The show will be presented at the Medcenter Inn (formerly the Ramada Inn). Cost is \$4-\$8.

Tickets can be purchased by mail by sending check to Lambda Connections, PO Box 12072, Charlotte, NC 28212. Tickets bought in advance will have reserved seating. Tickets will also be sold at the door. ▽

## Attn.: AZT Users

reported by David Owens

Procrit, an anti-anemia drug, has been approved by the FDA for treatment of AZT-induced anemia. The drug stimulates production of red blood cells. It will be available by prescription beginning February 21.

If you think this might be appropriate for you, contact your physician.

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