

# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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Asheville, NC Skyline Photo by Ron Huskins

## Asheville Chosen to Host NC State Pride in 1992

For the first time in the history of the NC Pride March and Celebration, this event will be held outside the Triangle area. On May 4 the North Carolina Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Equality (NCCGLE) accepted the proposal submitted by the Western North Carolina Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (WNCL/GPC) to hold the March and Celebration in Asheville in 1992.

"We are very pleased to have been selected as the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for 1992," said Ron Huskins, chair of WNCL/GPC. "After this year's WNC Pride Festival is over, WNCL/GPC will officially become a subcommittee of the Asheville Gay and Lesbian Community Council and begin working on next year's events."

One of the changes foreseen by Huskins is having a parade instead of the usual march. "We want to show this town a good time, make them laugh, and show them (the straight community) that we know how to have fun. We want to see drag queens from every town on the backs of convertibles; and floats from every organization, bar, and city in this

state." Huskins continued, "We want the straight community to participate as well. This is their opportunity to show what a wonderfully supportive area this is, by joining us in on our celebration."

At one point, NCCGLE had learned that the Charlotte community was also interested in hosting the event. However, Charlotte later reconsidered and decided not to submit a bid.

Jim Duley, Chair of NC Pride '91, told *Community Connections*, "I'm thrilled to have [Pride '92] in Asheville. Asheville, of all the communities in the state, is the most organized, the most ready to host an event, and it's due to the existence of the WNCL/GPC and Ron Huskins."

Duley continued, "Western North Carolina has the only other standing Pride Committee in the State, so they're already geared up every summer to host some sort of an event. Adding the Parade to their Pride Festival seems like a natural progression for them."

"Next year I'll be in Connecticut, but in June I'll be in Asheville for North Carolina Pride. I wouldn't miss it." ▼

## UNCA Bans Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation

The following Policy on Sexual Orientation was passed unanimously by the UNCA Faculty Senate on April 11, 1991:

### Policy on Sexual Orientation

It is the policy of The University of North Carolina at Asheville that an individual's sexual orientation is irrelevant to educational and employment decisions. Any non-faculty employee of The University of North Carolina at Asheville having a complaint of discrimination because of sexual orientation should notify the immediate supervisor or the Director of Personnel. A faculty member should notify the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. A student should notify the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. At any

time, a student or employee may call the Affirmative Action Officer or the Counselling Center.

### Rationale

The University of North Carolina at Asheville believes that educational and employment decisions should be based on the abilities and qualifications of individuals and should not be based on irrelevant factors or personal characteristics that have no connection with academic abilities or job performance. Among the traditional factors which are generally "irrelevant" are race, sex, religion, and national origin. It is the policy of The University of North Carolina at Asheville that the

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## June is Pride Month

June is Lesbian/Gay Pride month all over the nation. In celebration of the anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall Riots in New York City, in which lesbians and gay men fought back when harassed by police, June has been chosen as the month for gay men and lesbians to be proud and visible. Celebrations are planned in most major cities in every region of the country, such as New York, San Francisco, St. Louis, and Atlanta.

Two statewide marches are planned in the Carolinas. Western North Carolina will have its own weekend-long festival. (See Calendar, pages 11-14, for all details.)

Several events are planned in the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill (Triangle) area of the state in conjunction with North Carolina's state Pride. (See Calendar, pages 11-14, for all NC Pride '91 events.)

On Saturday, June 29, the Sixth

Annual North Carolina Lesbian and Gay Pride March and Celebration will be held in Durham. Marchers will gather at 11; the march begins at noon. Immediately after the rally, women are invited to attend an open house at Our Own Place. A post-pride party will follow.

Jim Duley, Chair of NC Pride '91, commented on this year's Pride events: "This year is pretty important because it's celebrating 20 years of gay and lesbian organizing in North Carolina. The first

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