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Allen McNulty, Community Connections' new editor gets acquainted with his new office. McNulty assumes his new position at Community Connections this issue. (Photo by Ron Huskins)

## Community Connections Hires New Editor-In-Chief

Allen McNulty, a resident of Asheville, has been hired as the new editor for Community Connections. He becomes the first male to hold that position in Community Connection's three and a half year history.

McNulty, a native of Fayetteville, moved to Asheville four years ago from Raleigh. He is currently employed part-time as a bartender at O. Henry's.

After being selected from four people who applied for the position, McNulty immediately began the job after his acceptance. He is the fourth editor in Community Connection's short history.

The first and founding editor was Cynthia Janes. As she phased out of the position, Laurel Ferejohn began assuming those responsibilities. After accepting a full-time position at UNC-A, Ferejohn resigned and Deb Self was hired. Self also found full-time employment and resigned as editor in July of this year.

McNulty commented on his job as the new editor by stating, "My job as editor is to continue the success Community Connections has achieved. I would like not only to see some changes come about in the paper, but to receive input from the men and women in our community."

"Community Connections is not my paper, it is our paper.", he added. "It should reflect a variety of opinions and ideas, but those thoughts can only be heard if you contact me. I may print it or I may not, but I promise to be professional and objective when I'm making that consideration."

McNulty concluded by saying, "I look forward to working for and with our community, as well as developing the paper. Please feel free to contact me about contributing opinions, news items, money, or time to Community Connections."

## Charlotte to Host 1994 Gay Pride March

The 1994 North Carolina Lesbian & Gay Pride March and Rally will be held in Charlotte June 3-5, 1994 for the first time in the March's eight year history. Local organizers were informed on July 24 that Charlotte's bid had been accepted by the group that oversees the March every year--Northe Carolina Lesbian and Gay Pride, Inc., based in Durham.

Local organizers are planning activities for the entire weekend, and expect 3,000-5,000 people. Activities being planned include concerts, seminars, a business expo and picnics. The Pride March and Rally is planned for Sunday, June 5 in Uptown Charlotte.

"We will be looking for some major names to be part of our celebration," stated Sue Henry, one of the co-chairs of the event. "We will be encouraging all members of the lesbian and gay community to participate in the weekend's activities, and we will be inviting everyone who is supportive of equal rights."

"1994 is an important year in gay and lesbian history," said Dan Kirsch, the other co-chair. "June 1994 marks the 25th anniversary of New York City's Stonewall Riots, the event that started the modern gay equality movement." A massive march is planned for June 26, 1994 in New York City to commemorate the riots. Consequently, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Pride Marches have all shifted their dates for next year so that everyone can also go to New York.

According to Henry and Kirsch, the State Pride March is held annually for three major reasons: to celebrate gay and lesbian culture; to work politically to repeal anti-discrimination laws and North Carolina's Crime Against Nature laws; and to educate the public at large, allowing them to get to know gays and

lesbians as ordinary people concerned about and contributing to their community.

Those wishing to volunteer or make a contribution can contact the LOC at P.O. Box 32062, Charlotte, NC 28232-2062, or call Sue Henry days at 704/332-7473, or Dan Kirsch evenings at 704/536-1372.

## CLOSER, SALGA to Conduct Issues Forum

The Community Liaison for Support, Education, and Reform (CLOSER) and Southern Appalachian Lesbian and Gay Alliance (SALGA) will conduct a candidate's forum for the Asheville City Council race and the Asheville Mayor's race. The forum will be held Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at All Souls Church in Biltmore.

It is important to have a good turnout at the forum. This forum is our chance to impress the candidates with our numbers. The forum also provides an opportunity to ask questions of the candidates in a safe and supportive environment.

It is of enormous importance to vote in the Sept. 21 primary as several gay-supportive candidates are running. If these gay-supportive candidates do not win in the primary, we cannot vote for them on Nov. 2 in the general election. So, find out for whom you want to vote by attending the candidate's forum sponsored by CLOSER and SALGA on Sept. 14.

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