

Local News

New Group In Charlotte

Charlotte — A new gay-support group has formed in Charlotte, tentatively called "Acceptance." The group is a non-religious outgrowth of that city's Dignity organization and will also meet at Charlotte's Park Road Baptist Church. Dignity will continue, but with a much smaller membership.

According to one source, many Dignity members felt that the group's national association with the Roman Catholic Church kept many Charlotte gays from becoming involved. With the formation of Acceptance, the Dignity organization will return to its essentially religious role and leave the politics, social events and education projects to the new group.

Dignity members expressed pleasure that this new group would be formed. As it grows, this new group hopes to involve Charlotte gays in active political work, in particular, organizing voter registration drives. The group will also continue the educational work that Dignity started and fostered, with speaker programs and workshop/seminars.

Counseling Services Are Now Available

Durham — William A. Sims, Jr., M.S.W., A.C.S.W., and Maureen Malone, M.S.W. (formerly of Crosspoint Counseling Service) have announced the formation of a new counseling partnership in Durham. The service will be called Community Counseling and Training Associates and will be located at 818 Broad Street, Durham,

27705 (phone 286-4218). Bill and Maureen have considerable professional experience in social work and counseling. Both will be offering service to individuals, couples (gay and non-gay), families and groups, with a particular interest in service to the gay community. They will be able to provide workshops on various mental health issues, as well as, training sessions concerning the homosexual lifestyle. Currently, they are offering a gay men's group which started in early October.

RFD Marks Sixth Year

Efland — The fall issue of RFD, the country gay journal, has as its theme "gay life in rural New England." The current issue of RFD, the twenty-first, marks the beginning of the magazine's sixth year. It is distributed across the country, and the current issue was produced in New England by men from Massachusetts, Vermont, and New Hampshire.

A copy of the New England issue of RFD can be obtained for \$2 postpaid from RFD, Route 1, Box 93E, Efland, NC 27243. Subscriptions are available at the rate of \$6 per year (second class mail), and back issues are available.

VD Stats Encouraging

A recent free VD screening held at The Capital Corral in Raleigh on November 4th produced some encouraging statistics. Of the 50 people tested, there was only one positive case. The Wake County Health Dept. commented that these were "very good numbers."

Gay Support Groups Meet

A gay gathering in Raleigh, meeting periodically for pot luck suppers and socializing, will meet again on Sunday, November 18th. There will be a discussion prior to supper, from 2-5pm. The topic will be "After the March... Where Do We Go From Here?" and the feasibility of forming a N.C. gay caucus will be discussed.

From 5-6 will be "Happy Hour," followed by supper from 6-8 pm. Everyone is asked to bring some food, and a contribution towards the cost of the beverages will be appreciated. The location is 2727 Mayview Road in Raleigh. For more information, call 834-3302.

Volunteers are needed to help host the upcoming Gay Gatherings.

Also to be discussed during the gathering is the possible formation of some special interest groups in the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill area, principally for recreation. Suggest activities include: skiing, backpacking, fishing, sailing, canoeing, cycling, rollerskating, bridge, books, theatre, volleyball, bowling, golf, tennis, basketball, softball, touch football, and travel. Your suggestions are welcomed and encouraged.

Gay Group In Tennessee

Acceptance of a gay rights group on campus will lead to increased homosexual activity and endanger students with sexual identity problems, said Regents Chancellor Roy Nicks of Austin Peabody State University in Tennessee. However, attorneys for the Student Coalition for Gay Rights argue that the extent of social acceptance of homosexuality has not been demonstrated to affect the incidence of homosexual behavior.

In rejecting the gay group's assertions, Nicks ruled that allowing a gay group would cause an increase in violations of state law, which prohibits crimes against nature.

Coalition lawyer Gary Crawford said that he and attorney James Blumstein, a professor of law at Vanderbilt University, will continue to argue, as witnesses have in earlier hearings, that "homosexual behavior occurs in roughly the same proportion in societies that condone it and in societies that disapprove of it."

In the letter that originally denied formal recognition to the group last February, Robert Riggs, president of the university, wrote: "Sexual activity with another of the same sex is unlawful in the State of Tennessee; moreover, such activity is contrary to the Judeo-Christian ethic which undergirds our community, our state, and our nation."

The Students' Government Association voted 25-1 for recognition.

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