

Events to Promote Tolerance

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Members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community in North Carolina are gearing up for more than 60 events as Equality Begins at Home Week gets into full swing this week.

Ian Palmquist, co-chairman of the Queer Network for Change at UNC, said the intent of the week was to bring activism to a grassroots level.

"Traditionally, our movement has focused its energies at the national level when, in fact, most of the legislation that affects us is on the state level," he said. "Equality Begins at Home Week represents a major shift in the direction of the movement."

M.K. Cullen, executive director of Equality North Carolina, said the week would increase visibility of gay issues around the nation. "This is a coordinated week of action to focus the media

and people in general on issues of equality and fairness for lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender."

Activities planned for this week range from political protests to spiritual quests.

Gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenderers from across the state will be pushing for more tolerant legislation as they meet at the N.C. General Assembly in Raleigh Tuesday for the first statewide Lobby Day. The primary goals of the lobbying effort are to have crimes against nature laws repealed and to have a hate crimes law passed, Palmquist said.

Currently, N.C. law prohibits oral and anal sex, regardless of the partners' gender. Palmquist said this issue was important on more than a surface level.

"When any legislation comes up, the argument is made that gay people are felons," he said. "Because of that, they should not be protected under anti-discrimination laws, should not be allowed to marry and should not be protected by

hate crimes laws."

Palmquist also said delegates to Raleigh would push to have a hate crimes law offering protection based on gender, sexual orientation and disability.

The gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community is also discussing issues of faith as part of the week of activism. Several churches have planned discussing homosexuality and what Christian doctrine said about it.

Gloria Faley, a lesbian member of United Church of Chapel Hill and a mother of two, said she had no problems reconciling her sexuality with her faith and that it was simply a matter of finding a welcoming spiritual home.

"For me it was an issue of trust," she said. "Could I trust that this congregation of people would accept who I am?"

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Week-long Plans Aim To Educate

Students can go to QNC's "Night of the Divas" drag queen show Tuesday night in the Student Union for \$5.

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Two campus groups will join together Wednesday night to Take Back the Night while celebrating their own accomplishments throughout the week.

Women's Week, sponsored by the Women's Issues Network, and Celebration Week, sponsored by Queer Network for Change, will include events to increase campus awareness of their struggles and triumphs.

Women's Week will kick off with Happy Body Day today in the Pit, and WIN will display a life-size Barbie doll to dispel myths that women can achieve her "ideal" figure. The objective is to promote positive feelings about women's bodies, said Elizabeth Owen, co-chairwoman of WIN.

Tina Yeun, a coordinator of Women's Week, said three showcases on the main floor of the Student Union would display women's artwork. Students will have the chance today to take pictures of their favorite body parts, to be displayed in the showcases.

The major event for Women's Week, co-sponsored by QNC, is the Take Back the Night March on Wednesday night.

"It's a candlelit march protesting sexual violence in the campus community," Owen said. A speak-out and reception will follow the ceremony, she said.

In addition to festivities in the Pit, QNC will sponsor its own activities such as its drag show "Night of the Divas" Tuesday night in the Carolina Union Auditorium.

"That was a popular event last year with a near sell-out crowd," Ian Palmquist, co-chairman of QNC, said.

Palmquist said Celebration Week coincided with Equality Begins at Home, a week of action in all 50 states on queer issues. Tuesday marks the Equality Begins at Home Lobby Day,

Women's Week Events

- Monday**
- Women's Week kick-off and welcome — 11 a.m. in the Pit
 - "Women of the World and HIV/AIDS" — Speaker Karen Booth — 11:30 a.m. in Union 226
 - "Slim Hopes" — Presenter Judith Scott — 4 p.m. in 113 Dey Hall
 - "A Revealing Look at Your Sexual Health" — 7 p.m. in Union 205
 - Lecture by Joan Brumberg, author, "The Body Project" — 8 p.m. in 100 Hamilton Hall
- Tuesday**
- "Schoolgirls: A Discussion of Women and Girls and Education" — Discussion led by students Jessica Fields and Jenni Reklis — 3:30 p.m. in Bull's Head Bookshop
 - "Trusting Your Body: Eating for Health, Not Size" — Presenter Susan Chappell — 5 p.m. in 113 Dey Hall
 - "Women in Sweatshops: Perceptions, Myths and Connections" — 5 p.m. in Union 212
 - Awards ceremony honoring outstanding women on campus — 6 p.m., Carmichael Ballroom
 - "Night of the Divas" drag show — Admission: \$5 — Carolina Union Auditorium
- Wednesday**
- Information on rape, sexual assault and domestic violence — 11 a.m. in the Pit
 - "How and Why Women Let Race Divide Them" — 12:30 p.m. in the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center
 - Reading of "Rewriting Capitalism" by Beth Holmgren — 3 p.m. in Bull's Head Bookshop
 - Choral reading by Evie Shockley and panel discussion on "Women's Studies and African-American Women's Scholarship" — 3 p.m. in Union 208-209
 - "A Celebration of Black Women Writers" — 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Great Hall
 - Listen Up! Feminist discussion group — 4 p.m. in Bull's Head Bookshop
 - Awards ceremony honoring UNC-CH women of color — 4:30 p.m. in the Union Gallery
 - Discussion on pornography by student Rebecca Whisnant — 4:30 p.m. in 113 Dey Hall
 - Take Back the Night March — 7:30 p.m., Begins in Pit
- Thursday**
- "Financial Management: A Women's Perspective" — 12:30 p.m. in Union 226
 - "The Impact of Gender Communication Differences in the Workplace" — Pre-registration required (www.aiss.unc.edu/hr) — 1 p.m. at 725 Airport Road
 - Financial education seminar — 2 p.m. in 1301 McGavran-Greenberg Hall
 - "Wellness for Women: Ten Tips for a Healthy Body, With Special Focus on Gynecological Concerns" — Presenter Beverly Yuhasz — 3:30 p.m. in Old East Library
 - Discussion of Sylvia Plath's "The Bell Jar" — 5 p.m. in Bull's Head Bookshop
 - Tyrell Haberkorn presentation/discussion on lesbian health — 6 p.m. in Union 226
 - Presentation/discussion on AIDS prevention and education — Presenter Deborah Roseman — 7 p.m. in Union 205
 - Gerda Lerner lecture, "The Creation of Patriarchy" — 8 p.m. in Hanes Art Center auditorium
- Friday**
- "Women and Spirituality" — Presenter Jane Burns — Noon in Union 210
 - Poetry Slam — Student poetry-sharing session — 4 p.m. in Bull's Head Bookshop
 - "Breaking Down Barriers: A Discussion Between White Women and Women of Color" — 7 p.m. in 209 Manning Hall
- Saturday**
- "Sistah's, Make a Noise: A Celebration of Women of Color" — Noon in the Tate-Turner-Kuralt Building
 - "The Covenant of Pleasure" by Margaret Cavendish — 7 p.m. in 209 Manning Hall

so QNC will organize carpools leaving at 10 a.m. from the Union to go to Raleigh's legislative building, he said.

QNC will end the week with a Visibility March to voice their main political issues. QNC wants the passage of the Hates Crimes Act, a law that would add penalties for crimes which are motivated by hate of oppresses minority groups, and a repeal of the

Crimes Against Nature law, an N.C. law that determines what kinds of sexual actions are illegal, Palmquist said.

"It's rarely enforced, but when it is, it's generally enforced on gay people," Palmquist said. "Repealing that is a good starting point for other legislation."

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House Chooses Nominees for BOG

By JAMES PHARR
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The N.C. House will vote Tuesday on which nominees to send to fill the nine vacancies on the UNC Board of Governors.

A screening committee narrowed the selection pool to 17 nominees for positions on the 32-member board.

Rep. Warren "Pete" Oldham, D-Forsyth and chairman of the Board of Governors Nominating Committee, said the nominees were bound together by a desire to improve the UNC system.

"The basic requirement is an interest in developing the university system to be the best in the country," he said.

Oldham said the committee also looked for nominees with an understanding of the UNC system and an interest in education. Because the BOG reserves eight seats for minorities, Tuesday's ballot will include categories for at-large nominees and four seats for racial minorities and women.

Oldham said that in the past, these allotted minority positions had been necessary to ensure diversity.

One potential nominee, Jack Daly who is white, opted to contend for one of the seats reserved for a minority.

Rep. W. Edwin McMahan, a member of the nominating committee, said he did not think Daly received any votes.

In 1996, Daly sued the BOG over guarantees of racial and gender representation. But McMahan said there were good reasons for the quotas, and he did not see any reason to differ from the precedent they had set in the past.

Ben Ruffin, chairman of the BOG, said diversity was a real asset to the board. The BOG is well served by members whose knowledge represents each of the 16 campuses.

The Nominating Committee also looked for candidates with specialized experiences that would serve the universities, McMahan said.

One of the nominees, Perry Safran, a lawyer from Raleigh, said his experience construction law would be an asset to the BOG as the UNC system faced a huge capital building challenge.

A report released on infrastructure problems on each campus indicated that repairs and construction of buildings could cost upwards of \$7 billion.

"There are a number of creative models and new ideas about how to attack this giant problem," Safran said.

UNC-system President Molly Broad included capital building along with

And the Nominees Are ...

- Five At-Large Seats**
- J. Addison Bell: CEO of Carotek Inc. in Matthews
 - John C. Fennebresque: Charlotte lawyer
 - Alex M. Hall: Wilmington lawyer, former legislator
 - Richard S. Jones Jr.: Franklin lawyer
 - Peter Keber: Mecklenburg County commissioner
 - H.D. Reeves Jr.: president of Fayetteville Home Federal Savings and Loan
 - Perry Safran: Raleigh lawyer
 - John Sanders: retired director of the Institute of Government
 - Harold H. Webb: retired state personnel director
 - Ruth Dial Woods: retired educator
- Two Seats for Racial Minorities**
- Lavonia Allison: chairwoman of Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People
 - Angela R. Bryant: Rocky Mount lawyer
 - Chancy Rudolph Edwards: former legislator
 - Hector McEachern: Greensboro banker
- Two Seats for Women**
- Patsy Brewington Perry: retired university professor
 - Betty S. Speir: retired Bethel educator
 - Priscilla Patterson Taylor: executive director of Cemala Foundation in Chapel Hill

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three other major policy issues that await new BOG members. Other issues will be further developing information technologies resources, improving the partnership with K-12 education and facilitating a major enrollment increase.

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Campus Calendar

- Monday**
- 2:30 p.m. — Phillip Shabazz, artist in residence at the Mary Lou Williams Center for Black Culture, will present a reading of his poetry, followed by a discussion on the teaching arts in the school systems in the Bulls' Head Bookshop.
 - 7:30 p.m. — The School of Journalism and Mass Communication is sponsoring a lecture by photographer Susan Meisalas in the
- Tuesday**
- 5 p.m. — UNC-CH Unitarian

- Howell Hall auditorium.
- 7:30 p.m. — The Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies will debate "Resolved: The Pursuit of Feminist ideals has been detrimental to gender equality" on the third floor of New West. Guests are encouraged to attend.
 - 8 p.m. — The Queer Network for Change presents "The Celluloid Closet" movie and discussion on Hollywood's portrayal of gay and lesbian people in Union 211.

Universalist Fellowship will have its worship service in Union 208, with free pizza to follow.

5 p.m. — The Student Environmental Action Coalition will hold a general meeting in Union 206. All are welcome to attend.

Items of Interest

■ The UNITAS multicultural living and learning program is accepting applications for next year. Applications are available at the Student Union front desk and Carmichael front desk and are due by March 26.

For the Record

Friday's article titled "Graduate Schools Earn High Marks" should have said the School of Information and Library Sciences was the highest ranked graduate school at UNC. It tied for first in a U.S. News & World Report survey. The March 16 article titled "High School Newspaper Under Fire" should have stated that the Supreme Court case Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier was decided in 1988. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the errors.

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