

# NEWS

## Local groups sponsor gay march, activities and speeches as tribute

By KEVIN KIRK

Several local organizations will sponsor a Gay Pride March and Activities Day on June 27 in Durham to commemorate the 12th anniversary of the Gay Rights Movement and the Little River incident.

The march is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. at the intersection of Main and Chapel Hill Streets and will continue down Chapel Hill Street to the courthouse. There, a short speech will be given and the Little River incident.

One man presumed to be homosexual died and four others were injured after being beaten by attackers in the Little River incident.

"We want people to think of what it means for straight people to harbor these violent feelings about gay people," march planner David Ransom said.

The march will continue along Main Street back to Five Points for several speeches, a celebration with singers, and an open mike for any participant wishing to speak.

The march is not only a protest against anti-gay violence, it is also an anniversary celebration of the Gay Rights Movement, which began in 1969 with the riots at Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village, N.Y.

The event, titled "Our Day Out: A Cele-

bration of Lesbian and Gay Rights," is sponsored by the Triangle Area Lesbian Feminists, Carolina Gay Association, Triangle Area Gay Scientists, and other organizations.

CGA President Lee Mullis said such events as the march could help alleviate stereotypical images of gays through community exposure.

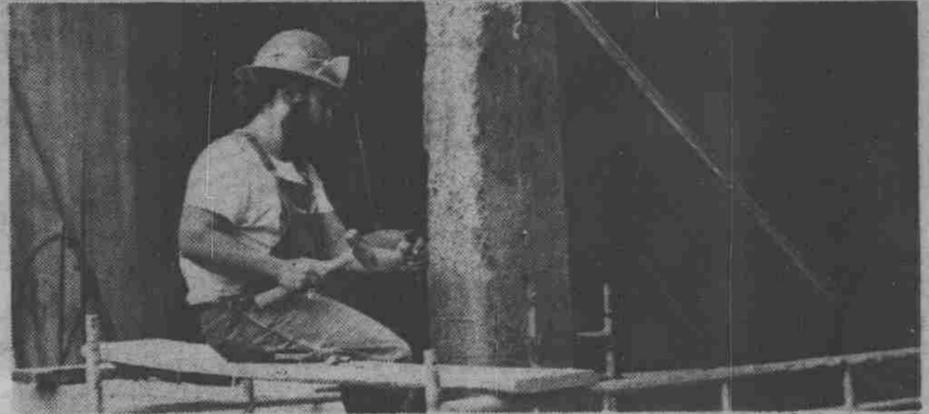
"If someone notices a co-worker in the march, he may realize that being gay doesn't make a person any different," Mullis said.

The march will be followed by a picnic and other activities, such as folk dancing, music and games. These events are scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. at the West Point of Eno Park.

As a principal organizer of the activities, David Ransom said there had been some conflicts with Durham city officials in securing a permit for the march.

Since the organizations involved with the march have been classified as a risk, insurance must be obtained before the permit for the march can be released.

Ransom said he hoped he could persuade city officials to repeal that requirement, just as they removed the stipulation to obtain the signatures of businesspeople along the march route.



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Campus construction mixes new, traditional styles

## 'Dynamic institutions'

By CHARLOTTE HOLMES

"Either you shrivel up and die or you do things to make this a dynamic institution!"

That is what Gordon Rutherford, University director of planning, said about all the construction taking place on campus. Rutherford said many people harbored misconceptions that modern architecture was anti-traditional. None of the campus buildings are traditional but are a mixture of differing styles, he said.

"People are always going to complain, no matter what," Rutherford said. "They want the campus to look the same as when they graduated."

The growing size of the campus and costs create the need for larger, modern buildings that cannot look like the older buildings, he said.

"Most of the older buildings are small — 25,000-30,000 square feet," Rutherford said. "When they ask us to build a new library or art building to accommodate all the students, there is no way you can fit 200,000 square feet into small buildings like the earlier ones."

University planners try to include a degree of "traditional recall" in the newer facilities to include elements characteristic of earlier buildings, he said.

The planning department has requested \$125 million for construction projects for the next five years in the form of a capital im-

provement request to the state legislature. Rutherford said he was doubtful they would receive any funding this year.

"The University five-year capital improvements request will actually be much longer than five years because of funding realities. We will find out in October whether we will receive financing," he said.

Buildings are usually the last thing the legislature spent money on, he said.

This summer, work will begin on a \$600,000 addition to a dental school building. Top priority on the capital improvements request is the replacement of chemistry teaching labs — a proposed \$7.7 million project — and construction of a \$14 million Public Health and Environmental Sciences building, Rutherford said.

Claude Swecker, physical plant director, said major renovations taking place this summer were in Lenoir Hall to provide more Pine Room seating, third floor South Building, landscaping around the new gymnasium and fire alarm systems in dormitories.

The older dormitories on north campus will be outfitted with modern fire alarms, fire extinguishers and smoke detectors, said Russell Perry, associate director of University housing operations.

Even though the renovations are annoying to summer school students, Swecker said summer was the only time workers have access to dormitories and classroom buildings.

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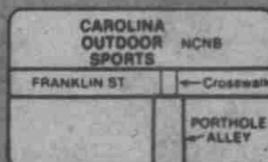
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