

# Week to promote awareness of gays

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To promote better understanding of gay life and its problems, the Gay Student Union (GSU) has declared this week "Gay Celebration Week," and scheduled a series of seminars, concerts and dances about gay themes and issues.

Tonight's seminar, "Problems and Opportunities for Gays and Lesbians in Careers," will kick off the week. Both gays and nongays will discuss the difficulties as well as the opportunities homosexuals encounter while job-hunting. It will start at 7:30 p.m. in Wilson Hall, Rm. 216.

Tomorrow will be "Blue Jeans Day." The GSU is asking members of the University community to show support for gay and lesbian rights by wearing blue jeans, according to a GSU press release.

Vinegar Hill Theatre will show the gay-lesbian documentary "Word is Out" tomorrow night, a film where 30 gays and lesbians discuss their lifestyles.

On Thursday, two seminars will concentrate on how gay men and women choose to have relationships. The gay men's seminar will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Wilson Hall, Rm. 215 and the lesbian seminar will be held at the

same time in Wilson Hall, Rm. 216.

The GSU and Newcomb Hall Bookstore will present a gay-lesbian book fair Friday. Recent paperback and hardcover books dealing with the gay-lesbian experience will be displayed in Newcomb Hall, Rm. 4A.

Friday evening will bring a seminar on "Current Developments of Gay Politics" at 8 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation, 1908 Lewis Mountain Rd. The guest speaker will be Franklin Kameny, a long-time gay activist and a representative of the Gay Rights National Lobby's National Convention Project.

The week concludes Saturday with a concert and dance in Halsey Hall at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature Willie Sordill, a heterosexual who sings original and borrowed songs on sexism, gay-lesbian issues, the environment, nuclear power and other topics.

Her Singing Chorus, a lesbian choir from the Chapel Hill, N.C. area, also will be performing Saturday night. In addition to giving church music a lesbian flavor, the choir performs its own versions of Broadway hits.

Following the concert, the GSU will hold a dance with music provided by Charlottesville disc jockey Count Jay.