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## Episcopal church consecrates gay bishop

Anglican Church severely divided over appointment of Bishop V. Gene Robinson, possible split looms

by Taylor Owen

DURHAM, N.H. — Following months of vociferous debate and even death threats, Rev. V. Gene Robinson was consecrated Sunday, Nov. 2, as bishop of the New Hampshire Diocese.

The church's decision makes Robinson the first openly gay man to achieve such a level in Episcopal hierarchy and in the Anglican community the world over.

Robinson, 56, accepted the appointment while dozens of approving bishops surrounded him. His ex-wife and two daughters were at his side, as was his partner of 14 years, Mark Andrew, who was designated to hand Robinson his bishop's miter during the ceremony.

Near the end of his consecration, Robinson — wearing his golden miter and matching gown — looked up toward the crowd and joined the choir

singing "Hallelujah" while the procession of clergymen who took part in the ceremony were leaving the stage.

"You cannot imagine what an honor it is for you to have called me," Robinson said following the appointment. At times he appeared to be on the verge of tears.

Robinson noted that many people in the church were in "great pain" because of his appointment.

"There are faithful, wonderful Christian people for whom this is a moment of great pain and confusion and anger," he offered. "They must know if they must leave, they will always be welcomed back."

Reaction from around the world to Robinson's consecration was swift, with voices of dissent seemingly among the majority.

Archbishop Robin Eames, leader of the Church of Ireland, said that while the church was enter-



Bishop V. Gene Robinson and partner Mark Andrew embrace following Robinson's consecration.

ing "unknown territory," leaders had made it known that they wanted to maintain unity.

"I don't think you can prevent a realignment,"

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## Rep. Frank goes to Wilmington

Openly gay Massachusetts Representative speaks to New Hanover County Stonewall Democrats and makes an appearance at UNC-Wilmington

Interview compiled by David Moore

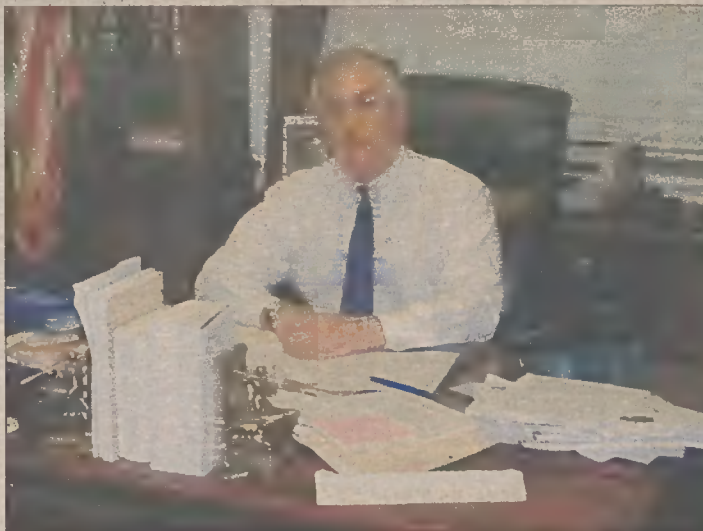
WILMINGTON, N.C. — At press time, Massachusetts Rep. Barney Frank was scheduled to visit Wilmington, N.C. to address gay and lesbian Democrats on Nov. 8. In addition to the meeting to be held at the home of New Hanover County Commissioner Julia Boseman, Frank is slated to speak at UNC-Wilmington and will be the guest of honor at a \$250 a plate dinner at Wilmington's Portland Grill.

Frank has long been an attention-getter in American politics — not only because he's openly gay, but also for his straightforward, no-nonsense approach and his liberal views. A member of Congress since 1981, he is the Senior Democrat on the Financial Services Committee and is also a member of the Select Committee on Homeland Security where he serves on the Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security and the Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism.

In an exclusive interview with Q-Notes, Frank talked about his upcoming visit to the Tarheel state and shared some thoughts about important issues.

Q. What prompted your visit to North Carolina?

A. The Stonewall Democratic Club. I was one of those that helped found it. I thought it was very



Massachusetts congressman Barney Frank says President Bush lied to the American people.

important to have a national GLBT Democratic club, for two reasons — the Democrats are so much better on gay and lesbian rights and I wanted a political group that could make that point to the LGBT community, but also within the Democratic Party to keep them moving even better in the right direction. The role of this club is to persuade GLBT people to vote Democratic and to persuade Democrats to get even better than they are on the GLBT issues.

Q. When do you think we'll see a resolution on same-sex civil ceremonies in Massachusetts?

A. Nobody knows. That's the value of being the Supreme Court. Nobody knows and they can do whatever the hell they want.

Q. What do you think is the biggest problem gays and lesbians are facing today in the United States?

A. The thing that troubles me the most is that

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## Gay soldier discusses his deployment

'Ryan' reports acceptance from peers, hardships under ban

by David Stout  
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SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — A gay U.S. soldier who claims his sexual orientation was known to most members of his unit has returned from a six-month deployment in the Middle East and is talking about his experiences.



Research indicates that 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' negatively impacts both gay and straight service members.

The soldier, identified only as "Ryan," told researchers at the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military (CSSMM) at the University of California, Santa Barbara that his homosexuality was a "non-factor" within his unit.

"Especially in a combat situation, it's really the last thing on anyone's mind," he told CSSMM. "It's just a question of doing your job."

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Would you consider corresponding with a gay or lesbian inmate?

. Yes . No

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