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Convention leaves Log Cabin gays

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lot of his supporters," Bush continued. "There's some problems with this claim. If you say the heart and soul of America is found in Hollywood, I'm afraid you are not the candidate of conservative values. If you voted against the bipartisan Defense of Marriage Act, which President Clinton signed, you are not the candidate of conservative values."

Log Cabin Executive Director Patrick Guerriero: 'For too long we have watched while the radical right hijacked our party.'

When Bush finished speaking, he was joined on stage by his wife, daughters and parents, and by Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife, their daughter Liz, Liz's husband and their four children. Conspicuously missing, as she had been the night before when Cheney spoke, was the Cheneys' other daughter, openly lesbian Mary Cheney.

"I make of it that Mary is shoved back in the closet as viciously and strongly as the Cheney family could and the GOP could," said John Aravosis, founder of DearMary.com.

"I would be shocked if the Bush-

Cheney campaign told Mary that she and Heather were absolutely a-okay on stage. Mary's life partner that wears a gold wedding band along with Mary? There's no way."

Mary did appear on stage with her parents during the 2000 GOP convention in Philadelphia.

ACT-UP security breach

There were several other gay stories during the convention. On the morning of Sept. 1, during the Republican Youth Convention, 11 members of ACT-UP slipped through layers upon layers of extreme security to stage a protest on the convention floor.

They disrupted a speech by White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card by standing on chairs, chanting, and taking off their shirts to reveal anti-Bush slogans.

The Republican youth responded with chants of "Four more years."

The protesters were aggressively hauled away by police, charged with assault and/or inciting to riot, and jailed.

In a second gay protest, several members of a group called Gays Against Bush taunted members of the Missouri delegation as they walked into a Manhattan restaurant for dinner.

Missouri voters recently amended their constitution to ban same-sex marriage. "The Missouri delegation can't come to New York and act like no one is aware of what's happening in their state," said



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