

# Life in the South

Chapel Hill, NC--A local bi-weekly newspaper, The Landmark, published by conservative Chatham County businessman Bob Windsor, has attained local notoriety for "reporting" petty corruption in University matters and grand schemes (allegedly involving the FBI) to prevent gubernatorial candidate Jimmy Green from running for office.

The Landmark has recently taken on the subject of homosexuality and the reported contributions by gays and lesbians to the campaign of Governor Jim Hunt for the U.S. Senate seat now held by Jesse Helms.

Windsor stated that three Christian organizations on the University campus contacted him to compliment him on the original article and that there have been several requests for permission to reprint the article. Reaction from gay and lesbian quarters has also followed. Several people called Windsor to discuss the article and to state that they would call his advertisers for a boycott of their stores.

According to Windsor, "One advertiser told me he told them to go to hell and he would advertise where he wanted and would not be black-mailed. Now you see what these people really are. Anyone who does not agree with their perverted lifestyle will be punished." Chapel Hill and Carrboro businesses which advertised in the Jan. 19 and Feb. 2, 1984, issues include Glenn Lennox Pharmacy, Chapel Hill Tire Co., Chapel Hill Insurance Agency., University Opticians, F&F Automotive, Village Craftsmen Furniture, Flowers by Hackney, FCX Farm & Garden, Cliff's Meat Market, and Pascal & Associates.

Windsor also discussed these issues with two students at the University: "Saturday, a week ago, when the candidates for office met with the college Young Democrats on campus I was confronted in the student union building by a couple of little boys, one of whom admitted he was a fag and the other who did not. They objected to my calling them a fag. I told him that in the real world that is what they are called along with many other terms like pervert, deiate [sic], pansy, queer and bulldyke for the ladies" (Feb.2).

Some misunderstandings about the contents of Windsor's first article led him to clarify his own position on Jim Hunt's sexual preferences: "I had one friend talk to me and thought I had made the insinuation that Jim Hunt was a fag himself. No such insinuation was intended and a rereading of the article bore that out. Why Jim Hunt is so macho that he turns me on a little bit. My God what have I said. If you watch him close you will find out that he walks like a short John Wayne.... I do not doubt his manhood. I know that he is a good family man with fine offspring. I just think he is a

weak man who is blinded by his own ambition and whose principles change with the wind" (Jan.19). Jim Hunt's weakness in Windsor's eyes was accepting campaign contributions from gays and supporting a gay rights statement in the Democratic party platform.

Windsor himself, however, admits to accepting money from and employing homosexuals: "Sex is not generally my beat and what people do is between them, the law, and the Lord. The [gay] person who worked for me did the work required and was paid the wage agreed upon. I have rented buildings [the former Loft, on the highway to Pittsboro] to people who were gay. So long as they paid the rent and met the obligations under the terms of the lease their personal life was no concern of mine. I just simply think being a homo is a sin and know it is a crime and I do not condone it. I do not want to see those people in jobs where they may prey on little children or others" (Feb. 2). The differences between making money by owning a building used as a lesbian bar and accepting campaign contributions is not explained.



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Besides attacking Hunt's acceptance of campaign contributions from gays, Windsor also attacks the Carolina Gay Association's office and partial financial support from student government: "By the way, all you taxpayers and parents of students at UNC in Chapel Hill. The required student fees that you and your children must pay has a part of it used to support a private office in the Student Union Building on this Campus and on the first floor, at that, as well as a large cash contribution used to promote the perverted lifestyle of the faggots. One way to reduce the high cost of education is to stop supporting on state property and out of student fees this sinful and criminal activity. I will bet you did not know about that. Legislature take notice. Parents and students call and complain to the candidates for office from the top to the bottom and send a letter to the board of trustees of the University of North (see LIFE, p. 8)