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Elections Bring Mixed Results

The November elections brought mixed results for the lesbian and gay community. The most significant victory was the defeat of Proposition 102 in California. Congressional Representative Dannemeyer's initiative would have eliminated anonymous HIV testing and imposed mandatory reporting of HIV-positive individuals. Jeff Levi of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force called the defeat "a great victory for public health [and] a statement by the people of California that they will not be browbeaten into accepting expensive and ineffective 'quick fixes' to the AIDS problem."

Supporters of gay and lesbian rights were disappointed, though, with the passage of a referendum overturning a state executive order banning discrimination on the basis of sexual

orientation in Oregon. They also expressed regret at the approval of another California AIDS initiative, Proposition 96, which allows court-ordered testing of persons accused of certain crimes. Critics of the measure held that, in permitting testing of those merely accused (and not convicted) of crimes, Proposition 96 both undermines the principle of innocence until guilt is proven and provides a motivation for false accusation of crimes.

In North Carolina State elections, Republican Jim Gardner narrowly won election as Lieutenant Governor. Gardner has expressed his support of *Campus Watch's* efforts to defund the Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association through the State Legislature.

The Funding Forum

For LAMBDA's funding forum, we asked several people to contribute their views of funding and their positions on *Campus Watch*. We solicited pieces from people who favored funding and who opposed funding, from people who supported *Campus Watch* and who opposed *Campus Watch*. So far, we have received two responses: one from CGLA co-chair Liz Stiles, who supports funding and opposes *Campus Watch*, and one from Student Congress member Gene Davis, who opposes funding but also opposes *Campus Watch*. *Campus Watch* leader Ed Cottingham declined our invitation to contribute. We hope others will write to LAMBDA with their views...

Supporting Funding...

Because the Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association has been accused of such things as being a political organization and of "subsidizing sodomy," I want to explain what we do with our money. Then you can decide if you think we deserve funding. We, the students, represented through our Student Congress members, should be the ones to decide on the funding of all campus groups.

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Opposing Funding...

My name, Gene Davis. Yeah, Gene Davis, you know, the three-term congress member who has taken stands against the CGLA since I first arrived on campus. My harsh, uninformed stance seemed to signify the arrival of yet another radical right-winger. Today, however, my stance is neither harsh nor uninformed, and I am certainly not a radical right-winger. Today my stance

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