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Clinton opens door to gays in the military

By Shani Levine

Throughout history, different ethnic / religious groups have struggled for equality in society. This chain now continues with homosexuals who are fighting for acceptance in the army. Their struggle began when the discrimination against homosexuals in the army was officially put into place during World War II which was then transformed into policy in the 1950's, and reached its peak in the 1980's. Today, President Clinton is tackling the military ban on homosexuals, in hopes of revoking this policy that has discriminated homosexuals for over 40 years.

Although the military ban may not be officially revoked for up to six months, Clinton has already announced new policies that the military must follow. First of all, the military will stop asking new recruits about their sexual orientations. Clinton also ordered the suspension of any investigation into a soldier's sexual orientation. Finally, any cases seeking to discharge gay soldiers are now suspended.

But Clinton has met with opposition due to the supportive position he has taken towards homosexuals. One of the groups that has been fighting Clinton's views since November, is the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Their opposition, which is shown by other soldiers as well, is summarized by a Pentagon source's statement, "Up and down the chain of command, you'll find the military leadership favors the ban. You're not

going to find anyone in the leadership coming out in favor of lifting the ban."

People who support the elimination of the ban, include Bob Wightman who said, "When Bill Clinton lifts the ban, he is going to push national acceptance of homosexuality. It's not just going to push people out of the closet in the military - it's going to push people out of the closet all over the country. It's going to be OK to be a homosexual." According to a *Newsweek* poll, 72% of the people who were asked, "Can gays serve effectively in the military if they keep their sexual orientation private?" said YES, while only 22% said NO.

Even after the military ban is lifted, discrimination and stereotypes against homosexuals will still be alive. But according to *Newsweek*, "Clinton (is doing) what Harry Truman did for blacks in 1948 - eliminate the military's discriminatory policies by executive order, starting a social revolution with the stroke of a pen." Time will tell if gay integration into the army will be as successful as for African-Americans.

Talent Awards Show searches for excellence

By Brian Dimmick

Many people feel that society in the late twentieth century does not show enough appreciation for either the performing or the creative arts. However, the 1993 Talent Awards Show will help to remedy this situation by offering impressive cash prizes for outstanding teen-age talent in everything from photography to dance.

The show, which is sponsored by the Greensboro Youth Council and the Knights of Columbus Piedmont Council 939, is open to students between the ages of 13 and 19. It will be held on Saturday, March 13, 1993 at the Carolina Theatre in downtown Greensboro.

Auditions for the show will be held this Saturday, February 20, 1993, at the Cultural Arts Center in downtown Greensboro from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Entries for the show are divided into two broad categories: performing arts and fine arts. Performing arts categories include dance, instrumental music, vocal music, and variety (which includes a wide range of

entries, from juggling acts to dramatic monologues). The top entries in each of these categories will perform at the show, and first, second, and third place cash awards totalling \$450 will be given.

For artistic Whirlies, opportunities in the fine arts area include art originality, art skill, creative writing, and photography. The top art entries will be displayed the week before the show and will also be on display at the show itself. Prizes will be awarded in each category.

Grimsley students gathered five first-place awards and nine awards overall at the 1992 show, and this year promises to be just as successful.

Student teachers learn from teaching

By Ryan Robinson

While most college students eagerly anticipate graduation so they can be finished with school, six college students are coming to Grimsley so they can start new school careers.

Before becoming a certified teacher in North Carolina, everyone must student teach. The three student teachers in the English department- Sharon Shepard, Bill Buczinsky, and Charlotte Frye- all attend UNCG. All three student teachers like the Grimsley atmosphere, and would enjoy being English teachers here. Ms. Shepard says, "I want to teach English in high school, so I can introduce the students to the wonderful world of Shakespeare." As student teachers, they each have a certified teacher to work with and learn from. Mrs. Kidd, Ms. Edwards, and Mr. Willoughby are the mentors of Ms. Shepard, Mr. Buczinsky, and Ms. Frye respectively. The three other student teachers currently at Grimsley are John Brown and Shannah Stephens from A & T University and Suzannah Goodman from UNCG. Their mentors are Mr. Griffin, Ms. McCullough, and Ms. Harrison respectively.

Ms. Shepard grew up in Greensboro and attended Western Guilford High School before going to Davidson College. She is now married and has a golden retriever named Dickens. Mrs. Shepard says that "teaching is one of the most important jobs anyone can do."



photo by Brett Feulner

Pictured from left are Mr. Buczinsky, Ms. Goodman, Ms. Frye, Ms. Shepard, and Mr. Brown, GHS student teachers.

After growing up in Long Island, New York, Mr. Buczinsky attended High Point College and later earned a Masters in Philosophy at Nyack College. He played high school football and dreamed of being a professional athlete. Mr. Buczinsky is married and has a son.

Ms. Frye grew up in the tobacco farm area of Stokes County. She plans to graduate from UNCG in December, majoring in English and Philosophy. She says that she likes working with young people and listening to their ideas because, "I learn something new everytime I talk with a student." Ms. Frye's favorite book is *The Rainbow* by D.H. Lawrence. She hates *The Scarlet Letter*.

Mr. Brown attended the same high school as did Dizzy Gillespie in Launburg, North Carolina. Over the summer he is an intern at Hampton University. He credits his desire to be a teacher to his mother and past teachers who helped him take tangible strides toward being a teacher. As a member of the National Society for Black Physicists, Mr. Brown encourages everyone to take physics.

Ms. Stephens grew up with a parent as teacher in Rockingham. She was a DJ at an AM station while attending A & T University, where she will graduate in May. When asked why she wants to be a teacher, she says, "I want to give something back to the community." Shannah hopes to teach math at a Guilford County high school.

Ms. Goodman was raised in the small town of Kannapolis, North Carolina. After graduating from UNCG, she hopes to teach arts and crafts on the high school level. Ms. Goodman says, "I let the student know that they are important and that I care," about her teaching abilities. Her dog, Pepper waits faithfully for her return home after a day at school.