

Lecture: Gingrich implored voters to elect 'fair-minded' candidates

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ural and normal for her to be attracted to women.

"I came out not once, not twice, but three times," she said. "The first time was to some friends. The second time was when my mother was cleaning my room and found a *Lavender Letter* stuffed between some books. My mother asked me if I were trying to tell her something. She was being a mom. The third time was to a news reporter [shortly after Newt Gingrich was elected to Speaker of the House]. That news reporter was quick, after seeing me in my college photo, she put two and two together and asked if I were gay."

Gingrich's mother didn't like the photo of Candace in college and preferred her high school photo, in which she had long, curly hair. In her college photo, Gingrich had a crew cut.

Gingrich, who doesn't believe in her brother's political stance, uses her celebrity as sister of the Speaker of the House to travel the country speaking about lesbian, gay and bisexual people and the challenges they face in a homophobic society.

"It would be nice if [Newt] were a little more understanding, but I don't think it will happen," she said. "We've been blood relatives for ... years, and he knows I'm a lesbian, but he

has had a zero for the last four sessions as far as voting for gay rights."

However, Gingrich said her brother did not react negatively when he found out that she was gay.

"He said, 'It's Candace's life, and she has the right to live it the way she wants,'" she said.

Gingrich says she has the same mother as Newt, but that they have different fathers.

Gingrich's mother asked Candace to not be visible during her older brother's ascendancy into the House of Representatives and to "not be out there or in the public arena." Her mother feared it might hurt her brother's image while in office, Gingrich said.

She now feels an obligation to use her fame to promote gay and lesbian rights and help get "fair-minded" candidates elected to office.

Gingrich recently appeared on an episode of the NBC sitcom "Friends" in which she performed a lesbian wedding ceremony.

"We must let the next president, no matter who he may be — Clinton — [know] that we cannot slow down. We cannot reduce funding for AIDS. We must do everything we can to secure the rights for gay and lesbian people," she said.

Journalism: The 'Emerald' also took awards for design

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track legend Steve Prefontaine, which appeared in the paper last June.

"It's nice to be recognized," Kearney said. "I think we obviously proved ourselves as the best Division I newspaper in the state. It's nice to be recognized as such."

Division I includes papers with a daily circulation of more than 5,000.

The *Emerald* as a whole received first-place awards for general excellence and best design. Another first place, for best series, was awarded to four past and present staff members: former community editor Marcelene Edwards, higher education editor Cindy Long, former higher education reporter Mara Stine and managing editor Colleen Pohl.

Other first-place awards went to the following: Kearney, for best sports story; former assis-

tant sports editor Mark McTyre, for best feature photo; and Brackensick, for best sports photo.

Second-place awards were given to community editor Sherry Rainey, for best news story; Brackensick, for best spot-news photo; and photographer En Min Chang, for best sports photo. Brackensick also received an honorable mention award for best feature photo.

This was not the first time this year the *Emerald* has received such high recognition for its work. Last November, the *Emerald* was honored as Best of Show in its category at the national convention of the Associated Collegiate Press and College Media Advisers in Washington, D.C. Second place in the daily tabloid category went to the *Daily Nebraskan*, of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, and third place went to the *South End*, of Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

• **The United Way of Lane County** currently has many volunteer positions available. The organization is looking for pet therapy volunteers to take puppies and kittens to local nursing homes and hospitals; tutors for Lane Community College students; construction workers to build houses for low-income families; and office clerks to perform general office duties. For more information, call 683-9000.

• **The Mount Pisgah Arboretum** needs new volunteer guides to lead tours of the arboretum. Volunteers receive free training in natural history and teaching techniques. Credit for University students may also be attained through the ESCAPE program. For more information, call 747-1504.

• **The Lane Council of Governments** will offer five public hearings in March to review the proposed Updated Area Plan on Aging and Disability Services. The

Eugene/Springfield meeting will be at the Willamalane Senior Center, 215 C St. in Springfield today from 1 to 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 687-4498.

• **The South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve** in Charleston is seeking volunteers to help restore sections of trail damaged by rain and hikers. Tools and refreshments will be provided at the clean-up day on Saturday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call the Reserve at (541) 888-5558.

• **The Eugene Human Rights Commission's Human Rights Support System** is looking to train volunteers to be advocates for people who have experienced discrimination or harassment. The next training session will be Saturday at the EWEB Training Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 687-5177.



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MISCELLANEOUS

Multicultural Center will sponsor a Men's Workshop today from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Multicultural Center. For more information, call 683-7833.

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