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Carmel Budiardjo
"Freedom and Democracy for
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Indonesian human rights issues based on
her experiences.

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Mixner's address opens symposium

■ **FREEDOM:** Clinton adviser
calls for solidarity and
political savvy from gay
community

By Kristin Bailey
Student Activities Editor

The words of the Gettysburg Address chiseled in the marble at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. read, "We highly resolve these dead shall not have died in vain."

These sentiments reverberated throughout David Mixner's address Wednesday night in the Gerlinger Lounge, kicking off the InterSEXions symposium.

Mixner, a gay activist and political adviser to President Clinton delivered a message of solidarity and perseverance for homosexuals in their fight for equal rights.

"I will fight it until my dying day for our freedom," Mixner said in response to the recent passing of the Defense of Marriage Act, legislation that allows states to refuse to recognize same-sex marriages. "There is no logical explanation for anyone being against us committing ourselves to each other in loving relationships. What it comes down to, is they're uncomfortable."

"I'm sorry they're uncomfortable. It's not my problem. Nowhere in the Constitution of the United States does the word 'comfortable' appear."

Working together is the only way to overcome barriers such as AIDS and discrimination, Mixner said.

"The best memorial we can build is organizing day and night to not only obtain our own freedom, but in the process, do it in the way that will bring the world a great gift," he said. "It will be a gift to the world once they get over their own bigotry."

Mixner read a passage from his best-selling book, *Stranger Among Friends*, recounting the struggle he faced as Peter, his lover of 12 years, battled and ultimately died of AIDS.



AMANDA ERICKSON/Emerald

Political activist David Mixner addresses a crowd at the Gerlinger Lounge Wednesday night, kicking off the InterSEXions symposium.

Even in the face of death, Mixner said, the power of the vote should always be wielded.

"I want you to listen to this because it's important," he suggested to the crowd. "The first Tuesday of November was Election Day [1988] — George Bush versus Michael Dukakis. And we had to cast our votes against the Reagan years. And Peter, as sick as he was, refused to vote by absentee ballot. He was determined to go to the polling place and vote."

"I picked him up in my arms

and carried him down the stairs to the car. He said, 'I know it's a lot of trouble, David. But even if it's my last act, I want to vote against a people who I believe killed me.'"

Mixner said he will vote for Clinton in spite of the president's recent "disgusting and despicable" signing of the Defense of Marriage Act.

"We've gotta keep what I call 'the patience of Gandhi and the wisdom of King,'" he said. "It's a long haul."

Gorilla takes fear of flying to a new level

SEATTLE — It's bad enough having to change planes on a transcontinental flight. But if you're a cranky 490-pound gorilla, people pay attention.

Vip, a 17-year-old lowland gorilla bound for Seattle's Woodland Park Zoo, delayed a flight from Salt Lake City to Seattle by pitching a fit in the airplane's cargo hold, said Lee Werle, the zoo's mammal curator.

As the Delta Airlines passenger flight taxied from the terminal Tuesday, the agitated ape began banging loudly on his crate.

"The pilot got concerned because he could hear the gorilla going 'thumpa, thumpa,'" Werle said. The passengers could hear it too.

The plane returned to terminal and Vip, a keeper and a veterinarian got off the flight, which was delayed for about 90 minutes.

The gorilla, being shipped from the Franklin Park Zoo in Boston, apparently experienced some travel stress after changing planes at Salt Lake, Werle said. The ape was put up for the night at Salt Lake City's Hogle Zoo.

Although Delta was willing to try the flight again, keepers decided it would be better to drive the rest of the way — a 700 mile trip.

Vip and his keepers were expected to arrive at Woodland Park on Thursday, Werle said. Vip will travel in his shipping crate and probably be mildly sedated "to take the edge off."

Once Vip arrives in Seattle, he'll be quarantined for at least 30 days, then moved to the main gorilla compound to meet two females in need of a mate, Werle said.

Woodland Park Zoo has four grown female gorillas, two males and an infant female.

Vip was born in captivity to wild-born parents in The Netherlands, making his genes important to the North American captive gorilla population. He has yet to sire any offspring.

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Being 'hip' has new meaning around Tommy Lee

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Rocker Tommy Lee was charged with battery for allegedly throwing a tabloid TV cameraman to the ground while leaving a nightclub.

The Sept. 29 scuffle outside the Viper Room in West Hollywood was caught on videotape. Henry Trappier, who works for Paparazzi TV, a supplier of celebrity video, suffered a displaced hip, prosecutors said.

Lee, drummer for the band Motley Crue and husband of "Baywatch" star Pamela Anderson Lee, was charged on Tuesday and could get a year in jail.

He and his wife were harassed and pepper-sprayed by photographers as they left the club, said Marleah Leslie, a spokeswoman for the actress.

Banjo player suffers his own hip problems

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Earl Scruggs, the banjo player who teamed with Lester Flatt to form the bluegrass duo Flatt and Scruggs, suffered a heart attack after hip-replacement surgery and underwent an emergency bypass.

The 72-year-old musician was listed in fair condition Wednesday at Baptist Hospital, a day after the surgery.

"After the hip replacement surgery was complete, he went into the recovery room and had a heart attack," said his son Randy.