

RTP picks Pack

Barry Pack brings energy to his new role as executive director of Right To Privacy

by Inga Sorensen

Portland resident Barry Pack has been named the new executive director of Right To Privacy, an Oregon gay and lesbian rights organization.

According to RTP co-chair Lisa Maxfield, Pack was a volunteer for the No on 9 and No on 13 campaigns. The 25-year-old Pack, who graduated from Lewis & Clark College in 1992 after majoring in theater, has been a volunteer for state Rep. Gail Shibley (D-Portland) and he spent the past 18 months working as a fund-raising associate for the YWCA of Portland.

"I'm really excited about this," says Pack, who was raised in Boring, Ore. "I got some media experience when I volunteered for the No on 9 and No on 13 campaigns, and I got fund-raising experience while at the YWCA, where I helped organize the YWCA's Women's Leadership Luncheons. I think I've learned a lot and will be able to apply that knowledge to my work with RTP."

Pack was named to the RTP post following the resignation of Greg Jackson, who left the organization in May to pursue other professional interests. The 37-year-old former television news producer served as RTP executive director for a little more than a year. His resignation took many by surprise, including Maxfield, who admits the move has prompted RTP's all-volunteer board to "reassess its goals and priorities."

"Our board is going to spend the next several months taking a closer look at our goals. Quite frankly, we don't know if somewhere down the line we'll get rid of the executive director's position altogether and just have a development director, or something like that," she says. "We just

don't know what's going to happen."

She adds: "Barry is energetic and he's very good with people. We took him down to an event in Ashland recently and he just jumped right in and did a great job getting to know people. A lot of our board members can't do that."

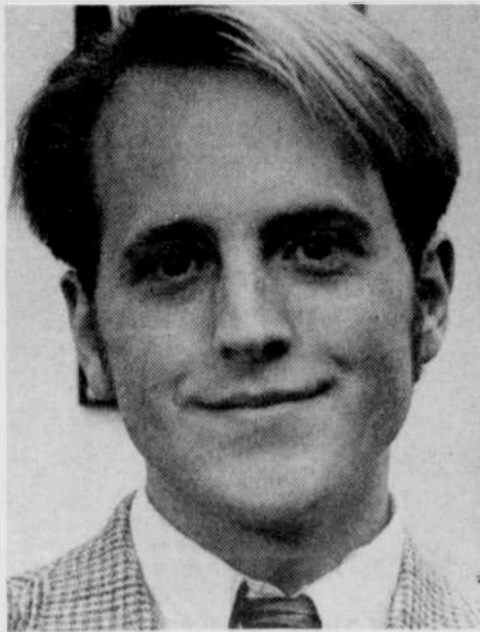
According to Maxfield, Pack had previously applied for the executive director's position, and was more recently brought to RTP's attention when Maxfield contacted activist Julie Davis to see if she knew anyone who might be appropriate for the position. Davis is the executive director of the human rights group Basic Rights Oregon, an outgrowth of the No on 13 Committee.

"Barry had worked with Julie when she was an aide to Gail Shibley," says Maxfield. Pack says he also shares Davis' Northeast Portland home.

As for his top RTP priorities, Pack says he wants to continue building a strong resource base to prepare for the 1996 election cycle and develop coalitions across the state.

"Electing progressive candidates from both parties all across Oregon is more important this year than ever. We must work tirelessly to gain a majority of legislators who support full human and civil rights for lesbians, gay men and bisexuals," he says.

RTP consists of a political action committee, which raises and contributes money to pro-sexual-minority candidates and ballot initiatives, and an educational arm, known as Right To Privacy Inc. Last year RTP PAC contributed more than \$100,000 to gay- and lesbian-friendly state legislative candidates.



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Right To Privacy PAC unveils Lucille Hart agenda

Torie Osborn, former executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, will be the featured speaker at Right To Privacy Political Action Committee's 14th annual Lucille Hart Dinner slated for Oct. 14 at the Oregon Convention Center.

Right To Privacy PAC is a statewide organization that raises and contributes money to candidates in Oregon who are committed to civil rights for lesbians, gay men and bisexuals. Proceeds from the dinner directly support candidates and campaigns dedicated to equality.

Osborn is also the author of *Coming Home to America*, which explores various facets of the gay and lesbian community. She served as NGLTF executive director in 1993 and headed up the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center from 1988 to 1992. Also featured at the dinner will be comic Mark Davis, who has made appearances on Comedy Central's *Out There* specials and A&E's *Evening at the Improv*.

Dinner tickets are \$125 per person, or \$1,250 to sponsor a table of 10. The evening begins with cocktails at 5:30; dinner starts at 7 pm. Those who wish to host a table may receive a Table Captain

Packet by calling RTP at 228-5825, ext. 3. The group requests that you call by July 10.

OBT raises thousands for CAP

The Oregon Ballet Theatre raised \$7,000 for the Cascade AIDS Project from patron contributions at performances of the American Choreographers Showcase in May.

"The performing arts community has been afflicted by the spread of AIDS, with members of OBT personally struck by this disease. Organizations like CAP need our financial support for their exemplary programs in AIDS prevention, education, direct service and research," says OBT artistic director James Canfield, who made a short announcement at the end of each performance urging support for CAP.

"AIDS has deprived us too early of the talents and gifts of too many," adds CAPExecutive Director Susan Stoltenberg. "It is the leading killer of our nation's most innovative and creative individuals."

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